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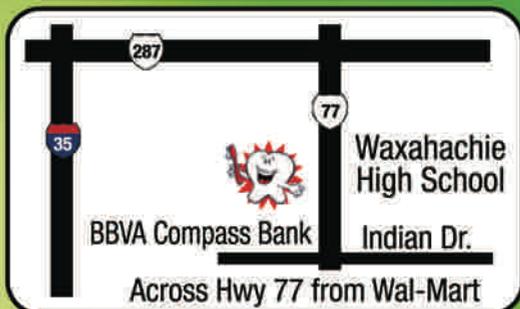
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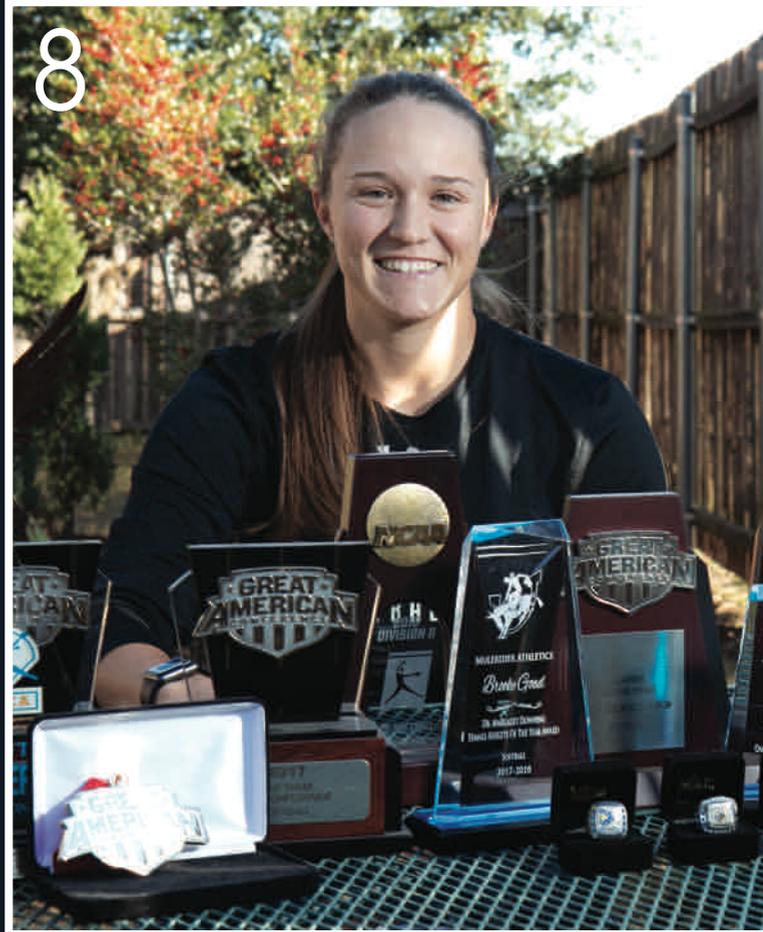
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Hello, bluebonnets . . .

And welcome spring! Who else is excited about warm weather, garden-fresh tomatoes and wildflowers? I know this Texas girl is.

As a child, my parents instilled in me a love for nature, adventure and travel, so I have seen many beautiful places over this great nation. From the peaks of the Teton mountains to the rocky beaches of California, from the wilderness of Alaska to the swamps of the Everglades and many places in between, and there is one thing I know for sure . . . there really isn't anything like spring in Texas. The wildflowers have my heart, along with Texas sunsets and wide-open spaces.

Though I lived in Teton Valley outside of Yellowstone National Park for a short time after college, I have been a Texas resident my whole life, and most of that time has been spent in Waxahachie. My roots run deep in this town. My ancestors and family are native to the area. I graduated from high school here, worked as an English teacher for the district and now have been granted the great opportunity to write about a community I cherish so much.

If there is one thing I have learned so far, it's that some flowers bloom better where they are first planted. I hope you all have a fantastic spring, and I look forward to my new position as community editor for *WaxahachieNOW Magazine!* I think it is true what they say. Every day really is an adventure, and I look forward to experiencing that adventure with all of you.

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RECORD BREAK

— By Sandra Strong

As a young girl at the age of 9, Brooke Goad's first taste of athletics came in the game of soccer. Sometime after that first soccer season, her dad encouraged her to try her hand at softball. Who knew she'd excel to the point of breaking all high school and college records? "I grew up playing in DeSoto, but moved to Waxahachie my freshman year of high school," Brooke remembered.

After excelling on both the high school team and select team, she transferred from one softball field to another when she began what would become an outstanding, record-breaking career at Southern Arkansas University. Playing left field brought its accolades, but where Brooke really shone was when she took her place at bat. "In 2014, my freshman year at SAU, I hit 15 homeruns in 36 games," she stated. "Then I had my first knee injury." When her sophomore year began, she was feeling healthy and ready to go. Unfortunately, fate had something different in mind. "After only nine games and two more homeruns, I tore my ACL a second time," she explained.

Due to the extent of her injuries, she technically spent two years as a sophomore. Even though she was constantly in pain, she pushed on into her junior year, making a record of 18 homeruns that season alone. "I played that year without an ACL," she said. "I played through the pain."

After the season came to an end, Brooke went in for her third ACL surgery. This one, needless to say, was much different than the previous two — much more painful. She had a cyclops lesion that took a scope and lengthy cuts down the sides of her knee to repair. The bone was also severely bruised.

Following the recuperation time, she landed an internship at Southern Methodist University. "I was close to home," she said, "so that made it nice."

Although she was still playing in a great deal of pain, her senior year was the year that brought her fame beyond her wildest dreams. As a Lady Mulerider, Brooke broke records that had been in place since 2009. The record for all-time career homeruns was 79. When Brooke hit her 80th collegiate homerun, the team rallied around her. "It was

A woman with long brown hair, smiling, stands with her hands on her hips. She is wearing a black long-sleeved shirt with an Under Armour logo and a softball team logo featuring a blue horse and the word "SOFTBALL". She is also wearing blue jeans and a brown belt. The background is a wall of white softball helmets, one of which has the number "44" and the name "Schultz" visible. Large yellow letters "ER" are overlaid on the left side of the image.

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in the game against Harding University," she recalled. You can only imagine the team's excitement when she ended the season with 90 career homeruns.

Brooke also holds the record for all-time walks with a total of 218 and the single season walk record with 91, as well as the season record for the most homeruns hit in a single season out of all divisions with 32, which she set during her senior year. And all the while, she played with unbearable pain. "I honestly had no idea I was so close to breaking records," she said, "that was until Coach Jason Anderson put out a tweet that said, 'Forty-four days until senior Brooke Goad chases the all-time national record.'" He posted a photo of Brooke in her #44 jersey with the tweet, and they were actually 44 days from the start of the season.

Each time at bat, Brooke had a routine that she never once veered from. The game, for her, was much more mental than it was a skill set. She knew she had to do the small things right in order to be successful at the larger things. "For me, it was all about taking the initiative," she confessed. "You have to go to the batter's box with the mindset that you're going to win. Nothing less will do!"

This same winning mindset is what she currently tries to instill in the girls on the SAU junior varsity softball team. "When the roster increased to 40 girls, it opened up an assistant coaching job," she explained. "I'd already been at SAU for five years when they offered the job to me. I would have been a fool to pass up this opportunity."

Going from player to fellow coach has been an adjustment, but Brooke is up for the challenge. "I get to see the 'whole' coach that I didn't get to see as player," she said. "I know what Coach



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Anderson wants in a coach because I was first a player.”

When asked if her records can be broken, Brooke just smiled. She’s a firm believer that records are meant to be broken. She’d love nothing better than to see one of her girls break it, thus keeping it at SAU. “To break records means the sport is growing,” she stated. “And that’s my goal — to grow the sport and impact lives.”

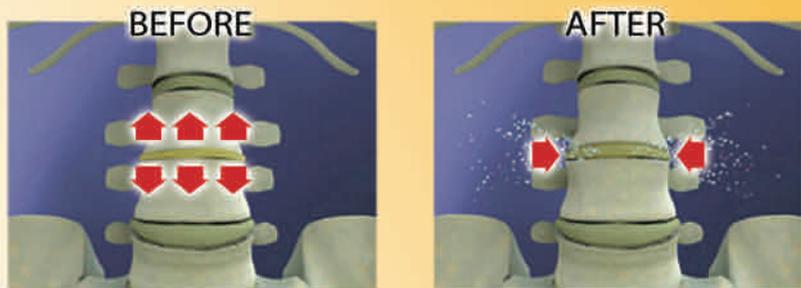
When asked about her coaches, a smile once again crossed her face. Her coaches have been strict, but the personal goals she set for herself were so much higher than anyone else’s expectations. She did what she had to do, even pushing through the pain to be the record breaker she turned out to be. “I always knew I could do more,” she reiterated. “You can look at things two ways — an opportunity to excel or to give in. I believe that life and softball are 100-percent mental and 10-percent skill. I believe we need to give 110 percent in all we do.”



As she gets ready to take the field coaching some of the same ladies she played with, Brooke will no doubt continue to stand her ground. Her philosophy is simple. “You can either step up or get left behind,” she shared, “or you can cower down to the challenge or flourish.” This philosophy took her through a successful collegiate career as a player, and you can bet it will take her through her career as a SAU coach, too. And you can be assured that her parents, Steve and Tammy Goad, will continue to be her biggest fans, as they cheer her on to victory one homerun at a time. **NOW**

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Prior to teaching at the high school level, Michelle taught community college for 20 years. She worked with a diverse population of students and found she was able to make a difference in the lives of many who may have been struggling. "I like helping people find their passions and their talents. That is a joy for me — to help people find their gift and be proud of themselves. I have worked with many different people — adults coming back to school after a long time who may feel insecure, disabled students, English language learners and even prisoners," Michelle shared.

Early in Michelle's career, helping female and male prisoners earn college credits was a rewarding opportunity. She realized many of the prisoners just needed someone to take an interest in their education. "The thing that struck me at the time was that at least

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— By Joy Horn

70 percent of my inmate students had learning disabilities, which could be why they had given up and ended up in prison. It is so unfair. It was like they had been completely failed by the system," Michelle said.

It is this system Michelle strives to improve each day she walks into the classroom. Though she is an English teacher, Michelle facilitates the development of the whole student by helping them grow in all aspects of their lives. Whether a student needs help on an essay or needs to overcome a fear of dogs, she is there to help.

At Life School, each senior must complete a year-long project, which entails researching future colleges and careers, in addition to exploring their own passions. Students may do something to give back to the community or incorporate anything that is a growing experience for them.

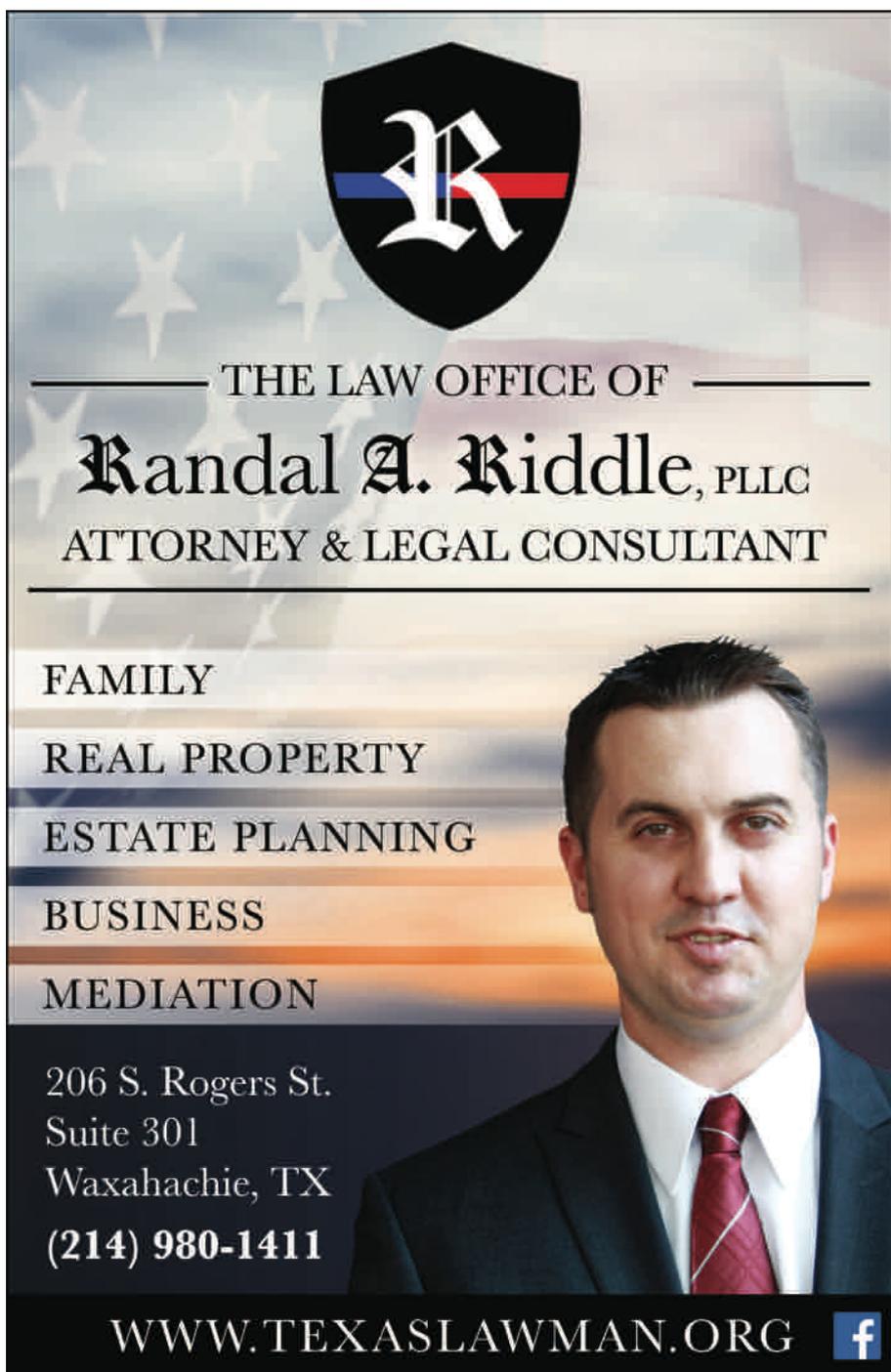


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Michelle utilizes this opportunity to motivate students to learn more about themselves and boost their self-confidence. She believes these experiences are preparing them for the future. “Last school year, one of my girls had a brown belt in Taekwondo. She watched her father get a broken nose while trying out for his black belt. It traumatized her, and from then on, she was afraid to fight,” Michelle explained. “After hearing her story, I told her it sounded like a good project to address and overcome her fear, and she eventually agreed. I attended her black belt test, and she ended up receiving her black belt.”

Another one of Michelle’s students lost her mom to a heart attack, and through the senior project, Michelle was able to help her in the grieving process. “Her mom rescued animals, so we went around and visited and cared for rescued goats, horses, dogs, a longhorn and a baby deer. It helped her feel like she was honoring her mom, and it helped her find a passion of her own,” Michelle shared.

Michelle also helped a student learn how to swim. “He was terrified of water, so I asked his parents if he could enroll in swim lessons. There was a certified swim instructor at Main Street Gym in Midlothian who taught him. He used this as a part of his senior project, because it was a life-changing event to know that if he fell in water he could save himself.”

In addition, Michelle enhances her student’s educational experience by bringing in guest speakers. Her sister, who is a published author and self-defense coach, often comes to present for free in exchange for Michelle

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Another speaker Michelle has brought in is Marshall Allen, a retired firefighter who was paralyzed from the shoulders down in a bicycle accident. He has been featured in the book, *Swingman: What a Difference a Decade Makes*, and a documentary. "Marshall was adopted and returned twice, when the adoptive families realized he was biracial. He was then put into foster care, where he was abused and neglected, before being adopted by an African-American couple and raised Catholic in a white, Mormon community. He was the first African-American firefighter in Salt Lake County, and later one of the first African-American firefighters in Fort Worth, where he was the strongest man in the fire department," Michelle said. In the past, these speakers have only presented to Michelle's classes, but the plan is to have them present to the entire senior class.

Not only is Michelle passionate about helping students, she hopes to inspire the exploration of the world through books. "I want students to see that literature is relevant to their lives — is relevant to the human condition. We learn about our connectedness to one another through literature," Michelle stated. "We learn about compassion and tolerance through literature, and we could all do with more compassion and tolerance." **NOW**

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Splash, splash, spring is here, and summer fun in your new backyard pool can be just around the calendar's "corner." "There's nothing more exciting than seeing kids' faces light up when they see their new pool and start enjoying it," Lawn Master Pools' co-owner, John Sanders, said.

For the past 13 years, Lawn Master Outdoor Living, headquartered in Waxahachie, has been synonymous with quality construction of outdoor pergolas and pavilions in residential and commercial spaces. In 2017 and 2018 respectively, John and his



fellow co-owners, Bryan Johnson and Shane Leath, decided to form two additional companies covering electrical installation and pool installation under the Lawn Master umbrella. "We integrated the three companies, so we can offer a full-service package to our customers," Bryan stated. "Now, we can oversee everything to ensure quality."

Lawn Master Pools serves a 200-mile area surrounding Waxahachie. The company's master designers and craftsmen, all available in the company's offices and showroom, create luxury pool entries; tanning shelves; natural rock features; waterfalls; infinity, lagoon and lap pools; and hot tubs for residential and commercial sites. "We make folks' yards beautiful and usable," Bryan explained. "We blend the indoor and outdoor living spaces together."

Payment for services can be made through most major credit cards, cash or check. Financing is available through several companies that specialize in pools.

Lawn Master Pools' manager, Todd Muckleroy, oversees six employees as the planning process unfolds. As customers visit the showroom with its many samples and work with a designer and

draftsman, they can envision their dream becoming reality. Samples of the company's finished products are available, and everything for the job is fabricated locally to exact specifications. "Todd has years of experience in pool construction, and we directly interview our contractors and sub-contractors, most of whom we've done business with through the years," Bryan said. "The key to success in understanding the micro of business is surrounding yourself with qualified people, as we've done."

Shane agreed, "All three of us have more than 25 years in the service business, but we're only as good as the people who represent us. The people we work with really care about what they do. People in this area know we represent stability and quality."

"We stand behind everything we do," Bryan added. Lawn Master is a member of the Better Business Bureau and the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce.

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Changes in pool construction technology are challenging but welcome. "Technology's come so far," Bryan said. "You can operate your pool from a cell phone app and start heating the hot tub as you leave the office." Pools with adjacent fireplaces, hot tubs, pergolas and pavilions can be enjoyed year-round here, and pools have become much more energy efficient."

Bryan, John and Shane give back to their community in various ways. Bryan and Shane are Ellis County natives, while John, born in New Orleans, got here as fast as he could. "Together, we have years of business experience and training," John revealed. All three of these co-owners donate their time, energy and expertise to local clubs and foundations, such as the Optimist Club, Waxahachie Youth Baseball, the Waxahachie Education Foundation and the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation.

Bryan concluded, "We're raising our families here. It's exciting that we get to create backyard dreams from blank canvases for our neighbors." **NOW**



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Wyatt and Wren Gardner enjoy playtime outside after school.



Maureen Nitkowski, an Ellis County Master Gardener, searches for a gardening book she hasn't already read.

Zoomed In: Mike and Hilda Aman By Joy Horn

Mike and Hilda Aman have lived in Waxahachie for 44 years, and one of their favorite local outings is taking nature walks in the historic Getzendaner Park. They love hearing the soothing sounds of the flowing creek, watching birds fly through the towering trees and feeding squirrels who scamper happily throughout the park. The sounds of the animals and the quiet time together make these walks special to the longtime Waxahachie residents who believe it is their purpose to be together and cherish life's simplicities. "Walks are always special when you are with the love of your life," Mike said.



Matt Edwards greets customers at Pop's Burgers.



Emilia Anderson, Natalia Anderson, Vannesa Forero Morales and Bodhi Forero Morales get in some active play during toddler time at Urban Air.



Raul and Maribel Barragan enjoy lunch out at Two Amigos.



Melissa and Lucy Anderson share learning time in the children's library.



Ryan Mullican, theater teacher from Waxahachie High School, buys paint for an upcoming set.



Lindsey Medlock of Simply Chic Salon has fun while coloring April Prentice's hair and discussing electrical needs with Paul Hinman at her new location.



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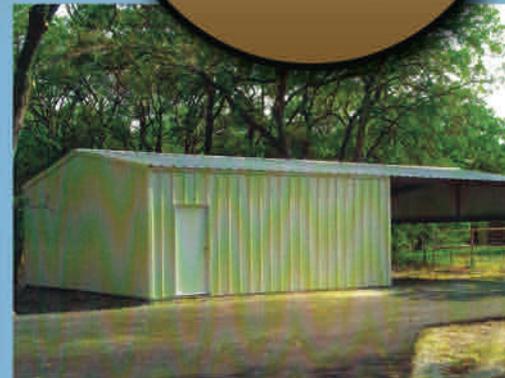
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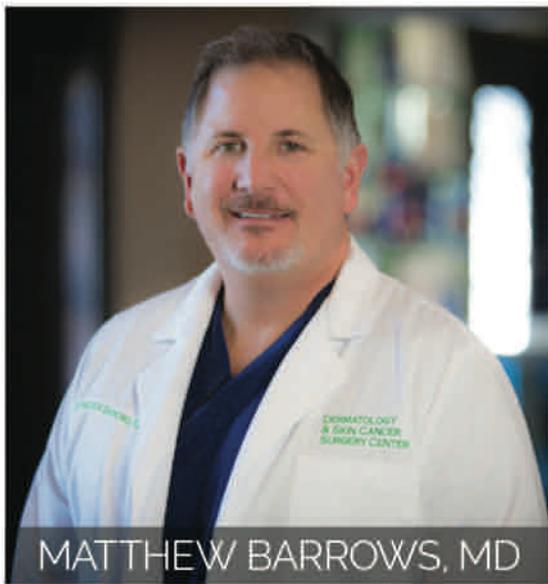
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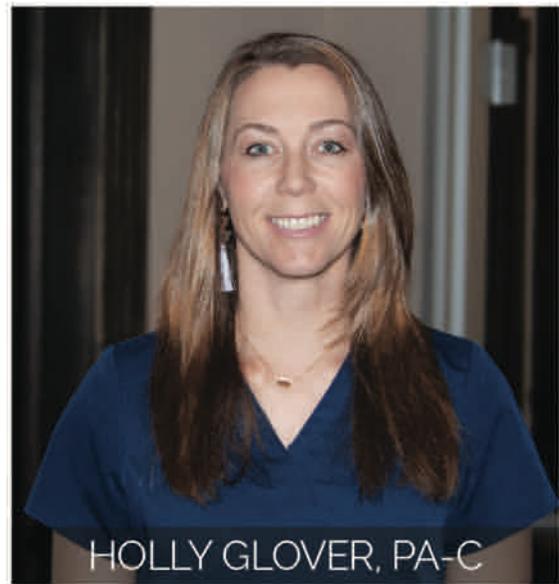
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Growing up, Kelcie Fuller didn't like to cook. "I remember there being rare occasions when I would make noodles with my great-grandmother," Kelcie said, "or I found myself helping my mother." When she married her husband, she found such joy in finding new meals that he likes and cooking them for the two of them. "He's kind of like my guinea pig," she said with a smile. "We've had some good things and some not so good things!"

Two weeks after they married, a memory was made that they will never forget. "It was our first Thanksgiving, and I had never cooked a turkey before," she explained. "I opened the cabinet door to add spice to the turkey, and the pumpkin spice fell out. The top was loose and the spice powdered the turkey. I tried rinsing it off. My husband never complains about my cooking, but he said he'd like to stick to Thanksgiving hams from now on!" NOW

Crock-Pot Corned Beef and Cabbage

- 3-5 lbs. corned beef
- 2 bottles dark beer
- 1 90-oz. carton beef broth
- 8 russet potatoes
- 2 onions (optional)
- 1 head cabbage
- 4 carrots (optional)

1. Put corned beef and the included spice packet in a Crock-Pot with beer, beef broth, potatoes and onions.

- 2. Let cook on high for 5 hours; add cabbage and carrots.
- 3. Let cook on high for 1 additional hour; serve.

Crab-stuffed Avocados

- 1 pkg. imitation crab
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 3 Tbsp. Sriracha sauce
- 4 large avocados
- 4 large eggs
- 5 cups breadcrumbs
- 6 cups vegetable oil

- 1. Combine crab, salt, pepper and Sriracha sauce in a bowl; mix well.
- 2. Cut avocados in half; remove the skin.
- 3. Stuff avocados with the crab mixture.
- 4. Combine two halves; dip in eggs that have been whisked. Dip stuffed avocado in breadcrumbs.
- 5. Fry in vegetable oil. Serve with a drizzle of Sriracha.

Jalapeño Poppers

- 12 jalapeños
- 32 oz. cream cheese
- 1 12-oz. pkg. bacon

- 1. Cut jalapeños in half. Thoroughly clean out all the seeds.
- 2. Stuff jalapeños with cream cheese; wrap in bacon.
- 3. Bake at 375 F for 35 minutes, or until bacon is crispy.

Chicken Tacos

- 4 chicken breasts
- 3 tsp. onion powder
- 3 tsp. garlic salt

12 corn tortillas
6 cups vegetable oil
Shredded cheese of your choice

1. Boil chicken in a stockpot until fully cooked, approximately 2 hours.
2. Shred chicken; add onion powder and garlic salt.
3. Fill tortillas with the seasoned chicken. Fry the corn tacos in vegetable oil until golden brown.
4. Top with shredded cheese.

Mock Olive Garden Toscana Soup

1 lb. Italian sausage
1 lb. bacon
1 64-oz. carton chicken stock
8 russet potatoes
2 tsp. garlic salt
1 tsp. onion powder
1 qt. heavy whipping cream
1 bunch kale
Italian bread

1. Cook the sausage; drain the excess grease. Cook bacon; drain the excess grease.
2. Combine bacon, sausage, chicken stock, potatoes, garlic salt and onion powder in a Crock-Pot.
3. Cook for 4 hours; add cream and kale to Crock-Pot.
4. Cook for 30 additional minutes; serve with warm Italian bread.

Grandma's Shrimp Salad

3 cups mayonnaise
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 cans shrimp, do not drain
1 head lettuce
8 radishes
1 cucumber
2 tomatoes

1. Combine mayonnaise, salt, pepper and juice from canned shrimp; set aside.
2. Chop lettuce into large salad-size pieces. Dice radishes, cucumbers and tomatoes.
3. Combine lettuce, radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes, shrimp and dressing in a large bowl, making sure all ingredients are mixed well.
4. Cover; chill for 1 hour before serving.

Thanksgiving Cranberry Jalapeño Dip

6 cups cranberries
2 jalapeños, diced
2 tsp. cumin

- 1 cup cilantro, chopped**
- 2 tsp. salt**
- 4 cups sugar**
- 1 32-oz. pkg. cream cheese**
- Ritz crackers, or crackers of your choice**

1. Add cranberries to a food processor; chop into small pieces.
2. Combine cranberries, jalapeños, cumin, cilantro and salt in a large bowl.
3. Add sugar to mixture; stir well.
4. Cover mixture; refrigerate for 3 hours.
5. Spread cream cheese in the bottom of a casserole dish.



Crock-Pot Corned Beef and Cabbage

6. Pour chilled mixture over the cream cheese; serve with crackers.

Simple Hot and Sour Soup

- 64 oz. chicken stock**
- 2 tsp. sesame oil**
- 3 cups white vinegar**
- 3 cups mushrooms**
- 2 cups diced tofu**
- 1 cup green onions**
- 3 tsp. Sriracha**

1. Combine all ingredients in a large stockpot; bring to a boil.
2. Let soup continue to boil for 10 minutes.
3. Reduce heat; let simmer for 45 additional minutes.

Simple Egg Rolls

- 2 lbs. Italian sausage**
- 1 head cabbage**
- 1 cup Worcestershire sauce**
- 12 egg roll wrappers**
- 6 cups vegetable oil**
- Sweet and sour sauce**
- Soy sauce**

1. Cook Italian sausage thoroughly. Add cabbage and Worcestershire sauce to the pan; cover.
2. Let cook for 5 minutes until cabbage is fully cooked.
3. Drain the meat and cabbage mixture; set aside.
4. Lay egg roll wrappers out; spoon mixture into each wrapper.
5. Fold the edges in and roll. To make the egg rolls stick together, dip your finger in water and wet the wrappers to bind them together.
6. Fry egg rolls in oil until golden brown.
7. Serve with sweet and sour or soy sauce. These go well with the Simple Hot and Sour Soup.

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— By Kelly Shannon

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Natural scenic beauty; fun-filled, year-round activities; and luxurious accommodations make the Pocono Mountains the perfect

place for a romantic stay. The region has become a haven of world-class, luxury spas incorporating breathtaking, natural surroundings. Romantics indulge in decadent amenities, such as saunas, massage tables, log-burning fireplaces and whirlpool baths.

Accommodations are as varied as the Poconos’ landscape. Consider a bed-and-breakfast atop a mountain peak overlooking one of the Poconos’ many quiet coves, or an inn nestled among rolling hills and scenic mountains. Alternatively, visitors can stay in a historic, downtown boutique hotel that caters to romance with its vintage charm and warm hospitality.

The past decade has transformed the region into a family-friendly destination. Endless entertainment is provided, whether it be in the form of indoor water parks, arcades, adventure parks, NASCAR races, scenic train rides, festivals, ski/snowboard lessons, snow tubing or a resort with daily activities tailored to children. Options

are endless, and families return time and time again.

The Poconos' bountiful nature makes the destination shine. There are nine states and two national parks, more than 261 miles for hiking and biking, dozens of majestic waterfalls, rivers for whitewater rafting, more than 35 golf courses and lakes for boating, fishing and jet skiing. Even just driving around, visitors can catch grand scenic overlooks.

Winters offer guests the opportunity to ski or snowboard 163 ski trails, snow tube (including galactic tubing and family-style tubing), snowmobile and even snowshoe their way through snowy wonderlands.

The family will love the Pocono Mountains' miles of snowmobile trails in the winter and its wonderful selection of family-friendly resorts, motels, cottages and condos just steps away from the many lakes in the summer.

The region's water park resorts welcome families to splash and stay in any season, as they are always 84 degrees. Full-service hotels and resorts serve up extensive amenities and make for a well-appointed home base while exploring. A variety of campgrounds can be found along the rivers, lakes or in the woods.

Foodies will have a field day at a variety of restaurants around the region. Find upscale French flair at the Delmonico Room at the Hotel Fauchere, or at the French Manor Inn & Spa. End the family-fun day at Kalahari's indoor water park with a juicy burger and a milkshake — topped with a donut at B-Lux Grill & Bar. Share a sunset toast with your travel buddy at The Dock on the third largest lake in the state, Lake Wallenpaupack.

While exploring the quaint downtowns, visitors find unique cafés, bakeries, ice cream parlors and coffee shops. The local breweries and wineries offer some of the tastiest beverages on the East Coast.

The Poconos' year-round cultural tours and art exhibitions, abundant antiques, brand-name shopping and full calendar of festivals showcase the heritage, music and food of the Pocono Mountains. If you are considering a vacation to this region, the friendly professionals who manage the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau are happy to help. **NOW**

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— By Melissa Rawlins

When friends and family drop in for a visit, a tasty beverage can make them feel right at home. Beer-drinking guests' taste buds veer to variety, yet craft beers are not inexpensive. Home brewers have figured out that sharing a \$3, 22-oz., handmade concoction neither breaks their bank nor bothers their buddies.

Buying beer-making kits, each producing 39 22-oz. bottles of beer or one kegger, is a snap. You can get started within a wide range of investments. For instance, Bed Bath & Beyond offers a \$600 craft beer brewery system. Williams and Sonoma's is only \$49.95. At mrbeer.com, you can spend anywhere from \$169 for advanced beer brewing systems to \$1 for basic ingredients. Locally, beer-making supply houses operate in Haltom City, Arlington, Fort Worth, Dallas, Carrollton, Richardson, Pantego, Colleyville and, of course, Austin.

Retired couples, young marrieds and singles are finding their foray into beer making pretty straightforward. Yet creativity surrounds the basic process. For instance, some people use their garage for fermenting, while others repurpose their hardly-ever-used guest shower. An initial, minimal investment of around \$200 in good equipment is just as important as the ingredients you select.

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Once home, you need a temperature-controlled space where you let the beer ferment. Getting to the point of serving takes nearly a month. The American Homebrewers Association provides online instructions for making beer, mead and cider, and a website called homebrewing.org contains simple guidance to equipment, ingredients and procedures that adventurous souls should know.

Brewing Benefits

- People like your beer and enjoy themselves.
- You get to smell the odors of boiling hops.
- You experience the joys of chemistry, while watching cane sugar and molasses boil to make the fermented juices.
- You can make a game out of going to bars or liquor stores, begging used beer bottles to scrape and clean.
- Once you've got the first batch built, you get another started right away and develop a collection of different kinds of beer.
- Homebrewing provides a way to have an extravagant beer on the cheap.

Production Pitfalls

There is an economic incentive to brewing beer properly. It costs money to throw it away. If you do fail miserably, it's not good to throw it away on the grass, unless you rinse the residue with a high-powered hose. The yeast products could kill dogs if they eat it.

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Tips and Tricks

- Do not ignore instructions.
- Stay within the various time and temperature limits. You can ruin a batch pretty easily by cooking it too hard or too fast.
- As soon as you reach your time limit, you must cool your brew as fast as possible until it reaches the temperature range where it will ferment nicely — as opposed to burning. Most sets of instructions do not tell you that you need a lot of ice to bathe the tub in the sink.
- The fermentation process contains many activities that each take a couple of hours and, over time, require quite a commitment. Think of the process as a fun way to spend time with your beer-brewing partner.
- Bottling takes more time than kegging. Putting the finished batch of beer in a big barrel or keg, or into a made-over refrigerator, makes bottling the beer unnecessary. Your choice depends upon how you and your guests like to drink beer.

Your labor, time and financial investment will be just significant enough to ensure that you appreciate the process. But don't put your finished products in storage. Keep your kegger full or rotate your 39 bottles from the pantry through the refrigerator. Anytime a friend visits, you'll be ready to welcome them with a cold one. Beer is most fun when you give it away. **NOW**

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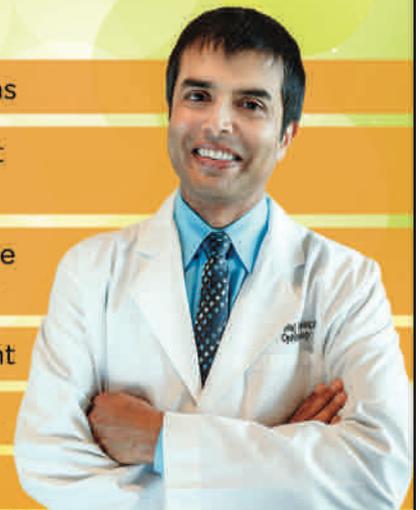
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— By Virginia Riddle

As part of the Texas Rangers Frontier Battalion, Capt. Bill McDonald, served from 1891-1907, armed with a Colt .45 caliber Classic Peacemaker, a Winchester rifle and a shotgun. His and other Rangers' exploits became legendary through publications and songs, and it was his deeds that led to the Ranger's motto: "One Riot, One Ranger." Walter Prescott Webb, Texas historian and author of *The Texas Rangers: A Century of Frontier Defense*, attributed the motto to having started with a plea for Rangers to handle a mob. "When a lone Ranger got off the train — Bill McDonald, of course — there was a vigorous protest from the citizen committee

at his inadequacy to control the situation. 'Well, you ain't got but one mob, have you?' he inquired sweetly." Albert Bigelow Paine, Capt. McDonald's biographer, attributed the motto to having risen from Capt. McDonald's comment to a Dallas mayor who needed Rangers to stop an illegal prizefight. When getting off the train, Capt. McDonald, the only Ranger to arrive, reportedly said to the concerned mayor, "Hell! Ain't I enough? There's only one prizefight!" Fact or lore? Who knows?

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for Texas independence from Mexico imminent, a "Corps of Rangers" with elected officers was formed with pay set at \$1.25 per day. Those Ranger companies provided "cover" for Texans retreating from Santa Anna's advances, harassed his troops and were Texas Army scouts. Some of them answered Lt. Col. William B. Travis' last request for help at the Alamo.

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After Texas became a state in 1845, the Mexican-American War found Rangers helping U.S. troops as scouts. They were given the name, *Los diablos Tejanos*, the Texas Devils, due to their fierce fighting skills. Later, following Texas' secession from the union during the Civil War, the "ranging" regiment became frontier protectors, with some eventually joining with Confederate troops in Texas in that task.

During Reconstruction and into the next century, frontier lawlessness reigned, so the Texas legislature coined the name, Texas Ranger, officially creating a force in 1874 to deal with outlaws. Operating under the authority of the governor, the newly created two divisions of Rangers, the Frontier Battalion and the Special Forces, began bringing justice to the land with many of the battles becoming part of legends and lore.

Through the ensuing years, Rangers dealt with famed Pancho Villa, Bat Masterson, John Wesley Hardin, along with wildcatting oil boom days and boundary/fence cutting problems, smugglers and spies, train robberies and bootleggers during Prohibition. It was former Texas Ranger Captain Frank Hamer, then commissioned as a Texas highway patrolman, who tracked down Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow.

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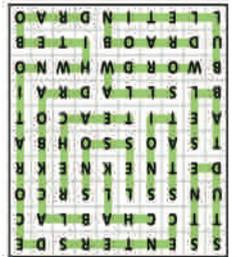
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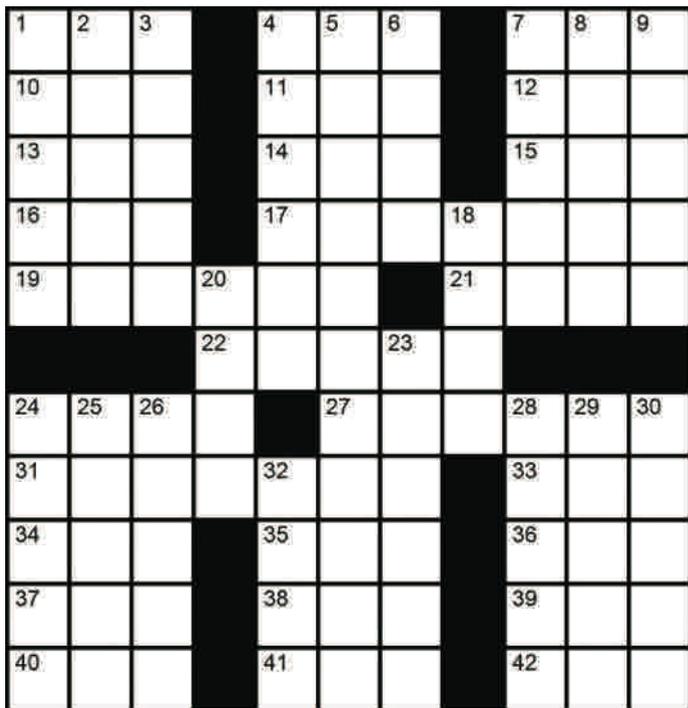
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- 7 Iraq war *casus belli*
- 10 Presidential advisory grp.
- 11 "Figured it out!"
- 12 Weeding implement
- 13 Diamonds
- 14 Actor --- Gibson
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- 34 Free
- 35 El operator
- 36 Highest mountain in Crete
- 37 Repetitive behavior condition, for short
- 38 Atmosphere
- 39 Crackpot
- 40 Might
- 41 Statute
- 42 Navigational aid

Down

- 1 Smell
- 2 Computer data character set
- 3 Part of an act
- 4 Woke up
- 5 Healing
- 6 An auction
- 7 "Oh, --- Beautiful Mornin'"
- 8 Lawn-care buy
- 9 Real estate documents
- 18 Nam force
- 20 Vomit
- 23 To a certain extent
- 24 Information holder
- 25 "Fear of Fifty" author --- Jong
- 26 Annie's Lieutenant-General
- 28 On drugs
- 29 Introduced, with "to"
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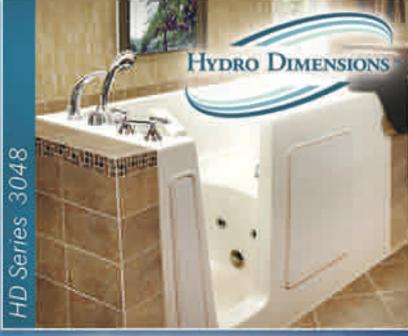
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3/1-3/3

Sweethearts and Orphans XX:

Sweethearts refers to fact that the event is held in honor of wives, girlfriends or significant others who have put up with the old car obsession that many times takes them away on Valentine's Day. Orphans refers to the cars that have been orphaned that include, but are not limited to, the Hudson, Studebaker and Nash, as well as Chrysler, Ford and GM models. **Friday**, 60-mile driving tour; **Saturday**, car show and dinner; **Sunday**, awards ceremony. Downtown Waxahachie. Larry Kollie, (972) 903-9037, AKLOL1915@gmail.com.

3/2

Campfire Creek Therapeutic Riding Center New Volunteer Orientation:

Learn more about volunteering with children and adults with challenges. Ages 14 (with parent) and up. Free event. 9:00 a.m.-noon, 767 Bethel Road. oliver@ectisp.net, (972) 927-7265.

3/2-3/3

Metro Guitar Shows:

There will be live music and entertainment both days. Doors are open to the public on **Saturday**, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.;

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln.

3/5

Butterfly Demonstration Garden Workday:

Master Gardeners will be at the butterfly garden working depending upon weather conditions. The community is welcome to visit the garden to ask questions from present gardeners.

3/22-3/23

Waxahachie's Old Fashioned Singing Project presents Heaven's Front Porch: All tickets are \$12. 7:00 p.m., **Friday**; 3:00 p.m., **Saturday**, Chautauqua Auditorium, Getzendaner Park. www.WaxaOFS.com.

First and Fourth Mondays

Avenue Moms:

10:00 a.m.-noon, The Avenue Church, 1761 N. Hwy. 77. Register at www.events.theavenuechurch.com or call the church office at (972) 937-5301.

Second Mondays

Ellis County Veterans Networking:

Dinner and guest speaker. 6:00 p.m., IHOP, Waxahachie. Jim McKeever (469) 258-7424.

Fourth Mondays

Texas Master Naturalists Indian Trails Chapter Meeting:

6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church. 7:00 p.m., www.txmn.org/indiantrail.

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County Meeting:

6:30-7:00 p.m., social time; 7:00-8:00 p.m., program, Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 Grand Ave. www.elliscountyquilters.com.

Tuesdays

GriefShare Meeting:

4:00 and 6:30 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ellis County in the Youth Center Kindergarten Room. Call (972) 935-9801 or visit www.cowboyfaith.org.

Lariat Bridge Club:

6:30 p.m., Boy Scout Cabin, 1139 Brown St. Shari at weatherscf@yahoo.com or call (505) 270-4017.

Second Tuesdays

Ellis County Republicans Monthly Meeting:

7:00 p.m., Ellis County GOP

Headquarters, 610 Water St. (972) 923-9383.

Wednesdays

DivorceCare:

DivorceCare for Kids ages 5-12 meets at the same time, as well as childcare for younger children. 6:30-8:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Midlothian, Family Life Center, 800 S. 9th St., Midlothian. (972) 775-3993.

Last Wednesdays

Collaboration of Organizations & Services Monthly Meeting:

1:00 p.m., Sim's Library. Terri Klein at terri.klein@co.ellis.tx.us/.

Thursdays

Genealogy

Research Assistance:

The Genealogy and Reference Department will be offering the tools needed to search for your ancestors. Attendees will be able to exchange information, share creative solutions, generate resources and solve these mysteries. 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sims Library.

Junior Master Gardeners Club:

Children ages 5-12. If you have an interest in gardening, come for gardening-related activities and help maintain the Sims Library garden. 3:45-4:45 p.m., Sims Library.



3/21-3/30

Ellis County Youth Expo and Rodeo:

Youth-raised livestock for auction, local vendors, live music, rodeos and beer garden by Ellis County BBQ. Ellis County Fair and Rodeo: **21-23**. Rodeos will be back-to-back starting at 7:30 p.m. on 3/22 and 3/23 and last until 9:30 p.m. when the concert starts. Concert features Curtis Grimes and Brandon Rhyder. Admission to rodeo and concert: \$20. Stock Show: **24-30**. Stock show is free. Contact (972) 825-6050 or email ecyefair@gmail.com.

Ellis County Bible Study Fellowship Satellite Class:

This is a nondenominational Bible study class. 6:30 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Ave. Lou Archibald at (214) 850-5303.

First and Third Thursdays

Ellis County HEALS: Helping those who have lost a loved one to suicide. 6:30-8:00 p.m., 408 Water St. elliscountyheals@gmail.com or on Facebook.

Last Thursdays

Marine Corps League, Detachment 1452 Meeting:

All active, retired or former Marines, Navy chaplains or corpsmen are welcome. 7:30 p.m., Refiner's Fire Church, 1611 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis. (214) 803-4954.

Fridays

Business Networking International Meeting: 8:00-9:30 a.m., LaQuinta, 311 Stadium Dr. (469) 222-9160.

Story Time at Sims Library:

Presented by the Jr. Service League for children 3 and older. In addition to reading books, children will participate in a craft and receive a snack. 10:00-11:00 a.m., (972) 937-2671.

First Saturdays

Books and Brew: Author Talk Series: Hear authors read from their books, have a book signed and learn about the creative process. The local Starbucks will provide free coffee and attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch. Event is free

and open to the public. Noon, Sims Library, 515 W. Main St.

Third Saturdays

Texas Democratic Women of Ellis County Meeting: 4:00 p.m., Ellis County Democrat HQ, 215 E. Main St.

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