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*It seems like yesterday ...*

A year ago this month, I wrote my first Editor's Note for *EnnisNOW Magazine*. I compared that first test by fire as a magazine editor to drinking from a fire hose. There were appointments to make, stories to write, new stories to plan, a calendar to gather from the community and photos to take of people doing life in Ennis, Texas. That kind of covers the public part of the job, but so much goes on behind the scenes to make the final deadlines, to get all of the copy to the printer and then in your mailbox by the first of each month ... to say I was overwhelmed would be an understatement.

I have learned a lot, and I am still learning. Fortunately, I have a lot of mentors to learn from, and one of the things that was obvious from that first month was how seriously the NOW Magazines staff strives to turn out the best possible product for our readers each and every month.

It has been fun, at times frustrating, and at the same time very rewarding. I crossed some items off my bucket list with some of the writing I have done and some of the photographs I have taken. I have laughed with some of the subjects of my stories. I have also cried with a few, and I have prayed with a few others.

If you have a story to tell, I want to hear about it. Please feel free to call or send an email to me anytime.

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*Fans of old Western television series such as Gunsmoke, Have Gun – Will Travel, The Roy Rogers Show or Maverick continue to enjoy historic reenactment thanks to groups such as Shadows of Old Texas. The group formed several years ago, and last year, local Justice of the Peace Chris Macon became their Wyatt Earp. Chris was asked to join because group leader Buzz Fanion said, “You look like Wyatt Earp, and we need a Wyatt Earp.”*

Shadows of Old Texas performs at various venues and events in Texas and beyond. Chris explained, “We recently had part of our troupe at the Chamber of Commerce auction, where we did a couple of skits. Several

of our members live here or very close, including Terri Lara, Donna Chamberlain, Wendy and Todd Campbell and Mike Self and his wife, Jackie. Mike is a history teacher at the high school and performs pretty regularly in plays at Theatre Rocks.” Mike portrays Doc Holliday in the group, and Chris describes his character as “spot-on.”

The legendary gunfight at the O.K. Corral occurred on October 26, 1881 in Tombstone, Arizona. Though many movies have been made about the infamous gunfight between the Earp brothers, supported by Wyatt’s friend, Doc Holliday, versus the Clanton gang, surely one of the most famous is the 1993-released *Tombstone*. “We went to Tombstone last October to participate in the ‘Helldorado Days’ festival they have each year,” Chris shared. The three-day event consists of gunfight reenactment shows, street entertainment, fashion shows and other local entertainment.

When asked why he’s active in Shadows, Chris, whose previous acting experience was limited to “what little bit I did in high school,” offered, “I guess I was born about 100 years too late. I love history, and the era after the Civil War is what we are reenacting. That period of history did not really last a long time. The timeline would be from about 1870 to the mid-1880s, maybe about 15 to 20 years.”

Some members of Shadows have been acting much longer than Chris. “We are given opportunities from time to time to be

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extras in movies, and Buzz and Lynn Fanion were in *Tombstone*. We can point them out in several scenes. Buzz and Lynn were recently in Waco shooting a short film.”

There are about 22 members in the troupe, from all around Texas. Shadows member Doc Halliday — not to be confused with Wyatt Earp’s famous friend, despite the similar name — and his wife, Jeanie, live in Hillsboro. Other members live as far away as Brownwood, and there are some in the Weatherford and Fort Worth areas.

Chris said the group has a book of scripts of award-winning skits they use. Typically, Buzz and Mike will review skits and let everyone know what to study when there is an event coming up. “We play multiple characters because we want to do more than one skit at some of the events. There are four Earp brothers, and, of course, I play Wyatt. I also play a character named Marshall Lowe, and in another skit, I am Cowboy Jake.”

Speaking of future gigs, Chris said, “We will be at the Kaufman Wild West Festival again this year. Last year, we did three skits there, at 10:00 a.m., noon and 2:00 p.m. We are still finalizing how we will perform at the Polka Festival in May. We’re thinking about doing a skit during



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the parade, perhaps early on Ennis Avenue around Preston Street, then moving up to Dallas Street for another skit. There are a lot of opportunities, and we are considering how we might perform at the Bluebonnet Festival and also at Founder's Day in Italy. We certainly plan to go back to Tombstone in October."

While adding humor to the skits they perform, Shadows of Old Texas seeks a great deal of authenticity. "Buzz and Mike are our resident 'stitch counters.' They make sure our clothing is as relevant to the period we represent as it can be," Chris explained.

"I think the history is important," Chris continued. "There is a lot to be learned from it. The Old West was a tumultuous time. Not every community was the same, of course. Kaufman seems to have been a lot rowdier than Ennis back in the day. Perhaps because of the Czech influence, Ennis became more of a peaceful farming town. It appears a lot of unrest stopped on the east side of the river."

Another Saturday morning Western serial from "the thrilling days of yesteryear" was *The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp*, starring Hugh O'Brian, a cleaned-up version of the legendary lawman, even minus the handlebar mustache. O'Brian was a well-liked actor, and in the show, he would pull out his long-barreled Colt Buntline Special, and the fight would be over. The theme song to the popular series contains a line, "Long live his fame and long live his glory and long may his story be told." Shadows of Old Texas continues to tell the stories. **NOW**

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# Coloring HIS WORLD

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"I just love to  
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everywhere.  
I love to paint  
anything."







Ben Vyers always has been an artist. “I did my very first paid artist job when I was 12 years old, here in Ennis. I painted a mural over by the high school, and it is still there today. It’s pretty horrible. Like I said, I was a kid, but it is still there,” Ben recalled.

Today, 30 years later, Ben makes his living as an artist. “I do all kinds of things, like murals, window paintings, and I’ve done several custom photo ops for the city of Ennis. I did a photo op for the Christmas Festival, where they were doing the sleigh rides. It was a display with holes cut out where people could take pictures like they were on a sleigh.”

Ben also did the artwork for the hay maze at the city’s fall festival. He took hay bales and used paint to turn them into all kinds of characters. “This year, they gave me the opportunity to make some really one-of-a-kind characters,” Ben said happily.

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"I teach chalk art at the G.W. Carver Early Childhood Center here in Ennis. The students learn to draw three-dimensional art on concrete. For several of the festivals here in town, the city hired me to just go through and do random craziness with 3D art on the concrete," Ben continued.

"I just love to spread color everywhere. I love to paint anything." He has also painted numerous murals on the walls of schools in Ennis ISD. Many of the colorful murals are 3D and seem to jump out as one passes down the hallway. Several of the murals incorporate good messages for the students, such as, *Happy times are never ending, when we are playing and pretending.*

Ben has a range of artwork he creates for businesses. "I pride myself in tying the type of the establishment with whatever event we are focusing on," Ben said. "Like, if it's a donut shop, all my characters will be eating donuts or doing some kind of donut-related activity."

Ben explained that he loves being creative. "I prefer the client to give me a general direction as to where they want the project to go, and then let me do my own thing and come up with original creations. I really don't care too much for situations where people print something off the internet and want me to paint it. That just gets too monotonous for me. I really enjoy coming up with my own creations to fit their picture. Just *tell* me what you want to see, and I can make that happen. I've built a career out of it," Ben said.



Businesses from all over Texas hire Ben to paint artwork on their windows or inside their establishments or homes. "The city of Italy hired me to paint the police station, the city hall and several other places around the downtown area for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas this year," Ben said.

"I won the Mesquite City's Best Award for a Grinch scene, which I painted on the outside wall of an insurance company at Christmas. In Athens, the city was honoring Child Abuse Awareness Month, and they did a contest for all the stores to decorate. I won the City's Best there for a really cool mural about child abuse awareness. I'm all about supporting anything like that, and I love doing things for charities. I mean, I love what I do, and I'm tickled to death that someone would want me to help. Just the fact that I get paid to do what I do is unbelievable to me. When I was a kid, all I wanted to do was art. I will never forget that all I ever heard from people was that I would never make any money with art, and here it is. This is what I do for a living," he said.



Ben has two sons. "I love that it gives my boys something to be proud of. They can go to almost any town around, and I will have art in it somewhere," he reflected. "I was also hired to illustrate a children's book titled *Mr. G Takes a Stroll*. Someday, my sons can read it to my grandchildren and tell them, 'Hey, Grandpa did that.'" **NOW**

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— By Bill Smith

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Dr. Lance Davis decided he wanted to be a physician when he was only 5 years old. Interaction with a couple of doctors as a child and teenager shaped his desire to pursue medicine as a career, though he was undecided exactly what specialty he would pursue until those studies began.

In medical school, Dr. Davis said he fell in love with the complexities of skin. “I am very grateful for the education I



received from Parkland, UT Southwestern, Baylor Scott & White in Temple as part of the A&M system and their departments of dermatology. Those schools molded me into the doctor that I am today,” he shared.

In his practice, Dr. Davis treats a multitude of skin disorders, and he acknowledges that all dermatologists do some cosmetic work. However, he affirms that his passion is for medical and surgical dermatology, with a significant emphasis on the diagnosis and treatment of skin cancer.

“In 2018, we opened the Texas Melanoma Institute, which works hand-in-hand with our dermatology practice. The Institute was founded to promote awareness, detection, diagnosis and early intervention of malignant melanoma skin cancer. We are saving lives one patient at a time.” Dr. Davis gives a lot of credit to his staff. “Good people tend to attract good people,” he said.

Dr. Davis has been married to his wife, Lauren, for 10 years,




and they have three children. "I try to keep a balance between work and family, and I have really enjoyed coaching my son's soccer team. I get a lot of my work done early in the morning, so I can have family time, but Lauren is the one I give credit to for taking care of so many things that allow us to have quality time together. She is amazing," he related.

Others have influenced Dr. Davis' path over the years, and he referred to his high school English teacher, Mrs. Mary Dillard, as one who was so motivating that he still visits her on Thanksgiving. However, Dr. Davis speaks with such compassion about what he does and his desire to make a difference in people's lives that it's obvious his primary motivation today is his patients.

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Davis Dermatology also has offices in Dallas, Kaufman, Corsicana and Fairfield, but Dr. Davis is quick to point out that Ennis is the most rewarding part of the practice. His parents, Edwin and Cathy Davis, grew up in Ennis, graduating from Ennis High School in 1970 and 1971, respectively. He continued, "I spent much of my childhood in and around Ennis with family and friends. It was always my desire to practice medicine here.

"Though we work in the other offices also, all of our employees are from Ennis. We really enjoy the small town, and there is great satisfaction working in what might otherwise be underserved communities. I have had the opportunity to speak to local service clubs in Ennis about skin cancer. We have great relationships with our patients, as well as with the community leadership. We love Ennis, and we plan to practice here for many years to come." **NOW**



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## Zoomed In: Cindy Zabochnik

By Bill Smith

Cindy Zabochnik is a lifelong resident of Ennis and loves her job at the Ennis Chamber of Commerce. "This is my second year at the Chamber, and I enjoy the work we do promoting our local businesses. It makes me feel good when they are successful," she said.

In addition to her work at the Chamber, Cindy stays busy with her two children who are students at Ennis High. "They are involved in choir and the bass fishing team, so there are always events to attend." She has her own event that she is looking forward to in the fall, as she and her fiancé, Bob Skrivanek, are making wedding plans!



Kaylee Wester indicates she plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall.



Jeremey Jones works his mail route early on Saturday morning.



Kevin Betik spends an afternoon with his grandchildren, Luke and June Holland, as they play at Lions Park after school.



Ennis Firemen Caleb Hollingsworth, Jordan Thompson, Aurturo Hernandez, Travis Updegraff, Brock Weidinger and John Wichner participate in some afternoon training before their next call.





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Bob and Janet Thomas enjoy lunch with Janet's mother, Mildred Mingus.



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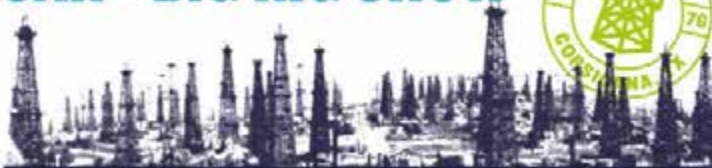
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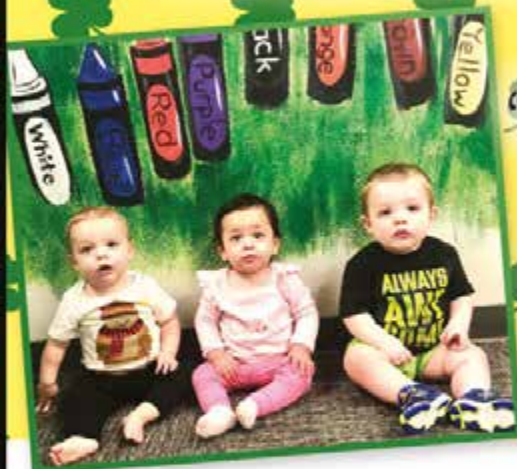
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### CINDY POFF

— By Bill Smith

When Cindy Poff cooks, her memories often turn to her childhood, growing up on a farm, enjoying the outdoors and visits to the homes of her nearby Aunt Mary and her grandmother, Ma-Maw. “I loved watching Ma-Maw make her homemade pies! My favorite part was watching her make her homemade pie crust. When I make a pie, I make my pie crust just like Ma-Maw,” Cindy related.

“My favorite memory was time spent watching Aunt Mary make her homemade cookies. Everything was from scratch, and I remember her using a glass as her cookie cutter, and her frosting was the creamiest ever. At Halloween and Christmastime, her baking was incredible! Memories of Aunt Mary and Ma-maw still make me smile, and whenever I bake cookies and frost them, or make a pie or homemade rolls, my heart overflows with thankfulness and love for these memories!” **NOW**

#### Sue's Rolls

Makes about 24 rolls.

2 pkgs. rapid rise yeast  
1/2 cup very warm water (125 F),  
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3/4 cup buttermilk  
1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted  
1 tsp. salt  
1 egg  
3 1/4 cups flour

1. Stir yeast into warm water; set aside.  
2. In a large pan, simmer buttermilk, sugar, butter and salt; let cool.

3. Add egg. Then add yeast mixture, followed by the flour.  
4. Use dough hooks to knead the dough; cover. Let rise 1 hour, or until it doubles in size.  
5. Knead 6 times; shape into balls. Let rise again for about 30 minutes.  
6. Bake at 350 F for a short time, about 15 minutes. They should not turn brown. If overcooked, they will be too hard.

#### Brisket-Trudy-Jo Ann Peters

1 brisket  
Salt, to taste  
Pepper, to taste  
Garlic salt, to taste  
1 12-oz. can Bud Light beer  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 bottle Worcestershire sauce  
1 large bottle ketchup  
1 jar Sweet Baby Ray's Barbecue Sauce

1. Season brisket with salt, pepper and garlic salt to taste. Place in a large, heavy and deep disposable aluminum pan; cover with foil.



2. Bake at 225 F all night or all day.
3. During the last hour of cooking, uncover the pan; add the can of Bud Light beer. Sprinkle with sugar.
4. Add Worcestershire sauce and ketchup; cook, uncovered, for 1 hour.
5. Drain off brisket liquid. (The juice is not good for the sauce.)
6. Let the brisket rest before slicing. Good served alone or with Sweet Baby Ray's Barbecue Sauce.

## Fresh Green Beans and Carrots

- 1 lb. bag Fresh green beans, snapped
- 1 small bag Fresh carrots, peeled
- 1 large carton Fresh sliced mushrooms
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 to 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 2 tsp. black pepper

1. Cook green beans in 1 inch of water for 2 minutes in a steamer until al dente; set aside.
2. Cook sliced carrots in 1 inch of water in a steamer for 8 minutes, until tender; set aside.
3. Sauté mushrooms in butter. Add green beans and carrots to butter mixture; cook several minutes.
4. Add garlic salt and pepper to beans and carrots while cooking in butter mixture.

## C.C.'s Pumpkin Filled Empanadas

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup Crisco
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 can Libby's pumpkin pie mix
- 1 can Carnation milk
- 2 Tbsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sugar

1. Mix flour, Crisco, salt and water into a dough.
2. Roll into small 3- to 4-inch balls.
3. Roll out each ball; fill them each with 1 tsp. of the pumpkin pie mix.
4. Seal the edges after folding over. Brush the tops with Carnation milk.
5. Mix cinnamon and sugar together. Sprinkle tops with cinnamon sugar mixture.
6. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 F, or until light brown.

## Cinnamon Rolls

Make dough using Sue's Rolls recipe.

Rolls:

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 2-3 cups brown sugar
- 2-3 Tbsp. ground cinnamon
- Cooking spray



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Sausage Rolls

#### Frosting:

- 1 stick real butter
- 1 Crisco stick
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 2-lb. bag powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup or less water or milk, to thin the frosting
- 1 tsp. almond emulsion/extract (optional)

1. For rolls: Use Sue's Roll recipe; roll dough into a large rectangle.
2. Spread softened butter over the dough.
3. Cover with a mixture of brown sugar and cinnamon.
4. Roll dough up lengthwise; cut into small cinnamon rolls.
5. Place close together in a sprayed pan.
6. Bake at 350 F for 9 minutes, or until done.

7. For frosting: Combine all frosting ingredients. Refrigerate until ready to use.
8. Spread frosting on rolls.

### Sausage Rolls

Make dough using Sue's Rolls recipe.

- 1 32-oz. pkg. Owens Mild Sausage
- 2 sticks butter
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 2 27-oz. jars McCormick whole poppy seeds
- 1 16-oz. jar Kraft Parmesan Grated Cheese
- 2 12-oz. jars McCormick paprika

1. Roll sausage into 1- to 2-inch balls; cook until done.
2. Wrap dough around each sausage ball.

3. Melt butter with garlic salt; dip rolled sausage balls into butter mixture.
4. Sprinkle with poppy seeds. Generously sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Top with paprika.
5. Bake at 350 F for 8 minutes or a little longer.

### Cranberry Salsa

- 2 pkgs. cranberries, chopped in fourths
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar
- 2-3 green onions, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. lime juice
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. salt

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Serve as a dip with restaurant-style tortilla chips.

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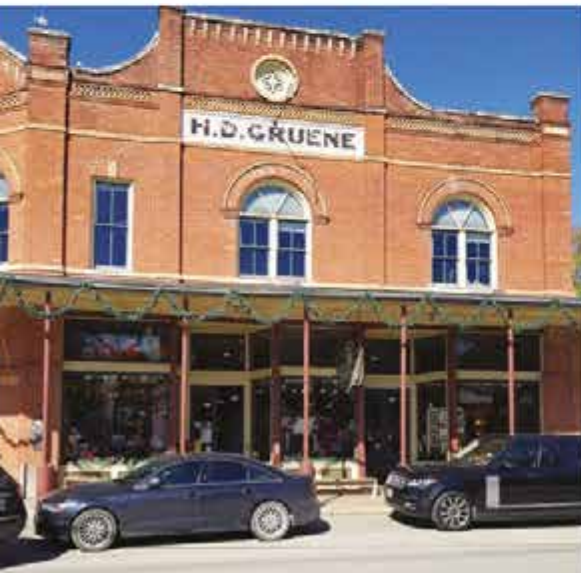
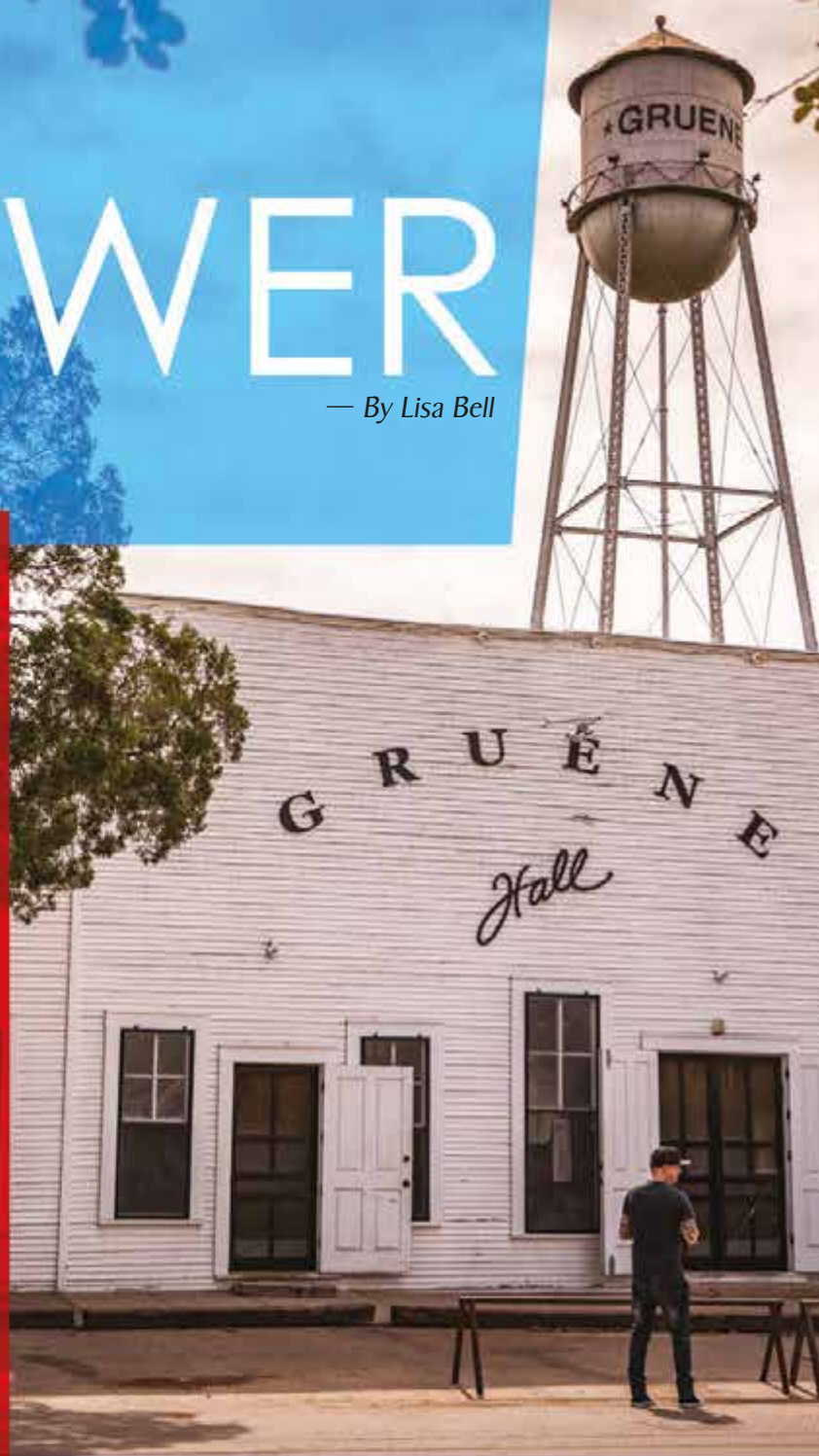


# UNDER THE TOWER

— By Lisa Bell

*In the shadow of New Braunfels, Texas, the Guadalupe River flows through the small community of Gruene. In the summertime, the town bustles with people floating down the river on inner tubes or in rafts and kayaks. In fact, outfitters in Gruene are known for putting in and taking out at the popular recreational spot. Interestingly enough, locals actually choose early spring to board a raft, canoe or kayak and hit the rapids during the off-season.*

But floating the river isn't the only thing to do in this small town. And what better time for a romantic walk along the river or enjoying dinner to the gentle rush of water? The atmosphere of Gruene lends itself to relaxation after busy months of holidays and kicking off another year.







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Speaking of music, Gruene also boasts the oldest continually operating and most famous dance hall in Texas. Gruene Hall, built by Henry D. Gruene in 1878, hosted some of the greatest stars before anyone knew their names. Photos line the walls of many artists who love the spot. It isn't unusual to see children learning to shoot pool or play in the open-air garden beside the hall. Whether you go to see a famous performer (check the schedule online) or listen to someone destined for greatness, don't skip this popular place in Gruene.

The historic square offers antiques, boutiques, an old-fashioned toy store, the old general store and much more. With wineries on the square, you can stop in and relax for a while, or sit under







big trees and watch people. With all the outdoor areas, children don't have to get bored, and in the middle of the square, you can take a walk down a nature trail.

Stop in The Barn and watch artisans Kyle and Angie White create beautiful pottery on-site. Spend a few minutes or a long time watching the potter at the wheel, spinning up amazing pieces of functional art. The license plates in the floors of many buildings repair holes, while preserving the original wood.

With an abundance of Airbnbs, finding lodging in Gruene is a snap. Many of them also overlook the river, giving visitors a chance to relax and simply sit back for a calm weekend or an entire week.

Should you run out of things to do in Gruene, New Braunfels is a few miles away. During the summer season, Schlitterbahn creates a perfect water playground. In the off-season, their resort makes a great base of operation for your trip to Gruene. Several parks also sit beside the river with grassy areas to play or lie back on a blanket, perhaps enjoying a nice picnic. Be alert for the most beautiful residents. Deer play in abundance, and people don't scare them much.

Filled with history, Gruene is a wonderful place to visit, but not everyone knows about this hidden treasure. Even the bridge across the river is a designated historical landmark. Although you can get there mostly by traveling on I-35, you might want to take backroads and check out some other wonderful sights in the Texas Hill Country. **NOW**

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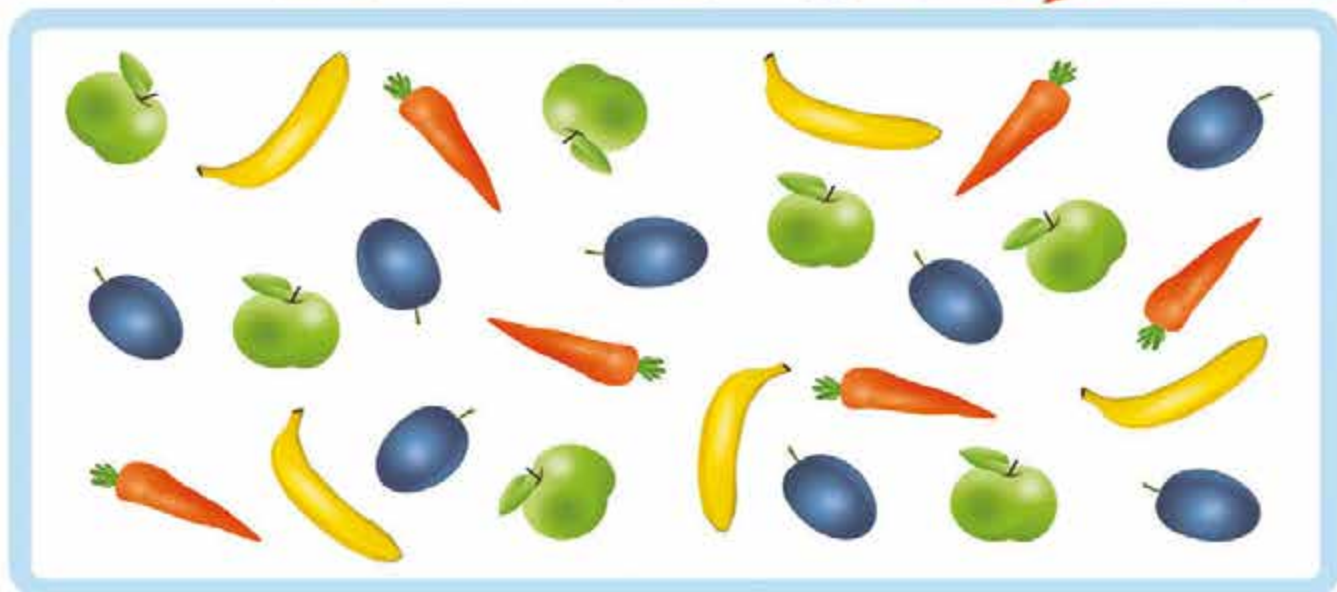
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*Although born in Iowa and raised in California, many consider actor John Wayne the quintessential Texas cowboy. Fittingly, Texan Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick honored him as an honorary Texan in 2015. Texas House Concurrent Resolution 130 reads, WHEREAS, John Wayne is the prototypical American hero, symbolizing such traits as self-reliance, grace under pressure, resolve, and patriotism ... the State of Texas hereby resolves May 26th as John Wayne Day.*

The resolution marked what would have been John's 108th birthday. Born Marion Robert Morrison in 1907, the boy who would become John Wayne was first nicknamed "Duke" because of his loyal relationship with a dog of that name. He was given his screen name after several years as a prop man and extra with Fox Film Corporation when director Raoul Walsh gave him his first leading role. The western flopped at the box office, but the new moniker stuck.

In almost a decade of B-movie roles, many portraying a Texan, John developed his on-screen persona as a man of action, which served him well in his first noteworthy film, *Stagecoach*, in 1939. The film earned seven Academy Award nominations and led John to a series of well-received film roles.

While John also began producing films in the late 1940s, his acting received recognition as he tackled more challenging roles and earned him an Academy Award nomination for Best Actor in *Sands of Iwo Jima*. Through the years, he had a mixture of on-screen and directorial wins and losses.

Texans may favor John's 1960 directorial debut, *The Alamo*, in which he portrayed Davy Crockett. The film was reportedly dear to John, who seemed to hone a Texan mindset after starring in many Texas-set (although rarely filmed locally) movies.

Almost a decade later, in 1969, John earned his first Academy Award for Best Actor in *True Grit*. In 1976, John played an aging gunfighter dying of cancer in his last film, *The Shootist*.

Diagnosed with stomach cancer two years later, John passed on June 11, 1979. Known for his conservative political efforts as well as charitable work fighting cancer, John received a Congressional Gold Medal from the U.S. Congress and the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously. The Orange County Airport was renamed in his honor the month he died.

Established by his children in 1985, the John Wayne Cancer Foundation supports cancer-related programs, including those at the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center in California.

In 1990 and 2004, John was featured on a postage stamp and in 2007, inducted into the California Hall of Fame. The John Wayne Film Festival began in 2011 in Snyder, Texas, benefiting the John Wayne Cancer Foundation. It moved to Dallas in 2014 but returned to Snyder for 2018 and 2019. **NOW**

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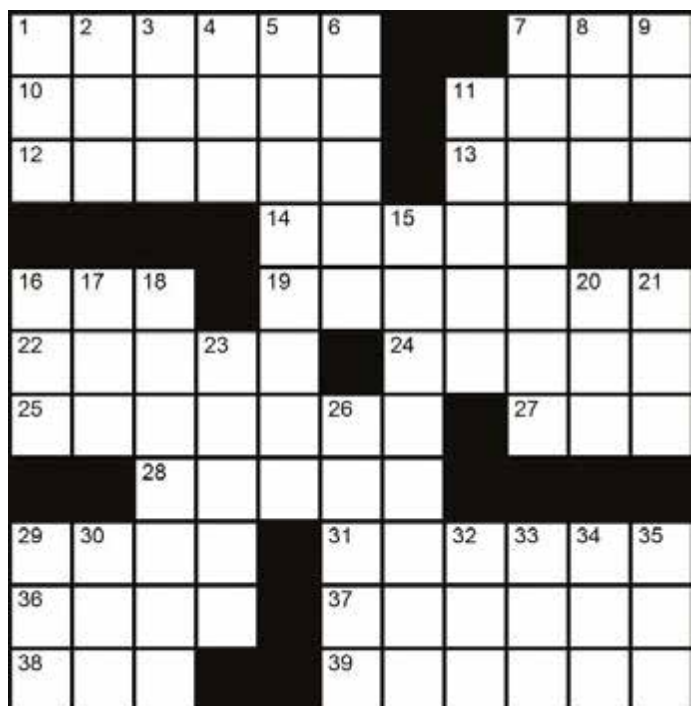
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## Across



- 1 For some time
- 7 Convert hide into leather
- 10 Stimulating drink
- 11 Harbor
- 12 Quaint love letter opener
- 13 Creep
- 14 Frothy concoctions
- 16 LA summer setting
- 19 Holy threesome
- 22 Get-well treatment
- 24 Salk's conquest
- 25 Type of show, such as Anne Hathaway's "Grounded"
- 27 Hill VIP
- 28 Same here!
- 29 Well-informed about
- 31 Alters formally
- 36 Niagara has a Maid of this
- 37 Tempestuous
- 38 Big Apple aria spot
- 39 Pull into

## Down


- 1 Rocket interceptor
- 2 Sardonic
- 3 Suckered
- 4 Apply a cake's top layer
- 5 Tiniest amount
- 6 Mistake
- 7 Oft-removed throat tissues
- 8 Curve
- 9 Utmost
- 11 It has 88 keys when full-size
- 15 Old Dodge
- 16 In favor of
- 17 Lair
- 18 Beyond all others
- 20 Railroad cross-member
- 21 Way over there, poetically
- 23 Representative
- 26 Bellows
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	3						9	

Medium

		2		9				
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### Easy

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### Medium

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