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EDITOR'S NOTE

Taking root ...

There's something about getting older, I think, that makes one more interested in their roots. Like many modern-day families, I come from a blended group of "step" parents, "half" siblings, in-laws and even some outlaws (a story for another day). Today's family trees are more complicated, and as a result, our histories can be harder to follow. Beyond an elementary school assignment that required me to outline a few generations, I've not had much use for specific details of the lineage from whence I came.

I was fortunate to have a great-grandmother in my life until my early teens, from whom I gained Irish blood and an appreciation for the music of Elvis Presley. I still have living grandparents, too, but perhaps their aging and my own have me feeling reflective. The increased access to family records online and services that can link your DNA to folks you may never have known brings intrigue as well.

Utilizing one of the online genealogy sites, a friend who was adopted at birth recently found her biological family within a matter of days — and the fascinating story captivated me! Her tale, and possibly the fact that I'm turning a half-century old this month, makes me somewhat curious about all the people who led to me being me.

Perhaps, someday, I'll dig deeper into the garden of my family tree. In the meantime, I'll just appreciate the family I've always known, the friends who are the family I've chosen and this month of spring that ensures our circle of life goes on.

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Jessica Glass' foray into the world of vocal performance was inspired by a local production of Fiddler on the Roof when she was only 8 years old. At the time, she lived in the Chicago area, and her family recognized her raw talent as she would sing all of the songs from the musical from memory.

Before long, Jessica was in voice lessons, and she has enjoyed a wide range of musical genres ever since. "I studied voice in Chicago under Thomas Konieczny," she related. "He was great at teaching traditional Broadway."

Though Broadway may have been her original inspiration, her career training up to this point has been influenced by much more than characters from *Fiddler*. She performed in the Chicago Children's Choir and was in Puccini's *Turandot* at the Lyric Opera House.

Displaying significant versatility, Jessica also performed with jazz combos in the Chicago area. "I have had a lot of jazz

training, and another teacher in Chicago I trained with was Megan McKown. She taught improvisation, which is very important in jazz."

Improvisation is one of the recognizable, perhaps even defining elements of jazz music. Scat singing is vocal improvisation and many would recognize the made-up or perhaps even nonsensical words for which jazz singers are famous. Jessica continued, "I memorized scats that you would associate with performers like Sarah Vaughan or Ella Fitzgerald. As a result of the jazz training, I was able to sing with a Chicago jazz band known as the Beverly All Stars. I was also cast in the bird girl trio for *Seussical the Musical* at the Beverly Arts Center in Chicago.

"I would have to say jazz is my favorite genre. I worked on it to extend my vocal range. I am naturally a high soprano, which is great for the opera, but jazz helped me work on my alto voice. I am a big fan of the other vintage jazz singers, including Billie Holiday and Peggy Lee."

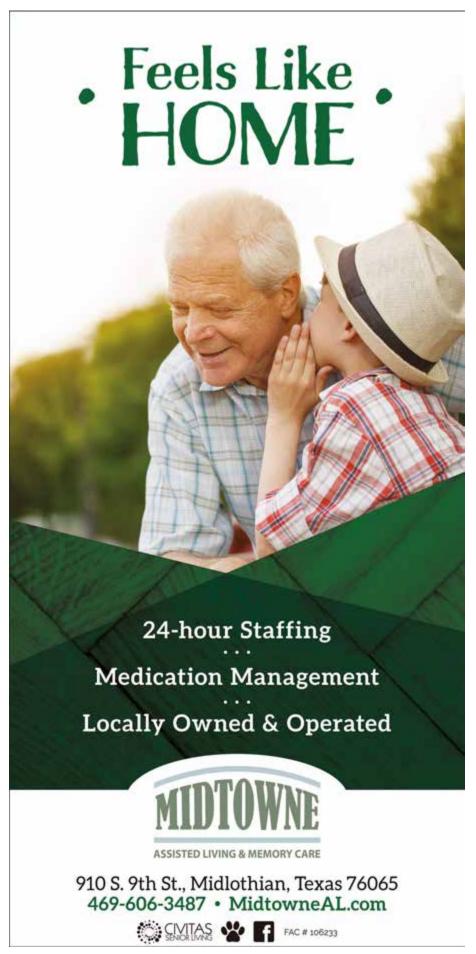
As part of the Beverly Theater Guild there were a number of Broadway reviews, and Jessica had the opportunity to sing selections from *The Sound of Music*, as well as perform Andrew Lloyd Webber songs such as "Think of Me" and "Love Changes Everything." "I studied opera under Amelie Fonte while in Chicago," she credited. "I also worked with a drummer named Rusty Jones in Chicago. I was proud to have met and performed with him."

Moving to Texas with her family at 18 certainly was not the end of Jessica's love for music or her continued training and performance. She mentioned a local teacher, Joy Hill, who taught in the DeSoto schools and influenced her, as well.

While at Navarro College, Jessica did local theater, performing Adele's "Someone Like You" and "The Christmas Song" by Robert Wells and Mel Torme, though she admits the version by Nat King Cole was on her mind. "After Navarro, I continued my







education at The University of Texas at Arlington in English, and I am pursuing my teaching certificate.

"I am working with special needs children as an aide at Mountain Peak Elementary School, and I am seeing firsthand the effect of music therapy, especially with autistic children. It helps them redirect and focus. Sometimes, just humming or teaching the words to a song is a great learning tool for them."

Also since coming to Texas, Jessica has sung at Macaroni Grill Italian restaurant, and she continues to be available to sing in various venues. "I still have a music studio at my parents' home, and I go there to practice and decompress. It is my therapy, it is relaxation, and it also keeps me learning," Jessica expressed.

"Music is a great educational tool. To people who are afraid to sing, I would encourage them to sing anyway. It doesn't matter if you are great or not. And don't be discouraged when you don't get the part you want. When a part I wanted went to another singer, I knew I could not hold resentment about that. I knew I could do those parts."





Jessica has a musical and teaching heritage, as her grandfather, Peter Tamm, was a music teacher in inner-city Chicago for 50 years before he retired. Her mother was also a teacher and taught Shakespeare to fifth-graders.

As a vocal performer, Jessica said she relates Romeo and Iuliet to West Side Story. These influences in her life led her inspiration and aspiration to meld into one thought: "I enjoy singing and am still looking forward to performance. I sing for local charity events, most recently a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association at the Cassaro Winery in Ovilla. I also sing at other fundraisers,

dinner parties and weddings."

Mac Davis wrote in his song "I Believe in Music" that music is the universal language, and Jessica agrees. She said she looks forward to sharing through not only performance but also teaching others. "My aspiration today is to have my own studio where I can teach voice. I would continue performing, and I am always looking to find other musicians I can jam with," Jessica admitted. "Jazz is my favorite genre, but opera is still my strong suit as a high soprano." NOW

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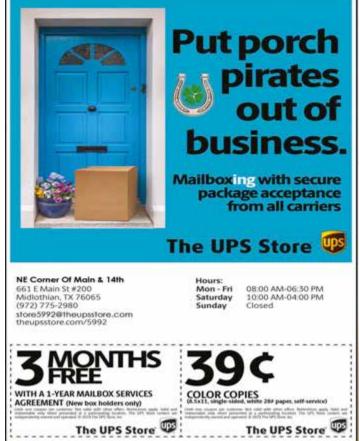
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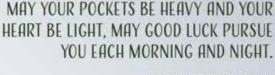
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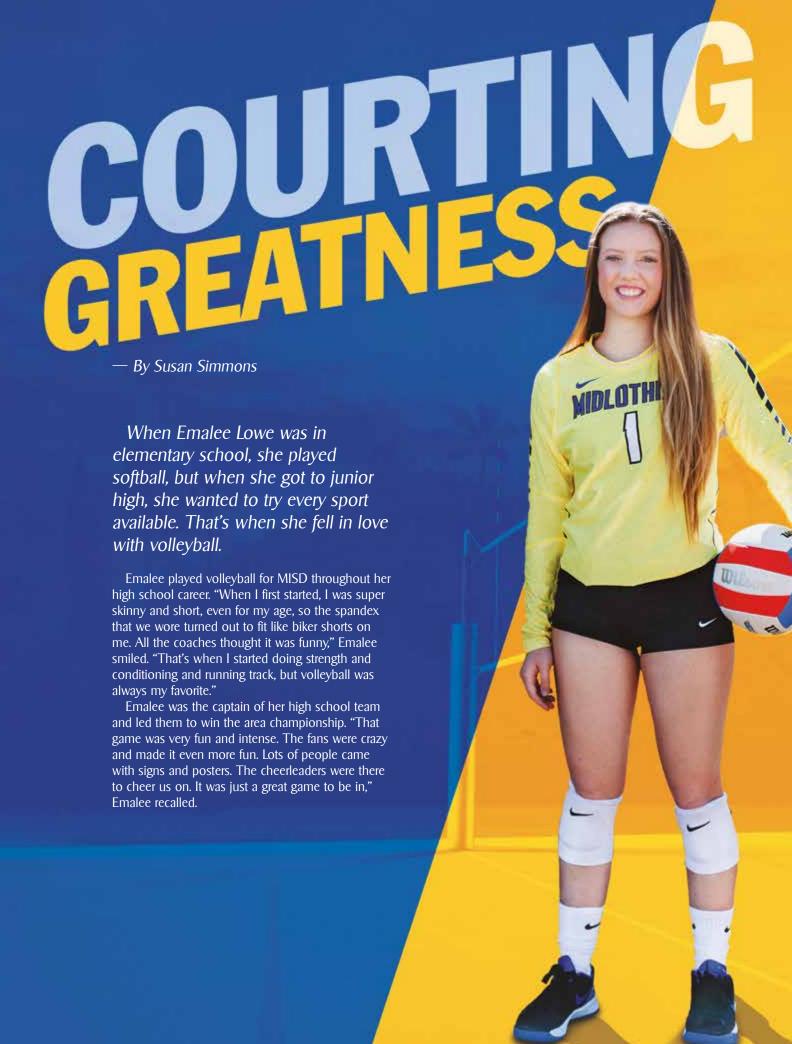
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"That is just one of the reasons I am so thankful to have been a part of MISD. I love MISD. My mom works for the district, and I went to school there my whole childhood. I had some wonderful teachers and coaches there who really care for their students and players. My absolute favorite person is Coach Hydes. I was always the quietest person, but she changed that really quick. She gave me the confidence to speak up and control the court. She is one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. She even checks up on me now," Emalee said.

Emalee received a full scholarship for her freshman and sophomore years to play volleyball at Lee College in Baytown, Texas. Before the end of her sophomore year, Kalie Mader, the coach at Missouri Southern State University, found Emalee through an old friend and offered her a full scholarship for her junior and senior years at MSSU. "When I got my scholarships for both schools that I have attended it was amazing. Not having to pay for college is everything. My parents are still having to pay off loans from when my mother went to college, so not having to worry about money for me is great!" Emalee said.

During her college experience,
Emalee has made many friends from
all over the country and world. "It was
hard leaving Lee because I had made
so many good friends, but I know
that I will stay in touch with them
during my life. College has been a big
learning experience for me. It's been
very challenging at times, but I wouldn't
change any of it. All the hard times and
good times have made me a better
person. I am finding out who I really am
while I am in college," Emalee shared.





While saying goodbye to her friends was hard, Emalee shared that being away from home and family has been the most difficult. "It was nice to get some independence, but I always miss my family when I'm away, and because I play volleyball, I don't get to come home very often."

While at Lee College, she was only four hours away from home, and her parents would often drive down for her games. "My grandparents got sick and had to go to the hospital several times during that first two years, and that made it really hard. I will always miss home, but now that I am six hours away in Missouri, I have gotten more used to it," Emalee said.

Emalee is studying physical education at MSSU and getting a certificate in coaching. "I plan to go back to Midlothian and find a job in the school district or just do coaching jobs until something opens up. Eventually, I want to move to the college level to coach volleyball," she explained.

Emalee is the first to give ample credit to her parents. "I owe everything to my parents for supporting me, being there for me and doing everything to give me the best opportunity to play," she said. "I also owe all the great coaches I have had along the way. Coach Mary Malone really made me believe in myself my senior year in high school. She pushed me to be a great leader and to always set a good example, both in volleyball and in life." NOW





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— By Rachel Smith

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Three women filled with strength, dignity and poise instantly connected on a personal level not long ago. With risk and uncertainty, they decided to change their lives by marrying their talents into one brilliant business, The House on 5th.

Danielle Cichon, the owner and hairstylist, has been in the business of making women feel better about their looks for 16 years. Dixie Dodd, who has been building furniture for seven years, built all the furniture in the store. Believing in "total fashion merchandising," Kelli Savering has been perfecting the boutique department since June 2019.

Upon entering the space, customers spy items from boutique-style clothes and shoes to house decor for sale. An intimate space in the back is reserved for women or men who need a little hair trim or a totally different look. "We want to be the one-stop shop for ladies, and we want them to feel comfortable and at peace — a place to grab a coffee and be yourself," Danielle explained.

The slogan, "Salon, Style, Decor," sums up the business well. "We're really three businesses in one," Dixie stated.

Dixie also owns a business called Southern Home Custom Furniture, and Kelli named her online store Mercy and Grace Boutique. Although the three have different areas of expertise, they share common threads that help them succeed. "We're

passionate about meeting new people we otherwise wouldn't have met," Danielle said.

Kelli acknowledged they fully support one another both professionally and personally. "Our families have been so supportive. We're all moms at heart. When I do events, I take the girls' business cards with me to hand out."

The House on 5th also gives back to the community, from Manna House to sponsoring local teams and heart walks. "We have hands in many pots. When there's a community event, we try to have a presence," Dixie said.

"We're really three businesses in one."

The House on 5th has not always been a business. "Three of the Lawson siblings who used to live here paid us a visit and shared wonderful stories they had of their childhood memories here," Dixie explained. "One of the siblings said they took a family photo on the front porch, which was just a slab then. I told them, 'We want to recreate that.' So, we took a photo of them on the porch that day, and they sent us the original family photo. We had also taken a photo in the same spot as a business team."

In the end, they had three different photos, showing the generational growth of The House on 5th. "It was a really special connection to such an impactful family in the area," Dixie reminisced.

Danielle. Dixie and Kelli want to be impactful in Midlothian, as well. "We love to empower people to follow their dreams," Dixie said. Danielle and Kelli agreed. "I love sharing my testimony and inspiring others. We want to show them they can do it, too. Many people don't believe that."

Danielle, Dixie and Kelli can help you feel confident in being yourself. Kelli concluded, "We are the HO5 Tribe, and we are awesome!" NOW







Around Town



Marlon Williams displays the autographed basketball he purchased at the KDD Foundation Winter Gala benefiting area familes of children with special needs.

Zoomed In: Emrys Bledsoe

By Angel Morris

Local student, Emrys Bledsoe, showed off the pin he received during the U.S. Navy's naming of its newest aircraft carrier after his great-great-uncle, Doris Miller. The carrier is the first named for an enlisted sailor and the first for an African-American. Inspired by the ceremony honoring his family member in Hawaii earlier this year, Emrys hopes to be a Navy pilot someday.

Doris received numerous military honors during his career but isn't the only relative Emrys admires. The 6-year-old's school is named for Doris' sister-in-law, LaRue Miller. "It makes me proud, happy and joyful. It makes me work to always be a good person," Emrys said of being related to his school's namesake.

The greatest thing about his trip to Hawaii was not just cutting a cake and being pinned, Emrys admitted. "I was happy to get to swim in the ocean and ride the Navy boat!"



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Amanda Pettitt's grandmother inspired her cooking interests, and now that her grandmother has passed, Amanda relishes the favorite recipes that remind her of her childhood. "I really love cooking everything, baking, making my grandmother's famous candies and her sweet potato pie, along with brittles and buckeyes!" Amanda enthused.

She's currently into Asian-inspired dishes, but Amanda's go-to dish is fettuccine alfredo, which her children love. "If I'm not pulling recipes from my personal cookbook, I'm searching Pinterest for new ideas," she said.

By day, Amanda is a sales rep for Standard Supply Distribution, selling HVAC equipment to contractors across Texas. "It's a great family-owned company that I'm proud to be part of," Amanda noted. "Fun fact: I think at least 10 percent of our staff lives in Midlothian!" Now

Fettuccine Alfredo

I stick butter
I 1/2 cups heavy cream
Red pepper flakes (optional for heat)
I/2 Tbsp. garlic powder
3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan,
plus additional for topping
Cooked fettuccine noodles
Fresh parsley (optional)

I. Melt butter in a saucepan on medium heat. Add heavy cream, stirring occasionally.

- **2.** Add pepper flakes and garlic powder; stir. Add Parmesan, 1/4 cup at a time, continuously stirring to keep it from sticking to the bottom.
- **3.** Bring to a boil for 30 seconds; take off stove to cool down. Pour over noodles; garnish with Parmesan and parsley.

Mongolian Beef

I cup, plus I Tbsp. vegetable oil (divided use) I-2 tsp. ginger, minced

- 1 Tbsp. garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 1/2 lbs. flank steak, sliced against the grain into 1/4-inch strips, with knife held at a 45-degree angle (Cut really long pieces to bite size.)
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)
- I bunch green onions, cut diagonally into 2-inch pieces
- **1.** Heat 1 Tbsp. of oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add ginger and garlic; stir for 30 seconds.
- **2.** Add soy sauce, water and sugar. Bring to a boil; simmer until thickened some, about 10-15 minutes.
- **3.** Toss steak with cornstarch; let sit 10-15 minutes.
- **4.** Heat 1 cup of oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add beef. (I cook it in 2 batches.) Cook 2-3 minutes, until brown and crispy, flipping pieces over to cook on both sides.
- **5.** Remove meat with a slotted spoon; discard oil. Place meat back in the pan, along

with sauce; cook over medium heat for I minute, stirring to coat meat.

6. Add red pepper flakes and green onions; remove from heat. Serve over rice.

Grilled Chicken Marinade You've Been Missing

- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 cup lemon juice
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. fresh rosemary
- 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 6 chicken breasts, or 3.5 lbs. chicken
- **I.** Combine first 10 ingredients in a large Ziploc bag. Add chicken. Place the closed Ziploc bag in a large bowl; refrigerate. (The bowl will keep it from making a huge mess in case the bag leaks.)
- **2.** Marinade for at least 8 hours, or overnight. Grill and enjoy!

Loaded Mashed Potato Casserole

- 2 1/2 lbs. russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- I tsp. salt, or to taste
- 3/4 cup milk (whole or 2%)
- 8 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 8 oz. bacon, chopped
- 8 oz. Colby Jack cheese, freshly shredded
- 2 Tbsp. green onion or chives to garnish
- **I.** Preheat oven to 375 F. Place potatoes in a pot; cover with enough water to submerge the potatoes. Bring to a boil over mediumhigh heat; reduce heat to medium. Season potatoes with salt. Cook until potatoes are easily pierced with a knife; drain well.
- **2.** While waiting for the potatoes to cook, in a small saucepan, add milk and butter; cook until the butter is melted. Turn heat off, keeping saucepan on stovetop to keep milk hot. Add sour cream; whisk until combined.
- **3.** Mash or beat potatoes with a mixer until creamy. Add the milk mixture; continue mixing until well incorporated. Transfer potatoes to a baking dish.
- **4.** In a medium skillet, sauté chopped bacon until golden brown. Sprinkle bacon over potatoes; top with shredded cheese.
- 5. Cover baking dish with foil; bake for 25







minutes. Remove foil; cook an additional 10 minutes, or until the cheese melts and potatoes are hot. Add green onions or chives.

Crispy Bacon Brussels Sprouts

- 1 lb. Brussels sprouts (about 15), ends trimmed and bad leaves removed
- 2 Tbsp. kosher salt, for blanching
- 3 strips bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil

Salt. to taste

Freshly ground pepper, to taste

- 3 garlic cloves, minced 2 Tbsp. white wine, for deglazing (optional)
- 1. Rinse Brussels sprouts. Bring a pot of water to a boil; add salt and sprouts. Cook about 3-5 minutes, depending on the size. Drain; shock by rinsing with ice cold water to stop the cooking process.
- 2. When cooled, cut sprouts in half lengthwise; larger ones

can be guartered. Pat dry with paper towels.

- **3.** Heat a large frying pan to medium-low heat; add the chopped bacon. Let cook a minute to render some fat. Melt in butter: add olive oil.
- 4. Add sprouts, turning heat up slightly; fry until they start to brown around the edges and the bacon crisps, about 8-10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.
- 5. When sprouts are roasted and caramelized, turn heat down; add garlic, stirring about 1 minute, until softened. Add a splash of wine to deglaze the skillet; scrape up any brown bits.

6. Remove sprouts to a plate with paper towels to remove excess oil; serve hot.

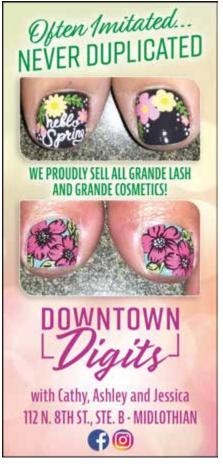
Banana Pudding

Serves 6.

8 oz. cream cheese

- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- I pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups heavy cream
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- I pkg. vanilla wafer cookies
- 5 bananas, sliced
- I. Beat cream cheese and sweetened condensed milk. Add pudding mix, milk and vanilla; beat until completely mixed.
- 2. In a separate bowl, beat heavy cream until soft peaks form. Add powdered sugar; continue beating until stiff peaks form. Set 2 1/2 cup aside.
- 3. Fold remaining whipped cream into pudding mixture.
- **4.** Line the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan with vanilla wafers; top with sliced bananas. Spread pudding mixture over top.
- **5.** Top with remaining whipped cream. Cover; refrigerate for 4 hours, or overnight.

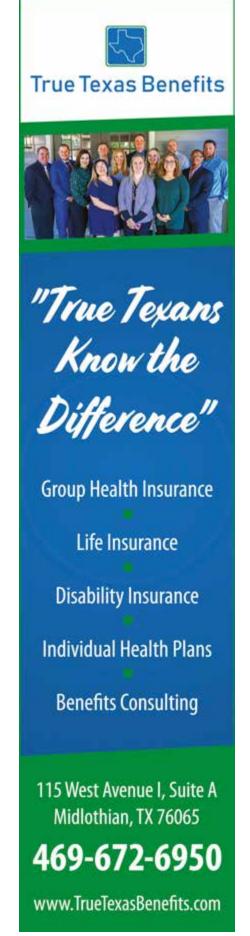




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Overuse Injuries in Children

Watch for Overuse Injuries

Today, many children and adolescents play more than one sport in the same season or compete on "travel" teams that practice daily and play in tournaments almost every weekend. All this activity can place excessive stress on young feet that aren't yet fully developed. Playing soccer and other sports that involve a lot of running on hard surfaces can lead to "overuse" injuries typified by stress or damage to growing bones, tendons and ligaments.

Never allow a child to play with pain

Despite impassioned protests and what coaches and teammates might say, never allow a child to play with pain. Foot pain isn't normal. If it lasts more than a few days and interferes with walking, seek medical attention. Playing with pain is risky. It can lead to chronic and painful foot and ankle conditions and future problems with the knees and lower back.

Common problems that can result from too much sports activity include: Achilles tendonitis: The long tendon that connects the heel bone to the calf muscle becomes inflamed.

· Calcaneal apophysitis: Repetitive stress and muscle strain in the growth

plate of the heel cause inflammation.

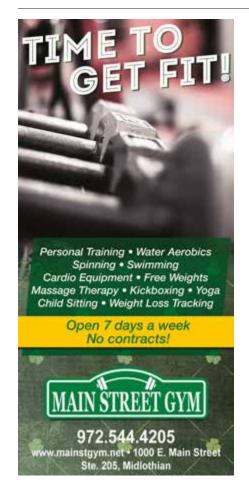
- *Plantar fasciitis*: The band of tissue that runs along the bottom of the foot from the heel to the toes gets inflamed and causes heel pain.
- · Stress fractures: Repetitive pounding on foot and ankle bones causes hairline breaks.
- · *Tendo-Achilles bursitis*: The fluid-filled sac between the Achilles tendon and the heel bone becomes inflamed.

Tips for Avoiding Overuse Injuries

- I. Get the right shoes for the right sport. For example, basketball shoes have more ankle support for lateral movement than running shoes, which are better cushioned to stabilize the foot and withstand persistent stress on the track.
- 2. Don't let a child wear hand-me-down shoes, despite the attractive cost savings.
- 3. Before buying athletic footwear, be sure that shoes are well constructed and don't bend in the middle of the sole. Have them fitted professionally.
- 4. Don't allow the child to wear cleated shoes on surfaces other than playing fields. They put too much pressure on the sole of the foot.
- 5. Be sure the level of competition is within the child's ability and overall stamina.
- 6 Help overweight children lose excess pounds. Being too heavy puts excessive pressure on the feet. **NOW**

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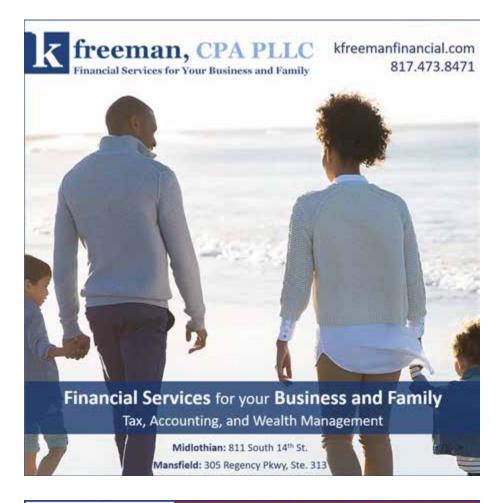
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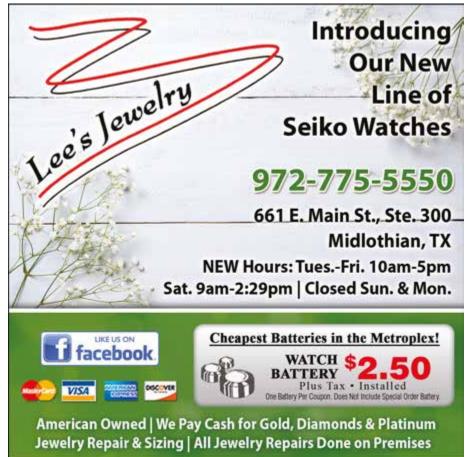
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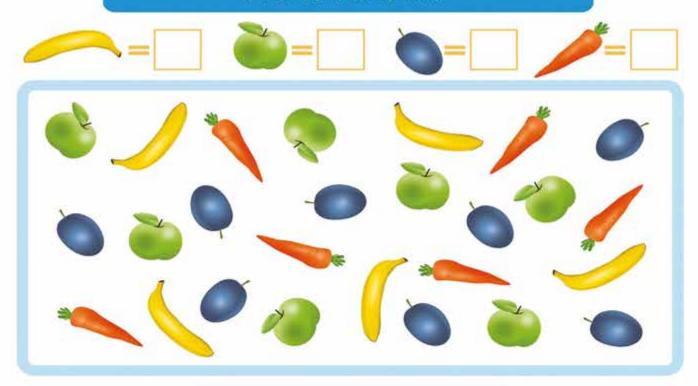






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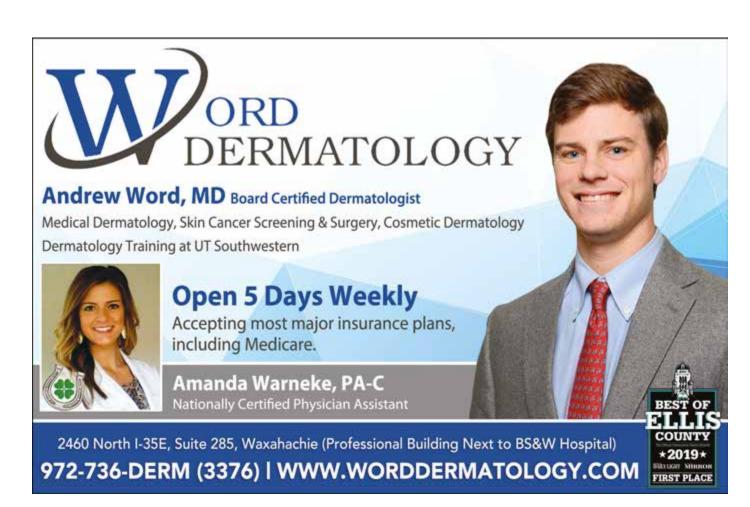


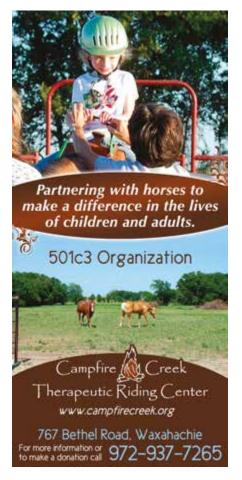


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Across

- 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

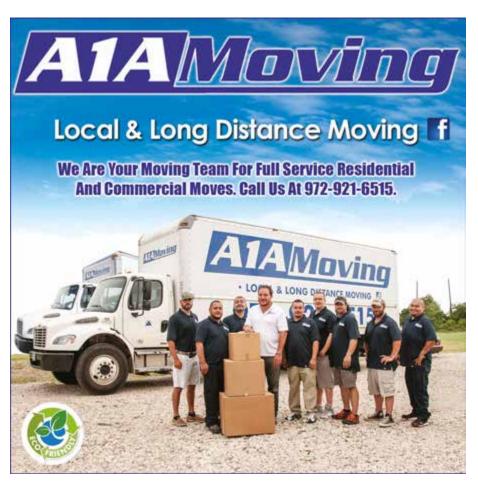
Down

- 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
- 29 Now let me think ...
- 30 Chart variety
- 32 Self-esteem
- 33 Pinch
- 34 Material studied by Watson and Crick
- 35 USMC noncom

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Joyce Sebesta, MidlothianNOW Magazine representative, awards Christine Rutherford \$50 cash for winning the January Midlothian Scavenger Hunt!



Geri Salazar, happily accepts her \$50 cash prize from Joyce Sebesta, MidlothianNOW Magazine representative, for winning the January MidlothianNOW Scavenger Hunt game.



3/7

Drop-in Craft:

Bring your creativity and use assorted art supplies to make a lucky shamrock suncatcher. 1:00-3:00 p.m., A.H. Meadows Public Library, 923 S. 9th St., Midlothian. Call (469) 856-5211 for more information.

3/14

Ellis County Market:

Spring vendor market hosted by the Chambers of Midlothian, Ennis, Red Oak and Waxahachie. More than 200 vendors plus Kids Zone, Safety Zone, Home and Garden Zone, food trucks and entertainment. General admission: \$5; with Taste of Ellis County: \$10. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Ellis County Expo Center, 2300 Hwy. 287, Waxahachie. For more information, email ROACCmelodie@outlook.com or call (972) 617-0906.

3/22

BIG Sunday at Rock City Fellowship:

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3/26

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6:00-10:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln.

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Ellis County Livestock Show & Rodeo:

PRCA Pro Rodeo performance 3/28 at 7:30 p.m., Ellis County Expo Center, 2300 U.S. Hwy. 287 N. For schedule of events and more information, visit www.ecyexpo.com.

3/28

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Swing & Sweets Fundraiser & Silent Auction:

Heritage Mighty Jaguar Band Boosters fundraiser. \$15 at the door; \$25 for couples. 6:00-9:00 p.m., Heritage High School, 4000 FM 1387.

3/31

Midlothian Project **Luncheon:**

Updates from four community task force teams. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.; program: Noon-1:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Center Drive.

Fourth Mondays

Bluebonnet Chapter 13 Blue Star Mothers of America:

For mothers with a son or daughter serving or honorably discharged from U.S. Armed Forces. 7:00 p.m., St. Paul Church, 664 Ovilla Rd., Waxahachie. For more information, see www.bluestarmothers.org.

Second **Tuesdays**

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group of Ellis **County Meeting:**

Discuss ways of dealing with this disease. Free. 6:00 p.m., Farley Street Baptist Church, 1116 Brown Street, Waxahachie. Contact weare 13able@gmail.com.

Wednesdays

DivorceCare:

Group sharing for those who have gone through or are going through divorce. 6:30-8:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 800 S. 9th St. Call (972) 775-3993 for details.

Second Wednesdays

Alzheimer's Support Group:

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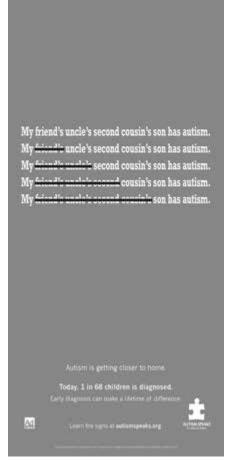
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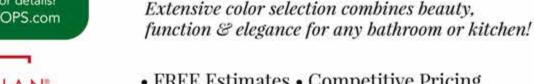
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