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Annual Female Leadership Forum Set to Take Place March 21

DeSoto Independent School District will host the Female Leadership Forum on Saturday, March 21st from 8 am to 3 pm at DeSoto High School and extends an open invitation to both district and nondistrict female students in grades five through twelve. This year's theme is Becoming Y.O.U.!

The mission of the DeSoto ISD Female Leadership Forum is to give girls a platform where they can engage with like-minded peers and role-models to create opportunities for inspiration, growth and personal development. We invite girls in grades five through twelve to participate in a day of encouragement and empowerment. Our goal is to inspire young ladies to envision their potential and challenge them to become their authentic selves: Young, Optimistic, Unapologetic.

More information and registration links for the Mar. 21st DeSoto ISD Female Leadership Forum event is available at www.desotoisd.org/FLF2020.

CALENDAR

- · Mar. 2: Board Meeting Workshop
- · Mar. 9-13: Spring Break
- · Mar. 16: Regular School Board Meeting
- Mar. 19: Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- · Mar. 21: Female Leadership Forum
- · Mar. 25: Community Voices Meeting
- · Mar. 31: Pre-K Round-Up

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Marching into March ...

When I was in sixth grade, I discovered my radio station. My grandmother gave me a clock radio for Christmas, and I got to exploring the dial. And I found it — the most incredible sound ever. That music has been my music ever since, and that station is still my station — WRR.

Yes, I was that weird kid who was listening to Bach, Vivaldi and Tchaikovsky, while everyone else was listening to Michael Jackson, Cyndi Lauper and Bruce Springsteen. I loved the melodies and how they wove in and out of each other. I loved the rhythms and the counterpoint (though I wouldn't learn that word until years later). I had found music that spoke to me and stirred me.

And now it's March — which means it's time to step in time, because this is the month when they do their "March March Countdown." I never get to hear the whole countdown, but I get to hear parts of it, and I always get excited when certain marches get played, like the "Imperial March" from the *Empire Strikes Back* score, or the "Triumphal March" from the opera, *Aida* (the rest of the opera, you can keep, but that march!), or the "Colonel Bogey March," or "Stars and Stripes Forever." There's something about a march that gets me ready for March.

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— By Adam Walker

Jordynn West looks like an ordinary junior high student — young, a bit shy, full of daydreams. But this is one determined young lady, and the dreams? Well, she's working hard to turn those into reality right now.

Jordynn is one of DeSoto ISD's scholar-athletes. She enjoys making good grades, especially in science, math and writing. And she runs.

She was in elementary when she first tried track, and her feet have left blazing stripes on the ground ever since. "I think it was when I was 9. I was in the University of Chicago Track Club."

"It's just a name, not affiliated with the actual university," her dad, Chris, explained.

"It wasn't easy at first," Jordynn admitted. "But then I started getting used to it, and I started getting better. At my first meet, I ran the 100-meter, 200-meter and 400-meter. I didn't place, but I knew track was what I wanted to do. I thought it was fun. I like to work hard."

Jordynn has discovered that she likes the longer events. The 1500-meter is now her favorite. "I like it because it's like

a mixture of sprinting and distance," she explained. But she won the 800, 1600 and 2400 at the district championships this year. She also won the 1500-meter and 3000-meter races at the AAU National Club Championships, and placed fourth in the 800 last July. At the Junior Olympics in North Carolina, she placed third in the 3000 and eighth in the 1500, against competitors from all over the U.S. "I've gone to the Junior Olympics every year since I started running. I didn't place that year, but I've improved every year," Jordynn explained. "I want to go to state as a freshman, and I want to run in college."

Jordynn has hopes of winning both athletic and academic scholarships to attend college. Her A/B honor roll status and love for science and engineering classes have her on track for that. "I went to camp to build robots, and building remote controlled cars is fun," she said. She wants to become a physical therapist or a chiropractor. "I want to help people who play sports. I like helping other people," she said. "There are a few colleges I like. USC, Baylor, Florida State and Michigan all have good track programs. USC is the rival for my coach's school, and I like the weather there. I've been to Baylor a couple of times to watch practices."

Maintaining balance between her classes and her training and the rest of life isn't easy. "Usually, I come home from







school and go to practice before dinner. Then I finish my homework and go to bed." The family maintains a big calendar on the wall in the hallway to keep track of everyone's weekly schedules, because both her brothers have their own sports to keep up with. "I wake up early to run, go to school, come home to eat, train on the track, do strength training, study, eat dinner, go to bed and then repeat! I have fun on the weekends, if I don't have a race."

"She runs indoor track from December to March, and outdoor from April to July." her father explained. "Then we do some 5Ks in between seasons. Let me rephrase that. I keep the stopwatch for her!"

Her mother, lennifer, smiled, "She has lots of T-shirts and sweaters from events. We never had to push her to the next level. She has her own little challenge within herself. Her coaches always commend her work ethic. She's not vour typical 13-year-old. She does some pretty elite workouts that a lot of adults couldn't do. But she never complains. In several of her 5Ks, she's been the overall female winner, beating all the women. She gets a lot of funny looks and a lot of congratulations."

Not every kid her age knows where they want to be eight years from now, but Jordynn does. She wants to be at the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, running for the USA. "My goal is to get a lot faster and keep getting stronger." Her best time in the 1500, 4:55, is already pretty fast! And that experience should fit right in with one of the joys she's found in running. "I like competing and meeting new people. When I went to the Junior Olympics, I met runners from all over the U.S. and



from other countries like the Bahamas, Jamaica and Argentina."

When she isn't running, doing science experiments or building robots, Jordynn also blogs for Youth Runner Magazine. "I get to spread the love for running. It's always fun to meet someone at an event who says, 'I read your blog!""

"She talks about when she has a bad practice or a bad track meet," her dad explained. "She shows all the ups and downs. People really appreciate how she keeps it real on her blog."



All that hard work is already getting noticed. Recently, she received a special award. "The mayor gave me an award for scholar and athletic achievements," she explained. It's one of many awards her parents are more willing to share about than she is.

"She inspires other people — kids younger than her through adults," her mom said. "She leads by example. But she's quiet and humble about it."

"I just think about how I can be the best I can be. I just make sure I'm trying my best," Jordynn said. And Jordynn's best is pretty good. **NOW**





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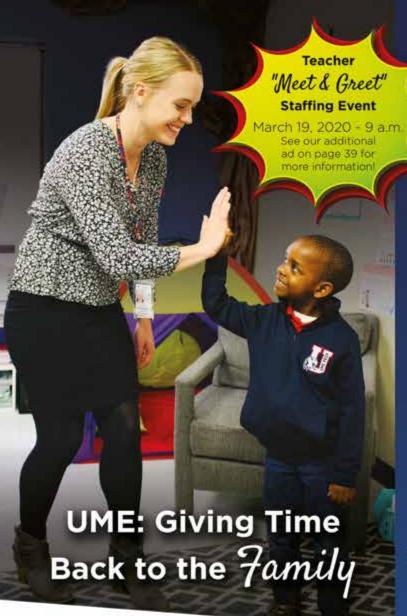
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In addition to corporate and private donors, Duncanville Outreach Ministry self-funds through their thrift store, Thrifty Station. "People donate all kinds of items for the store. You never know what will come in. We rely on our volunteers to sort through everything that is donated, to find the things we can sell in Thrifty Station. Other items may be purchased by a company to be used in Third-World countries. We sell gently used men's, women's and children's clothing, but sometimes, people donate brand-new items with the tags still on! We have glassware, toys, puzzles, seasonal items and books. We have DVDs for \$1, which is cheaper than renting! We also have golf clubs for just \$2 apiece. We don't take furniture or large items, because we just don't have the space." Shopping at Thrifty Station helps your budget, while helping others in the community, since your purchases are helping fund the other programs of the ministry. Oh, and they can now take credit and debit cards, while in the past it was cash or check only.

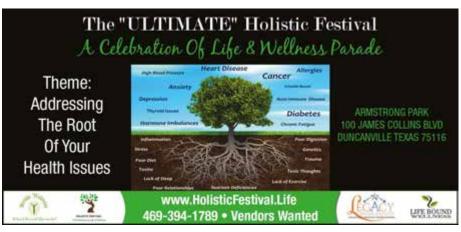




"We only have three paid employees — myself; Shirl Turpin, our assistant director; and Brooke Riekstins, our assistant operations director. We also have Faeisha Knox, a retired Air Force master sergeant who is doing an internship program as she transitions to civilian life. Our volunteers are the backbone of the ministry. Right now, we have 28 regular volunteers, but we always need more. We can't function without them. It would be nice to have more young, strong volunteers who can load and unload trucks. All of our volunteers need to be able to stand for long periods, and be able to lift and carry bags of clothing and other items that come in for sorting."

Qualifications for assistance programs are based on income. "There are certain national guidelines we have to abide by. Since we're partially self-funded, we can offer emergency assistance for additional needs. Many of our funding agencies require that their funds be allocated to specific needs, so we help with things like rent, utilities and prescription drugs as funding is available. It isn't always. But we understand that everyone gets in a jam sometimes and needs some help, so we do everything we can."

One of Linda's favorite things is helping someone who is in a jam, only to find them coming back, after they're on their feet, to volunteer and pay it forward. With all Duncanville Outreach Ministry has going on, there are so many ways to help. NOW







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- By Adam Walker

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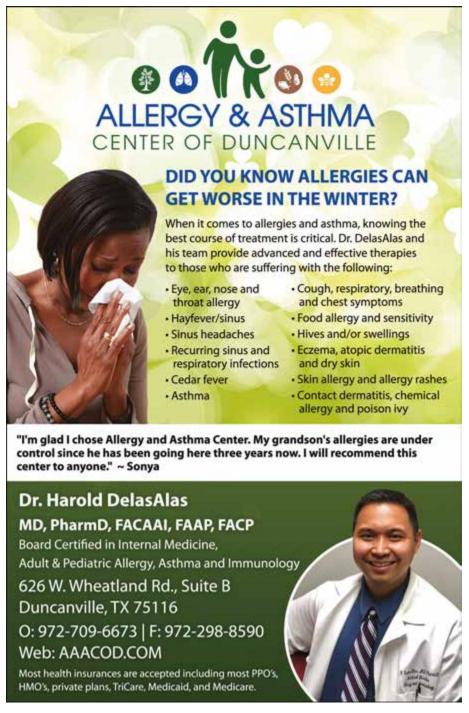
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If you need help with your cell phone, tablet or e-reader, Big Al has options to discuss with you. That old device may still have life in it! NOW







Zoomed In: Alfred Bailey

By Adam Walker

Alfred Bailey is a library assistant in the PC lab at the DeSoto Public Library. "I've been working here for a little over a year, but I was volunteering here before that." A Louisiana native, Alfred has made DeSoto his home since 1998.

One of his duties at the library is operating the library's 3-D printer. "I love science fiction, and this is science fiction come to life. The 3-D printer has been around for a little while. They're being used in construction and on the ISS to print tools the astronauts need. It's like the old image transfer printers, but in 3-D. They translate the code for printing into solid objects by extruding material like a glue gun. It's cool and so simple!"

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First, be gentle with yourself for not sticking with your resolutions. Anyone can get sidetracked for dozens of legitimate reasons, but there are no good reasons to abandon your goals permanently.

To get back on track this year:

- · Identify what derailed last year's resolutions. Did you lack some critical information? Did you lose motivation or focus? Did you get discouraged because your goal seemed too hard or too large to tackle? Figuring out why you stopped making progress can help you better identify how to remove or work around future roadblocks.
- · Make sure resolutions are attainable. Like many people, you may have made a financial resolution that sets you up for failure. Was your resolution unrealistic or even unattainable? If so, remake it into a

goal that you know can be reached. If your resolution was too large or too complicated, break it up and tackle a smaller, shorter-term goal that you can more easily achieve and celebrate. Then, move on to another small, attainable goal and repeat as necessary. This strategy can keep you focused, motivated and moving forward.

• Get help. If you want to get physically fit, you join a gym or hire a trainer. Pursuing a financial goal is no different. The process is easier and more likely to be successful when you get help from technology and professionals. If you need practical tools, look for computer apps that focus on financial goals and money management. Use options offered by your financial services provider, such as online planning and monitoring, automatic bill pay and automated savings. And for the most comprehensive help, look for a trusted financial professional with the skills and knowledge to help you plan, work on and stay accountable for financial goals. NOW

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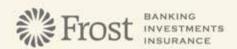
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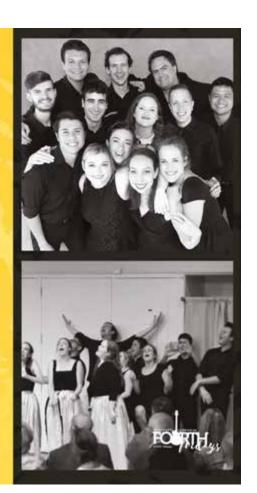
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When she isn't co-running a catering company and an event planning company or serving at a nonprofit for youth in Cedar Hill, LaToyia Boleware finds time to cook her favorite thing, casseroles! "Casseroles are fun because you can let your creative juices flow. Some of my best recipes have come from a spur-of-the-moment idea," she said. Her two favorite seasonings, onion and garlic, can usually be found in her casseroles, and she is known for baking cakes, as well — all 27 different cake flavors that she has perfected!

As someone who inherited the love of cooking, as a child, from her grandfather, LaToyia has found great pleasure in teaching children to cook. She enjoys taking meals to city events, too. Now

Smothered Onion Chicken

- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter 5 large onions, thinly sliced Pinch salt, plus extra for seasoning Pinch fresh cracked pepper, plus extra for seasoning
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- I tsp. dried oregano

Crushed red chili pepper flakes (optional)

- 1 1/2 tsp. garlic powder I cup mozzarella cheese, shredded Fresh parsley, chopped
- 1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly grease a 9x12-inch baking dish; set aside.
- 2. Melt butter in a large skillet over mediumhigh heat; add onions. Season with salt and pepper. Cook for 5-8 minutes, or until soft. Reduce heat to medium; cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are caramelized, about 15 minutes.

- 3. Pour in chicken broth to deglaze, if your pan gets too dry; keep stirring until the onions are browned. Stir in fresh minced garlic: cook about 1 minute. Turn off the heat; allow to cool.
- **4.** Season chicken breasts with oregano, crushed chili pepper flakes, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Arrange chicken breasts in the baking dish; divide caramelized onions on top of each chicken breast. Sprinkle shredded cheese on top; bake for 20-25 minutes in the oven (or more, depending on the thickness of your chicken breasts), until fully cooked and the cheese is bubbly. Then broil for 2 minutes, or until the cheese is crispy.
- 5. Garnish with fresh parsley; serve.

Breakfast Casserole

Nonstick cooking spray 2 9-oz. pkgs. breakfast sausage links 1 lb. bacon 1 32-oz. pkg. tater tots 12 large eggs 1/2 cup milk

- 1/4 cup green onion, plus extra for serving
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- I cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 cups cheddar cheese (divided use)
- **I.** Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
- **2.** Cook the sausage in a skillet until done. Move to a paper towel-lined plate; drain the skillet of all fat. Slice the sausage links into 1/2-inch pieces.
- **3.** Cook the bacon in the same skillet until brown and crispy; drain on a paper towellined plate. Crumble the bacon. Arrange the tater tots in a single layer in the prepared baking dish.
- **4.** Whisk together the eggs, milk, green onions, salt and pepper. Stir in the cooked sausage and half of the cooked bacon. Fold the Monterey Jack cheese and I cup of the cheddar cheese into the egg mixture. Pour egg mixture over the tater tots.
- **5.** Bake in the preheated oven until the egg mixture is set, around 40-45 minutes. Sprinkle the remaining cheddar cheese on top; cook for another 5-7 minutes, or until the cheese is melted. Allow to stand 10 minutes before cutting. Sprinkle with remaining half of the crumbled bacon and green onions; serve.

Roasted Asparagus With Grape Tomatoes

- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed
- I cup grape tomatoes
- 4 1/2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 Tbsp. Parmesan, grated, plus extra for serving
- 1. Preheat oven to 425 F.
- **2.** In a large bowl, toss all ingredients together; spread out in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.
- **3.** Bake for 15 minutes; serve with additional Parmesan cheese.

Deep Fried Corn on the Cob

- 1/2 cup Jiffy cornbread mix
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup self-rising flour
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. Lawry's Seasoned Salt
- 1 6-count bag thawed mini sweet corn on the cob
- Deep fryer or skillet filled with grease



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- 2. Combine flour and seasonings; set aside.
- 3. Dip thawed corn in the cornbread mixture: roll the corn in the flour.
- 4. Heat fryer to 375 F. Drop corn in the fryer for about 3 minutes, or until golden brown.

Buttermilk Pie

- 2 cups Imperial Sugar
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs
- I cup buttermilk
- I stick unsalted butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- I deep dish pie shell
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. Mix sugar and flour together.
- 3. Add eggs, one at a time. Add remaining ingredients; mix well.
- 4. Pour mixture into the pie shell; bake for 1 hour

Broccoli Rice Casserole

- 1 lb. Jimmy Dean sausage
- 1/2 cup onion
- 1/2 cup bell pepper
- 1 14-oz. box Minute Rice



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- 1/2 cup Durkee Fried Onions
- **I.** Preheat oven to 325 F.
- 2. Cook sausage and vegetables in a skillet.
- **3.** Prepare rice per the instructions on the box.
- 4. Mix all ingredients, except the cheese and Durkee onions, together. Place mixture in a 9x12-inch baking dish.

5. Bake for 30-45 minutes. Sprinkle cheese and Durkee onions on top; place back in the oven for 10 minutes.

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WHAT ACTUALLY IS A STEM CELL?

Stem cells (also called mesenchymal cells) have the exceptional ability to take on the behavior and characteristics of their surrounding cells. As such, following a stem cell joint repair procedure, the injected cells may become specialized for the joint and, over time, may help to regenerate the damaged cartilage and other tissue. Results will vary among patients, but many report experiencing pain relief in as little as one week. You have probably recently seen many professional athletes in the news using stem cells to regenerate their bodies following a sports injury (including Super Bowl champion Peyton Manning). Stem Cell Therapy for joint repair is used for acute and chronic injuries and to stop the progression of degenerative arthritis.

WHEN WILL I FEEL RESULTS?

Most people feel better as quickly as one week and can begin enjoying everyday activities within a few days following the treatment. Healing and regeneration continue for several months afterwards, further recovering more function in the joint and supporting tissues.

IS IT AFFORDABLE?

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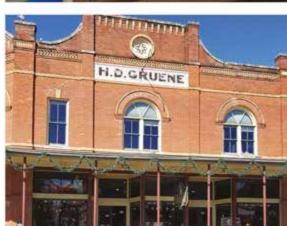












TravelNOW Under the Tower

— 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, outfits 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.

In the heart of the community, the town square always has something going on. Even during the week, people visit

the area for a lazy day of shopping the small stores or sitting beside the river. Many of the local restaurants overlook the Guadalupe. The best known, Gristmill, is the perfect spot to dine. It wasn't always a restaurant, which is what makes it such a notable place. In 1878, the new-fangled, water-wheel wonder appeared — the Gruene Cotton Gin. The community used it until 1922, when all of the wooden parts burned to the ground, leaving only the three-story brick boiler room. A small kitchen occupies a corner of that boiler room today, restored and in operation since 1977. When crowded, live music fills the courtyard, and servers take care of customers waiting for a table.

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.

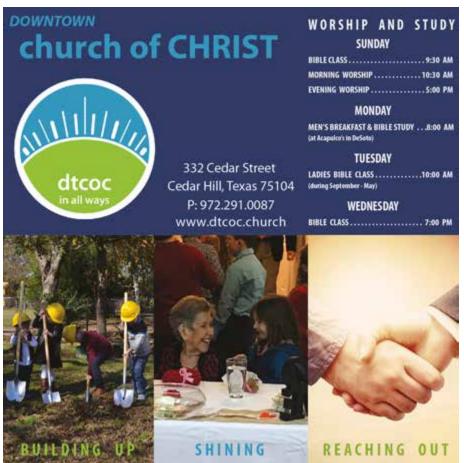
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Should you run out of things to do in Gruene, New Braunfels is a few miles away. During the summer season, Schlitterbahn creates a perfect water playground. In the off-season, their resort makes a great base of operation for your trip to Gruene. Several 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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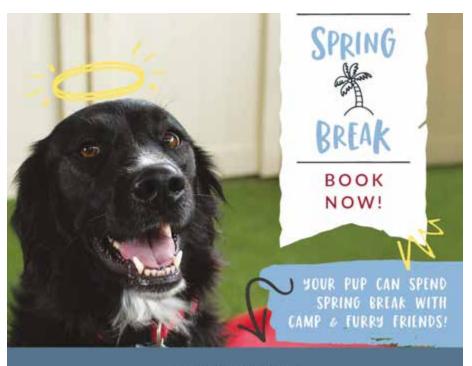












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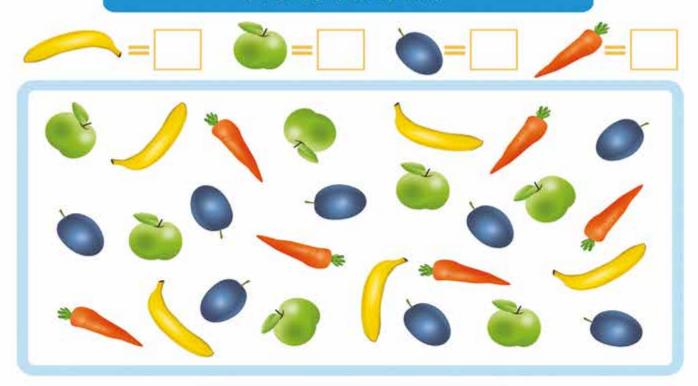
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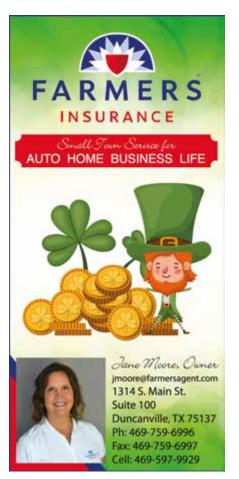


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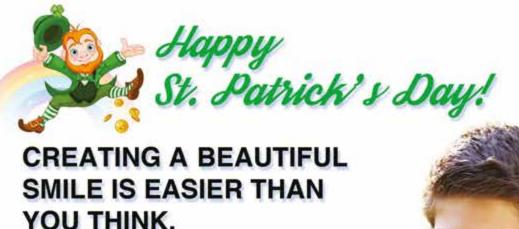
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Easy

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Medium

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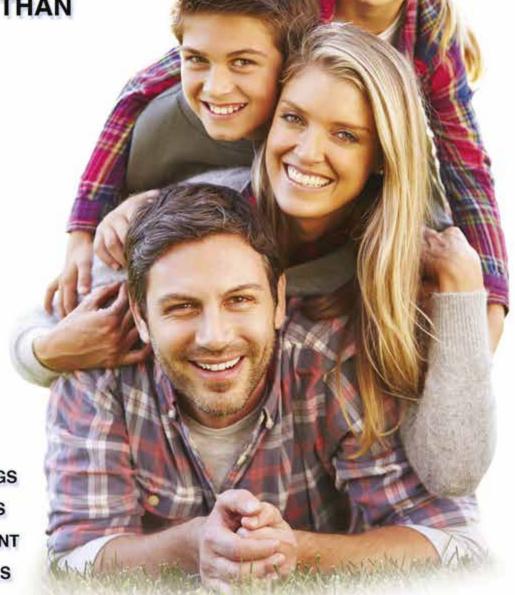


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