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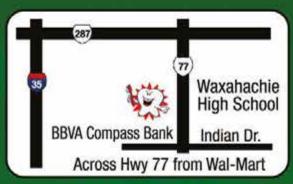
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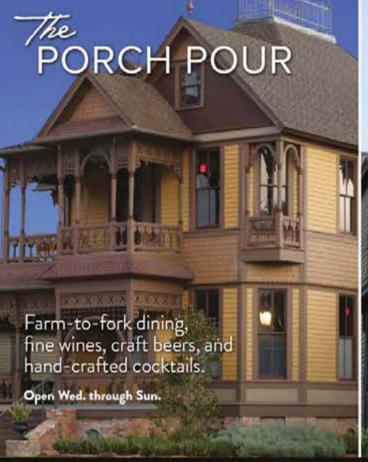


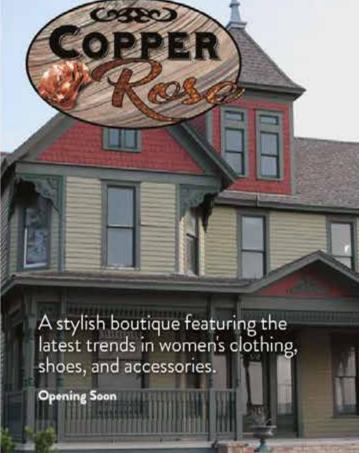




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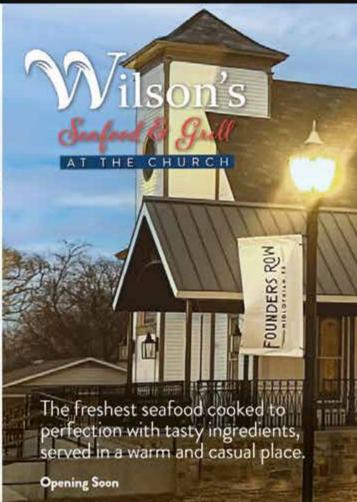


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EDITOR'S NOTE

What do you do for fun?

I'm a firm believer that we all need something that we do just for fun, not to make money, not a side hustle. Hobbies are what we do to relax and refresh. My dad never really understood that. His highest praise for any artistic endeavor was, "You could make money off of that!"

I sometimes say I collect collections, but the same is true of other pursuits. I collect hobbies, too. I never seem to pursue any of them to any great degree of proficiency. No one will be particularly wowed by my crochet skills, or my erhu playing. I'll never win an arm wrestling tournament or win a prize at the State Fair for my cookies. I have monetized my writing, so I can't really count that as a hobby any more, but oil painting still qualifies. And I don't have any plans to turn collecting superhero action figures into a business empire, even when I make my own.

Hobbies make interesting stories. Why did you become so passionate about gardening? Why did running become the happy place in your life? What does restoring old cars do for your soul? When did you become fascinated with antique kitchen equipment? Is carnival glass your passion? Is needlepoint the only way you decompress?

Hobbies are a way of stepping away from the hustle and bustle. They are a way of finding some pleasure in something you love, for your own reasons. Other people may share your passion and gather for club meetings. Or they may look at you and ask, "You do what? Why?" There probably is a reason why, but there doesn't have to be, not beyond, "It's fun."

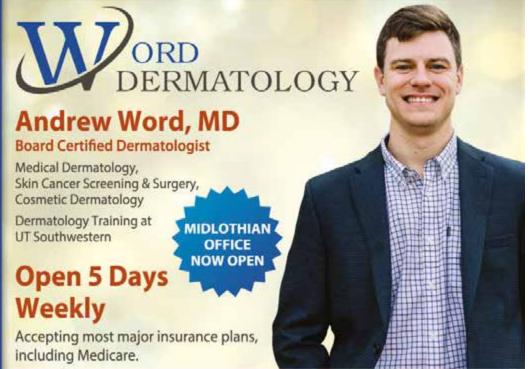
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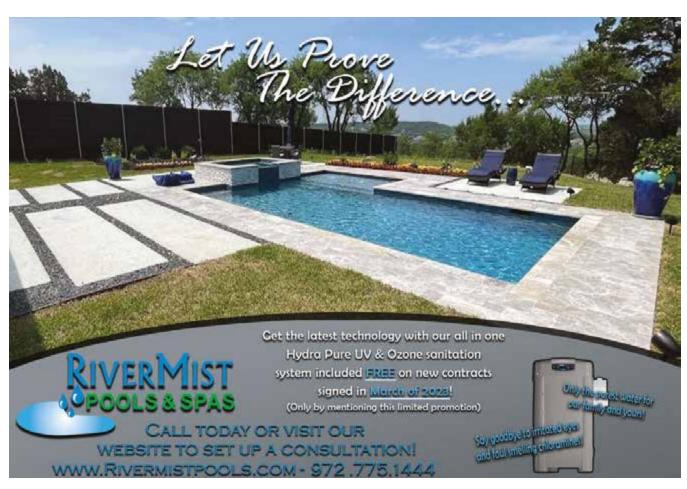
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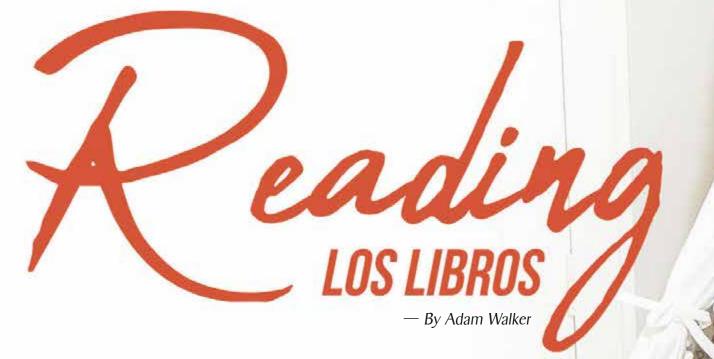
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David Flores grew up in El Salvador and immigrated to the U.S. as a teen. Two things that are very important to him are reading and soccer. "Growing up in El Salvador, soccer was huge. I was passionate about the game. I'd watch five games every weekend with my family — El Salvador, Mexican League, Reál Madrid and Barcelona." Later on, he would even meet his wife because of soccer. They both played in college.

But reading was not as important. "I didn't read a lot. We didn't have books at home, except an encyclopedia and the Bible. The Bible isn't exactly child vocabulary. I would look through the encyclopedia and trace the maps and flags of the different countries. I had a whole collection on my walls. My wife grew up in Mesquite, and reading was part of her culture. Now, in our family, books are very important."

David is well known to local kids and their parents as "Coach Brownie." I started coaching soccer and created a curriculum called Soccer Little where I use soccer to teach literacy. I've been teaching for several years now and using sports as a ministry. I decided that I wanted to write books for kids."

As a father in a bilingual home, he felt the need for good bilingual and Spanish-language children's books. Many classic American story books and picture books have been translated into Spanish, but the translations are often not very good. "Sometimes, they look like they were translated by Google Translate, and sometimes they feel like they were translated by people who aren't native speakers. I was teaching pre-K and noticed there weren't a lot of books for Latino children, and even fewer for mixed children. And as a teacher, I have access to more, and better quality, books than many







parents have." So he decided to write a board book for his little ones. "My own first born, as soon as she could walk, she'd go into her room and flip the pages of a book, pretending to read it. So, I knew kids love books, if you give them the chance."

He had already learned a lot about publishing a book when he created his curriculum for Soccer Little. "I couldn't find a publisher who was interested in bilingual children's books. I had made a lot of mistakes when I was publishing my curriculum, but I educated myself about self-publishing. It's a steep learning curve. I learned about editing and designing and ISBNs. I learned that ISBNs are very expensive in the U.S., but as a Salvadoran national, I can get one through the National Library for free. They are free in most other countries. I found an illustrator in Indonesia who was great to work with for my board book Mis Chanclas and My Chones." It's a book about body parts and clothing. Papá calls them by their Spanish names, while Mommy calls them by their English names.

His second book. Tita la Gallanita. is a retelling of The Little Red Hen, centered around tamales. "I thought about using a Salvadoran food like pupusas, but I decided to target tamales because they are more Latin generic. They may be different sizes and have different wrappers or fillings in different countries, but we all have a dish called tamales. I do a lot of readings at schools. One day, I was reading this book at the elementary school in Italy. There was this one Latino boy in the class. When I asked who liked tamales. He threw up his hand and yelled, 'I know them! My mom makes them all the time!' He just lit up.





"I'm thinking about doing a retelling of The Gingerbread Man that I'm calling Pupusa! Pupusa! That will highlight Salvadoran food. We love our pupusas!"

His most recent picture book is a little different. It's available in Spanish, English with some Spanish words and a bilingual version. The English version is called The Boy Who Cried iFalta! While the Spanish version is iFalta, Arbitro! This one is a charming variation on The Boy Who Cried Wolf motif that fits perfectly with professional soccer's well-known, and often mocked, penchant for faking injuries to draw fouls, faltas. The naughty little boy learns his lesson, or almost so, about faking injuries, just in time to discover handballs. "I worked with an illustrator from Brazil, Felipe Cardoso, for this one. He gets soccer. He's Brazilian, so, of course! He perfectly captured how naughty this little boy is and the drama of faking injuries. He was amazing to work with!"

Part of the story takes place at the Dallas Cup, at the Cotton Bowl. He includes things that only the parents or grandparents reading the book will catch, like a nod to the Dallas Tornadoes, the original pro team in the area. And local folks may recognize some of the logos on the stadium walls. "I ran out of money. It's expensive to do this right. So I thought, if the stadiums can sell advertising on their walls, why can't I sell space on the wall in my book?"

David and his wife have done a good job of fostering a love of reading in their own kids. "They get mad if we don't read to them. If they misbehave, we tell them, 'No books tonight if you don't behave.' And it works! It's a cliché that Latinos don't read, but more and more Latinos in America do. They just need more authentic books that tell their stories." NOW







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— By Lisa Bell

For years, do-it-yourself enthusiasts have searched for ways to turn discarded wooden pallets into furniture, signs or even backsplashes for kitchens. Available for free or at a low cost, they are ideal to use as the base for a backyard garden.

After acquiring your wooden pallets, remove nails and any broken boards. Clean and sand the pallets, and then varnish or paint them to protect the wood from rotting. For a more colorful option, consider a rainbow of colors as a fantastic way to use leftover paint from other projects.

Of course, you can always deconstruct the pallet and simply use the boards to create a standard planter. But if you want to employ creativity, here are a few ideas to wow your friends.

Wall Pallet Plant Holders

Prepare your pallet as instructed above, and carefully remove the back and side slats. If desired, use a jigsaw to cut the boards into a shape. Paint the pallet to match or contrast a wall or fence. Add eye hooks or S-hooks to the bottom for small hanging plants. If hanging the pallet on wood, be sure to locate the studs and screw it in place. For brick walls, use a mortar drill bit and an all-in-one screw and anchor (Walldog) with a metal washer to secure the pallet. Drill a hole in the mortar, not the brick. Repeat for additional Walldogs to secure the hanging. Then measure, mark and drill holes in the pallet. Thread the screw through the washer, drill through the pallet, and attach to the brick wall using pre-drilled holes.

After attaching the hanger to the wall, add lightweight planters and decorations using S-hooks. If desired, purchase decorative S-hooks to give the hanging garden more character. Fill the planters with soil and plants as desired.

Free-standing Vertical Wall With Attachments

After preparing your pallet, turn it so the slats run horizontally. If desired, secure the pallet to an external wall, fence or other stable object. You can build an A-frame to hold the wall vertically or use stabilizers.

Drill holes and screw hose clips into the boards. Add as many or as few as desired. Fill recycled jars, cans or small traditional pots with gravel, soil and plants. Place the jars inside the clips and tighten them to hold the jars securely in place. For an added touch of flair, paint, stencil or burn the names of the plants on the wood, or you can use chalkboard paint that allows you to write names.

Raised Pallet Garden

Prepare your pallets as previously instructed, and then turn them over so the bottom side faces up. Lay out and cut a sheet of garden fabric to cover the bottom and sides with a few inches to overlap

the top. Using a staple gun, secure the fabric to the pallet's bottom. Turn the pallet over, and staple the overlapping fabric to the top. Place the pallet in its preferred location, add topsoil and add your plants or seeds.

The boards separate the plants, allowing for a variety of flowers or vegetables. Identify the plants with a brightly painted word or picture — or add a purchased bright stake identifier. Stacking various sized pallets at angles creates a tiered garden. With the sturdiness of the base material, stacking works well.

Vertical Wall Garden

Prepare your pallet and stand it up with the boards in a horizontal position. The front and back create the sides of your "planters." Remove some boards for a deeper planter and nail them in place as the "bottom" of each planter. Pre-drill holes to avoid splitting the wood. Add garden fabric to the back to avoid soil from spilling.

Position the garden wall and secure it in place to a wall or fence, or stabilize the bottom with A-frames, wedges or other stabilizers. For free-standing wall gardens, make sure to secure it well, so it remains upright. Pea gravel or drainage rocks in the planter's bottom increases drainage, or you can drill small holes in the bottom before adding soil. Add topsoil and place plants in each planter box. Plants with trailing flowers or herbs work best in the vertical wall garden.

Get creative and enjoy your pallet gardens for years. With a variety of styles, adding color to your yard won't take much effort or a ton of money. NOW

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Around Town



Keri Lehmann and Andrea Calvery catch up at Atelier Antiques.

Zoomed In: Isabella Shelley

By Adam Walker

Isabella Shelley — Bella to her co-workers at the Sims Library — enjoys serving the literacy needs of Waxahachie's youngest citizens, by helping them check out a good book ... or 20. "I'm a student at SAGU, and I'm doing this as my work-study. I started working here at the library last semester, and I enjoy working with the kids."

The sophomore, majoring in general studies and Church leadership, tries to live in the now. In answering some good-natured ribbing about where she'll be in the future by a fellow children's librarian, she responded, "I don't plan much more than a year out, so who knows where I'll be in four years!" Then, she proceeded to check out the next armload of books in the busiest room at Sims.



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Following Amelia Earhart's famous transatlantic flight in 1932, American women grew interested in aviation. In 1929, Ninety-Nines, a group open to all female pilots, formed. From 117 invitations, 99 ladies became charter members. With rumblings of WWII, these women wondered how to help. The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, drove deep desires of flying against the enemy. Unfortunately, at the time, the U.S. military didn't accept women pilots.

One Ninety-Nines member, Nancy Love, earned her pilot's license at 16. Earning a degree from Vassar College, she worked as a pilot for a company her husband started. Knowing many opportunities for pilots outside combat existed, she believed women could handle those jobs. In early 1940, Nancy wrote to the Army Air Force. The men in charge, including General Hap Arnold, declared they needed more planes, not more pilots.

Jacqueline (Jackie) Cochran, one of the most accomplished pilots of her era, also insisted women pilots could free men to join combat. Writing letters in 1939, she also met rejection.

Late in 1942, with heavy war casualties, General Arnold finally agreed. They needed women to ferry aircraft in the U.S. Nancy Love headed up a squadron that included Betty Gillies, Cornelia Fort and others from the Ninety-Nines. On September 5, 1942, after qualifying for the program, the ladies became WAFS —Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron.

Jackie returned to America from England a few months later. While she believed in women pilots' capability, her plan included training more women. With Hap Arnold's approval,

she headed the Women's Flying Training Detachment in Houston, Texas. Over 25,000 women applied, but only 1,074 women successfully completed the program, and joined WAFS countrywide.

The Houston facilities, down the road from Ellington Field where combat pilots trained, had no barracks or dining facilities for women. Early in 1943, under Jackie's leadership, WAFS and WFTD joined forces as Women's Airforce Service Pilots. Of the 1,102 WASP, 38 died during service.

The training center moved to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, where a museum remembering the WASP remains today. They adopted Fifi as mascot, referring to Fifinella, the imaginary female gremlin who supposedly caused crashes. In summer, without air conditioning, they slept outside sometimes. More than once, women woke up with scorpions or rattlesnakes as bedmates.

Although the women experienced the same grueling training as military pilots, Nancy and Jackie agreed to keep the WASP civilian to get the programs moving. Denied benefits of male pilots, they covered personal costs for food, lodging and transportation much of the time. Many combat pilots admired and respected these women.

Some, like Betty, had special blocks made to reach aircraft pedals. They used pillows to increase their height. While combat pilots generally trained on one aircraft, the WASP learned to fly multiple planes.

Initially ferrying only small aircraft, the women gained experience and took on challenges of flying bombers. They accepted any job that supported winning the war. Besides ferrying planes, WASP flew missions some men didn't dare accept. When a plane got a dangerous reputation, a WASP flew flight demonstrations, encouraging men to accept the risk.

For training, WASP flew planes with live rounds of ammunition aimed at their trailing banner, often landing a plane riddled with bullet holes. They flew by instrument only while avoiding searchlights. They towed gliders for combat

pilots learning to maneuver the silent aircraft that delivered supplies behind enemy lines.

Many WASP served as instructors for military pilots, provided air taxi service for military bigwigs and played the enemy during dogfight training. These women also served as maintenance test pilots, a job most veteran pilots, civilian and military, refused.

A handful flew in top-secret experiments, developing drones. The drones of WWII required a "mother ship" for direction. While beep pilots learned to control drones, WASP piloted the mother ship and two of them served as safety pilots on the drones.

Despite everything, in 1944, Congress refused to militarize WASP with full benefits, mostly because of misinformation. Disappointed, the women still wanted to serve, but in December 1944, the military ended the program.

In their short lifespan, the WASP flew 60 million miles. Some joined the military in allowed roles, but many returned to civilian life. They didn't receive benefits like other pilots who served in WWII.

Through continued efforts, the WASP finally received retroactive military status in 1977. In 2010, they received the Congressional Gold Medal. Only a handful remained alive by that time, but everyone agreed — they'd do it again without hesitation. The women known as WASP didn't seek glory, fame or wealth. They simply wanted to use their gifts to defend against tyranny, and they allowed no one to stop them.

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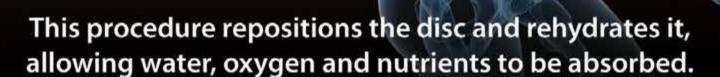
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For those of you who are spending time outside grilling these days, we thought you might like some new recipes to change things up. We have selected one recipe from each of our nine market areas to add some flavor to your day! Now

Fire Roasted Black Bean and Corn Salsa

Provided by Matt Mellott for the January 2013 issue of *North Ellis Co.NOW Magazine*.

- 4 large tomatoes, halved and seeded
- 3 jalapeños, seeded
- 2 serrano peppers, seeded
- I corn on the cob
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. cumin
- 1/4 tsp. coriander
- Salt, to taste
- **1.** Place the tomatoes on a hot grill; char the outsides. Cool in a bowl.
- **2.** Place whole jalapeños and serranos on the grill. Grill until skin is charred; place in the bowl with the tomatoes. Cover with plastic for 5 minutes.
- **3.** Place freshly husked corn on the grill until it is golden brown. Cool; cut corn from the cob. Reserve the corn in a separate large bowl.
- **4.** Remove plastic wrap from the peppers. Scrape charred peppers with a knife to remove the skins. Also remove the seeds. (If using your bare hands, wash right away with soap, and avoid contact with your eyes. Or wear latex gloves to remove the seeds.)

- **5.** Place the peppers and tomatoes in a blender; pulse to desired consistency (5 to 6 times is recommended).
- **6** Pour pepper/tomato mixture into the large bowl with the corn. Add cilantro, black beans, garlic, cumin, coriander and salt; stir to mix.
- **7.** Refrigerate for 4 hours; serve.

Island Turkey Burger

Provided by Matt Boggs for the April 2019 issue of *MidlothianNOW Magazine*.

2 lbs. ground turkey
I whole egg
I/2 cup Panko breadcrumbs
I pineapple, sliced and cored
Red onions, thinly sliced
Your favorite teriyaki sauce
(room temperature)
Whole wheat burger bun

- **1.** In a mixing bowl, combine the ground turkey, egg and Panko breadcrumbs. Form into patties, pressing firmly together. Grill until the internal temperature is 155 F.
- **2.** While the turkey is cooking, grill pineapple on both sides, just enough to warm pineapple but not to where it falls apart, about 2 minutes on each side.
- **3.** On the bottom half of the bun, place the

cooked turkey burger, pineapple slice and red onions. Drizzle with teriyaki sauce; add top bun.

Grilled Bourbon Peaches

Provided by Charles "Chuck" Burns for the April 2018 issue of *WaxahachieNOW Magazine*.

6 ripe peaches, pitted and halved

1 Tbsp. oil

1/4 cup Bulleit Bourbon

3/4 stick butter

2/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed

I tsp. vanilla extract

2/3 cup apple juice

Vanilla chocolate swirl ice cream

- **1.** Prepare grill for direct heat cooking and preheat.
- **2.** Brush the flesh side of the peaches with oil
- **3.** In a saucepan, on high heat, flambé the bourbon; add the butter, brown sugar, vanilla and apple juice.
- **4.** Simmer; let it turn to syrup.
- **5.** Remove from heat; let cool.
- **6.** Lay the peaches skin side down on the grill rack; cook for 2 minutes, or until charring starts. Turn over; cook for an additional 2 minutes.
- **7.** Remove the peaches from the grill; serve with ice cream and bourbon syrup.

Steak Balsamico

Provided by Cindy Pechal for the July 2016 issue of *EnnisNOW Magazine*.

2/3 cup balsamic vinaigrette 1/4 cup fig preserves

- 4 beef steaks, your choice of cut
- I tsp. ground sea salt
- 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper
- 1 6.5-oz. container buttery garlic and herb spreadable cheese (Alouette suggested)
- 1. Combine first two ingredients in a blender until smooth; pour into a shallow dish or large zip-top plastic freezer bag. Add steaks; marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.
- 2. Remove steaks; discard marinade. Grill over medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes on each side, or to desired degree of doneness. Remove to serving platter. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; cover to keep warm.
- **3.** Heat cheese spread in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring often until melted, 2-4 minutes. Serve cheese sauce in hollowed-out lemon halves with steaks.

Firecracker Marinade

Provided by Phyllis Peel for the April 2018 issue of WeatherfordNOW Magazine.

1/4 cup peanut oil

3 Tbsp. sov sauce

2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

2 green onions, sliced

I tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

I tsp. brown sugar

1/2 tsp. sesame oil

1/2 tsp. garlic rub (or 2 fresh garlic cloves, minced)

1/2 tsp. ginger/citrus rub (or 1 tsp. fresh grated ginger)

Dash of sea salt

Dash of fresh ground pepper

1. Mix all ingredients; marinate meat for 3-5 hours before grilling. Great for salmon, chicken and pork.

Rob's Famous Brisket Rub

Provided by Rob and Stephanie Schoendienst for the August 2015 issue of MansfieldNOW Magazine.

2 Tbsp. kosher salt

2 Tbsp. black pepper

1 tsp. paprika

1 tsp. cayenne pepper

I tsp. granulated garlic

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1 12-oz. can beer, any brand

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar

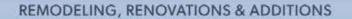
1/2 cup water

1/2 cup vegetable oil

2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/3 cup brown sugar

1. Mix all ingredients together in a large mixing bowl. Use as a rub and injection solution for brisket prior to cooking. Perfect for a 10-lb. brisket.





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Armadillo Eggs

Provided by Robert Boot for the April 2016 issue of *BurlesonNOW Magazine*.

20 large jalapeños 2 8-oz. pkgs. Philadelphia cream cheese 2 16-oz. pkgs. extra-thick bacon

- **1.** Cut off the heads and gut the jalapeños. Soak jalapeños in water for a couple of hours before stuffing.
- **2.** Stuff jalapeños with cream cheese. Wrap each jalapeño with bacon. (It usually takes me two toothpicks per jalapeño to get the bacon wrapped well.)
- **3.** Put the peppers on the grill until the bacon is cooked and jalapeños are soft. (Cook over indirect heat; do not put directly over the flame.)

BBQ Chicken-on-the-Grill

Provided by Caleb and Oliver Jackson for the July 2011 issue of *CorsicanaNOW Magazine*.

1/2 cup ketchup

- 1 Tbsp. mustard
- 1 Tbsp. molasses
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped (optional)
- 2 cups water
- 6 chicken breasts

- **1.** Make barbecue sauce by mixing together all ingredients, except water and chicken, in a bowl.
- **2.** Using aluminum foil, form a pan to fit the grill.
- **3.** Add water to the foil pan.
- **4.** Place chicken breasts in the aluminum pan.
- **5.** Close the grill lid; cook about 20 minutes.
- **6.** Open the lid and baste the chicken with barbecue sauce every 10-15 minutes, keeping the door closed until the chicken is done.
- **7.** Total cooking time is about 50 minutes.

Summer Grilled Chicken Salad

Provided by Carla Hollie for the September 2014 issue of SouthwestNOW Magazine.

- 2 split chicken breasts
- 2 Tbsp. McCormick Montreal Chicken Seasoning
- 2 tsp. cracked black pepper
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3-4 cups spring salad mix (or your choice of greens)
- I cup fresh strawberries (divided use)
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- **1.** Place chicken in a plastic bag; tenderize using a mallet to thin the chicken. Season chicken with seasoning and pepper. Heat grill or skillet; drizzle grill or pan with

olive oil. Cook chicken approximately 5-7 minutes per side, or until done. Remove from grill or pan; let rest for 5 minutes before cutting into angled slices.

2. Wash salad greens and berries. Toss greens with 1/2 cup strawberries and chicken slices. Sprinkle lightly with additional seasoning and pepper, if desired; top with remaining strawberries, blueberries and walnuts. Serve with favorite dressing.

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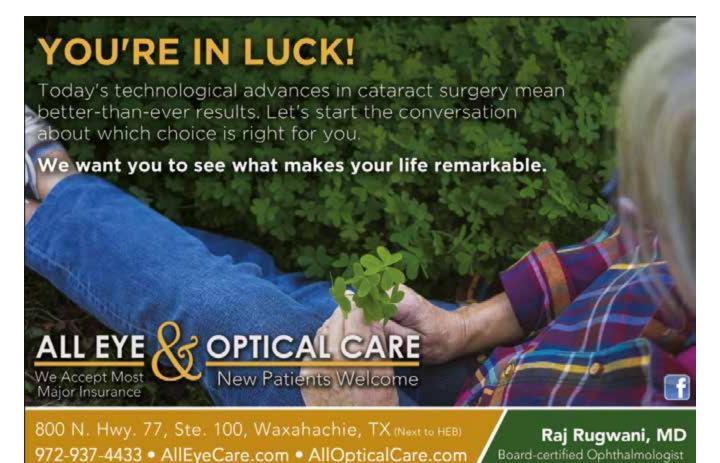
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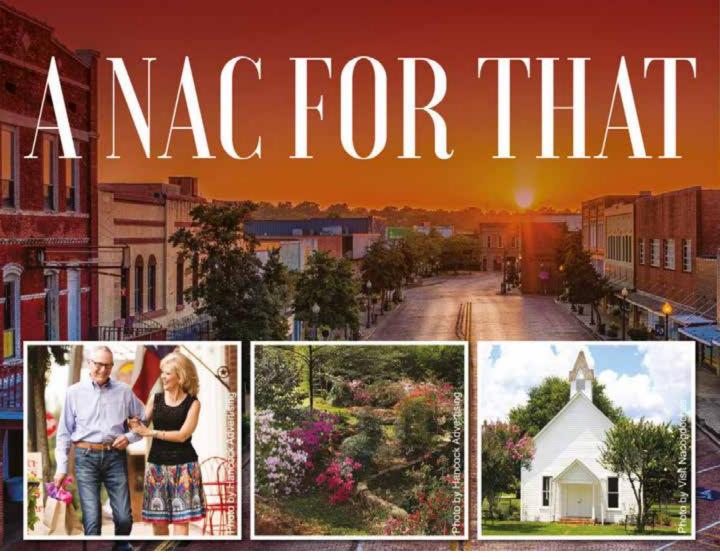
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The gardens bring visitors from all over the world, but they stay for the unique charm Nacogdoches offers. From shopping and dining to exploring the historic roots of the Oldest Town in Texas, there is something for everyone. Build your perfect itinerary using the Visit Nac! app, and add fun activities like a Sip & Stroll or tour of the gardens. Take a walking tour of the statues, historic sites and oldest buildings, and grab lunch at the 1st City Cafe inside the historic Fredonia Hotel, recently renovated and restored to a mid-century modern masterpiece. Walk up and down Main Street, and shop 'til you drop at the local boutiques, antique stores and art galleries. Head down Mound Street to the Fortney Home, a gorgeous Victorian home filled to the brim with antiques and eclectic collectibles. Eat and drink like a local at one of Nacogdoches' many libation locations like Front Porch Distillery, Fredonia Brewery, Red House Winery and Naca Valley Vineyard, all of which feature a wide array of food trucks and live music weekly.

Nacogdoches is a wonderful place to visit all year, but time it during annual events like the Texas Blueberry Festival on the second Saturday in June or the Nine Flags Lighted Christmas Parade & Festival on the first Saturday in December to get the full experience.

The Texas Blueberry Festival is our biggest event of the year, where 20,000 people fill Downtown Nacogdoches with blueberry-themed food, crafts, goods and more. Visitors travel from all over Texas and beyond to enjoy the family-centered





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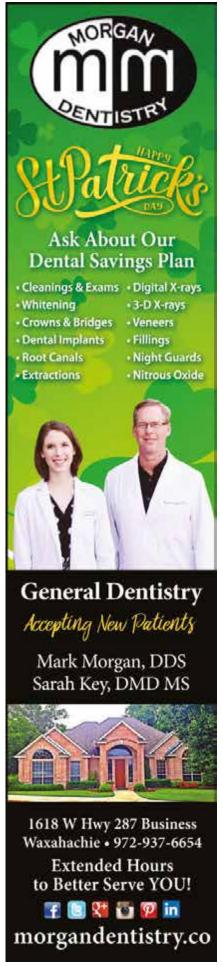






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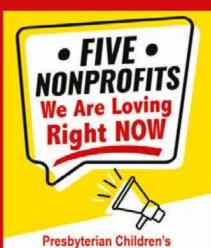
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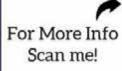




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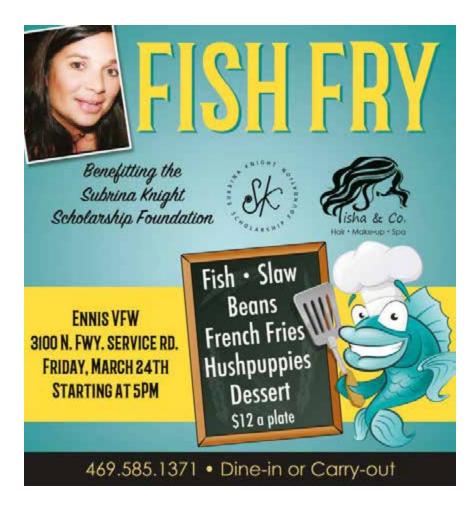
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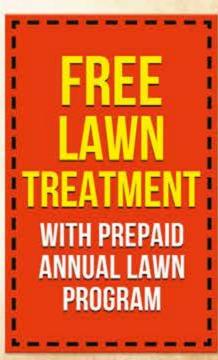
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