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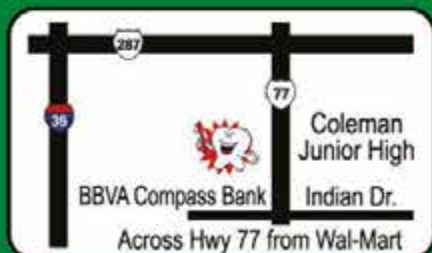
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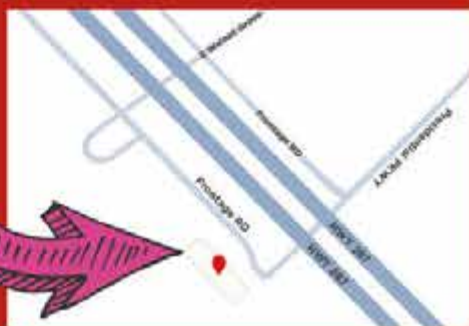
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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's time to be Irish ...

Saint Patrick's Day is coming. I've got plenty of Irish *heritage* — even if Ancestry.com can't make up their minds how Irish I am *genetically*. Every time they do an update, my percentage of Irish genes changes — dramatically.

Both of my mother's grandmothers were Carrolls. One of them, Hester Mada Carroll, was from right here in Waxahachie. Her father, James Robert Carroll, moved here with his father and siblings in the 1890s. He owned a farm and several houses in Bullard Heights. They came from Tennessee, and before that, North Carolina and Virginia, where they lived almost 200 years before the Potato Famine.

The ways we celebrate St. Paddy here in America are strange and confusing back in Ireland. A lot of the goofier traditions are American inventions. But they're still fun ways of connecting with the ancestors.

I like to wear green for the day. I also like hats. And I like travel and foreign adventures. Those things don't always mix. I taught school for three years in Taiwan. If you're Chinese, you probably already know where this is going. When I was moving to Taiwan, I planned ahead. I wanted to share as much American culture as I could with my Taiwanese students. Unfortunately, I chose to pack a green hat. Chinese has an idiom 戴綠帽子 (dài lǜ màozi) "wearing a green hat." It means your wife or girlfriend is cheating on you. That day at school didn't turn out as expected!

This year, I bought a new shamrock shirt at Big Lots, when they were going out of business. (Though now they're not?) I hope this works better than the hat.

... even if you're not!



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David looks at his business differently. "We're a small business with Christian values. I set out to always do the right thing. I have given free roofs to people in real need, like an elderly lady who had holes in her roof. She didn't have the money to fix it, so she just wanted us to tarp it. I decided to re-roof her house for free. We're a business, and we're about making money, but we're also here to help. I want to help my family, but also the community."



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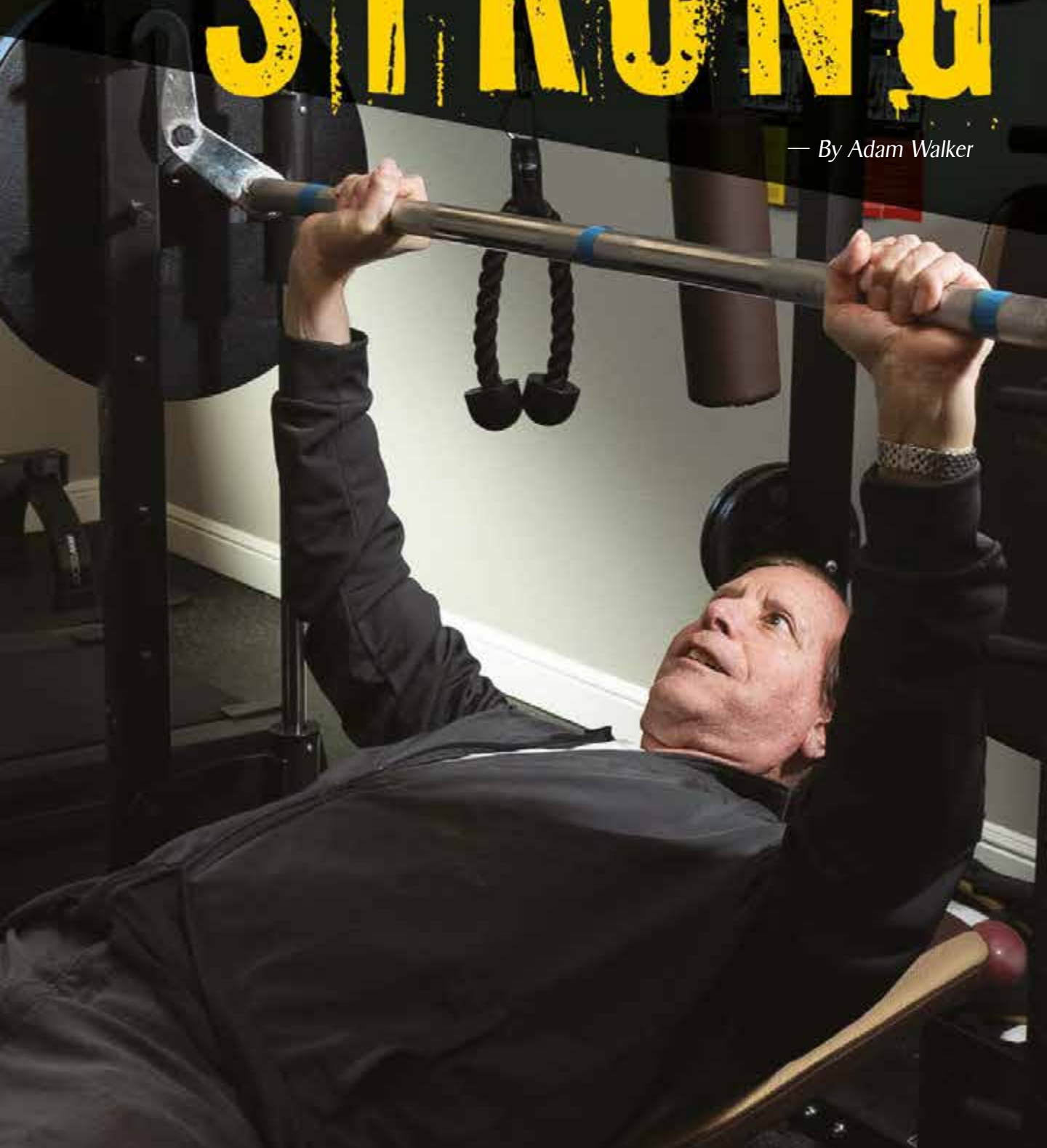
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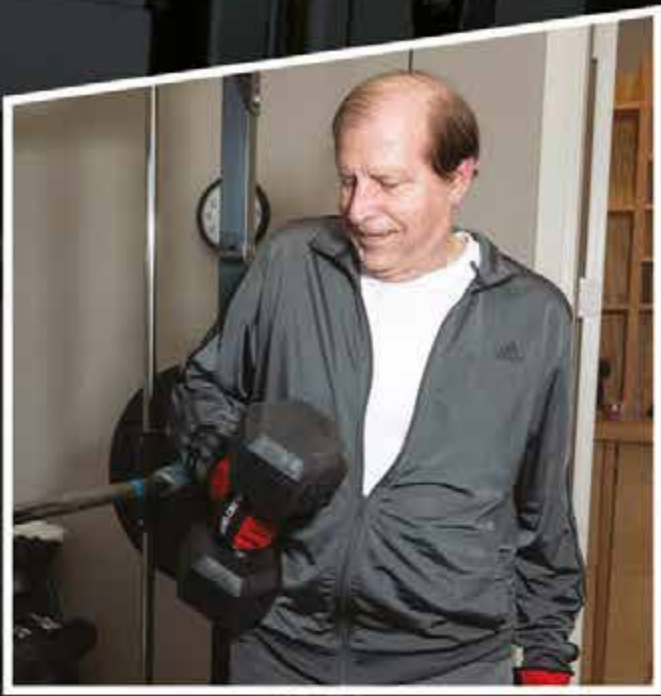


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GOING STRONG

— By Adam Walker





Everyone talks about trying new things in retirement. Kenneth Purfey decided to take up powerlifting and set a national record while he was at it. He was an athlete in high school, back in Youngstown, Ohio, and played several sports. "I was a small guy. I was 5 feet 10 inches and weighed 165. I ran track and also played football, but I wasn't very good at it," he remembered. "I looked up to the big linemen. The quarterback was 6 feet 1 inch, 205 pounds of muscle. I admired the big strong guys, so I started lifting. I joined the weightlifting team and competed in the Olympic-style lifts. When I competed as a 17-year-old, I was quite nervous at my first real competition, because I had no idea what anyone else would be able to do."

Kenneth met his wife, Cathy, in high school. She was also on the track team. "She thought she could outrun me! God knocked me in the head to tell me this was the woman for me. We lived half a mile apart. My name is Kenneth. She was born and raised on Kenneth Street. Her name is Catherine. I was born and raised on Catherine Street. Her mother was Catherine Ann. Mine was Ann Catherine. I could go on," he said.



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Fast-forward through more than 50 years of life. Kenneth became a CPA, worked long hours and provided for his family. Sports had no place in his life. “I’m simi-retired now. I work the tax season, and I’m a special agent registered with the IRS. I had 50 years of not enough exercise. I’d go for a walk sometimes. Working 12- to 14-hour days, you get lazy.” Then he suffered a series of health crises. Within two years, Kenneth suffered pneumonia, cellulitis, COVID-19, a kidney stone in each kidney requiring surgery, rheumatoid arthritis and a virus that left him deaf in his left ear. The doctor who treated his rheumatoid arthritis recommended that Kenneth should exercise more. While Kenneth was watching the Paris Olympics, he caught the Olympic weightlifting fever. “I remembered lifting weights for football and winning the Youngstown Area City High School Weightlifting Championship. It inspired me to say, ‘Why not me?’ I started training very hard and eating high protein foods. I gained 16 pounds of muscle in four months. I was exercising three to four times a week for two to three hours. I’d start with 30 minutes on the treadmill, then lift weights for two to two-and-a-half hours. I was lifting some pretty heavy weights.”

He learned that the U.S. Olympic Committee had sanctioned powerlifting competitions. And they had age divisions that included men and women like him. “I looked at my age group, 75-79 years old, and saw that the weights the winners were lifting were similar to the weights I was lifting in my garage! So, I increased





my workload to get ready for the competition in October. I was lifting for two to two-and-a-half hours every other day.

“At the national competition in Des Moines, Iowa, there were seven competitors in my age group. After the squat and bench press, we were pretty much tied, but the deadlift put me over the top. I struggled, but I lifted 302 pounds and got the national record. I got two medals — one for winning the meet and one for the national record in the deadlift. That’s pretty good for my age — 77 years old. I’m kind of weird, but it’s never too late. People ask me why I do these things. I say, ‘Why not?’ As long as I feel good doing it. I’m happy with myself. Why not?”

“I don’t feel my age. And I don’t look my age. Recently, I went to my 60-year high school reunion in Youngstown. I was the biggest guy there. I was stunned. I had gone from 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds to 6 feet 1 inch, 205 pounds. Those offensive linemen didn’t age well. They had gone from 6 feet 2 inches, 225 pounds to 5 feet 10 inches, 165. I was looking down at *them!*”

Kenneth isn’t done yet. “I’ll start serious training again in June to get ready for this year’s competition in October. I’m going to try to break the national record for the bench press this time. It’s 160 pounds. That’s a lot of metal. I don’t know if I’ll try to break my own record in the deadlift. It depends on how I feel. That took some effort. The record for the squat is over 200 pounds. I may wait until I’m in the 80-plus group to try for that one.” **NOW**

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TIPS TO PREVENT DEADLY POISONING MISTAKES

— By Sandra Walters

National Poison Prevention Week is observed annually during the third full week of March. The dates for this year are March 16-22. This observance serves as a vital reminder of the importance of poison safety and prevention, aiming to raise awareness about the dangers of poisoning, particularly for young children, who are most at risk. The Aspirus Health website states, “According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, 92 percent of poisonings happen at home, and 43 percent of poisonings involve children under the age of 6. Poisoning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death among children ages 1 to 19 years.” Fortunately, many of these emergencies are preventable with a few simple safety measures.

One of the most effective ways to prevent poison exposure is by keeping hazardous substances out of children’s reach. Common household items such as cleaning supplies, medications, pesticides and cosmetics can pose significant risks. Keep items in their original containers. Never transfer chemicals or medications into unlabeled containers that could confuse children. Use child-resistant packaging. While not entirely childproof, these containers add an extra layer of protection. Store all toxic substances in high cabinets or locked drawers, and ensure that access is physically restricted.

Medications are one of the leading causes of unintentional poisoning in children. Even small doses of adult medications can be extremely harmful to young ones. Count every pill. Keep track of all medications to ensure none are missing. Avoid calling medicine “candy.” This might encourage children to seek out pills when unsupervised. Dispose of unused medicine properly by using drug take-back programs or follow FDA guidelines for safe disposal.

Cleaning products often contain harsh chemicals that can cause severe injuries if ingested, inhaled or spilled on skin. Read the labels and always follow instructions and warnings on cleaning product labels. Clean up immediately. After cleaning, ensure you securely store products, even during short breaks. Choose safer options by looking for non-toxic, eco-friendly alternatives to harsh cleaners when possible.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that can cause poisoning and death. CO poisoning is a silent killer and a significant safety risk in homes. Install CO detectors. Place them near sleeping areas and fuel-burning appliances. Service appliances regularly, and ensure gas furnaces, water heaters and fireplaces are inspected annually by professionals. Never use generators or grills indoors. These devices produce CO and must be operated in well-ventilated outdoor areas.

Some household and garden plants are toxic to children if ingested. Popular plants such as lilies, philodendrons and poinsettias can pose risks. Know your plants by identifying all plants in your home and yard, and remove any that are poisonous. Educate older children. Teach kids not to eat any part of a plant unless an adult has confirmed it’s safe.

Food poisoning can occur when perishable items are not stored or handled correctly. Follow expiration dates. Discard expired food items, even if they appear fine. Refrigerate food promptly. Store perishable food items in the refrigerator within two hours of cooking. Separate raw and cooked food. Prevent cross-contamination by keeping raw meat away from ready-to-eat food.

Empowering children with knowledge can go a long way in preventing poisoning accidents. Explain what's off-limits, while teaching children not to eat or drink anything without permission. Use visual aids. Show them labels or symbols on hazardous products to recognize danger. Role-play safety scenarios to help kids understand what to do if they come across something suspicious.

Despite taking precautions, accidents can still happen. Acting quickly in the event of poisoning is critical. Save the number for The Poison Control Hotline, 1-800-222-1222. This is a 24/7 free resource for poisoning emergencies and prevention advice. The signs of poisoning include nausea, vomiting, confusion, difficulty breathing and burns or stains around the mouth. Call, don't guess! If you suspect poisoning, call the hotline immediately instead of trying home remedies or waiting for symptoms to worsen.

During National Poison Prevention Week, take the time to inspect your home for potential poisoning hazards, and implement these safety tips. By doing so, you can create a safer environment for your children and significantly reduce the risk of accidental poisoning. Remember, prevention is always better than cure, and your vigilance could save a life.

Constant adult supervision is one of the simplest ways to prevent poisoning accidents. Young children are naturally curious and may explore potentially dangerous substances when left alone, even for a few moments. Let's use this week as a reminder to make poison prevention a priority — not just for seven days but all year round. Your actions today could make all the difference in protecting your loved ones. **NOW**

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Harper and Ashley Shelton

By Adam Walker

Harper Shelton is a member of Girl Scout Troop 5501. She was out on the Waxahachie square on a beautiful Saturday afternoon selling Girl Scout cookies with her mother, Ashley, an assistant troop leader. “I’ve already sold quite a few boxes,” Harper reported.

Ashley clarified, “She’s sold about \$700 worth of cookies already. Her goal is to sell \$1,600.”

“I’m raising money for the trip our troop is taking to Wyoming,” Harper informed. “We’re going to see the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park. I’m excited. I’ve never been to Wyoming before. It’s going to be fun. The best thing about Girl Scouts is how it helps me with my social skills. I’m learning lots of different skills because of Girl Scouts.”



Kayla and Charlie Zuccaro go to storktime at Paper Leaves.



Dave McSpadden awards Jane Kahler as the winner of the monthly member show at the Ellis County Art Association’s First Monday Art Meet.



Life High School Waxahachie Texas Association of Future Educators students head to the state competition in Galveston.



Emma Cook and Kayla Bailey get stopped by the train while taking the Sims Library bookmobile to Nelson University.



Opening day brings people to the Waxahachie Farmers Market.



Principal of Finley Jr. High Ray Blanco and teacher Ashley Dawson congratulate students Dakota Wier, Lucas Brooks, Kellan Johnston (and Reagan Trice who couldn't be there) on their winning project for SSEP which will be conducted on the International Space Station.



Bethany "Mango" Henderson gets in some study time after work at the White Rhino.



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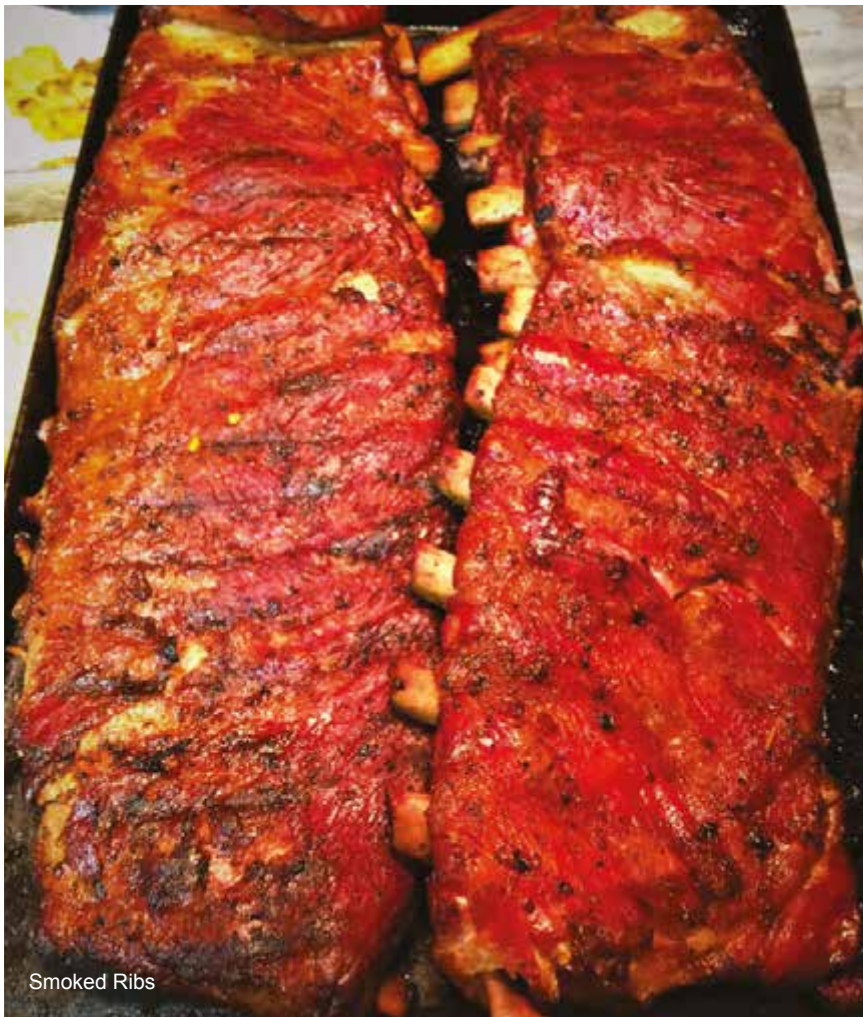
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2-3 racks of pork spare ribs,
Saint Louis cut
Yellow mustard, to taste
John Henry's Pecan Rib Rub, to taste
Hickory wood
Apple juice, in a spray bottle
Brown sugar, to taste
1 squeeze bottle of honey
2 bottles of squeeze butter

1. Generously apply the salt and pepper to the bone side of the ribs. Flip the ribs over; apply a coat of yellow mustard to the meat side. Apply a light coat of salt and pepper; let sit for 10-15 minutes.
2. Generously apply the John Henry's Rub to the meat side. Let sit until the rub gets a "wet" look, showing that it has absorbed moisture from the mustard and the meat juices.
3. Ready a smoker for cooking at 225-240 F using indirect heat and hickory wood for smoke. Place the ribs directly on the smoker grate; cook for 3 hours. Spritz with apple juice every 45 minutes.
4. Remove the ribs. Spread a handful of brown sugar on heavy duty foil. Squeeze a generous amount of honey and butter atop the brown sugar. Place the ribs, meat side down, on the mixture. Wrap tightly with an additional piece of foil. Place back on grill over indirect heat.
5. After 2 hours, unwrap them once again; place them back into the smoker at 225-240 F to firm up the crust and finish cooking.

Smoked Chicken Salad

2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breast
1/4 cup favorite barbecue rub
1 Tbsp. butter, melted
2 Tbsp. lemon juice, (divided use)
6 slices center cut bacon, cooked and chopped
3/4 cup fat-free Greek yogurt
3/4 cup light mayonnaise
1/2 cup celery, diced
2 scallions, finely chopped
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 Tbsp. hot sauce
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste

1. Season the chicken with the dry rub; cover. Allow to sit at room temperature while preheating the grill to 275 F.
2. Smoke the chicken for 1 hour before brushing with a mixture of the melted butter and 1 Tbsp. of lemon juice. Continue cooking for 30-45 minutes, until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 F.

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3. While the chicken rests, mix together the remaining ingredients. Finely chop the cooked chicken; add it to the mixture, stirring everything together.

Peach Bourbon BBQ Sauce

- 2 large ripe peaches, peeled, pitted and chopped
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/3 cup bourbon whiskey
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup Mike's Hot Honey
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp. liquid smoke
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 tsp. allspice

1. Combine all the ingredients in a high-powered blender, until smooth, 15 to 20 seconds.
2. Pour the mixture into a medium saucepan. Bring to a light boil over medium heat, whisking constantly. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer until thickened, 15 to 20 minutes. The sauce will thicken further upon cooling.
3. Store in the refrigerator for up to 1 week, or freeze for future use.

Brisket Queso

- 2 qts. heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 block American cheese (2.5 lbs.)
- 1 15-oz. can black beans
- 2 10-oz. cans Ro-Tel
- 1 lb. smoked brisket, chopped

1. Warm cream over medium heat until hot.
2. Begin to whisk in the cheese, slowly, until melted. Bring to a slight boil. Keep stirring until the cheese sauce thickens, 5-10 minutes.
3. Once the sauce sticks to the back of a spoon, add the beans, Ro-Tel and brisket. Keep on medium-low for another 10-15 minutes, stirring often.

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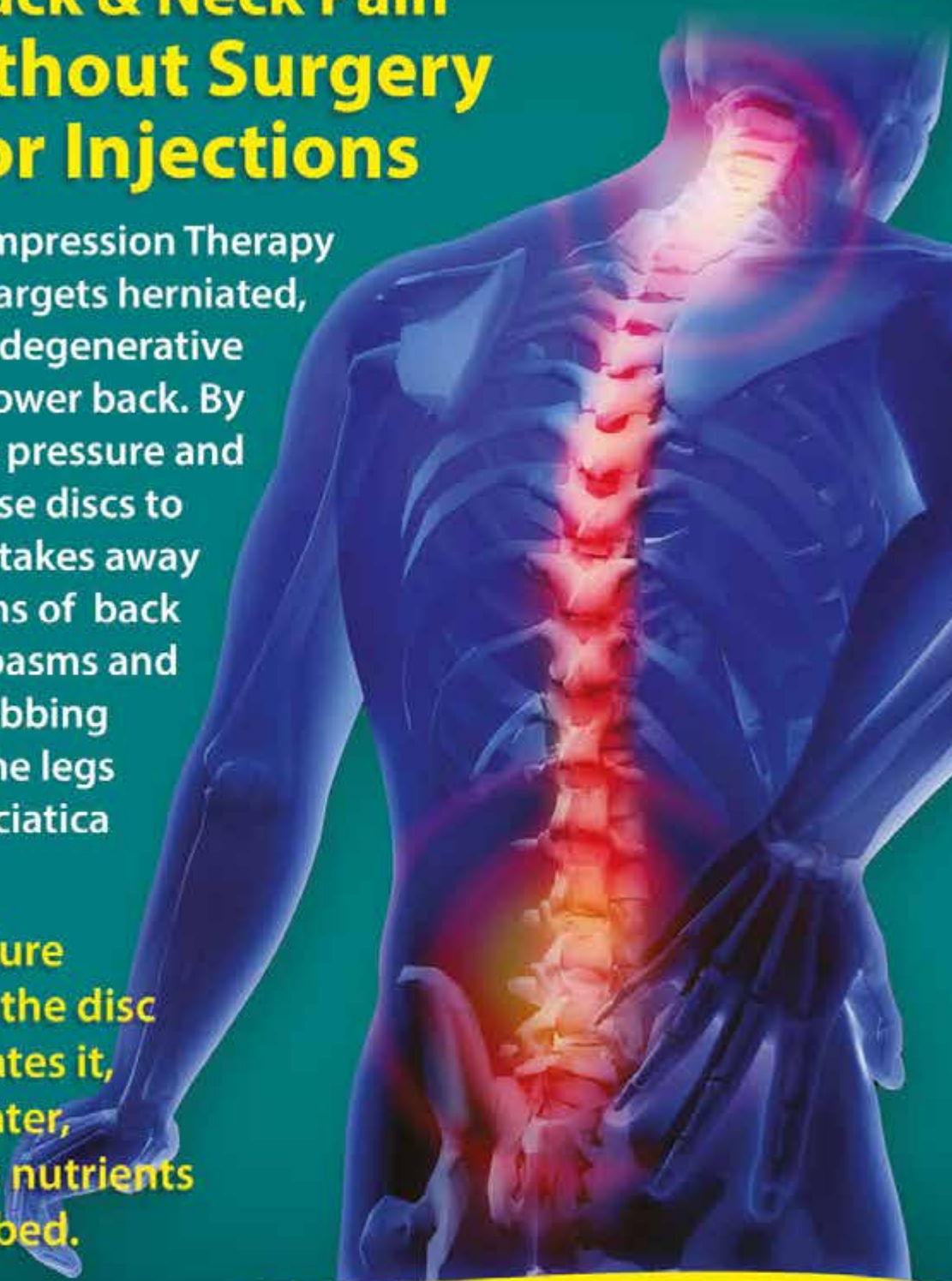


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— By Virginia Riddle

The year was 1832, and General Sam Houston wrote to his cousin, “I am about to enter Texas.” From that time forward until his death, his life’s path would be intertwined with the beginnings of Anglo settlement in Texas — first in Nacogdoches, then in Washington-on-the-Brazos and finally in Independence, where the Mrs. Sam Houston House and Homestead still stand today. The same gently rolling hills and flat plains cooled by gulf breezes and frequent rains that drew General Houston, farmers and other businesspeople during those early days of the Republic of Texas still draw visitors.

Once known as the Washington Township, Washington-on-the-Brazos is a good place to begin one’s tour. A few buildings of the township, founded in 1833, still stand, but

the main attraction is Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, where settlers crossed the Brazos River by ferry and continued their journey on the La Bahía Road. Representatives came to this spot in 1836 to declare Texas’ independence from Mexico. Easy walking trails guide visitors to Independence Hall and the historic La Bahía Pecan Tree. Visitors can walk or drive under overhanging oak and pecan trees to the Star of the Republic Museum and the Barrington Plantation, which was once home to Dr. Anson Jones, the last Republic of Texas president. The plantation is still a working farm with heritage breeds of livestock tended by staff and volunteers dressed in period costumes. Washington-on-the-Brazos served as the capital from 1842-1845 but began a decline when the capital was moved, and the town was bypassed by the railway.

Nearby Magnolia was founded in 1845 when a farmer named Mink built a homestead. The town was first known as Mink’s Prairie, which disappeared after the International-Great Northern Railroad came through a few miles away in 1902. Magnolia is named for the profusely flowering trees in the area. The historic train depot, Magnolia Depot, is a museum documenting the importance of the railroad to the area. The area also offers five hike-and-bike trails and plenty of camping opportunities.

Magnolia features modern accommodations, including



some delightful bed-and-breakfasts and inns in historic homes. Chain restaurants, as well as mom-and-pop local favorites, make sure visitors won't leave hungry.

Independence, founded in 1835, was the first home to what is now Baylor University in Waco, and Sam Houston's family home is among the many historic places and churches visitors can see during walking, bike or car tours that are noted online. The first Anglo settlers arrived in the 1820s, cleared the land and began cotton-producing plantations. By the 1850s, when Houston's family arrived, the town was an educational, economic and religious center. However, the town was also bypassed by the railroad, and with the loss of Baylor's men and women's campuses, the area went into decline.

Today, many of the sites are well preserved and documented. Old Baylor Park (female college), Mrs. Sam Houston's House, Windmill Hill (male college), the General Store, Lueckemeyer Cotton Gin, the Seward Plantation and Independence Baptist Church are just a few of the notable sites on the tour. Three additional churches just south of town are on the Church Tour: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church.

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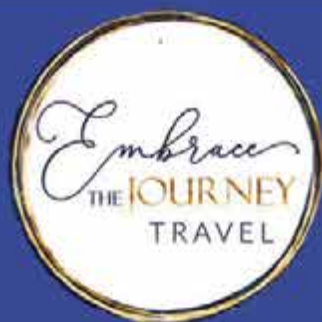


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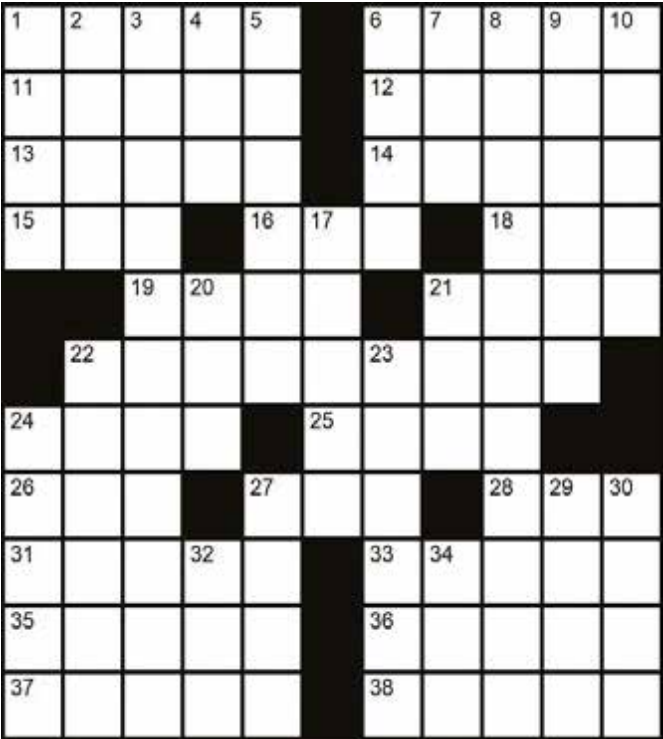
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- 6 Reduces
- 11 Sewing machine inventor --- Howe
- 12 Slender boat
- 13 Manhattan Project product
- 14 Violinist and conductor --- Rieu
- 15 Fall behind
- 16 Flow away
- 18 Doctrine
- 19 "The --- of Tralee"
- 21 "Dead man's hand" pair
- 22 Kind of infection

Down

- 24 Retained
- 25 Civil wrong
- 26 Mathematical degree?
- 27 "Monday Night Raw" channel
- 28 Comcast, for example
- 31 Spheres of interest
- 33 Mollycoddle
- 35 Political house-cleaning
- 36 Character originally played by Jay Silverheels
- 37 Kale South of the Border
- 38 Showing attitude
- 1 Ardor
- 2 Boney's exile isle
- 3 "Life" writers
- 4 Plow into
- 5 "We did it --- we could"
- 6 Strikebreaker
- 7 PC linkup
- 8 Signs idiot can sin badly
- 9 Tasty bit
- 10 Appears
- 17 Borscht base
- 20 National Popcorn Poppin' mo.
- 21 Ventilate
- 22 "To thine own self ---" (Shakespeare, "Hamlet")
- 23 Friars Club events
- 24 The --- Commission on alleged N Y P D corruption
- 27 Plays for a idiot
- 29 Takes a breather
- 30 Ruse
- 32 Gone by
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7		1		8				3
	5					9		
	9		6		3			
			5	6				4
	7							2
	3			2		6	1	

Medium

				4	1			5
		5	2					1
3	8							
						5		
						7	9	4
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3/6

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3/8

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3/22

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