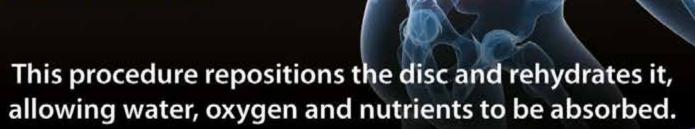
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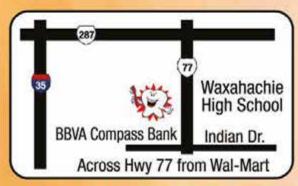
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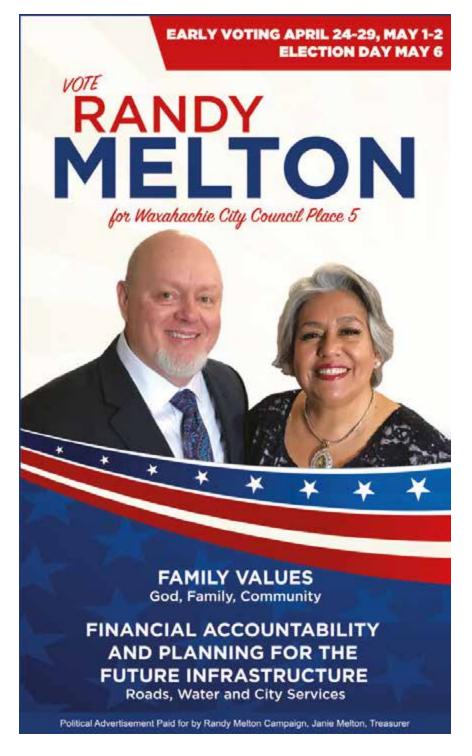
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### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

As different as brothers ...

Almost two years ago, we bought two absolutely beautiful Labrador puppies. One was a traditional Black Lab, glossy with intelligent brown eyes and an appetite you wouldn't believe. The other was a Silver, with piercing green eyes, a finicky eater, easily distracted by all the wonders of the world. They're half-brothers (same father, different mothers), born a day apart.

As they grew, Zachary was big and clumsy and loved to cuddle. Murphy was thin and fast and loved to tease his brother with sticks. They both loved to wrestle and snarl — mostly over said sticks. But every now and then, they'd step back and flap their ears at each other, just to be sure that the roughhousing really was still a game. I've learned to flap at them, to let them know everything is OK, after I have to scold them for almost knocking the swing over with their rambunctious play. They've done a lot of eating in the interim, and they both weigh close to a hundred pounds now.

That's how they are with me, outside. When they're with Mom, they are calm and gentle, slowly reaching their heads out to her for gentle pats. When my sister tells them, "Manners!" they sometimes choose to listen, and sometimes not. But everyone gets lots of puppy kisses.

In some ways, they are so different. Zach still wants more pats and is far more likely to be under foot. Murphy is still more distracted by every leaf that blows along the ground. But they're both fearless hunters of bugs and squirrels and cats. And they're both very smart and very attached to each other and to us.

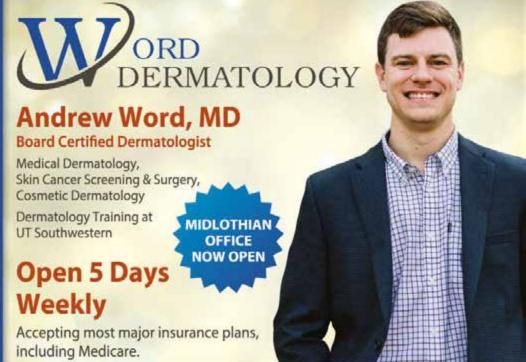
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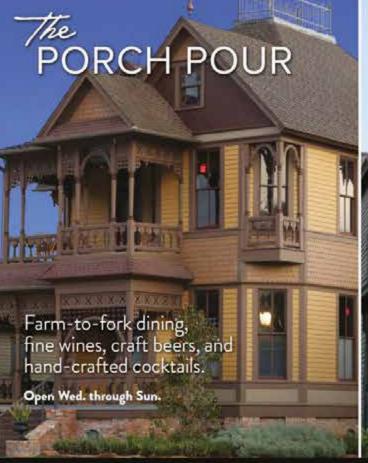


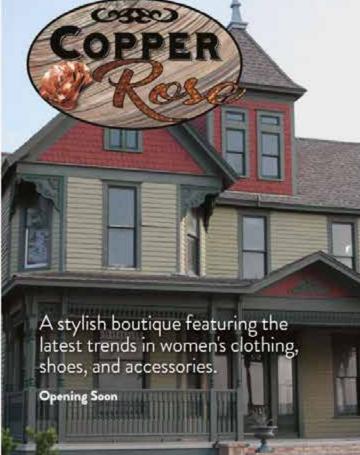


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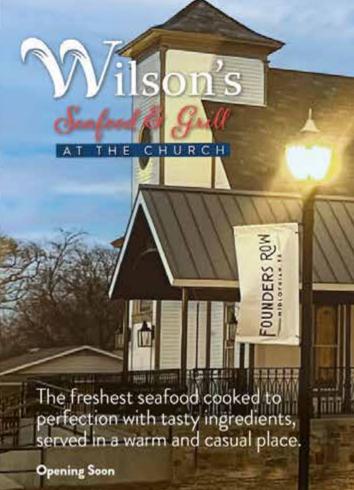


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Paul Box is a runner, and he has been all his life. But it didn't become his driving passion till later on. At first, tennis was his thing. "I had been playing tennis my whole life, but then my tennis partner moved away, and I needed a new sport to keep me active."

He didn't have to look far. Running had been the other sport in his life going way back. "I was 4 years old when I ran my first Turkey Trot with my parents. We ran the Turkey Trot in Dallas every year for 30 straight years. But there got to be so many people you couldn't move, and I was pushing a stroller! We loved that race because you could eat as much as you wanted afterward!

"Matt Curtis was a close friend of mine. We had run a handful of marathons together. In 2015, we decided we wanted to try a longer run, so we invited some friends to join us for a 50-mile run starting at Getzendaner Park. It was in June, and June may not have been the best idea! But 25 to 30 friends showed up and ran some or all of the 50 miles with us. That was the first, unofficial Hachie 50. We had some medals made. I still have that medal from the unofficial race. Because it was so much fun, we decided, in the middle of that first race, *Why not do this again?* So 2016 was the first *official* Hachie 50 race."

"I love the challenge of pushing my body beyond what seems normal, seeing what my body is truly capable of."

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This year will be the seventh official race, which now happens in April, when it's much cooler. But April brings its own challenges. "It rains every year. We almost had to cancel one year because we had so much rain. The trail had flooded, and we actually had fish on the sidewalk! But we still managed to hold the race." For four years the Hachie 50, which includes a standard marathon and shorter distances, along with the 50-mile course, was an official qualifier for the Boston Marathon. "We had to change the course this year, and we haven't been recertified, so we're not a qualifier this year, but we have runners who come here from all over the country and even from other countries to participate, year after year."

The winners of each year's race are commemorated at the "mile 0" marker on the trail in Getzendaner, "That's winner's lane. The Parks and Rec Department maintain it and lay the new bricks each year. The city has been an unbelievable ally and support for this race. Each year, the male and female winners each get a copy of their brick to keep for themselves."

This year, the kids' 1-mile race will be held on April 21 at 6:30 p.m. The adult races will be on the 22nd. The 50-mile race and the relay will start at 6:00 a.m. The 30-mile race starts at 6:30 a.m. The last race to start is the marathon at 7:00 a.m. The money raised goes to the Waxahachie Lions Club, to support their continuing work to improve life in the community.

"There are a number of reasons I love running," Paul reported. "I love the challenge of pushing my body beyond what seems normal, seeing what my body is truly capable of. I think endurance helps me be a better father, a better husband and a better employee. I also love the feeling of community. Both the Waxahachie and the Midlothian running clubs are strong communities who care for each other and support each other in life. Running is my meditation time. It's when I decompress and escape from the world. Some days, I run and think. Some days, I run and not think.

"This race is special because it's put on by runners who aren't looking to do anything more than have a great race. We have a special culture in this race. It makes you want to keep



coming back to run next year. It's an awesome atmosphere. The food and drink volunteers are amazing. They'll be out there from 3:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. or later caring for the runners and encouraging them. We're a small race because the trail can only hold so many racers, but we have really big atmosphere. We have a really high repeat rate, so you see friends who come back year after year."

As you might suspect, Paul is a big advocate for his sport, but it might surprise you that he doesn't think everyone should be running 50mile races like him. "I don't actually challenge people to run 50 miles as much as I do to just try for more than what you have done before or more than you think you can. If you hate running, go find an adventure that you do love and push yourself in that adventure. If you do love running, why not run a little farther? What's life without a little struggle? How boring!"

It's more than adding a brick to the winners' lane to Paul. "It's fun to watch the winners, but I think it's even more special to watch the first timers pushing themselves just to finish. It's awesome to stand at the finish line and watch the people who have been running for six hours, for 12 hours, to see their grit. It's special. If you can come out and watch for a couple of hours, come late in the day and cheer those people on. I love this community. There's something incredible about watching someone do something they didn't think they could do. When a first-time marathoner crosses the finish line, it's amazing. They've just accomplished a lifelong goal. They've achieved something most people never do. Why not try?" NOW







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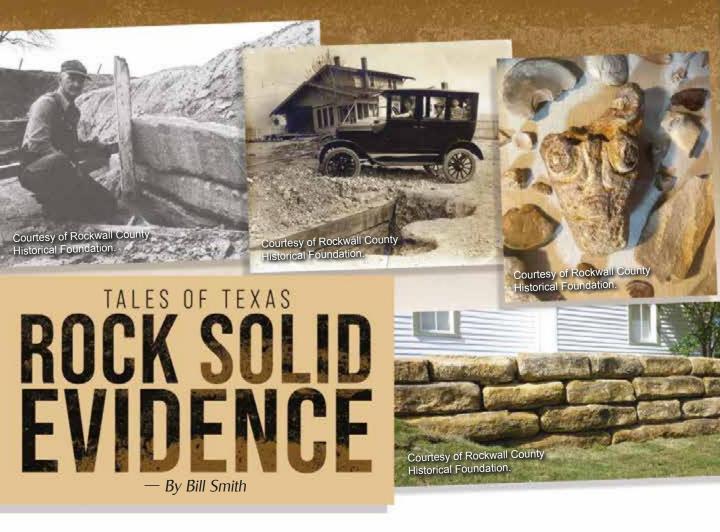
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"Geologist Richard Burleson forms the opinion that they are 'igneous occurrences." Archeologist Vount Byron de Prorok ... concludes they were constructed by a prehistoric race. Dr. R.S. Hyer, former professor of physics at SMU, concludes the formation is natural. Dr. Kenneth Schaar of The University of Texas at Arlington concluded that both sections he examined were natural formations but does not rule out the possibility that another portion could be manmade." These are just a few of the conclusions of men, quoted on the Rockwall County Museum website, who have examined the curious wall that meanders through a portion of North Texas. Even with all of this evidence, the jury is still out. Is the wall that gave Rockwall County its name a natural formation or manmade?

Texas has 254 counties. There is a simple answer to the question, "Why?" It is because Texas is just so big! In the early days of the state. Texas followed a simple guideline that no one should be more than a day's travel from their courthouse. Travel was mostly on horseback, so the counties had to be relatively small. Rockwall County leads the way as the smallest county. The Constitution of 1876 said new counties had to be at least 900 square miles. Rockwall County was in an area that was part of Nacogdoches County in 1836, and by the time Texas joined the United States in 1845, it was part of Henderson County. Kaufman County was formed in 1847, and the Rockwall area was included therein until 1873, when the residents felt the county seat of Kaufman was just too far away. And in 1873, Rockwall County was formed. Since it was formed before the 1876 Constitution, the diminutive county was able to organize with just 147 square miles.

Today's Rockwall County Courthouse is a magnificent edifice, constructed in 2011, and features terrazzo floors, granite wall paneling and mahogany ceiling paneling. It is a far cry from the original structure built in 1875 and the subsequent structures completed in 1892 and 1940. While the first two structures no longer exist due to fire and safety issues, the 1940 courthouse is still in use today by the county commissioners and tax office.

One Republic of Texas action that helped with the establishment of the city of Rockwall and of Rockwall County was the construction of the Central National Road. According to the Texas State Historical Association, in 1844, the Texas Congress established a five-man commission to select a right-of-way, see that it was cleared and supervise the building of necessary.

bridges." The road would run from the Trinity River in the Dallas area crossing Rockwall County near Rockwall, then farther north and east to the extreme northwest corner of Red River County. The foresight of Congress was great and was, in fact, an "international" vision. "At its southern terminus, it connected with the road opened in 1840 between Austin and Preston Bend on the Red River, in effect making an international highway between St. Louis and San Antonio." Population shifts kept the highway from meeting its full international potential, and the later development of new towns decreased the importance of the Central National Road.

It was sometime in the early 1850s that farmers digging a well discovered a rock wall that crossed the future county and, at some places, appeared at ground level. When the town of Rockwall was formed, it was named after the rock formation, and subsequently, of course, the county took the name also. As recently as 1976, part of the wall was excavated near present-day FM 549 and Cornelius Road. The excavation was open to the public, and hundreds of school children visited the wall. In 1996, Architect John Lindsey concluded that "evidence of a prehistoric structure is mounting." Then in 2012, the America Unearthed program, "The Great Wall of Texas," concluded it was a natural formation.

Today, the walls in situ are buried and closed to the public on private property. However, pieces of the walls have been moved and reconstructed at Rockwall County Museum Park, and a small segment of the wall is visible at the old Rockwall County Courthouse. Texashillcountry.com titles its blog about the wall, "The Rock 'Wall' in Rockwall, Texas: Prehistoric Man, Extra-Terrestrial, or Natural Phenomenon?" Regardless of its origin, the wall makes a nice foundation for the city of Rockwall and Rockwall County.

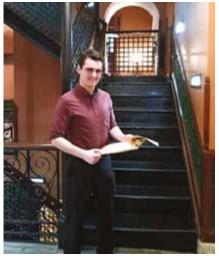
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Corey Rogan, from the office of County Judge Todd Little, gives tours of the old courthouse.

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### Zoomed In:

### Claudia Gaughan By Adam Walker

Claudia Gaughan was spending a nice, spring-like day at Art on the Square putting in her volunteer hours. "They like us to bring our projects with us to work on while we're here, so people can see local art happening," she explained, as she added another link to the chain she was working on. "I enjoy doing demos. I'm pretty serious about jewelry making. I've been doing it since I was 12. I love working with gemstones, but I don't just make the mountings. I also make my own chains out of copper wire, so even the chains are unique. Right now, I'm working on a piece for a friend, using pearls, because pearls are for mothers," she said, displaying the elegant work in progress.



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Morgan Dentistry is a longstanding fixture of Waxahachie community life. "We've been here for 53 years," Dr. Mark Morgan revealed. "My father started this practice in 1971. Our family moved here when I was 4 years old, so I went to school here and graduated from Waxahachie High School." He moved away for college when he did his undergraduate studies at Texas A&M, and then did his graduate work at The University of Texas at San Antonio. "Then I did an internship

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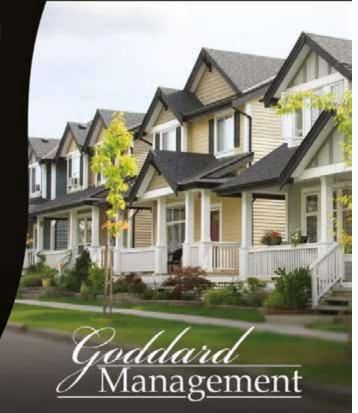




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Aubrey Coates likes to try new recipes, and while she has an "awesome collection" that she has gathered over the past 15 years, she still makes modifications and enjoys her mild obsession with Pinterest. "The fun with cooking is being able to make it your own. I love being able to throw my favorite veggies into any recipe," she offered. "For meal planning, I start with the protein (red meat, fish or chicken) and what starch I am craving (rice, noodles or potato) and go from there.

"If you have been to my house, I have probably cooked for you," Aubrey continued. "I cook for my two kids and my husband, but I also love to host parties, and we have our go-to options that feed a crowd!" Now

#### Texas Chili

2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 lb. ground beef

1 lb. sirloin or other steak, diced

I large onion, finely diced

1 12-oz. can Guinness

1 14 1/2-oz. can diced tomatoes

1/2 cup strong brewed coffee

1 Tbsp. tomato paste

1/4 cup brown sugar

1 Tbsp. Sriracha Sauce

1 Tbsp. cocoa powder

1/2 green pepper, finely diced

1/2 jalapeño pepper (devein for less spice)

1 1/2 Tbsp. ground cumin

1 1/2 tsp. ground coriander

I tsp. cayenne pepper, or to taste

1 tsp. salt

2 15-oz. cans kidney beans

1 15-oz. can cannellini or white beans

**1.** Put the olive oil in a pot. Add the ground beef and diced sirloin. Over medium heat.

break up and brown, draining excess grease. Transfer to a plate.

- **2.** Add the onions to the pot; stir for 1 minute. Take two large sips from the beer, and pour the rest into the pot. Stir in the tomatoes, coffee and tomato paste.
- **3.** Add the brown sugar, Sriracha, cocoa powder, hot peppers, cumin, coriander, cayenne, salt and kidney beans. Return the meat to the pot. Reduce heat to low; simmer, partly covered, for 1 hour.
- **4.** Add the white beans; simmer over very low heat, partly covered and stirring occasionally, for 1 to 2 more hours. (Longer cooking improves flavor).
- **5.** Serve with any choice of toppings. (Sour cream, cheese, chives, chips, etc.)

#### Mexican Lasagna

1 lb. ground beef

1/2 onion, finely diced

I red bell pepper

2 Tbsp. taco seasoning

1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel diced tomatoes

1 15-oz. can black beans

1 15-oz. can corn, drained
1/2 cup salsa
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
10 tortillas
1 1/2 cups cheese, shredded

- **1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray.
- **2.** Brown the hamburger in a frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the onions and peppers; cook for about 3 minutes. Remove any extra grease.
- **3.** Season with taco seasoning. Add the Ro-Tel, black beans, corn and salsa. Add the cream cheese; allow it to melt. Stir until combined; remove from heat.
- **4.** In your 9x13-inch pan, layer 5 tortillas. (They will overlap and come up on the sides). Sprinkle about 1/2 cup of cheese on the tortillas. Next layer half of the hamburger mixture. Repeat layers.
- **5.** Top with remaining cheese; bake for 25-30 minutes, or until bubbly hot.
- **6.** Top with desired toppings (olives, avocado, sour cream, jalapeños, cilantro, etc.)

### Sweet & Spicy Air-fried Brussels Sprouts

1/2 lb. Brussels sprouts 3 1/2 tsp. olive oil (divided use) 1/2 tsp. salt

I tsp. garlic, minced

1 Tbsp. raw honey

2 tsp. granulated sugar

1 Tbsp. lemon juice

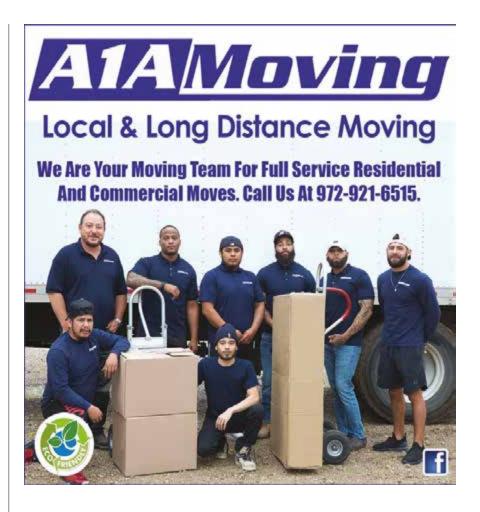
1 Tbsp. rice vinegar

1 Tbsp. Sriracha Sauce

- **1.** Cut the stems off the Brussels sprouts; cut each in half vertically. Remove any tough leaves before rinsing and shaking dry. Place in a zip-top bag or small bowl. Add 3 tsp. olive oil and salt; toss to coat.
- **2.** Combine the remaining olive oil, garlic, honey, sugar, lemon juice, rice vinegar and Sriracha sauce in a small saucepan; heat over low 2-3 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Remove from heat: cover and set aside.
- **3.** Preheat the air fryer to 390 F for 5 minutes.
- **4.** Add the coated Brussels sprouts to the basket; cook for 15 minutes. Halfway through, remove the basket and shake to toss the sprouts. The sprouts are done when the leaves are crispy and the centers are tender. Transfer the sprouts to a medium serving bowl; drizzle the sauce over the top. Toss to coat.

#### Bacon Bourbon BBQ Chicken Kabobs

16 oz. barbecue sauce1/4 cup bourbon2 tsp. kosher salt1 tsp. ground white pepper







1/2 tsp. onion powder

2 Tbsp. paprika

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

3 Tbsp. dark brown sugar, packed

1 Tbsp. smoked paprika

6 slices raw bacon, cut into small pieces

2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch chunks

- **1.** Light the grill; heat to medium-high.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine the barbecue sauce and bourbon: mix well.
- **3.** In a food processor, combine the kosher salt, white pepper, onion powder, paprika, garlic powder, dark brown sugar, smoked paprika and bacon. Pulse until completely smooth.

- **4.** Put the chicken pieces in a bowl; rub the chicken with the bacon paste. Once well-coated, thread the chicken pieces onto skewers (pre-soaked, if they're wooden).
- **5.** Place the kebabs on the preheated grill. Cook for about 5 minutes per side, or until nearly cooked through.
- 6. Brush the kebabs with the bourbon barbecue sauce; cook for 1 additional minute on each side. Serve with the remaining barbecue sauce.

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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 I tsp. ground black pepper 2 tsp. garlic powder 6 chicken breasts (or 3.5 lb. chicken) Salt, to taste

- **1.** Combine all ingredients, except the salt, in a large Ziploc bag. Place the closed Ziploc bag in a large bowl; place it in the refrigerator. (The bowl will keep it from making a huge mess in case the bag leaks.)
- 2. Marinate for at least 8 hours or overnight and grill! Enjoy!
- 3. Add the salt after grilling, to taste.



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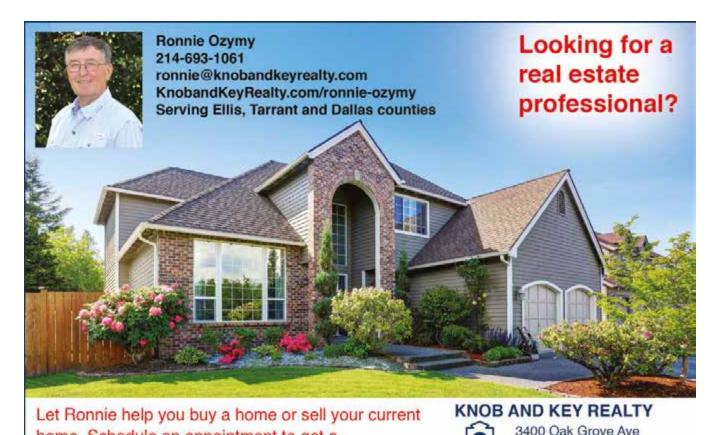
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Sit back, open the windows, take in sea breezes and feel the calm as the bustle of Miami gives way to slower traffic in keeping with "island time" on U.S. Highway I, also known as the Overseas Highway. Surrounded mostly by water, the highway's multiple bridges provide the only access by land to the Florida Keys, a tropical archipelago comprised of almost 1,700 islands. Southernmost is Key West with its interesting history, architecture and laid-back reputation.

Early European explorers found the Gulf Stream tides challenging, and there were many shipwrecks. Native American tribes fought one another over the bounty. Conquistadores found the tribes' bones, naming the southern-most key *Cayo Hueso* (ky'o-way'so) or "island of bones." Bahamian settlers who followed changed the Spanish name to Key West. By the early 1800s, this prominent point, located nearer to Cuba than Miami, was a booming seafaring port town. The U.S. gained the Florida territory in 1821 and located a strategic naval base at Key West, making it the largest and wealthiest town in the territory. With many hiding places in the channels and shallows, piracy flourished, despite the navy's presence. Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway Extension connected the keys to the mainland in 1912, bringing tourists and industry to the city. The opening

of U.S. 1 in 1944 brought more tourism, with all forms of recreation and accommodations, entertainment, shopping, dining and historical places to visit.

Days begin with magnificent sunrises over the eastern shore and end with the Mallory Square Dock Sunset Celebration. Plenty of sunshine most days makes Key West delightful for those who enjoy the outdoors. Bahia Honda State Park offers a natural beach, winding roads through mangrove thickets, campsites and charter boat excursions. The park's tarpon fishing is popular with anglers. Picnic along the rocky beach surrounded by soaring pines or go snorkeling in the clear, deep water at Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park. Clarence Higgs Memorial Beach Park, the Waldorf Astoria Casa Marina Resort's neighbor, features a kids' playground. And don't forget to visit the White Street Pier.

At the West Martello Tower is a Civil War fort that overlooks the African Refugee Cemetery. Slaves who were rescued by the U.S. Navy from ships near Cuba, but who had become ill due to unsanitary conditions and died, were buried there in unmarked graves. The cemetery and tower are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Don't miss the city's famous key lime pie, margaritas, fresh seafood, Bahamian conch fritters and Cuban *ropa vieja*. Dress in "Keys-casual" — sandals, colorful shirts and shorts and a sunhat — even at upscale restaurants. After a relaxed meal with libations, work off the calories while skydiving, bicycling, golfing or participating in various water sports.

Sailboats and catamarans can be chartered for sunset cruises or bird-watching. Take the Yankee Fleet Ferry to Fort Jefferson and the Dry Tortugas National Park for an ecohistorical tour of this former Civil War-era prison.

A stroll down Duval Street and cross streets in the Historic



District takes visitors from the Key West Aquarium, a charming WPA project, to other major attractions. A visit by John J. Audubon to Key West is celebrated at the Audubon House and Tropical Gardens, where engravings created by Audubon on that visit are displayed. The Harry S. Truman Little White House was that president's favorite place for R&R. It's still used by his successors and other notable dignitaries.

Eco-interests are piqued through a visit to the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory and the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden. Bibliophiles will enjoy the romance and lore of the Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum, where 40-50 of his polydactyl (six-toed) cats' progeny live. Hemingway finished A Farewell to Arms and wrote about Key West in To Have and Have Not while living here with his wife. Pauline.

Southernmost Point Buoy is a last-photo-destination must. Few folks are true "Conchs" (conks), Key West natives, but everyone can enjoy "island time" in Key West. NOW

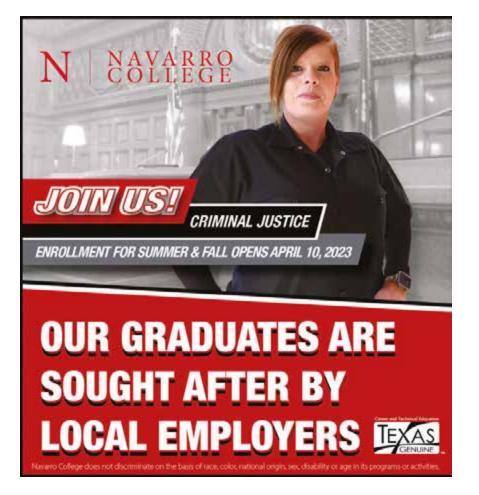
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If you haven't dyed Easter eggs since your children were little or even since your own childhood, a world of new egg trends awaits you! While the simple, single-colored tablet dye kits and even fancier versions exist, there are many ways to get more creative with Easter egg coloring. Here are a few ways to jazz up your Easter baskets this year, keeping in mind any cutting or overly messy steps are best for grownups to handle. (Of course, you don't need children to dye eggs — grownups are allowed to enjoy these ideas all on their own!)

#### **Tie-dyed Easter Eggs**

*Supplies*: Cookie sheet or plastic tray, paper towels, rubber gloves, food coloring, white vinegar, water, small spray bottle, hard-boiled eggs, rubber bands and plastic bags

Instructions: Cover a cookie sheet or plastic tray with a layer of paper towels. Wearing gloves, drop spots of food coloring atop the paper towel, covering the towel as much as you wish while making sure various colors can be seen around the towel.

Mix 3-4 teaspoons of vinegar with water in your spray bottle. Then evenly spray the paper towel entirely (covered but not soaking wet). Center an egg on the paper towel, and wrap the towel around the egg tightly, securing it with a rubber band. Place the egg inside the plastic bag and secure

again with a rubber band.

Leave the eggs sitting in the paper towels for several minutes before removing to reveal your "tie-dye" designs. Alternate approach: Wrap the eggs in the paper towels first, then drop the food coloring around the egg and spray with vinegar/water. This is potentially messier, but it may allow more control of the overall design. Either way, allow the eggs to dry completely before handling.

#### **Melted Crayon Easter Eggs**

Supplies: Crayons, cheese grater (that you do not wish to use for cheese ever again!), napkins/paper towels or small paper plates, hard-boiled eggs (please note, the eggs must be hot as you decorate them in order for the crayons to melt atop them), plastic bottle caps

Instructions: Peel the labels from the crayons, and cut crayon shavings with the cheese grater. It is probably best to shave each color onto its own napkin or small plate. With a hot hard-boiled egg in one hand, sprinkle the crayon shavings on top to the design of your choice. You can press the shavings around the egg, but use caution as the egg is hot! Alternate approach: You can roll the hot eggs in the crayon shavings instead of sprinkling them on to achieve a different look. Add as many colors as you want before the egg cools.

Stand the egg in a bottle cap to allow the shavings to continue to drip and melt as the egg cools. After a few minutes, brush away any unmelted shavings with a napkin.

#### **Volcano-dyed Easter Eggs**

Supplies: Rubber gloves, several small bowls or cups, I tablespoon baking soda, 2-3 teaspoons water, food coloring,

hard-boiled eggs, cookie sheet or plastic tray, paint brushes (and cup of water for rinsing brushes between eggs), deep bowl, vinegar

Instructions: While wearing rubber gloves, take the bowls/cups and mix the baking soda, water and food coloring (mixing each color separately) to create paste paints. Paint the hardboiled eggs to your liking (they need not be smooth; excess baking soda will enhance the volcanic effect to come). Holding the egg over a cookie sheet/ tray, drip splashes of food coloring atop the painted eggs (using a dropper can help contain the mess).

Place the egg in the deep bowl, and slowly pour the vinegar on top to create a "volcanic" reaction. Once the reaction settles, pat off the excess vinegar. Set aside to dry while making your remaining eggs "erupt" in style.

#### **Marbled Easter Eggs**

Supplies: Rubber gloves, muffin/ cupcake tin or small bowls, shaving cream, food coloring, hard-boiled eggs cooled to room temperature, paper towels

Instructions: While wearing rubber gloves, fill the tins/bowls with shaving cream. Drop 5-7 drops of food coloring in each container. Lightly swirl the coloring into the cream without blending it entirely — one or two stirs only, as you want lots of the white shaving cream to remain seen.

Carefully twirl the eggs, one at a time, through the shaving cream/food coloring mixture until the entire surface is covered. Quickly remove the egg. Wipe the excess mixture from its surface. No need to rinse, just set aside to dry.

A few supplies that you may already have at home can result in a variety of creatively colored Easter eggs. As with any children's crafts, some assistance will be needed with the messier steps and with sharp or hot objects. Whether you're involving the kids or getting in touch with your inner child, may these ideas reignite the joy of Easter egg crafting! NOW

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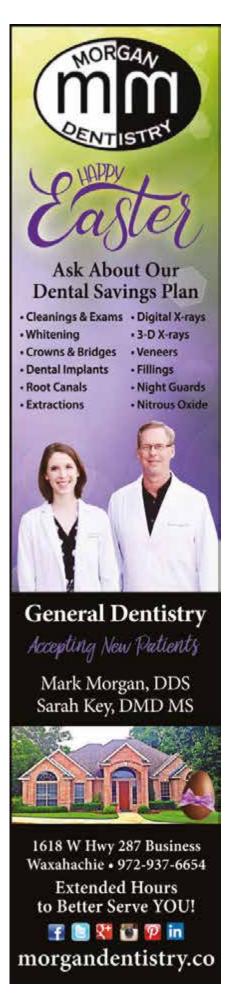
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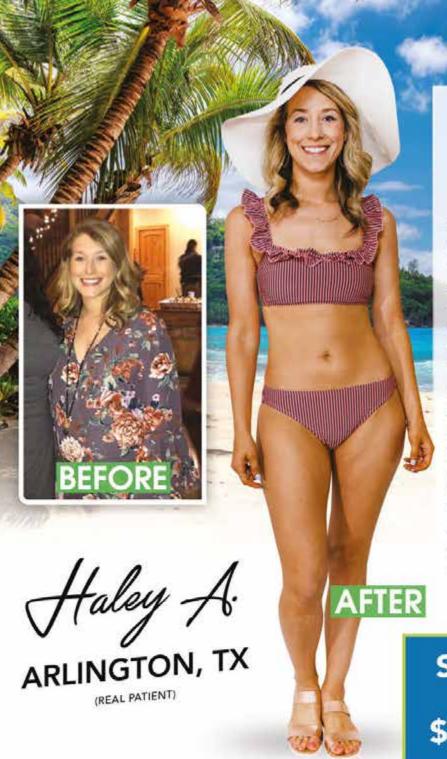


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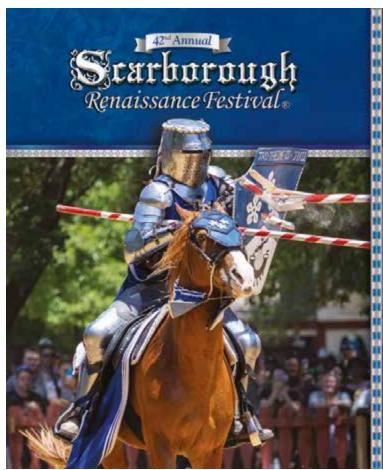
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