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EDITOR'S NOTE

The third dimension ...

Is it just me, or is the Earth spinning faster on its axis with every passing year? Just like that (snaps fingers), we are one-third of the way through 2024, which seems a relevant time to utilize some other thirds.

Need help getting through Tax Day April 15? Take a music break! Go classical with one of Beethoven's most noted works, his *third* symphony, *Eroica*. Perhaps you'd rather fast-forward to the 1990s alt-rock of *Third Eye Blind* or get angsty with hip-hop from Marshall Mathers the *Third*, better known as Eminem.

In a time when folks seem divided over so many things, it's nice to remember we still have much in common, not the least of which is the planet on which we reside. Take a moment to celebrate the *third* rock from the sun on Earth Day, April 22. Get outside with a camera (your cell phone will suffice) and practice using the rule of *thirds* — a photography technique placing your subject in the left or right third of the screen, leaving the other two-thirds open for visual impact.

With Major League Baseball getting into full swing this month, it's time to catch a game. Pay particular attention to the hot corner and who'll play *third* base as the Texas Rangers defend their World Series title. Before temperatures get too hot (as in the *third* circle of hell), why not try a new sport, or other hobby, yourself? Just keep in mind if things don't go well at first, the *third* time is often the charm! If nothing else, make time to spend with special friends this month ...

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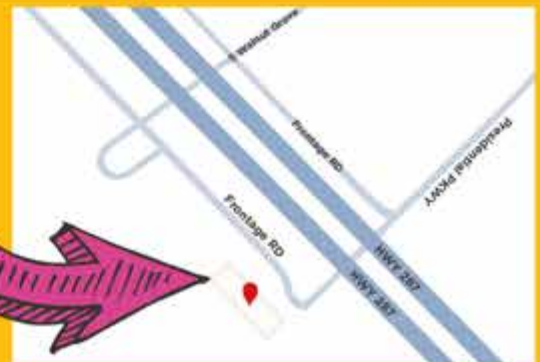
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SETTING the STAGE

— By Angel Morris

A silver lining to the COVID-19 pandemic was the free time it gave Genevieve Croft to ponder bringing community theater to Midlothian. “When the theater world stopped, I had time to review the process for applying as a nonprofit, and 501(c)(3) in the state of Texas,” she said. “After much research and discussion, myself and a group of six friends and colleagues — each with a love of various aspects of the theater — began the daunting process of establishing community theater in Midlothian.”

Currently the theater director at McCulloch Intermediate School and Highland Park Middle School in Highland Park ISD, Genevieve’s own performance experience began at Duncanville High School. “My dad was an assistant principal at Duncanville Ninth Grade School and took me as a middle school student to see two plays there. I fell in love,” Genevieve remembered. “I started theater as a freshman at DHS and was the only student from my class (2001) to participate in every production throughout my high school career.”

Theater has been part of Genevieve’s life ever since. “I was fortunate to have a very enthusiastic theater teacher as a freshman in Duncanville ISD — Eric Craddock, who is the current theater teacher at Midlothian’s Walnut Grove Middle School,” she credited.

After high school, Genevieve earned a bachelor’s degree in theater arts from the University of North Texas and a master’s in theater arts from Southern Methodist University. In college, she was a deejay/news anchor for UNT radio, and then she was involved with promotions and programming for 98.7 KLUV. She also served as associate theater critic for John Garcia’s *The Column*, an online theater review.

In addition to teaching theater for 16 years, Genevieve has been a director and designer for various theaters across the DFW Metroplex. Her goal of bringing community theater to Midlothian manifested last year. “Many small suburban areas around Midlothian have established successful community theaters — Duncanville, Cedar Hill, Waxahachie,” she listed. “Midlothian is such a unique community with a great deal of tradition and heritage. It was just missing a community theater!”

A challenge in bringing the theater to Midlothian has been finding a permanent performance space. In the meantime, Back Porch Theatre, Inc. hosts camps and plays at Midlothian Civic Center. “We announced the first full season earlier last year and hosted our first Kids/Teen Scene Camp in Summer 2023. We had 35 students from pre-K to eighth grade attend our first Summer Drama Workshop,” Genevieve noted. “In September, we announced auditions for our first production, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and performed in November. Each performance played to sold-out crowds, and we received many compliments on our efforts to bring live theater to Midlothian.”

Back Porch Theatre, Inc. looks forward to bringing Midlothian its first full season in 2024, with *The Sound of Music* in August, *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* in October and *Just in the Nick of Time! (A Red Mistletoe Mystery)* in December.



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“We can’t wait to bring *The Sound of Music* to the stage. In 2025, the film celebrates its 60th anniversary. What a great way to prepare for that,” Genevieve said. “We look forward to having actors of all ages grace the stage together, bringing the true spirit of community theater alive!”

That spirit, Genevieve said, is how theater unites a community. “It brings not just acting, but music, dance and visual arts, as well, to audiences. It brings an opportunity for live performances to entertain, educate and inform, and it exposes audiences to some of the greatest works of literature and drama by classic and contemporary playwrights,” she noted. “Second, it allows both amateur and professional actors, directors and designers an avenue for creative expression in Ellis County. In one production, you might have a teacher, a high school student and a lawyer all playing a part to help tell a story and create a production. It truly brings the community together, whether on stage, back stage or in the audience. Such creative outlets are extremely necessary these days.”

The memories made from this exposure are priceless, according to Genevieve. “Through theater, I have worked alongside some of my own former students who have now become trusted friends and colleagues. Shannon Howerton [Back Porch Theatre treasurer] was a student early in my teaching career, and now he co-directs productions with me in Highland Park ISD, while pursuing his theater teacher’s certification.

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of my students at Kennedale High School. He returned after graduation and volunteered his time working for the Kennedale High School Theatre Department,” Genevieve continued. “As an educator, it is a special and unique opportunity to create such long-lasting professional and personal relationships. We have shared many laughs and tears together. It’s definitely full circle.”

To become part of the local theater’s circle, one can like its Facebook page: Back Porch Theatre, Inc. “We are currently building our website and hope to go live this summer. Also, our Second Annual Summer Kids/Teen Scene Camp is coming July 8-12,” Genevieve announced.

While managing her role as president of Back Porch Theatre, Inc., Genevieve also serves as a certified UIL One-Act Play Contest manager and adjudicator alongside her teaching responsibilities. When not working on all things theatrical, she and her husband, Will, enjoy traveling and seeing their son, Paul, play clarinet for Highland Park Middle School and participate in Ovilla Boy Scout activities.

In her little spare time, Genevieve likes crafting, cooking and collecting all things Beatles. “I have seen Paul McCartney in concert 10 times!” she enthused.

Today, that enthusiasm is directed toward Back Porch Theatre, Inc. “I had always been so busy with my education, school theater and working with other established community theaters, getting to bring this to Midlothian was just a dream,” Genevieve admitted. “With the BPT board and the community’s help, that dream is now becoming reality.” **NOW**

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Soarin' OVER TEXAS

— By Emma McKay

As the frost begins to melt and flowers bloom once again, humans and animals alike emerge from their shelters to bask in the warmth of the sun. After a long, harsh winter, spring brings about beautiful things to remind us that life is resilient. One of the joys that the April winds carry is the return of the Monarch butterfly.

Like birds, Monarchs migrate south to survive the winter months. These fragile creatures will spend months fluttering through the trees of Central Mexico, until eventually making the journey back north — a journey that only their great-grandchildren will see the conclusion of.

At the beginning of March, Monarchs begin their flight to Texas, where they find a suitable milkweed plant on which to lay the eggs of the first generation of offspring. As the overwintered Monarchs' flights end, the first generation continues the expedition to the Midwest and Northeastern states, spending their two to six weeks of life repopulating old breeding grounds. During the summer months, the second and third generations continue this cycle of growing, flying, breeding and dying. By August, the fourth and final generation of this months-long flight will embark on its southward journey.

Whereas its predecessors only lived a handful of weeks, so they might reproduce the next generations, the fourth generation goes into a reproductive diapause, meaning they will not mature and reproduce until the spring. Due to the energy this lack of breeding conserves and the cool overwintering climate slowing its metabolism, the fourth generation can live up to nine months, allowing the butterflies to see the next spring and begin the journey all over again.

Despite having never known their next of kin, Monarchs will take the same flight paths through the East Coast and the Midwest down through Texas and into central America. After years of research on the migratory patterns of the Monarch, biologists attribute this navigation instinct to the utilization of the sun and the Earth's magnetic field. By using both the sun as a compass and their own internal magnetic compasses, Monarchs can find their way in just about any weather. However, one innate habit of Monarchs stumps biologists to this day. Throughout their journey, they will roost in the same exact trees their ancestors did in previous years.

While the nectar of flowers is a great way to attract just about any sort of butterfly, if you are hoping to lure Monarchs into your garden this spring, be sure to plant lots of *asclepias*, otherwise known as milkweed. Milkweeds are poisonous plants, which contain cardiac glycosides.



Monarchs prefer to lay their eggs on the leaves of these plants. When the larvae ingest milkweed, the toxins will linger inside of them as they grow, making them poisonous and therefore protected against predators.

Antelope-horns milkweed (*asclepias asperula*) is a hardy plant that grows best in soils that allow drainage. Native to Texas, this species of milkweed can weather dry seasons gracefully, provided the occasional watering. Antelope-horns milkweed requires direct sunlight, so it might reach its full 2-foot height. This species of milkweed blooms from March to November, allowing passing Monarchs to drink its nectar when stopping to lay eggs. Despite its Texas-strong resilience, replanting already-grown antelope-horns can be tricky due to their brittle roots. For the best results, grow this type of milkweed from seeds.

Beloved by many Monarch enthusiasts, green milkweed (*asclepias viridis*), another Texas native, thrives in similar sunlight, varied soil and low-watering conditions to those preferred by its cousin, the antelope-horns milkweed. Unlike antelope-horns milkweed, green milkweed can reach up to 3 feet in height. It also sports larger leaves than other species of milkweed, gifting young caterpillars a feast as they grow.

If you neither have the space nor green thumb to maintain a butterfly garden, there is another way to attract this regal insect. Butterflies love the juice from old fruits. Place scraps of fruit — melon rinds,



strawberry tops, apple cores, spoiled peaches, etc. — outside, and watch as butterflies flock to your backyard.

Whether you plan on spotting Monarchs at a public park or attracting them to your own backyard, take a moment to enjoy their presence. Although their flights are fleeting, your time spent with them doesn't have to be. **NOW**

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Justin Ward and Hulk

By Angel Morris

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A stray who had been abused, Hulk was further injured after jumping off a moving side-by-side vehicle while chasing a squirrel. After surgery to repair a broken back, Hulk went to rehab for therapy. "I pushed him at home to do more, like walking and going up and down stairs," explained Justin, a Midlothian High School graduate who owns Ward's Dog Training. "He continues to be my sidekick and training dog despite his disabilities. He's a real survivor."



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ballroom, as well as meeting rooms to accommodate any event.”

As a city of Midlothian-owned and -operated facility, the site is home to several major annual events, including the Daddy/Daughter Dance in June and many MISD, Midlothian Chamber and other local group activities throughout the year. “We are also the largest voter turnout site in Ellis County,” Diana noted.

With services specifically designed for each group, Midlothian Conference Center promises “small-town hospitality in a spacious, state-of-the-art facility.” “We combine the best technology with outstanding service by our experienced staff,” Diana shared.

Offerings include new audio/video equipment, all-day beverage service, outside catering and alcohol service, complimentary event setup and teardown, complimentary parking, flexible scheduling, custom floor plans and complimentary Wi-Fi. “We had new projectors installed in the ballroom areas in January. We are also looking at ways to

form a long-term plan of updates and additions in keeping with clients' needs," Diana promised.

The Midlothian Conference Center's elegant ballroom can accommodate groups as small as a few up to 600 guests. "Whether you are looking to host a multiday conference or a wedding, the Midlothian Conference Center offers all the amenities you expect," Diana noted.

Midlothian Conference Center has an on-site Courtyard by Marriott hotel and is centrally located in the Metroplex within 25 minutes to DFW International Airport and Love Field Airport. "Not only are we a short drive to airports, but local attractions like Midlothian Towne Crossing shopping center, Cedar Hill State Park, Joe Pool Lake and Six Flags Over Texas are just a convenient drive away," Diana listed. "Not to mention area hot spots like AT&T Stadium and Texas Motorplex."

With multiple meeting rooms, the center has excellent weekday availability and offers bundled pricing, so guests pay for exactly what they need. Last year, the center hosted close to 50,000 guests at more than 400 events, including wedding receptions, corporate meetings, trade shows and conferences, private parties and religious gatherings. "We also provided space for 83 free usage events for the city and county," Diana noted.

Along with marketing and advertising, Diana specializes in general oversight of the building and operations. She said she loves working with corporate clients and ensuring all needs are met. Event Coordinator Cherry Peel specializes in finalizing event details, creating custom floorplans, planning and overall event execution. As the primary event liaison, Cherry ensures the Midlothian Conference Center is the perfect backdrop for any meeting or activity.

Rental pricing is clearly outlined on the conference center website, where would-be guests can also read reviews, peruse photos and floor plans, and take a 360-degree virtual tour of the facility. From beginning to end, Diana said the Midlothian Conference Center provides the potential for hosting a flawless event. "We are here to serve Midlothian residents, as well as anyone else who is interested in having an event in our multiuse facility!" **NOW**



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JANELLE WEATHERLY

— By Angel Morris

Before starting her young family of five, Janelle Weatherly enjoyed international travel. Many of her meals involve recreating things eaten abroad. “I’ve lived in Prague and Osaka and visited over 15 different countries,” Janelle calculated. “Now, when I’m not chasing the kids, I enjoy helping with the nursery at Longbranch Community Baptist Church and worshipping together.”

The California transplant also manages a cottage business, Weatherly Bakes, offering loaves of sourdough, handmade pastries and French macarons. “Many of my recipes have special memories attached to them, like dropping by Aunt Lynn’s house where there was magically a cheese and cracker plate and pot of soup on,” Janelle described. “My grandma and I both love to cook, and I owe much of my knowledge to helping her in the kitchen all these years.” NOW

Aunt Lynn’s Chicken Tortilla Soup

Splash of vegetable oil
6 corn tortillas (divided use)
Salt, to taste
2 yellow onions
2 bell peppers, diced
2 carrots, diced

3 stalks celery, diced
6 garlic cloves, minced
2 17.5-oz. cans diced tomatoes
8 cups chicken broth
14 oz. corn (frozen, canned or fresh)
1 Tbsp. chili powder
1 Tbsp. cumin
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper, for a kick
4 bay leaves

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, or the equivalent in thighs (or roasted chicken)

1 bunch cilantro

Juice of 1 lime

Sour cream, for topping

Cheese, shredded, for topping

1. In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat a splash of vegetable oil. Cut 3 corn tortillas into strips; toss them in the hot oil. Fry until golden brown and crispy; turn them out on a paper towel.
2. Sprinkle salt on the strips while they are still hot. Heat the remaining oil on medium-high; add the onions and bell peppers; cook until the onions are translucent.
3. Add the carrots, celery and garlic; cook 2-3 minutes. Add the next 8 ingredients. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Simmer until the chicken is tender and cooked through.
4. Tear up the last 3 tortillas; throw them in the pot. Chop the cilantro; add it to the pot with the lime juice. Add more spices to taste, including salt, as needed. You should

be able to shred the chicken with a fork. Serve topped with the fried tortilla strips, sour cream, and a little shredded cheese.

The Most Flexible Bread Recipe Ever

- 1 1/2 tsp. yeast
- 3 Tbsp. warm water (110 F)
- 16 oz. flour
- 2 tsp. salt
- 10 oz. water
- 2 eggs, beaten (divided use)

Filling options:

- Orange zest with cinnamon and sugar
- Lemon zest with vanilla and sugar
- Minced garlic with butter and salt
- Herbes de Provence with butter
- Cherry preserves and mini chocolate chips
- Nutella spread and crushed almonds

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Prepare a baking sheet with parchment paper. Mix the yeast and warm water; let sit 15 minutes until bubbly. In a medium bowl, combine the flour and salt. Add the yeast and water.

2. Knead until the dough is smooth and springs back. Put in a greased bowl; cover with a damp kitchen towel or plastic wrap. Let rest 30 minutes.

3. Roll the dough into a long rectangle about the size of a cookie sheet. Spread half the beaten eggs over the top; add your filling of choice. Roll longways to make a swirly tube shape.

4. Take a sharp knife or pizza cutter and slice longways 3/4 of the way down the center of the tube. Twist the dough outward around itself, so the filling shows. Pull your twist into a circle or wreath shape, pressing the ends together. Place on the baking sheet; cover again with a damp towel or plastic wrap. Rest another 30 minutes.

5. Brush the remaining egg atop the bread. Bake 20 minutes, or until golden brown on top. *Caution: Overfilled bread will spill out. Protect the oven with foil or another cookie sheet.*

Coconut Mango Chicken and Rice

Splash of oil

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (or equivalent in thighs), cut into 1-inch chunks

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

- 2-3 mangoes, diced (fresh or frozen)

2 Tbsp. cardamom

1 14-oz. can coconut milk

2 cups chicken broth

Chicken bouillon, to taste (optional)

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Fresh cilantro or parsley, for garnish

1. In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat a splash of oil. Add the chicken with salt and pepper to cook until nicely browned on the outside. Add the mangoes; cook until warmed through.
2. Add cardamom, coconut milk and

chicken broth. Bring to a low boil; cook until the liquid is reduced to about half. Turn the heat off. Add the bouillon and additional salt and pepper. Let stand 10 minutes for the sauce to thicken. Serve over heated rice and beans. Garnish with fresh cilantro or parsley.

Grandma Gochle's Baked Oatmeal

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- 1/2 cup oil or melted butter**
- 2/3 cup sugar**
- 2 large eggs, beaten**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
- 1 tsp. cinnamon**
- 3 cups oatmeal**
- 1 tsp. baking powder**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 1 cup milk**
- Handful of raisins, or any other dry or fresh fruit**
- Favorite jam, jelly or fruit butter (I like apple butter or apricot jam.)**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Mix together the oil or butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla in a medium bowl. Add the cinnamon, oatmeal, baking powder, salt, milk and a handful of raisins or the fruit of your choice. Stir until well combined.

2. Pour into a greased 8x8-inch pan (or a 9x13-inch pan if doubling the recipe). Let sit 5 minutes before baking. Bake 20-30 minutes, or until firm.
3. Remove from the oven; spread jam, jelly or fruit butter of your choice on top while it is still hot.
4. Serve with yogurt or a bit of milk on top. Feel free to add a banana or two, chia seeds, puréed pumpkin, or an extra egg for added nutrition. It tastes great hot or cold and keeps in the refrigerator for the entire week, if covered. It also freezes well and is a great make-ahead breakfast.

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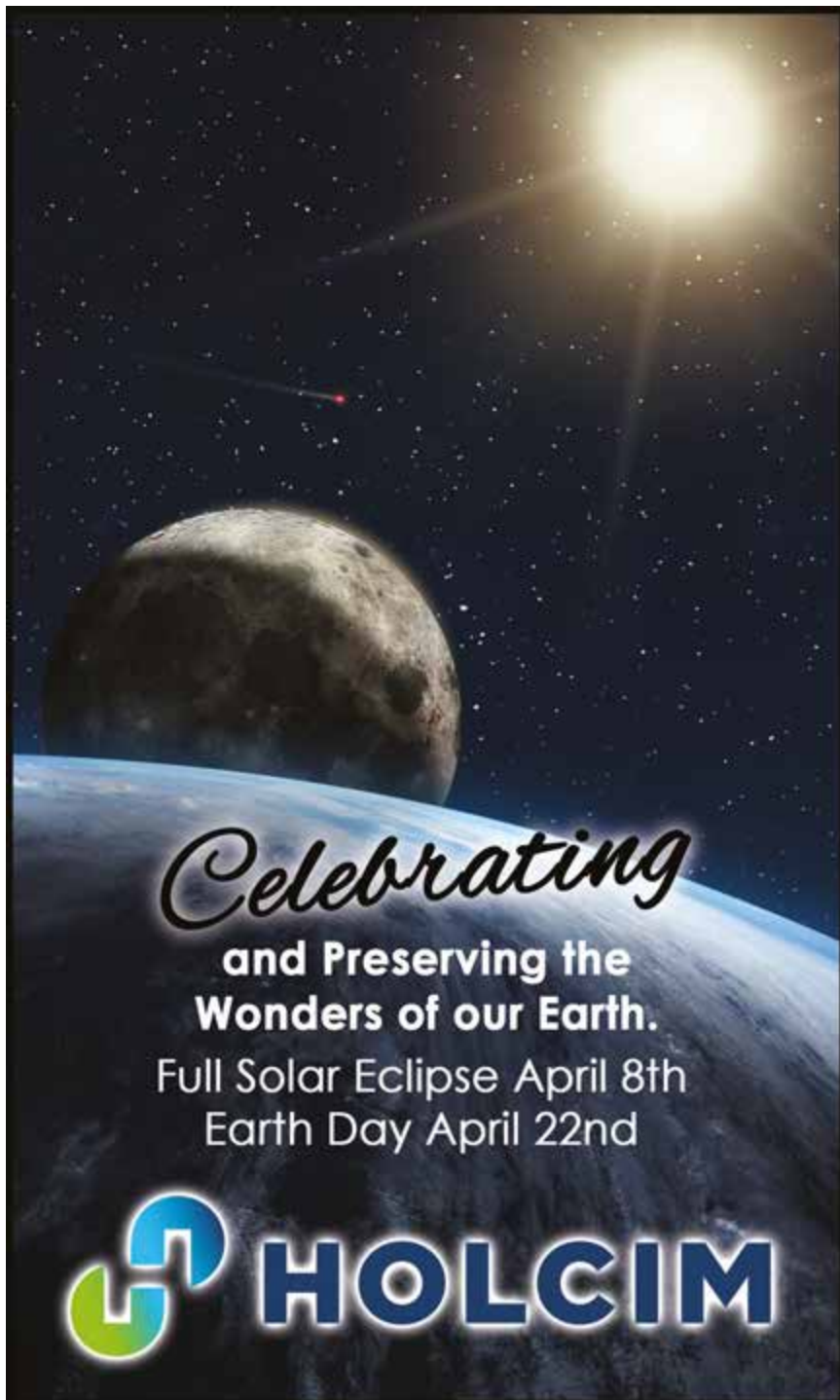
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Hurricane Ian brought winds in excess of 100 miles per hour and a storm surge of about 14 feet in September 2022. The damage to Fort Myers Beach, Florida, was devastating, but just 100 days after the storm, news anchors were reporting that the community was “bouncing back.” A more recent news interview with Sanibel Mayor Richard Johnson indicated that recovery is taking place, as evidenced by the bridges that have been rebuilt, but there is still a long way to go. While there is a tremendous challenge ahead, the climate beckons visitors, and other attractions and beaches in the area continue to draw vacationers to southwest Florida.

The Fort Myers area has been known for its shelling for many years, and while some beaches may remain closed, there are other beaches in the area that offer much of the same experience. Tigertail Beach on Marco Island is about an hour away and offers white sand with shelling, bird-watching and great sunsets.

A trip to Fort Myers would not be complete without a visit to the Edison and Ford Winter Estates. The two great inventors and innovators of the late 19th and early 20th centuries had vacation homes in Fort Myers, and they are

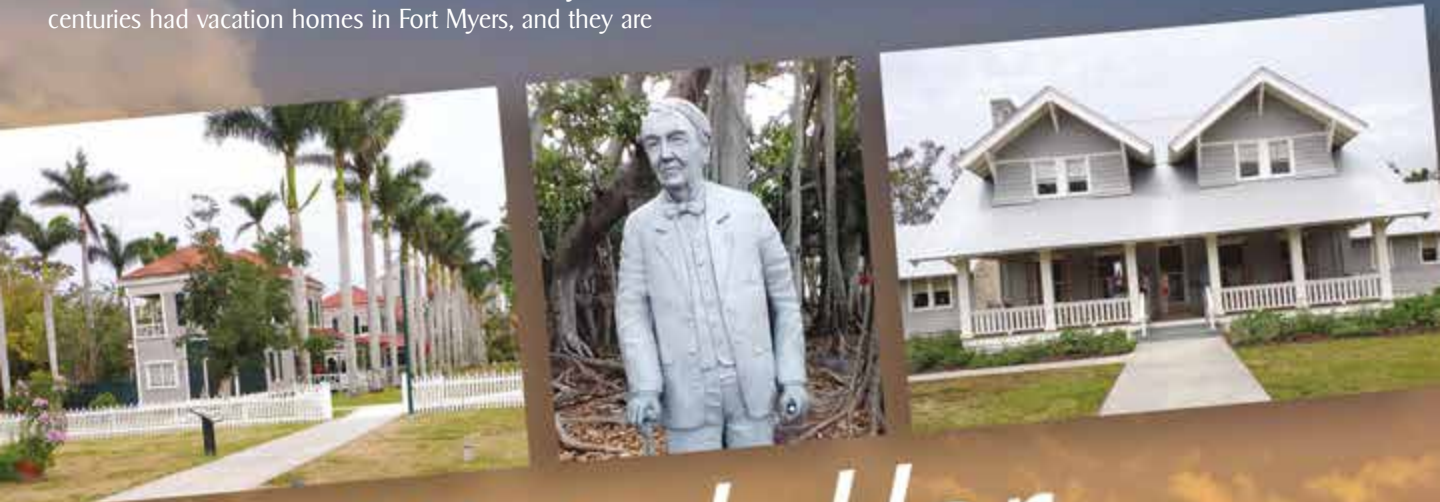
well worth the time and tickets to view and explore.

When Edison traveled to Florida in search of a place with warmer weather than his northeastern home offered in the winter of 1885, the population of Fort Myers was about 350 citizens. (A recent census reported 95,949, but the county population is over 820,000.) He purchased 13 acres for \$2,750 and drew plans for his winter home, including guest and servant quarters, a laboratory and extensive gardens. Edison named the home Seminole Lodge and was visited by friends Henry Ford and Herbert Hoover, as well as many other well-known names of the period.

Ford and Edison’s friendship began with Ford working for Edison at the Detroit Edison Illuminating Company in the 1890s. Ford visited Seminole Lodge in 1914, and a couple of years later, he purchased the estate adjacent to Edison’s. The Ford estate was known as Mangoes and still includes a citrus orchard. The estate’s website indicates that Ford made it a point to visit his winter home on one significant day each year — February 11th — Edison’s birthday.

Both of the estates have large, comfortable rooms with huge porches. You can just imagine these great men and their families enjoying their time on the front porch watching a few of Ford’s Model T and Model A vehicles pattering down a dirt road in front of the estates.

Just across that road, which is now a nicely paved two-lane street, is the site of the museums that display the prolific work of these brilliant men. Examples of Edison’s many inventions are displayed throughout the museum, as well as perfectly restored Ford automobiles dating back to the Model T. The grounds are complete with larger-than-life statues of the men, and Edison’s laboratories and darkroom are replicated in the museum.



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There is no doubt that Fort Myers and its beautiful beaches are building back from the destruction left by the hurricane. Southwest Florida is still a worthy vacation destination and has a lot to offer the savvy traveler. **NOW**

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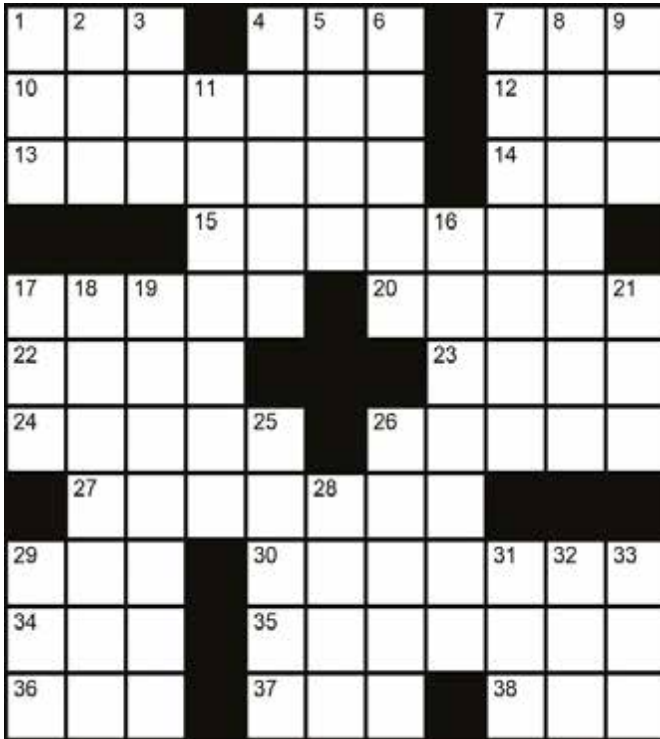
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Across

- 1 Bat wood
- 4 "... Roy" (Sir Walter Scott)
- 7 Prior night
- 10 William Faulkner novelette
- 12 Stat!
- 13 Souvenir
- 14 Be recumbent
- 15 Like the Baal Shem Tov
- 17 Challenger
- 20 "The Stepford Wives" author
- 22 Sch. of higher learning
- 23 Noted car collector
- 24 Art supporter?
- 26 Sudden pains
- 27 Flippant fellow
- 29 Automated performer of computer tasks
- 30 Way in
- 34 Indignation
- 35 Cared to restyle style
- 36 Uneven?
- 37 Scale divs.
- 38 In fourth grade, perhaps

Down

- 1 Now, in textspeak
- 2 Yonder lass
- 3 Drape edge
- 4 Kidney-related
- 5 Mares and does eat them
- 6 Grill
- 7 Animate
- 8 Adjusting an organ
- 9 Animal you heard on the farm
- 11 Conducts oneself
- 16 Depressing word on an arrival board
- 17 Road in Reims
- 18 Briefly
- 19 Called upon
- 21 Figures
- 25 OK with the cops
- 26 Strokes on the green
- 28 Attire
- 29 Short life story
- 31 Moisten
- 32 Very skilled person
- 33 Hither and --

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4/1-4/30

Midlothian Month of Kindness:

Youth contests, a Kindness Challenge giveaway and more. Details at www.Midlothian.tx.us/Kind.

4/5-4/8

Solar Eclipse Festival:

For a schedule of events taking place at Union 28, 651 Highlander Ave., visit theunion28.com/.

4/6

Wine, Arts & Craft Brew Festival:

Chamber of Commerce festival. 2:00-8:00 p.m., downtown. www.midlothianchamber.org/wine-arts--craft-brew-fest.html.

Wild Game Feast:

Fundraiser barbecue and gun raffle. 5:00-9:00 p.m., Midlothian Bible Church, 4250 FM 663.

4/8

Total Eclipse Watch Party:

Glasses while supplies last. Games/activities. Food for purchase. Eclipse: 1:41 p.m.; gathering: noon-3:00 p.m., Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St. More details at www.midlothian.tx.us/628/Special-Events.

4/13

Robotics Workshop:

Google hosts a free STEM robot-building program for sixth-through 10th-graders. Snacks provided. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., The MILE, 711 W. Ave. I. Register at <https://qrco.de/benKVH>.

Third Annual Play Day:

Outdoor activities, giveaways, refreshments. 6:00-10:00 p.m., Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St. www.midlothian.tx.us/917/Play-Day.

Community CleanUp Day:

Dispose of bulk items, document shredding. No hazardous waste or paint. 8:00 a.m.-noon, Public Works Yard, 1050 N. Hwy.

67 service road. More details at www.midlothian.tx.us/19/Public-Works.

4/20

Kids Fishing Derby:

Compete by age. Registration required. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St. www.midlothian.tx.us/447/Kids-Fishing-Derby.

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