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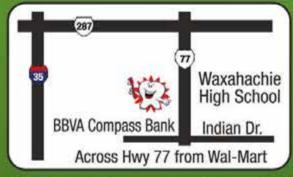
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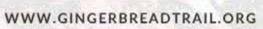
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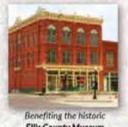
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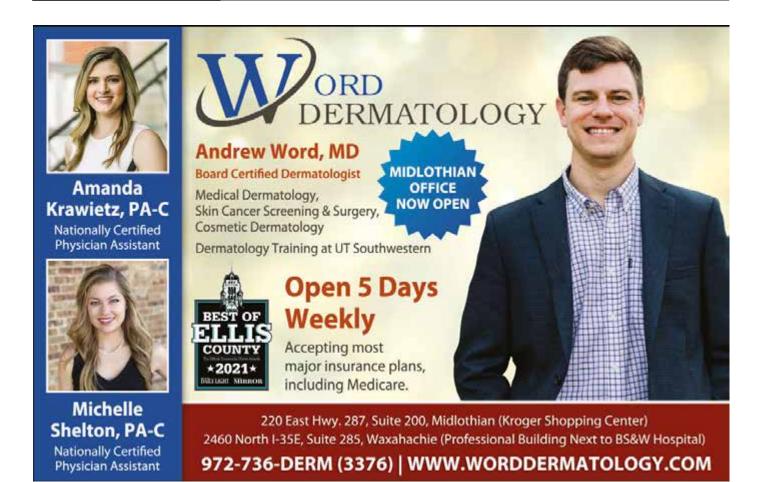
So declares the anonymous Middle English song. By the time you read this, summer may be well underway, and the Scarborough Renaissance Festival will be nearly over, but this time of year always puts me in mind of Merry Olde England. I love acting, theater and dancing. Scarborough gives me all of that. I dress up and wander about, in character, browsing the wares. I always end up buying something I don't need. Not strictly speaking. I don't really *need* a sword. But "I wants it. My ... *precious* ..." Wait, wrong world!

I get in all the dancing I can. The court dances are slow and elegant. The country dances are lively and quick. Years ago, I used to drive up to SMU regularly, to practice with the troop that performs yearly. I spent many an hour dancing the *karaboushka* and old, reconstructed figure dances. I miss that.

The last couple of years, I didn't go to Scarborough. I hope to make up for that by going more than once this year. I probably need a new hat, and maybe a sword. Some new parchment and some oak gall ink are in order.

I have been learning Scots since the beginning of the pandemic, so maybe I'll utterly conflummox the wee laddie whan Ah buy ma scotched egg at the pub. It's all fun and silliness at a RenFaire, and I'm in need of that. So, if you come out to dance the maypole or buy some silly bric-a-brac, or even a serious book on the period (How did that get in there?), if you see me, say hi. If not, send me a pic for Around Town!

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The canine citizens of Waxahachie have a lot to wag about, and their humans will be really happy, too. The newly renovated dog park, Wags-a-Hachie, is opening this month, and Brad Barnes, from Parks and Recreation, thinks the local pups are going to really dig it. "I really think this is going to be one of the best dog parks in the Metroplex. We've worked really hard to make it a great place for dogs and for people," Brad reported.

"We were approached by the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation to put together a plan. We visited dog parks in Mansfield, Midlothian, McKinney and Grapevine, and I had worked at the one in Katy, so we had a lot of ideas to work with. They liked what we came up with and decided to fund it.



"The old dog park was built about 10 years ago, by a group of concerned citizens who raised the funds privately. The only entrance was from the hike and bike trail. The new park has increased acreage with more room to run around and play on the new agility course. We have two areas, one for small dogs and one for the bigger puppers. We have more entrances, and they have a double entry system that I like to think of as a doggie airlock. It's self-closing and opens to the inside to prevent escapes. That's also why we have 6-foot fences that follow the curve of the trail."

Brad has experience with doggie Houdinis. "My first job was in Jacksboro. I rented a duplex with my black Lab, Casey. She kept getting out, and I couldn't figure out how. One day, I was in my bedroom, and Casey came walking by the window on the tiny brick ledge that ran around the house about window high!"

Dogs have always been important to Brad. "My parents already had a dog when they adopted me, so I've always had dogs. I grew up in a small town in Louisiana, so dogs were part of life. Right now, we have a Pyrenees and an Australian Shepherd. My wife had a Weimaraner when we met. Growing up there were a lot of just 'dog-dogs.' My daughter is at college in Colorado. She called





me about wanting a dog. I advised her to wait till after college. When she called back, she had a new chocolate Lab."

In the reworking of the dog park, care has also been taken for the comfort of the humans. "We have all new benches and trash cans. There are four new shelters, and the lights are solar and motion activated to save the city money and keep the park safe." There are convenient restrooms for the humans, as well.

The new Wags-a-Hachie is on the same land as the old dog park, right behind the Farmers Market, adjoining the hike and bike trail, but building the ADA-compliant parking area required moving a hill. "I think the new parking lot is one of the biggest improvements to the park. The old parking was a hot mess. You needed a chiropractor after driving through it! When it was wet, it turned to slimy clay. We cut the hillside down, filled in part of the slope in the dog park itself and added 49 parking slots. It's all rock underneath, so it's a great foundation for the parking. There's new landscaping all around that kind of ties in with the Master Gardeners' butterfly garden." All of that makes Wags-a-Hachie much more accessible.

"I believe this land used to be a brick foundry. There's an old cistern here that has a pecan tree growing out of it. We commissioned a mural to spruce it up, by the same artist who did the murals at Getzendaner Park."

Getting the park ready for its May 7 opening has been an all-hands-on-deck effort. "We're a small department, so everyone is involved in every project. I was able to contribute to this because I was involved in developing



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is a financial guru and has lots of experience with big projects. Everyone was involved in installing the benches and agility equipment. When we open officially, we'll have a little bit of a to-do. We aren't just going to cut a ribbon. We'll have local goups and tents with information and vendors. We're really glad to be able to provide this here. The city officials have already been out to review our progress and approved it."

The old park was a draw. Brad expects even more for Wags-a-Hachie. "When dog parks first started to be a thing, I didn't get it. But then I realized, not everyone grew up in the country, like I did. Living in the city, with a dog, is different. We need places for our dogs to run and socialize. Dogs need to experience others of their kind, just like us. I recently heard from a lady who lives in Red Oak or Ovilla, I forget which. She used to spend a lot of time here with her dog. She told me her dog was upset because it was his birthday, and he couldn't play here because it was under construction. I'm sorry we had to upset the puppy dogs, but the new place is going to be great! The old park was busy. Wags-a-Hachie is going to end up an even busier facility." NOW







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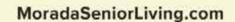
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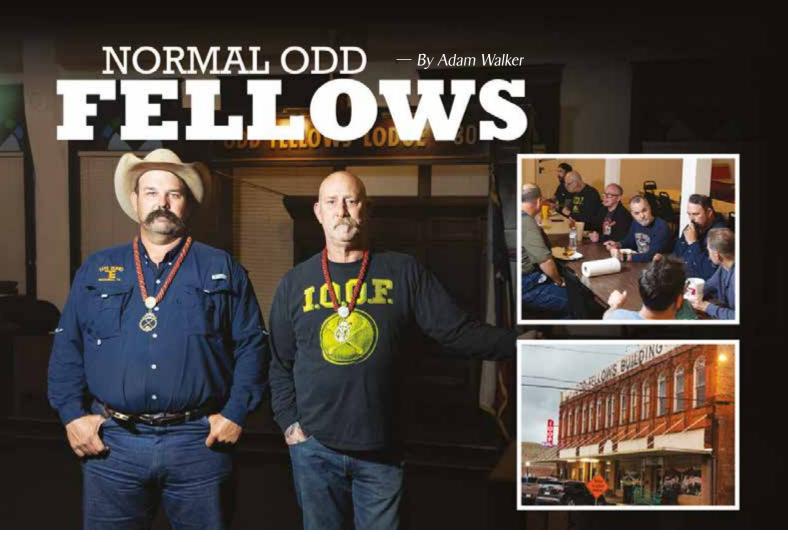


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Tommy Wright is a former noble grand and longtime member of Waxahachie's Odd Fellows Lodge #80. He joined at a time when his life wasn't going so well, and the brotherhood he found at the lodge filled a need in his life. "In 2007, I was invited to join by Wayne Strickland, who owned the College Street Pub," Tommy remembered. "I eat in there all the time, and I'd known him forever. My brother had just passed away, and I was having a hard time dealing with that and other stuff in my life. I was never a joiner, growing up, so I wasn't so sure about this lodge thing. But I came to a meeting and half the guys here were guys I'd known all my life. There's a bond created by joining. I may not have anything else in common with some of these guys, but because of the lodge, we know we have some of the same goals. It was like I lost my only brother, but gained 100 brothers."

The Odd Fellows have four aims. Those are to visit the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead and to help orphans.

"The visiting committee is every member of the lodge. During our meetings when we ask for a report from the visiting committee, each member can tell if they know of a brother who's sick, if they checked on their neighbors or family members," Tommy explained.

Relieving the distressed can take many forms, from helping a lodge brother move, to arranging hurricane relief to checking on neighbors during the big freeze last year. "We raised \$10,000 in one day, for a wife with cancer. One of our lodge brothers is into dog rescue, so we support him in doing that. We just take stuff as it comes, and it can come up overnight. If you need someone to lean on for a minute, we're there. With the suicide level in our society, just that can be important. Sometimes, a member is for the lodge, and sometimes, the lodge is for the member."

Burying the dead used to take the form of Odd Fellows cemeteries that you still see scattered about in rural areas, but now it is more likely to take the form of passing the hat at a meeting to help a widow bury her husband. "We have a death benefit for all members and their spouses, and we attend their funerals," current Noble Grand Evan Tate explained.

Caring for orphans is another mission that has changed a lot over the years. "The Odd Fellows used to run an orphanage in nearly every state, but now we support organizations that are focused on helping kids in the foster care system. SWAGG is one group we support. We take a running collection all year long for Emily over at Campfire Creek Riding Center. She does amazing

work with special needs kids and people with PTSD. We invite her to Thanksgiving dinner and give our donation to her. You ought to see Thanksgiving. So many people come by that we have to eat in shifts!" Tommy enthused.

Eating is a big part of life at the lodge. "We have a free meal every Monday night, before our meeting. We just eat and talk and fellowship. I know people who started coming because of the meals, and then ended up joining," Tommy said.

Evan agreed. "We have a lodge brother who is a caterer and cooks here the first three Mondays of the month. The fourth is a pot luck where all the guys bring whatever they can. The goal isn't to get fed. The goal is to break bread together."

"We're a diverse group," Tommy emphasized. "We have tattoo artists, potters, teachers, farmers, IT guys, politicians, graphic designers, Republicans, Democrats and a lot of different religions. We have Hispanic, Black and Pakistani members. We have openly gay members and a trans member at the Waxahachie lodge. We have enough diversity that if you come up the stairs, you'll find something in common with someone." That sort of diversity is at the heart of the Odd Fellows who started as a lodge for all the other guys, the ones who didn't fit in any of the other profession-based or religion-based lodges or unions.

The Waxahachie Odd Fellows were first organized in 1859, then demised during the Civil War, resuscitating in 1871. They moved into their current building in 1912, after buying it from the old Texas Mortgage Banking Company. It's a grand old building with odd angles to the walls and transoms and stained glass. But it's fallen on hard times. Evan admitted, "We send so much of our money out that we walk a thin line between benevolence ..."

"And keeping the walls up!" Tommy finished. Tommy has been focusing on showing some love to the lodge's home, but there's a lot to be done. "We put a new roof on seven to eight years ago." Now they're working on bringing the wiring up to code and repairing the windows with money they raise through the yearly Odd Fest. "We have about 50 windows that need to be redone." Tommy, Evan and their brother Odd Fellows, hope to keep finding creative ways to serve and "keep the walls up" for another 110 years. NOW







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By Derek Jones





Moving into a new house and making it home is magical. Suzie Timmerman, current president of Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County, enjoys being part of this process. She explained her passion for the organization, "The process of building a house alongside someone in need is an amazing way to give back to the community." Suzie is serving her second stint as president of the Ellis County chapter. "I served as president years ago, and when I stepped down, I made the comment that I would maybe serve again after I retired." She laughed, "People remembered that, so here I am serving my second term."

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that focuses on building affordable, energy-efficient housing for those unable to secure financing through conventional means and who may be living in substandard housing. "I think one misconception about our organization is that we build houses and then give them away," Suzie said. "We build houses that are affordable, but the family chosen to occupy the house must be able to purchase the home." The advantage Habitat for Humanity offers is that the organization can sell these homes to families in need at a reduced cost through interestfree loans. She offered, "This makes possible the joy of home ownership to families."

Families who desire a Habitat for Humanity home go through an application process and are chosen before the home is constructed. The purpose of this is to ensure the home fits the family as far as number of bedrooms, restrooms and other needs. But there is another important reason why the family is chosen before the building process begins. Suzie explained, "The family must partner with Habitat for Humanity on the building of their home." She added, "On Saturdays, when the volunteers are building the home, the family is right

there alongside them working on the house, and this also includes friends of the family, aunts, uncles, grandparents, really anyone. One of the great joys is seeing the family working with our volunteers for a common goal."

Suzie is quick to point out, "You don't have to have any special skills to work with our organization." Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity is open to anyone and most of the building projects take place on Saturday mornings to fit the volunteers' busy schedules. She added, "One of the great things about this organization is if you volunteer, you will learn many new skills on the job site."

Habitat for Humanity builds homes in various locations in Ellis County. The last project they completed was in Waxahachie, with the current project taking place in Ennis. Acquiring lots and building a home requires cutting through a lot of red tape. She offered, "Having cities like Waxahachie and Ennis partner with us to make these homes possible is so important. We are thankful these communities are willing to work with us to accomplish our mission of helping families obtain safe, affordable homes." With each project taking about a year to complete, the organization is always conscious of where the next project may take place.

As to why anyone should be a part of this remarkable organization, Suzie offered, "It really is amazing on dedication day. We invite everyone, including local businesses, and just make it a big celebration." At the home dedication, the keys and certificate of occupancy are turned over to the new family. She elaborated, "Our families have worked and sweated shoulder to shoulder with us for the last eight to 10 months. Seeing their faces as they are given the keys to their new home is so rewarding, and I encourage anyone thinking about being involved to take that step. We are grateful to our volunteers, vendors and donors for helping make this happen."

Suzie has been a part of Habitat for Humanity for the last 16 years, giving her time as a volunteer and officer, and she has no plans of slowing down anytime soon. "I used to be more active at the construction sites." She thought for a moment and then smiled, "When needed, I can still swing a hammer, though." NOW







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Around Town





By Adam Walker

Daniel Ortiz teaches a boxing class for fitness at Lord's Gym. "I've been teaching this class for about a year. It's free for any member of the gym. I also teach physical fitness at SAGU. I've been teaching, on and off, since '99. I was a competitive boxer back in the '90s. I did Golden Gloves and some smokers at Ft. Hood and around the Metroplex.

"Smokers are one-day boxing events, where you sign up, but only get to box if someone else in your category signs up, too," he shared. "I never got knocked out, but there were a few times I don't remember leaving the ring! Now I'm just trying to help guys get fit and work on their conditioning for other sports."



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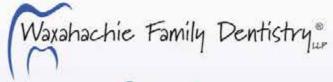
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Dr. Derrel Pierce and his wife, Patricia Pierce, a registered nurse, hold the health of their patients as their primary concern at Elan Med Spa and Clinic. "We're excited to be back in our hometown area. We're a locally-, family-owned practice. We're also physician owned, which makes us different from a lot of area spas. Waxahachie deserves the best treatments and technology available. We provide services here that you would have to go to Dallas for, otherwise. We have state-of-the-art technology and train other doctors how to use that technology," Derrel informed.

"We have so many pieces of equipment that other local practices don't have," Patricia continued. "We bring the bigtown experience to the small town. Derrel has brought a lot of what you can get in Dallas, here to Waxahachie. One reason we started this practice was because we wanted to help people get well. We want our patients to have better health, not just treat their sicknesses. We want them to feel their best and know how self-esteem affects all aspects of life."

Elan Med Spa and Clinic offers a wide range of services and treatments. "We offer hormone replacement therapy for both men and women. We treat women's sexual health with FemiLift and O-Shots. For men's sexual health, we offer Z-Wave and P-Shots," Patricia explained. They also provide message therapy, regenerative medicine and biologics. "BOTOX, fillers and lipo are some of the cosmetic procedures we do. We also do fat transfer, like breast augmentation and the Brazilian butt lift. The lip flip is another popular procedure we do."

"We're excited to be back in our hometown area. We're a locally-, familyowned practice."

Weight loss is another area they can help with. "I lost over 100 pounds," Patricia revealed. "So, I really enjoy helping others in this area."

Many COVID-19 patients have experienced significant hair loss after their infection. "We are partnering with a company that does a non-invasive laser therapy for hair regrowth. So, we offer both laser hair removal and laser hair regrowth," Derrel added. Traditional hair plugs are another option available at Elan Med Spa and Clinic.

Sports injuries and age-related joint pain are areas Derrel and Patricia focus on as well. "We see a lot of teenagers during sports seasons, but we also get a lot of patients in their 80s seeking relief," Patricia explained.

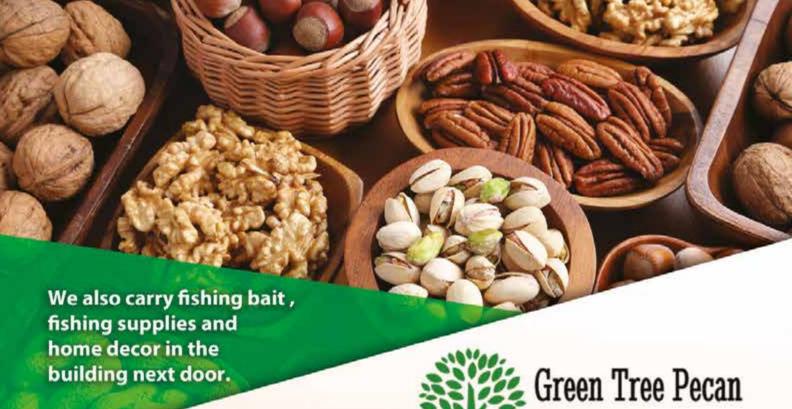
"We treat everyone like family. We have eight children and a 4-year-old granddaughter. We want to build relationships. Derrel donates a lot of his time in the community, because he cares," Patricia emphasized.

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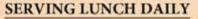
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I am a 58-year-old grandma and wife. I have tried most every diet, and after time, the weight came right back on!

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I saw a DSC ad on Facebook, and I did some checking on them for about a month. I messaged them and told them about my thyroid disease and fibromyalgia health problem. They said they never had had anyone with the fibromyalgia, but it did great on thyroid disease. So I went in and said my main goal was not the weight loss as much as I was wanting the pain to get better, and if I lost weight that would be great!

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Cooking can often be a challenge for Global High School sophomore Fabin Villarreal, but that does not stop him from creating dishes for his family and friends. Fabin's grandmother, "Nonna" Pat Smith, taught him lessons in Italian-style cooking, and he was hooked. "I'm inspired by Nonna to try new things," Fabin shared.

Fabin's mother, Minnie, was Hispanic, so he loves cooking Mexican dishes, too. "Even though she passed when I was very young, I still remember her homemade tortillas and beans. They were perfect and buttery!" he said. "Both my Hispanic and Italian families love to celebrate everything with food — we're good at it, too!"

When Fabin is not in school or the kitchen, he enjoys sports, singing, working out and spending time with his two dogs and two cats. Now

Nonna's Enchiladas

1/2 cup corn oil
12 corn tortillas
1 15-oz. can Wolf brand chili
1/2 can water
1 cup onion, finely chopped
2 cups cheddar cheese, grated

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a skillet on medium heat, add oil. Once oil is hot, quickly fry each tortilla 15-30 seconds.

Remove from oil; drain well on paper towels.

2. In a small pot, add the chili and water.

Stir to combine: best on medium. Cover the

Stir to combine; heat on medium. Cover the bottom of a 9x13-inch Pyrex dish with 1/4 of the heated chili.

3. For each of the 12 tortillas, add 1 tsp. of onions and 2 Tbsp. of cheese; roll the tortilla. Place seam-side-down on top of chili in the baking dish. Repeat until all tortillas have been filled, rolled and added to the dish. Pour the remaining chili on top; cover with foil. Bake for 30 minutes.

Calabaza (Squash)

1/3 cup oil

I small onion, chopped

4 cups assorted squash (zucchini, yellow, calabaza), cut in 1/2-inch rounds

3-4 fresh tomatoes, halved

1/2 Tbsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. cumin

1 tsp. chili powder

1 tsp. black pepper

1. In a skillet, add the oil; heat on medium. Add the onions; sauté until transparent.

2. Add the squash and tomatoes; stir until combined. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle in seasonings. Combine well; serve.

Mamma Jessica's Lazy Enchiladas

1 12-ct. pkg. frozen chicken or beef taquitos

1 10-oz. can green or red enchilada sauce

1 15-oz. can of Wolf brand chili or 1 15-oz. jar of queso

1 cup Mexican cheese blend, shredded

Toppings:

1/4 cup green onion, chopped

1/4 cup black olives, sliced

1/2 cup lettuce, chopped

1/2 cup tomato, diced

1/4 cup sour cream

1/4 cup guacamole

I. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Place frozen taquitos in an even layer in the baking dish; bake for 10 minutes.

2. Pour your choice of sauce over the taquitos; top with shredded cheese. Bake an additional 15 minutes.

3. For toppings: Add the remaining ingredient toppings per your preference.

Mexican Tortilla Lasagna

2 lbs. ground beef

I small onion, chopped

1 jalapeño, diced

1 1-oz. pkg. taco seasoning

3/4 cup water

1 16-oz. can refried beans (divided use)

1 10-oz. can red enchilada sauce

1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel Diced Tomatoes and Green Chilies

8-10 flour tortillas

1 1/2 cups sour cream

3 cups cheese, grated

I. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. In a large skillet on medium heat, brown the meat. Add the onions and jalapeños. Combine well; cook completely. Drain the grease; reduce heat to low. Add the taco seasoning and water; mix well. Simmer 5 minutes.

2. Add refried beans to a microwave-safe bowl; microwave until hot.

3. In a bowl, combine the enchilada sauce and Ro-Tel.

4. In the baking dish, layer the tortillas, 1/2 the beans, 1/2 the sour cream, 1/2 the meat, 1 cup cheese and 1/3 the Ro-Tel and enchilada sauce mixture. Repeat. Top with a layer of tortillas, remaining sauce and 1 cup cheese. Bake for 30 minutes.

Mexican Picadillo

2 lbs. ground beef

1/2 small onion, diced

I clove garlic, minced

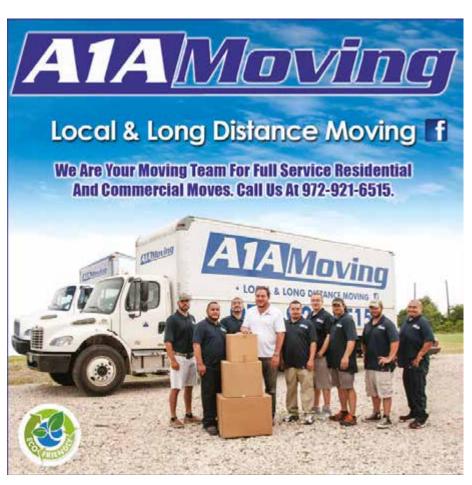
l jalapeño, diced

2 medium potatoes, diced

I whole carrot, peeled and diced

2 tsp. ground cumin





1 tsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. onion powder
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
2 7.75-oz. cans El Pato hot tomato sauce
1/2 cup water
Cilantro (optional)

I. In a large pot, brown the ground beef over medium-high heat; drain the grease.

2. Add the onions, garlic and jalapeños. Sauté for a few minutes over medium heat.

3. Add the potatoes, carrots and the next

8 ingredients; stir well. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for about 40 minutes or until vegetables are fork-tender. Garnish with chopped cilantro, if desired. Serve over white rice.

Charro Beans

6 cups water
1 16-oz. bag dry pinto beans
1/2 lb. bacon, chopped
1/2 14-oz. pkg. Eckrich sausage, cut
into rounds and quartered

I small tomato, chopped I small onion, chopped I/4 cup green onions, chopped Garlic salt, to taste

1. Add the water and beans to a pot; soak overnight.

2. In a large skillet on medium heat, cook the bacon and sausage. Once cooked, add the tomatoes, onions and green onions; sauté. Add the beans and water; add garlic salt to taste. Stir and simmer for 45 minutes or until beans are softened.

Sopaipillas

Vegetable oil, enough to fill 2-3 inches of a skillet
1 12-ct. pkg. flour tortillas
1/4 cup cinnamon
1/4 cup sugar
Honey, for serving

1. Heat the oil in a large skillet. Fry the tortillas, turning until each side is golden brown. Drain on paper towels.

2. In a small bowl, mix together the cinnamon and sugar. Sprinkle the cinnamon and sugar onto the fried tortillas; serve with honey.



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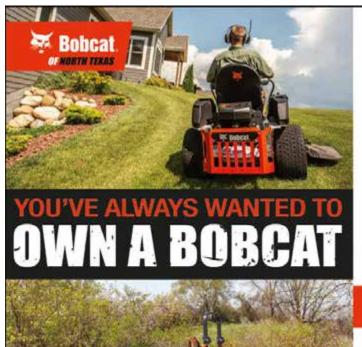
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Known as the gateway city, Denison was founded in 1872 in conjunction with the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad and was the entry point of the first non-Texas-based railroad. The historic Katy Depot still stands today and can be reserved for private events and weddings. You can also visit the Red River Railroad Museum one block away at 124 W. Main Street.

Denison is the birthplace of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was the only one of David and Ida Eisenhower's seven children born in Texas. David brought his wife and their two young sons, Arthur and Edgar, from Hope, Kansas, in 1889 to pursue a new life in Texas, working on the railroad. His home has been restored and is open to the public for tours.

The home of T.V. Munson, who saved the French Wine Industry from devastation in the 1800s, Denison is rich with craft beverages that you cannot get at home. Take a stroll through the vineyards at Hidden Hangar Vineyards and Winery. From 1928 until the 1950s, the land the vineyard sits on served as a training airport for "wanna-be" pilots and a fuel stop for those traveling between Oklahoma City and Dallas. The tasting room is open Thursday-Sunday from 12:00-6:00 p.m., where you can sip on varietals such as Riesling, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Syrah.

For whiskey lovers, Ironroot Republic Distillery is a must. The name "Ironroot" pays tribute to T.V. Munson and the "iron" roots that helped save the French wine industry. The distillery is family-owned and -operated by the Likarish brothers (Robert and Jonathan) along with their mother Marcia, and everything is mashed, fermented, distilled, barrel-aged and bottled on-site in Denison. The spirits are made using high-quality heirloom and non-GMO corn from local farms to capture the authentic flavor of North Texas. The distillery is open for tours every Saturday at noon and 2:00 p.m.

If you like farm-fresh ingredients, check out the Downtown Denison Farmers Market. From farm-fresh eggs, meat, produce and even canned goods, purchase something locally grown and get to know our farmers! You can catch the market Saturdays on the 700 block of Main Street from the beginning of May through October.

After you've hit up the Farmers Market, take a stroll down Main Street, where you will find antique shops, boutiques, breweries, wineries and restaurants. Peruse the public art displays, galleries and studios and even create a masterpiece of your own to take with you. And in the summer, you can enjoy Music On Main, the 10-week free summer concert series on Friday nights.

For the outdoor lovers, Denison is surrounded by picturesque parks, trails and natural beauty. From biking around Waterloo Lake, to camping at Eisenhower State Park or striper fishing on Lake Texoma, you're sure to relax, unplug and unwind.

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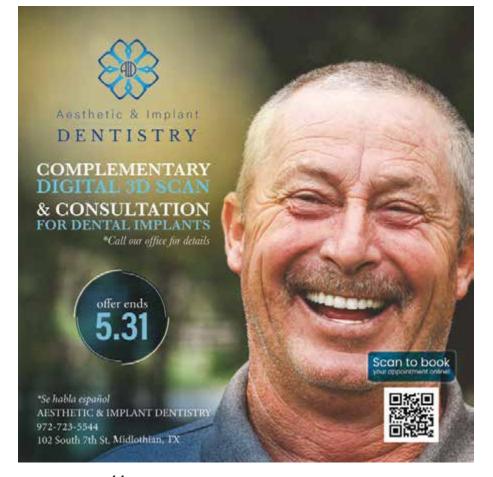
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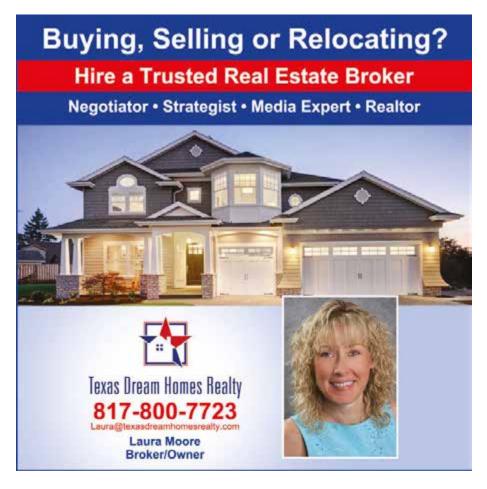
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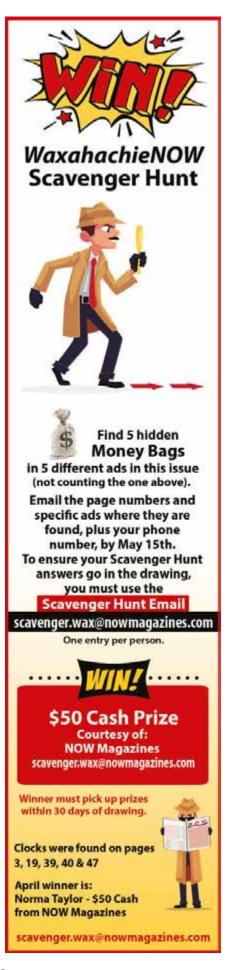
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- 14 This crowd controller's a real weepie
- 16 First of her kind
- 17 Iroquoian word for "beautiful water"
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- 19 "I --- be sedated" (Ramones)
- 21 Jayhawk state
- 24 Got agitated
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- 29 Merry
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- 32 Travail
- 33 Cat shy about floaters
- 34 Took --- loan
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Down

- 1 Looked after
- 2 Unfamiliar
- 3 Bug's last sound
- 4 Public faces
- 5 Poker bullet
- 6 Original
- 8 No-one wants the short one
- 9 Durable type of steel
- 10 Old Chevy model
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- 15 Tagger's art
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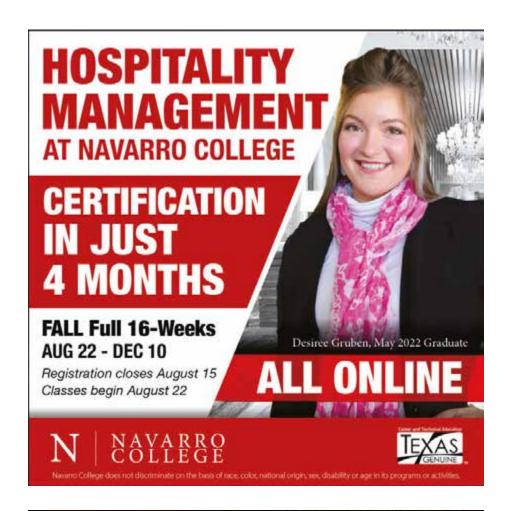
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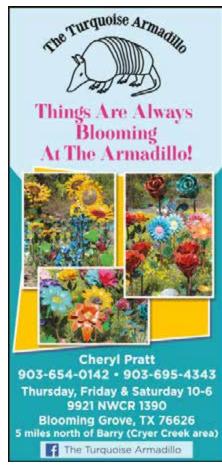


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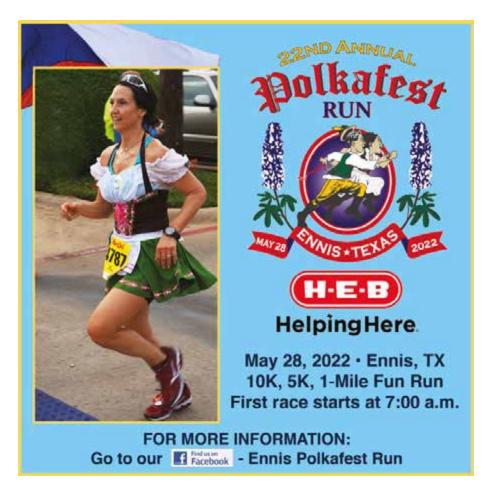












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