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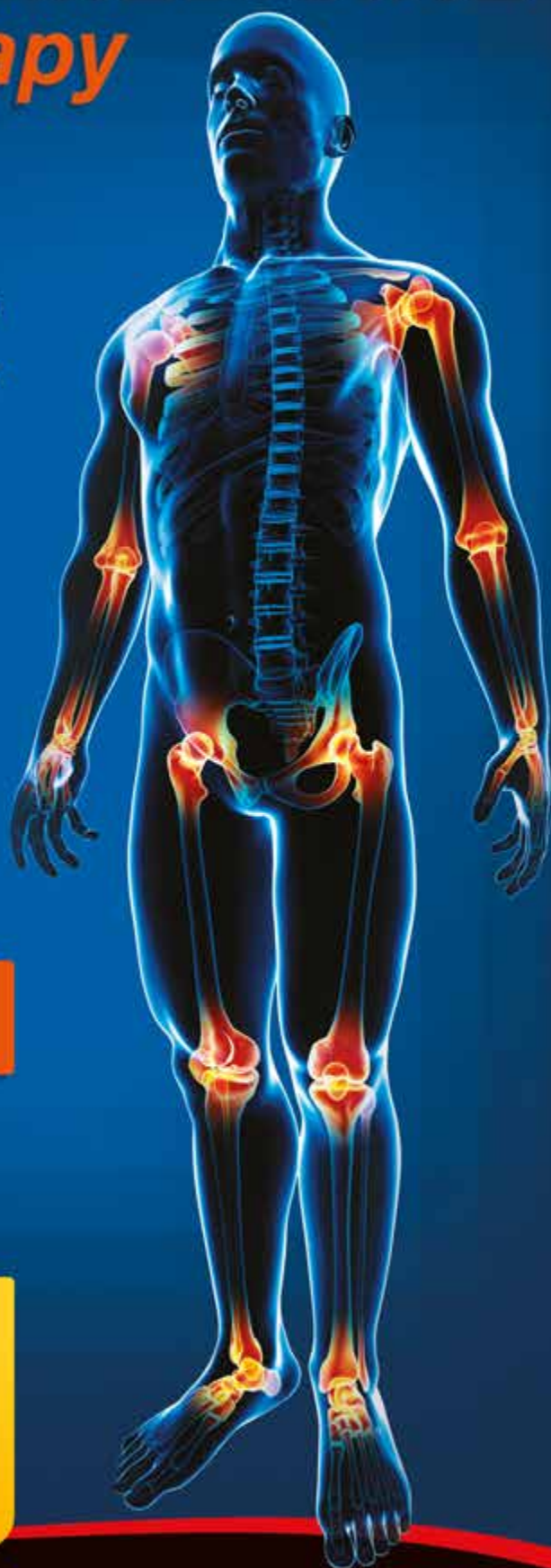
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DeSoto Collegiate Academy, led by Principal Angela Batiste and her team, graduated its largest class of students receiving an Associate degree from Cedar Valley College (CVC). This year, 80 students were eligible to receive an Associate of Art or Science degree, which is equivalent to 60 credit hours. Beginning in the 9th grade, students were required to pass the TSI Reading, Writing, and Math assessments. From there, they managed both high school and college classes simultaneously, which included a coherent sequence of dual credit classes like English 1301, History 1301, and Biology 1407. Amid challenges, our students persevered and exceeded expectations. CVC graduation was held on Thursday, May 16 at the Inspiring Body of Christ (IBOC) church. Congratulations to the DeSoto Collegiate Academy class of 2019 graduates!

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- June 10 - Board workshop
- June 10 - July 25 Summer Programs (web)
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- August 19 - First Day of School

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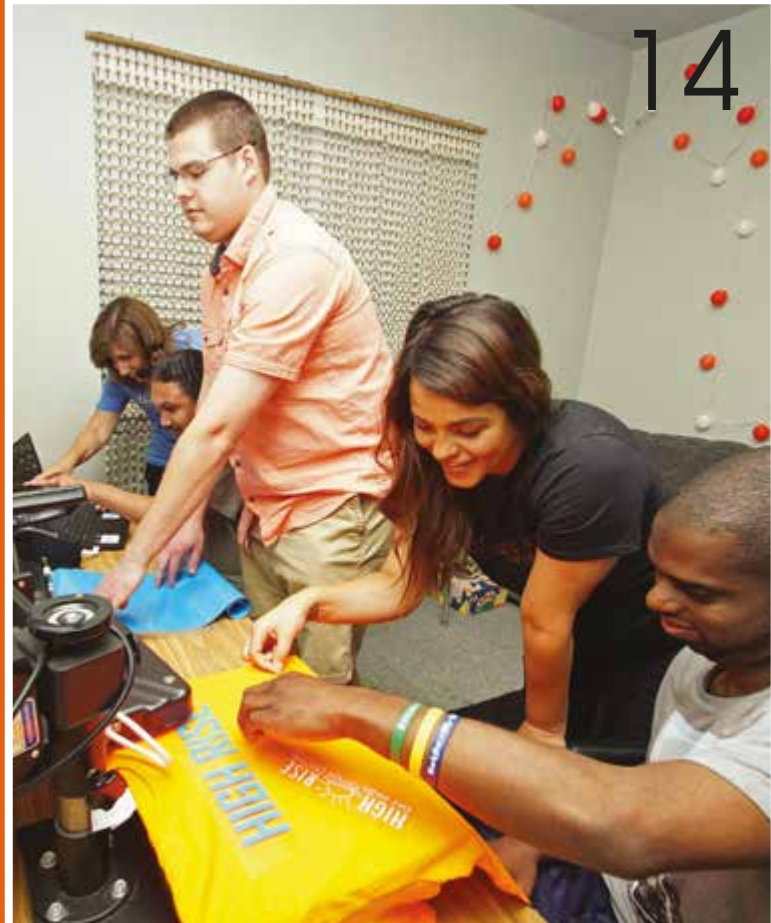
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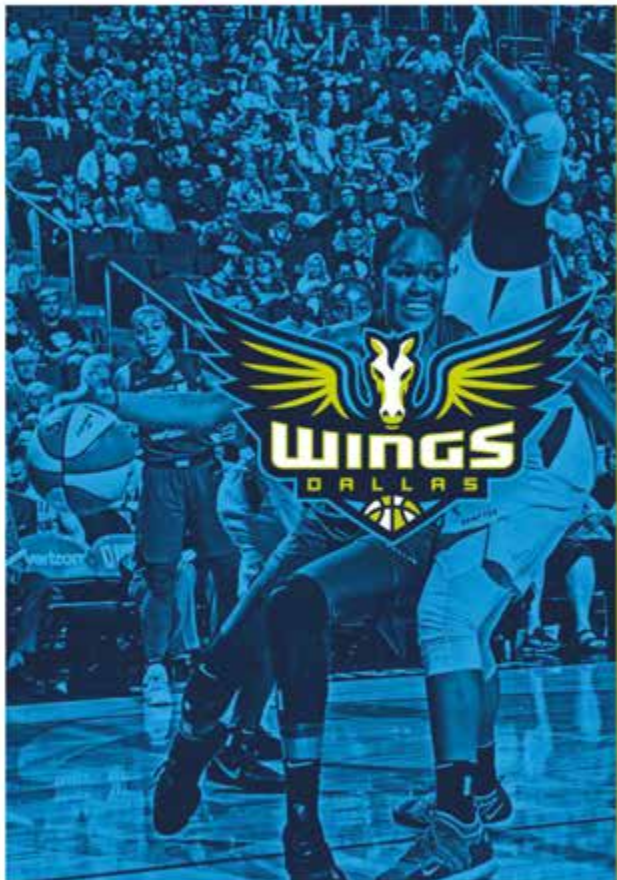
EDITOR'S NOTE

Sometimes, names don't fit ...

One day back in April, I was walking to the car when something buzzed my ear. It was a familiar, droning whir. And it got me to thinking, *Why do they call those crazy beetles "June bugs" when they come out in April?* I did some research, but I really couldn't find an answer. Several sites admitted that these critters show up, bumping into walls and falling on their backs, legs all a-wriggle, much earlier than June. But all the sites that said anything about the reason for the name said it was because they come out in June. What? OK, so some things just don't make sense. It's one of those things that just leaves you scratching your head, wondering what our ancestors were thinking when they invented the English language.

Names are just labels, but we get attached to them. I have several names that I treasure. First, there's the one you all know me by, the one I was born with, Adam Scott Walker. It's made up of parts of both my parents' names, so it tells my history. Then there's my Chinese name, 華仁傑 (Huà Rénjié), which I used in daily life while I was living in Taiwan. It's a little old-fashioned, but so am I. My newest name is my Natqgu name, Meaio, given to me by my friends on Nendr Island in the Solomon Islands, because I liked to go on ridiculously long walks, like all the way across the island.

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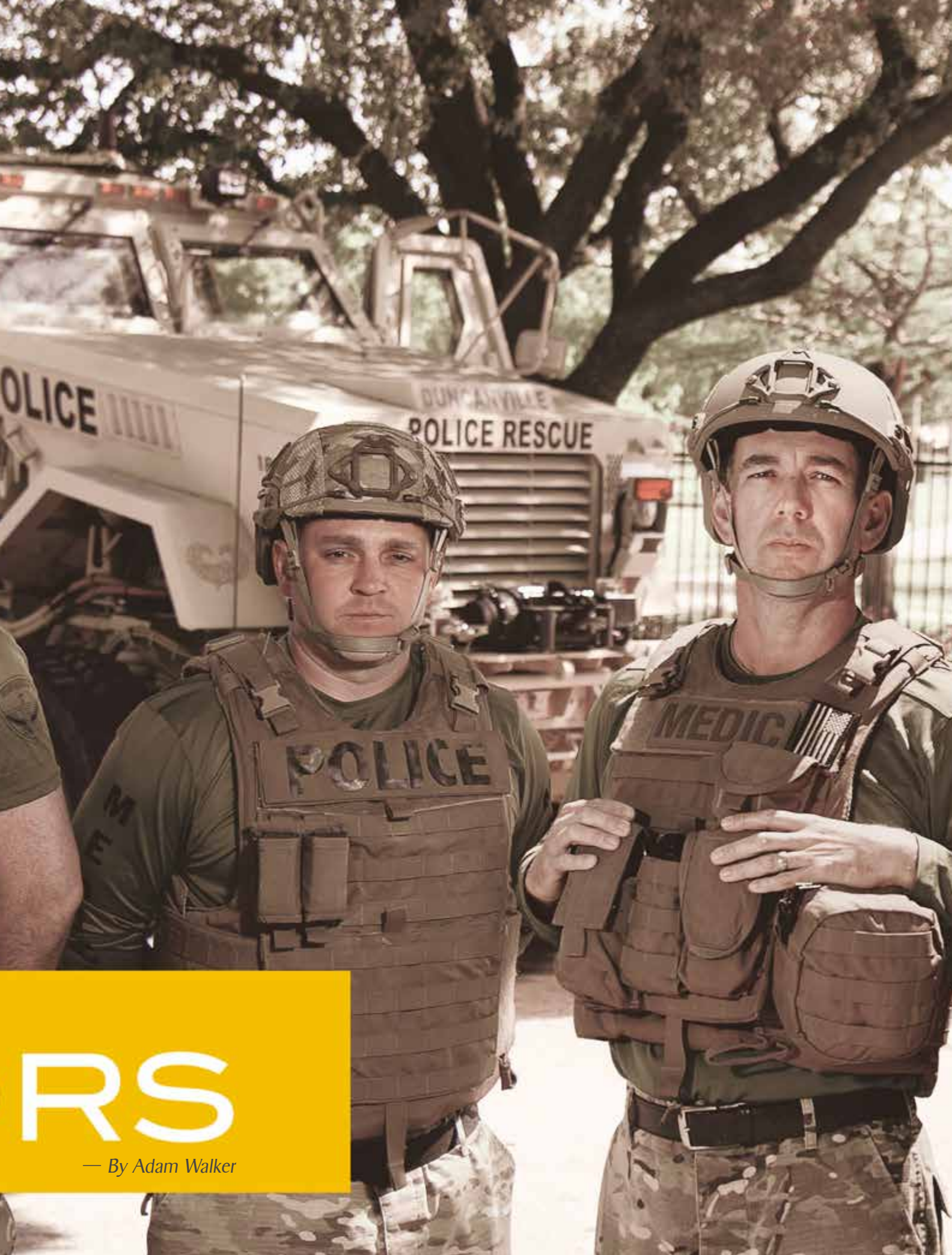
Everyone knows being a police officer or a firefighter is dangerous work. Either job can mean placing yourself in a life-threatening position, which makes having trained medics around quite a necessity. Three valiant men in Duncanville fill that role for both the fire department and the SWAT team. Providing on-site medical assistance for two organizations on the frontline of protecting citizens might sound like a heavy burden, but Capt. Jason Wigginton, and firefighter paramedics Jared Gilbert and Brent Nabors do it all with lots of humor and good-natured ribbing.

Three years ago, the Duncanville SWAT team had only one medic, a man who had been a medic in the military. He was also a regular SWAT officer, so most of his attention was focused on training for that, and if need arose for a medic, he might or might not be engaged in some other part of the callout. "The police department sent out an email requesting medics," Jared remembered. "It was me and two other guys who answered, but the other two moved on after a short period. Then it was just me." A second email brought Jason and Brent on board. Since then, these three guys have been medics on call for both fire and SWAT emergencies. "Most of our callouts are medical, not fire, and we work with the police department on about a quarter of our calls anyway," Jared said. "We knew most of the SWAT team before we started working with them. It helps with the camaraderie."

Even though all three of these guys were already trained as fire department medics, with years of experience, working with the SWAT team means a lot of extra training. They still have to do all of their firefighter training to stay current, plus their training as medics. But in addition to that, they have to train with the SWAT team two days a month. "There's also extra training each quarter," Jason explained. "And in September, they're sending us to a SWAT medic training class that's 70 hours of training in seven days, including night drills." And once in a while, they have to teach classes to the SWAT team and the rest of the police department on basic things like applying a tourniquet, wound packing and other skills that can preserve a life long enough to get the injured person out of a situation and to more help.



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"We go on all the SWAT callouts, as long as we're not already on a fire call. But we don't go in the building. We don't carry weapons. We stage outside, but if we have to enter, we're escorted by an officer," Jared said. "Most of the calls are well-planned in advance, but we do get unexpected calls, so we all carry our equipment with us, even when we aren't on duty."

"It's not much like TV," Brent admitted. "The real world is much more methodical and planned out. Most of the time nothing happens."

"Yeah, because those guys are so good," Jared agreed. "What you see on TV is all overdramatized. Me and Nabors had to deal with a gunshot wound once, but usually it's a leg cut by glass or something like that."

Brent laughed. "Once I had a guy who wanted a Band-Aid."

Jason nodded his head. "I remember that guy. He was a real tough guy. He'd probably been to prison 15 times, but he wanted a Band-Aid."

"We do eight-hour training sessions that simulate everything, even close-quarter battles," Jason said. "Sometimes, we have to drag or carry the SWAT guys, and that's no fun. A while back, we used the abandoned hospital buildings in Waxahachie for a three-day training session. The whole police department was involved. They ran active-shooter drills. We set up for direct threat care — when there's still an active shooter, but we have to get in and care for the wounded — and indirect threat care — when there is no more active threat, but we need to provide care until the EMS arrive. But a lot of our training transfers over. We already have to be able to provide all kinds of emergency care at a fire or a medical callout as firefighters. And the physical training, all the cardio and weightlifting, is required for firefighters."





So, what does a normal callout look like for these guys? “We get briefed when SWAT plans a call, by the officer running the call,” Jared explained. “We let them know if we’re available then or not. Then we work up our side of things — hazards on location, routes to trauma centers, traffic at the time of day, places for a helicopter to land. In light traffic, it’s only 12-14 minutes to Methodist Central, which is faster than a helicopter. In heavy traffic, the helicopter is faster. When it’s time, we all meet at the police department to prep all our gear.”

“We carry a lot of gear, just in our vests,” Jason demonstrated. “Bandages and scissors, everything that will fit in a pocket. Then there’s our bags. We have to be prepared.”

After the briefing, everyone arrives on scene together. “You don’t want to be the last to arrive. They look at you funny if you’re the last one,” Jason said, and then laid it out. “We usually have two of us on scene. Everyone knows where to go. These people here. Those people there. We peel off and stage at a corner. We stand by with our equipment, waiting for the call to come in. You don’t get overly nervous. You’re there to make sure everyone stays safe. But you don’t want to relax too much. You have to stay on guard, because things happen.”

“We’re not just there for the SWAT team, but all the people on-scene who may end up injured. We’re there for everyone involved, even innocent bystanders,” Brent said.

Jared agreed. “It gives us an opportunity to work with the best. These SWAT guys are some of the best we have. It helps keep my game sharp, because I don’t want to let them down.”

“It’s a lot of work,” Jason said, summing it up. “But it’s all about having the right attitude. The training takes a lot of time, but we’re already doing a lot here, so it makes it easy to take it there. We all get along and like to cut up when we’re able to, but when something gets serious, we’re all business.” **NOW**

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— By Rick Mauch



"The demand is high, and we're on the rise," Jessica Peña said. Hence, the name of the day habilitation center she and her friend, Jeri Barnett, started, High Rise.

A day hab center, as it is referred to, is a facility for individuals with special needs who have finished school, but need assistance with life skills to help achieve more independence. They operate High Rise out of the First United Methodist Church, offering a variety of options from art and music therapy to volunteer opportunities in the community.

"Once they are out of high school, there aren't a lot of options for these adults," Jessica said. "Without a program like this, some of the adults would most likely not be exposed to their community."

Most individuals with special needs age out of high school at age 22, often leaving them and their families to wonder what comes next. "This is their social life. This is their future," Jeri said.

Jeri, 55, was a life skills teacher in the Cedar Hill Independent School District for 29 years. She retired a few years ago, and shortly after, she realized she could make a difference in their lives in a different way. She met Jessica, 31, while they worked together at a day hab center in Dallas, and they decided there was a need for such a facility in Cedar Hill. Now, they are the co-executive directors of High Rise, which they started in January 2018.

Jessica has 10 years of experience working with children and adults with special needs in a variety of settings. "I have twins [3-year-old boys]. As they grow, they'll go on through school and



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become independent in life, but for parents of most children with special needs, the job of a caretaker never ends," Jessica said.

High Rise serves about 15 adult students during the school year. Once summer arrives their enrollment goes up to around 20-25, as they open up to junior high and high school students. High Rise is not a day care service. Participants stay busy learning life skills and have the opportunity to be creative. For example, they started a T-shirt business, where students make shirts with their own in-house press, then they sort by sizes and color. The proceeds then go to help support the facility.

The students do volunteer work in the community. One day a week, they volunteer at Cicis Pizza for about an hour. They also help out at Cedar Hill Shares, the local food pantry, and they assisted the school district by picking up debris for recycling. "We can't really ask for salaries or pay for them because it interferes with what parents get from the state," Jeri said. "But they can do a lot to help in the community."

Once a week, the students go on a big field trip. This could be to the movies, to the theater, water parks, the zoo, museums, etc. "I love the mall, and I love this school," student Summer Shaikh, 25, said. Her friend, 24-year-old Devin Harris, loves going to the zoo. They both enjoy basketball, and most of all being among the new friends they've made.





"I love going to see the gorillas at the zoo," Devin said.

"It's been a godsend, 'Come hang out with me.' There's Special Olympics, but this is continual," said Summer's mother, Paula Shaikh.

Tuition for a week at High Rise is \$150, but only if families are able to pay, and students attend Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Parents provide transportation, as well as lunch. Other funding comes largely from donations. Jeri mentioned that they do get, on average, \$25 a day in day hab funding from the state for about a half dozen students, and there's the T-shirt sales. It helps greatly that the church does not charge them for use, and, in fact, is giving them their own renovated building with more space that should be ready for occupancy this summer.

"They do a great job. To recognize this need and to have the patience, energy and willingness to do all this is special," Dr. Keva Green, FUMC pastor, said. "The community, those who know about us, have been really responsive."

Once in the new place, Jessica said that they will highlight even more work from the students. "We plan to have an art gallery in our new space, and even sell some of the work," she said. "They do exceptional work."

Volunteers are needed, especially to help with outings. "We can always use extra people to help," Jessica said. There is no maximum age limit for adults at High Rise. The ultimate goal, Jessica emphasized, is to "give them the best quality of life and the opportunity to learn." **NOW**

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— By Adam Walker

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Sisters Derricka Thorne and Tineesha Sherley co-own and operate their salon on the edge of downtown Cedar Hill. “My sister and I started working with hair in our mother’s salon in Michigan, 20 years ago. She instilled the need for professionalism and the importance of treating our customers



like family,” Derricka explained. “We believe in catering to our customers while they’re here. Our clients can sit back and let us do what they need. They can trust us. Everyone loves the clean, welcoming environment. I consider it a nice getaway for mothers to relax. We try to make everyone who leaves out this door feel as special as they really are.”

Part of that experience is the salon itself. The sisters have decorated with plenty of funky flair. From the hammered aluminum front desk that looks like an old steamer trunk found in the waiting room with all its bright colors, to the shampoo and dryer room decorated like the tropics with touches of Africa and India, each room has its own vibrant theme. There is plenty of parking in back, and a patio area if you prefer to wait outside, catching some sun, rather than indoors.

“We take pride in our craft,” Derricka affirmed. “We specialize in healthy hair. We want women to feel beautiful. Sometimes,

women come in, in tears. Then they cry again as they leave, because they feel beautiful again. We specialize in all trends: short styles, long styles, natural hair, hair extensions, locs — we do it all. We have a certified loctician, Nahdeen Green. We do all kinds of coloring, like balayage, ombré and highlights. We also have a professional makeup artist, Kierra Patton, who is also a stylist. She does makeup for any special occasion — weddings, proms or just a night on the town. April Branch is a dedicated stylist who can do amazing things with hair.”

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“Whatever is going on in your life,” Derricka continued, “whatever makes you feel less than beautiful, we talk to you and tell you how beautiful you are. We’re like counselors to some of our clients. It’s amazing to see the results.

“We accept salon-ready children,” Derricka said. “We also have some services for men, such as twists, locs, coloring and shampooing.”

The sisters offer a discount for senior citizens, because they are a valued part of their clientele. “We get a lot of senior customers,” Derricka explained. “We love having them.”

“This is a family-oriented business,” Tineesha emphasized. “We named it for our father, Derrick Hawkins. It’s a pleasure to work side by side with my sister. Everyone loves the fact that two sisters are working together.”





Derricka agreed. “Dad made sure it was all about family. He really instilled the love of family.”


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Zoomed In: Deisy Goodnight

By Adam Walker

Duncanville native Deisy Goodnight has enjoyed her work as Youth Services Library Assistant for the last four years. "I love the unexpected, random things, the projects they trust me to do. We were having a planning meeting for our May the Fourth Be With You event, and I just threw out the idea of making Jabba the Hutt. I had done a 2-D project everyone liked before, so they said, 'Yeah, sure.' No one knew I was going to go 3-D. I started asking for boxes and packing paper and plastic bags. When Jabba started off as a pile of boxes, one of the librarians asked, 'Is this Jabba? I'm not seeing it.' But by the time I got the paper on, everyone started to see."



Alumni Representative Julie Minialoff joins guests at the Duncanville Education Foundation gala.



Timmy Walker celebrates winning the last soccer game of the season with Granna (Judy Walker) and Dad (Tim Walker).



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In the Kitchen With

KRISTI MORALES

— By Rachel Smith



For 25 years, Kristi Morales has been influencing future generations, and is still at it today, teaching Spanish at Ovilla Christian School. She influences people with her cooking, as well — especially with her rich roots in Guadalajara, Mexico, from her parents' missionary service.

Kristi has gained exquisite taste in her years of cooking. "Growing up in two cultures gave me a unique mix of two types of cuisine — Texan and Mexican," she shared. "While Tex-Mex puts a Texas spin on Mexican food, I take American dishes and add ingredients I grew up with in Mexico."

She also associates family and friend time with delicious meals. "I carry on the tradition of Texan and Mexican hospitality," she said. "So, when you come to my house, you come to eat!" **NOW**

Mexican Hot Dogs

- 1 pkg. regular bacon**
- 1 pkg. wieners**
- 1 pkg. buns**
- 1 15-oz. jar crema Mexicana sour cream (found on the dairy isle)**
- Ketchup, to taste**
- 1 cup tomatoes, chopped**
- 1 cup onion, chopped**
- 1 can chopped jalapeños**

- 1.** Heat oven to 350 F. Wrap bacon around each wiener; place on a baking sheet. Put in the oven. Bake until the bacon is fully cooked and browned on every side, rotating them a quarter turn every 5-7 minutes. Bacon-wrapped wieners can also be cooked in a skillet, rotating by quarter turns to cook bacon evenly on all sides.
- 2.** Place bacon-wrapped wieners in a bun; add sour cream and ketchup. Top with tomatoes, onions and jalapeños.

Kristi's Famous Potato Salad

- 6 medium to large red potatoes**
 - 2-3 eggs**
 - 1/2 cup green onions/scallions**
 - 1/2 cup poblano peppers**
 - 1/2 cup bell peppers (use red or orange for a variety of colors)**
 - 2-3 cups mayonnaise**
 - 3 Tbsp. yellow mustard**
 - 1 Tbsp. garlic salt, to taste**
 - 1 tsp. black pepper**
 - 1 pkg. or 2-oz. bottle bacon bits (I buy real bacon bits, located on the salad topping isle. You can substitute with fried, chopped bacon, if desired.)**
- 1.** Boil whole potatoes with skin on until soft but not mushy. Boil eggs.
 - 2.** Cut potatoes into medium-size cubes.
 - 3.** Dice green onion, poblano peppers, eggs and bell peppers.
 - 4.** Mix in a large bowl with mayonnaise, mustard, garlic salt, pepper and bacon bits. Chill and serve. *iDelicioso!*

Steak Tacos

Cook everything at the same time in order to have it hot when assembled.

- 1-2 lbs. steak, thinly cut and flavored as desired (garlic salt and black pepper are preferred)
- 1-2 Tbsp. oil (divided use)
- 3 bunches small Mexican onions (also called spring onions)
- 2-3 poblano peppers, to taste
- 1 pkg. corn tortillas
- 1 pkg. queso fresco (found on the dairy isle)
- 1 15-oz. jar crema Mexicana sour cream

1. Cook steak as desired; cut into smaller pieces or strips.
2. Place a small amount of oil in a frying pan. Cut the ends of the onion bulbs; place in oil. (For larger onions, cut in halves or fourths. You may also use the stem part of the onions.)
3. Cut poblano pepper into medium-size pieces. Place in the oil with the onions; cook until both are tender.
4. In a separate pan, add oil to coat bottom of the pan; heat. Place tortillas one at a time in the oil and fry them on both sides until firm, but still able to be folded in half. Place fried tortillas on a paper towel to drain excess oil.
5. Take the queso and rake with a fork. This will allow the cheese to crumble so it can be sprinkled on top of tacos. Construct tacos with steak, onions and peppers, sour cream and cheese. Add a nice salsa or chili for an added kick.

Tex-Mex Beans

- 1 bag pinto beans, uncooked
- 1 cup onions, chopped into medium chunks
- Salt, to taste
- 2-3 cloves garlic
- 1/2 cup cilantro, loosely chopped
- 1 cup tomatoes, chopped
- Jalapeños, to taste
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 2 cups chicken or beef broth or 1 bouillon cube
- 6-8 slices uncooked bacon, chopped
- 1 12-oz. pkg. chorizo
- 2 cups ham, chopped

1. Soak beans in water overnight. In the morning, add all the ingredients to a Crock-Pot.
2. Cook on medium-high heat for 5-6 hours, or until the beans are tender. Serve in a bowl, with tortillas or cornbread.

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 1 10-oz. pkg. queso fresco, to taste
 1 egg, fried (optional)
 Shredded chicken, to taste (optional)
 Refried beans, to taste (optional)

1. Heat oil in a pan. Fill bottom of the pan with tortilla chips, mixing gently while heating.
2. Pour warm salsa verde or HERDEZ over

the chips; turn off heat. Place sauce-covered chips on a plate; top with sour cream and queso. Serve with a fried egg on top and/or shredded chicken and refried beans.

Everyone's Favorite Party Eggs

1 dozen eggs
 2 Tbsp. yellow mustard
 1 cup mayonnaise
 1 tsp. garlic salt
 1/2 to 1 tsp. black pepper
 1/2 cup green onion, scallions or chives, finely chopped
 1/2 cup cilantro, finely chopped (plus extra for garnish)

1. Boil eggs for 10-12 minutes. Allow to cool; peel and cut in half lengthwise.
2. Remove yolks, and place them in a mixing bowl. Add mustard, mayonnaise, garlic salt, pepper, onion and cilantro; mix well.
3. Fill egg whites with yolk mixture; place on a plate.
4. Garnish with one cilantro leaf on each egg.

Homemade Salsa Verde

1 lb. whole tomatillos, husked
 1-2 whole cloves garlic
 1/4 medium onion
 Handful of cilantro
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 1-2 whole serrano peppers

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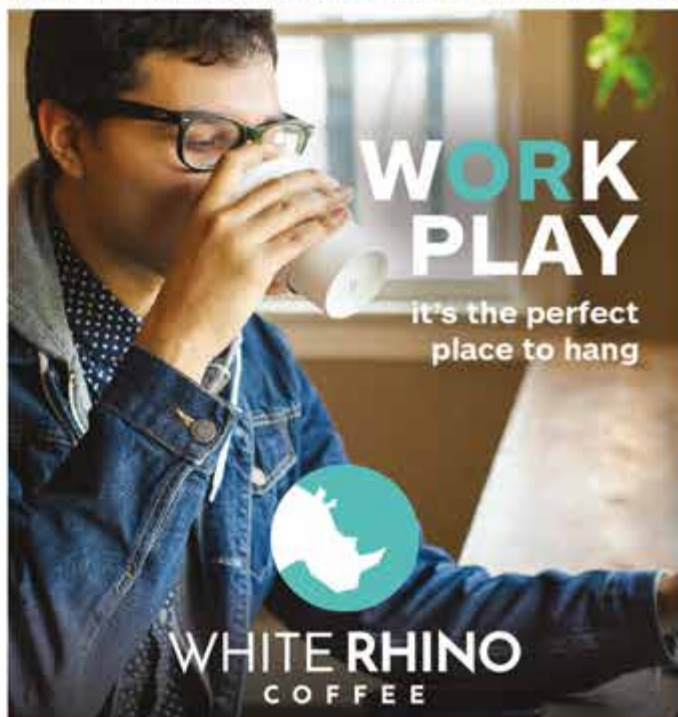
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Bursting with culture and natural beauty, Morocco is the perfect place for an exotic, dreamland adventure. Located in Northern Africa, the Atlas Mountains, Sahara Desert and Mediterranean Sea offer tourists a natural haven for exploration.

Step into Marrakesh for a unique look at city life, from snake charmers to markets filled with local treasures. Fresh food in this African paradise satisfies hard-to-please cravings and awakens senses with new flavors.

Marrakesh is one of the largest cities in Morocco and a common first stop, immersing visitors in local culture and cuisine. In this must-see mecca of beauty, orange trees decorate every corner of the city, while palm trees and cacti seem to reach the sky.

Visit the La Mamounia historic hotel to enjoy 200-year-old gardens and a place Winston Churchill called “the most beautiful spot in the world.” Balconies overlook the terra-cotta buildings of the desert-like city, while the snowcapped peaks of the Atlas Mountains create harmonious views. In the busy streets, motorcycles and people commuting by donkey give the city a primitive feel.

Freshly squeezed orange juice and mint tea are staples of Moroccan culture everyone must try. Visit nearby eateries to enjoy traditional dishes, such as tagine: a slow-cooked stew often prepared and served in a distinctive cone-shaped pot. The dish comes in many varieties including vegetables, lamb, chicken and fruit.

Other Moroccan delicacies include couscous, shish kabobs and roasted lamb. Exotic spices, such as cumin, saffron, turmeric, cinnamon and ginger, are used to enhance the flavor of fresh food and are sold at the market in heaping mounds of colorful displays. Sign up for a cooking class to learn the art of Moroccan cuisine.

Once the sun sets in Marrakesh, wander into the world-famous market called the Jemaa el-Fnaa, located in the old city, or medina, to experience live entertainment, such as dancing, snake charmers and magicians. Even with all the excitement, alcohol is never seen

and not an element of the culture, although some restaurants serve alcoholic beverages.

Nearby, markets, or "souks," beckon shoppers or curious onlookers into a world of color, aroma and diversity. Treasures, such as leather bags, Moroccan-style rugs and brass hanging lamps, are among the loot that can be bought at a bargain.

One thing you must know when traveling to this area is how to barter. Additionally, though the official languages of Morocco are Berber and Arabic, almost everywhere you go people speak some English or Spanish making communication possible.

Venture out of the city for a change of scenery and trip to the mountains. For about \$130 plus tip, hire a driver to take you through beautiful farmland flourishing with orange trees and olive groves. Along the way, visit the Atlas Studios to see the world's largest film studio, home of shows such as *Ben Hur*, *The Mummy* and *Game of Thrones*.

Another attraction worth seeing is Ait Benhaddou, also known as "The Mud City," located in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. The buildings, made from clay brick, date to more than 1,000 years old. Throughout the countryside, you can also find Argan farms where the popular oil is harvested by goats who climb the trees.

If beach life is your vibe, there is plenty of coast to choose from, where life slows down compared to the frantic streets of Marrakesh. Stop into Essaouira, and go for a camel ride on the beach, or visit a local market to feast on freshly caught fish.

Seaport fisherman sell their catch for the day and throw carcasses to the birds while outdoor restaurants allow you to pick your own fish before cooking it to perfection. Visit the farmer's market to see tables piled with strawberries, oranges with the stem and leaves attached and blueberries arranged in huge mounds free from plastic containers.

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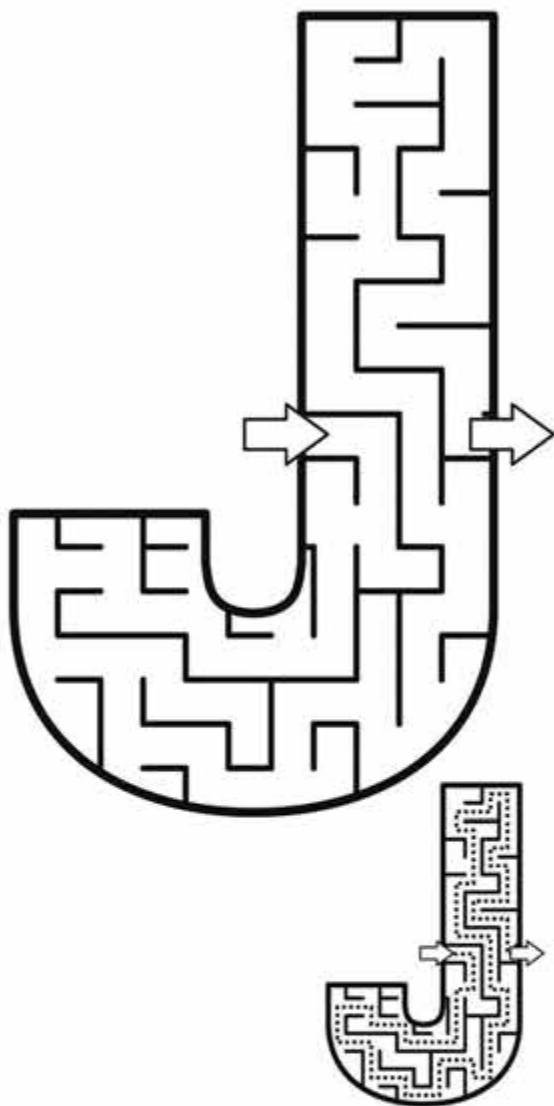
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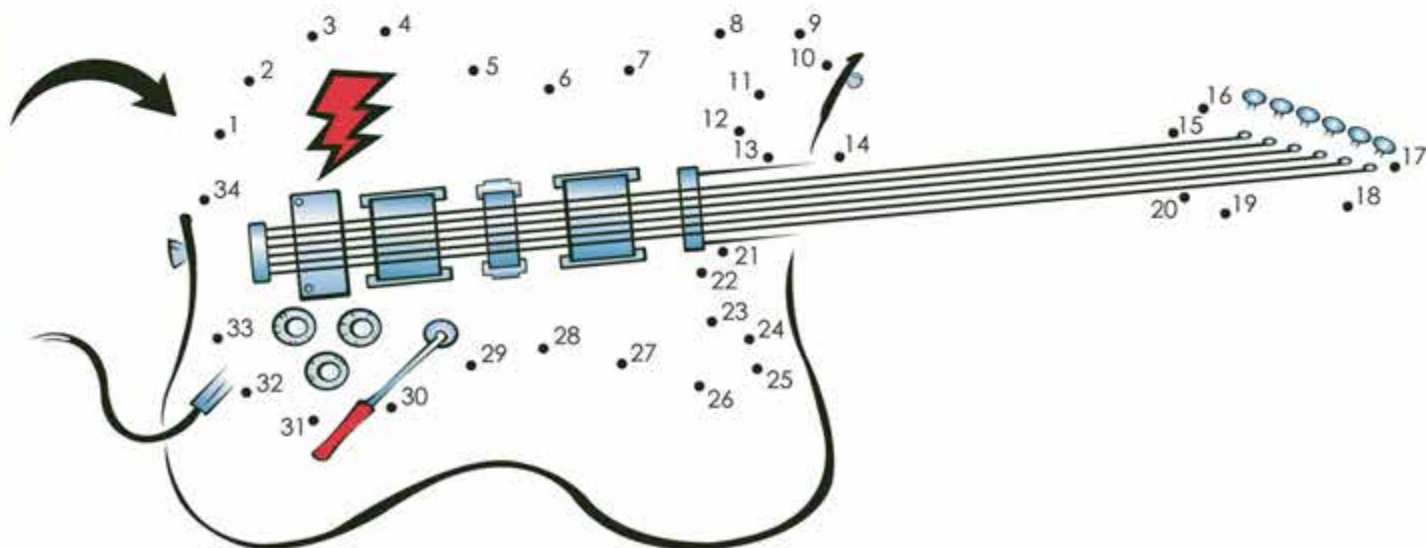
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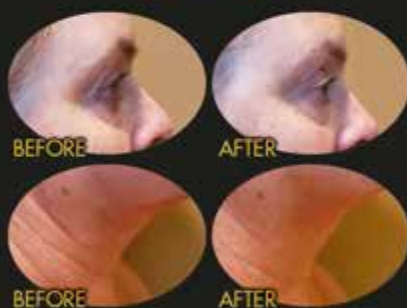


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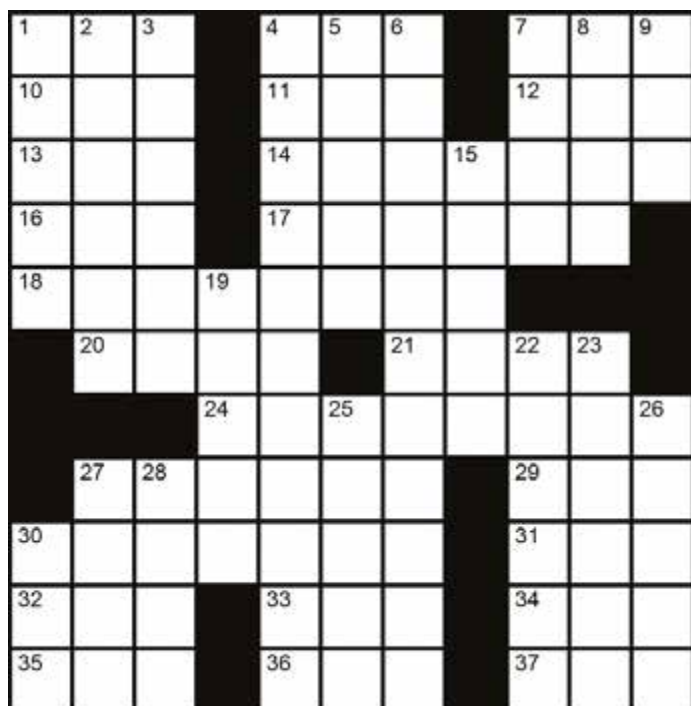
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- 4 Dashboard acronym
- 7 Ungentlemanly sort
- 10 Newsworthy N Y S E event
- 11 A Gershwin
- 12 Tint
- 13 And so on
- 14 Scooting
- 16 Old card game
- 17 Enthusiast
- 18 Fix-all material
- 20 Implement
- 21 Hazard
- 24 Deplored
- 27 Rock concert venues, often
- 29 Before in verse
- 30 Inner city areas
- 31 Nelson Mandela's party
- 32 Silver state
- 33 Anger
- 34 Meadow
- 35 Tony Blair and others, briefly
- 36 Spanish literary hero
- 37 Wily

Down

- 1 Paddock
- 2 Decide to quit
- 3 Post-Baroque architectural style
- 4 Delaware's region
- 5 Italian designer Mario ---
- 6 Put-upon
- 7 With it, sartorially
- 8 Agatha, to Bertie Wooster
- 9 Acad. award
- 15 Connection
- 19 Property manager's sign
- 22 Purloins
- 23 Essence
- 25 Native New Zealander
- 26 Rot
- 27 "May I interrupt?"
- 28 Guns
- 30 Country's output, for short

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13	E	T	C		14	D	A	R		15	I	N	G			
16	L	O	O		17	A	D	D	I	C	T					
18	D	U	C	T	19	T	A	P	E							
	20	T	O	O	L		21	R	I	S	K					
					24	L	A	M	E	N	T	E	D			
					27	A	R	E	N	A	S		29	E	R	E
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32	N	E	V				33	I	R	E		34	L	E	A	
35	P	M	S				36	C	I	D		37	S	L	Y	

Easy

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

Medium

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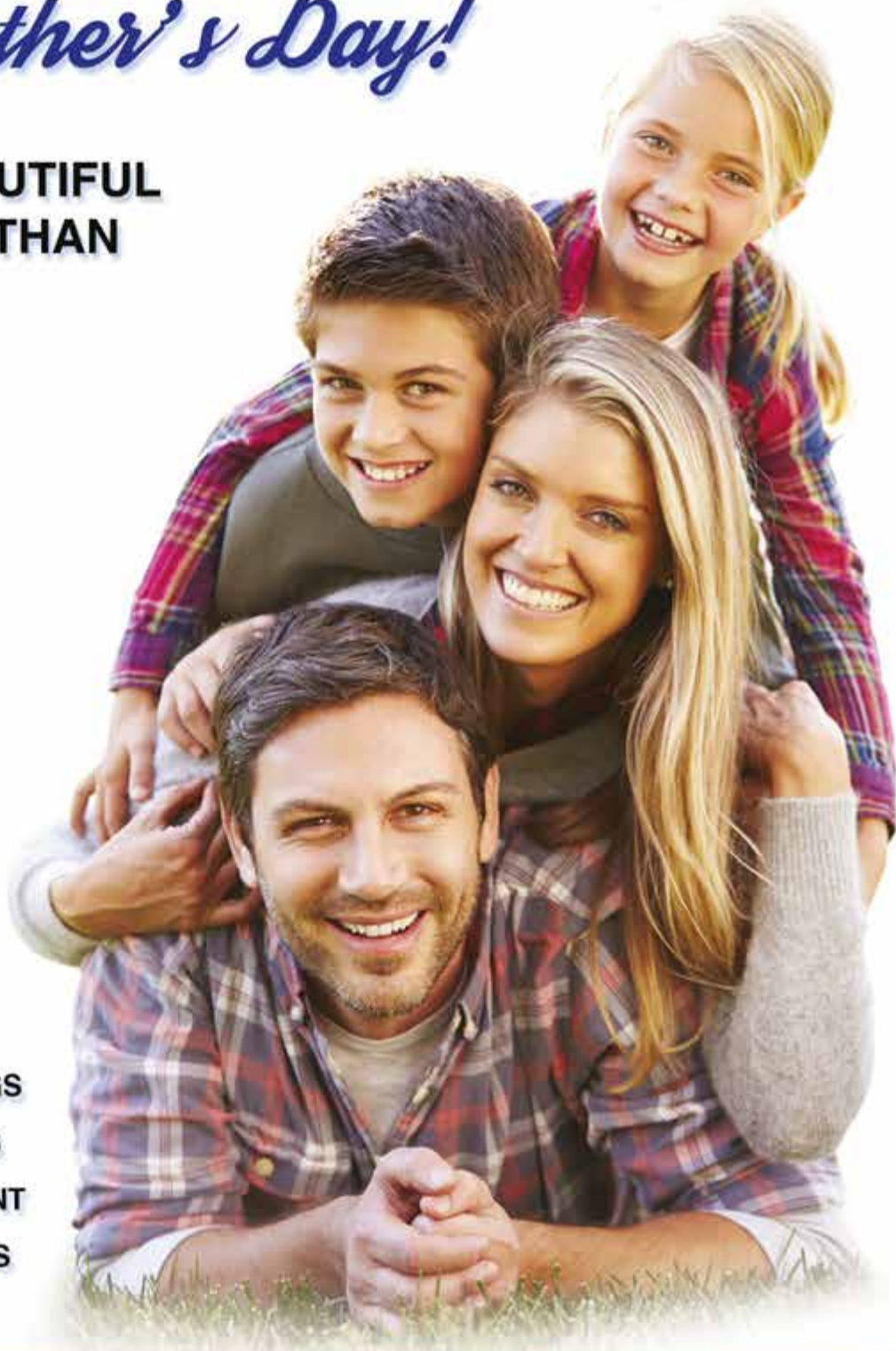
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