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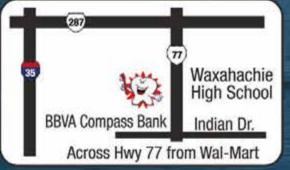
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EDITOR'S NOTE

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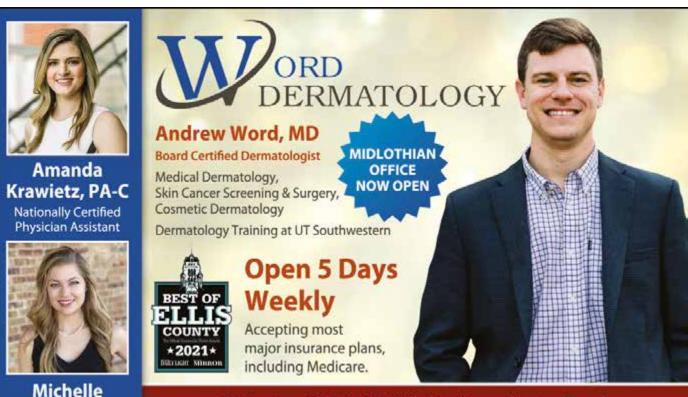
I collect comic books. I didn't get into it until I was in my 30s. I've always loved books and read classic novels in elementary school. I enjoyed superhero TV shows and movies. But I probably never bought more than five or six comic books the whole time I was growing up.

I guess it was the X-Men movies that made me start buying comics. At first, I bought mostly X-Men, but there must be 50 dozen X-Men titles. I loved those cartoons in the '80s. Some of the stories are really good. And some of the artwork is great. I still like Colossus the best. Not that other guy.

Then I tried the Avengers and found a character that I really connected with. No not that one. Not that one either. Most of the time Wonder Man, Simon Williams, is barely a C-list Avenger. He was important in the West Coast Avengers, if you remember that ... or ever even heard of it before. He did have his own book back in the early '90s that ran for 29 issues. It wasn't great. He's played an important part in some of the story lines used in the movies. But the filmmakers wrote him out of all of them. Even so, he's been at least a background character in more than 600 issues.

I can't really explain why I like him. I just do. He's incredibly powerful, but his life is a total mess. Maybe that's why I like him. He keeps on trying. He keeps on contributing. He makes the big sacrifice (He died in his first issue!) and keeps coming back to help again.

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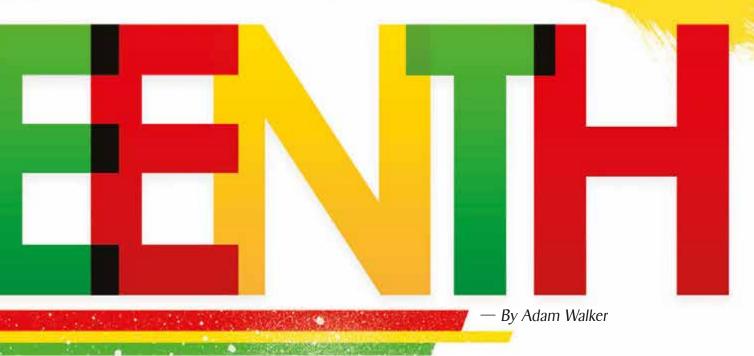


Juneteenth is a truly Texan celebration. It commemorates June 19, 1865, the day during which the slaves in Texas finally learned that they had been freed by Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, over 30 months after the fact, and 10 days after the Civil War had ended! Last year, President Biden signed a bill passed by Congress making this deeply Texan holiday a federal holiday.

Growing up in Furney Richardson, a small all-Black community outside Teague in Freestone County, Jesse Gibson remembers celebrating with gusto as a child. "The only other celebration that compared with Juneteenth was Christmas. My mother was from a large family. She had five sisters and five brothers. They had all moved away to



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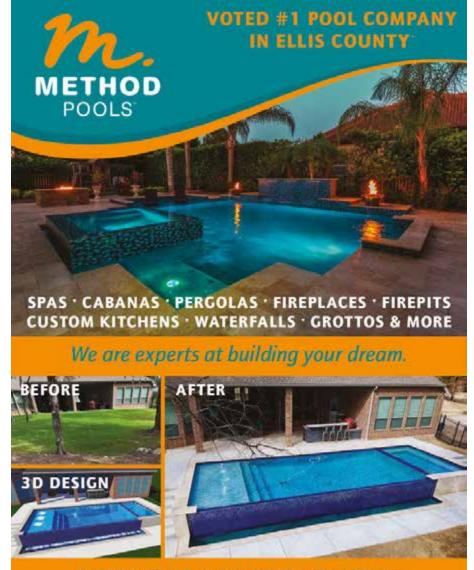


Houston, Dallas or L.A., but they would come back to Furney Richardson, bringing all my cousins, for Juneteenth. The men would stay up all night barbecuing. On the day, we'd have snow cones and sodas. The women would conduct a talent show at the school," he remembered.

It was a big festive time. We had a ball. But no one ever really explained to me *why* we were celebrating. I eventually found out that it was the day slavery ended. My grandparents' parents were slaves, but the grownups wouldn't talk about it," Jesse remembered.

"We moved to lke, in Ellis County, and then to Waxahachie when I was 11. We had a house on Dunlap Street, and on June 19th, the parade formed up outside our house. I had never seen a parade before. It was very noisy and fun. I shall never forget. We didn't even have bicycles, but my mother let me follow the parade on foot. We went all the way down to Getzendaner, and then on to Penn Park where we spent the day. The celebration here had less of a religious tone. People were drinking beer. That didn't happen in Furney Richardson. You'd have been run off if





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you'd tried it. Here I learned a lot more about the significance of the day. Older people in the community, teachers at school for example, talked about the meaning of the day and the history of slavery. After the parades here, often, we would drive down to Furney Richardson. It was like a family reunion."

A lot of Black Texans moved west to California and north to the big cities in the days around to World Wars, carrying the celebration of Juneteenth with them everywhere they went. Jesse was drafted into the Army during the Cold War and found himself stationed all over the country. Eventually, after college, he wound up in Washington, D.C. "When I first moved there, I wasn't aware of any celebrations for Juneteenth, but it picked up over the 30-40 years I was there, until there was a big celebration every year."

When President Biden signed the bill making Juneteenth a federal holiday last year, it was partly due to the longtime efforts of Opal Lee, a Marshall, Texas, native known as "the grandmother of luneteenth." She retired from teaching in 1976 and began her decades-long campaign for the recognition of this uniquely Texas commemoration. Juneteenth became a state holiday in 1980, but the national recognition came so close to the day, last year, that there wasn't really time to plan special celebrations. This year, there has been time to plan. The big celebration will be on Saturday, June 18, so as not to compete with church services on Father's Day. The parade will begin at Lee Penn Park at 11:00 a.m. and return to the same park by 11:45 for food, fun and celebration. There will be speeches by local community leaders and special guests, vendors, DJs, a car show, raffles and a 7-on-7 football game. "We're going to feed everyone who shows up until the food runs out!" declared Betty Square Coleman, president of the local Waxahachie Branch of the NAACP. The

event will continue until 5:00 p.m.

Ronald Levingston explained the importance of Juneteenth. "It's about recognizing the value of African-Americans. It's about freedom and opportunities for a new generation. It allows this generation to learn more about Black heritage and accomplishments that aren't known to the general public. Our ancestors fought hard to be part of this country, to be included. We just want the same things that everyone else gets.



"Being a speaker at this year's event is a joy," Ronald admitted. "Others will get to see a young man who grew up here and always tried to raise awareness of our culture. I was the first Black teacher at Palmer ISD, and then their first Black principal. I worked there 19 years. Today's young people can be part of what makes Waxahachie a great place to live. I'm hopeful that federal recognition of luneteenth means it will continue to flourish. I also hope that more businesses will give their employees time off to honor the day. The 19th opened the door for our ancestors to recognize their own importance, that they were somebody. There are better days ahead."

Jesse agreed, "A lot of people are probably not really aware of what luneteenth represents. This celebration is about a people being freed from bondage. It's not just about Black folks getting together. It's a recognition of a very turbulent time in American history." lesse has seen celebration of luneteenth wax and wane during his lifetime, and he is hopeful that federal recognition will cause both Black people and white people to ask more questions about the history and meaning of the day. "This recognition allows many communities, especially the white community, ways to recognize Juneteenth and acknowledge its significance." NOW



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Jacob Fincher was always big and athletic. He played football for Stephen F. Austin State University. So when one of his teammates suggested he give strongman competition a try, he didn't hesitate. "He told me his brother was into it and asked me, 'Why don't you give it a try?' I did, and his brother became my coach. Being a lifetime athlete, I need something to feed that hunger for competition, the yearning to compete."

At 6 feet 4 inches and 270 pounds, Jacob seems like a big guy ... until you consider his chosen sport. He's actually one of the smaller guys in his weight class, and he has to compete with guys who stand over 6 feet 9 inches and weigh well over 400 pounds. "You have to be a little off to do this," Jacob confessed. "You have to be a little crazy to push the envelope. For me, strongman is about me versus myself. When I got into this, I wanted to go overseas to compete, to places I'd never go to otherwise. I wanted to break a couple of records. I wanted to push my body to its limits, just because I wanted to see where the limit is. I've gotten to do that. Now I just want to compete and be healthy at the same time. COVID has actually been good for me, because it gave me time to heal from injuries."

Strongman competition is a sport with a wide variety of events that have one thing in common — they require incredible amounts of strength. One event that you don't see often is *mas* wrestling — a sport of the Sakha (or Yakut) people from Siberia that's kind of like a seated tug-of-war, with a stick instead of a rope. Jacob got to try *mas* at his first international competition in Russia. "I was up against the Russian national champion. He was a lot bigger than me, but I was determined. I dug in like, 'You're not moving *me!* He destroyed me. I tore one lat and both hamstrings! Then I had to fly home from Russia. You should have seen me when I got off the plane."

Jacob has achieved some impressive feats of strength during his years of competition. "The log press is my favorite event. I'm naturally good at pressing movements. I'm not so good at deadlifting. I'm not built for it. All the weird stuff is the cool stuff. Those are the lifts I'm good at. Still, I'd like to deadlift over 850, in competition. I've done over 700. I'd also like to load a 500-pound Atlas stone. I've done 450s. And I've squatted 700 pounds as many as five reps in competition. Right now, I could probably do two, but I'll be ready for my next competition. I'd like to do America's Strongest Man one more time. I got second place there in 2018. And I had just qualified for Giants Live, when COVID canceled it. I'm still in the top 10 this year. I've never been out of it, but it feels good to still be there after taking a long time off. But that's how I direct qualify for the Strongman Games every year."



Even though Jacob is a pro strongman competitor, it isn't his career. It's his hobby. "I own a company with my business partner. I have kids. I try to keep my priorities faith, family and work. But I always try to fit strongman in there somewhere. It's my fourth or fifth priority, but it's still very important to me. I started as an amateur in 2017, and I turned pro in only 11 months after taking top place at the World Amateur Strongman Competition that's held every year at the Arnolds in Columbus, Ohio."

Jacob is excited about the future of his sport. "There's a big amateur strongman scene in Texas. There are a lot of new folks wanting to try it out. But it's not something to just jump into. You can get hurt that way. It's a brick-bybrick process. Don't go in trying to lift as much as you can — not right away. Find others who are training on some of the Facebook groups, and get connected with a gym that has strongman training, so you can learn how to do it right. It's not a sprint. It's a journey."





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Whether referred to as The Golden Age or the Gilded Era, the end of the 19th century was a special time in Galveston, Texas. A recent census indicates a population of just over 50,000, but as far back as 1900, there were almost 38,000 Galvestonians. Galveston Bay creates a natural harbor in the Gulf of Mexico, and after the causeway linking the island with the mainland was completed in 1860, the railroad expanded making the seaport a major hub of trade for the area.

Though relatively small by international standards, the city was very cosmopolitan and has been called the "Ellis Island of the West" for immigrants coming to settle in the western states. The city's current website refers to it as the "Queen City of the Gulf" for the prosperity it enjoyed prior to the great 1900 hurricane that devastated the city and took more than 6,000 lives. Who would want to start over with the potential of another such storm coming through the area in the future? How could businesses consider reinvesting after such massive destruction?

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Prior to the storm, the Strand in Galveston was known as the "Wall Street of the South." Cotton, banks, publishing, railroads, land development and, of course, shipping were some of the sources of fortunes to be developed within this multicultural city. At one time, Galveston was known for its publishing, including newspapers, and even today's *Dallas Morning News* can trace its history to Galveston, as it was once a satellite publication of the *Galveston Daily News*.

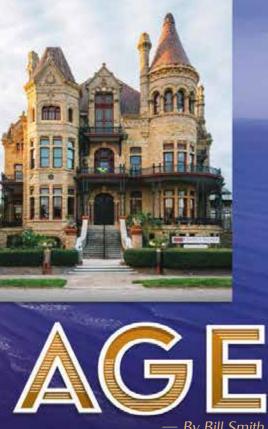
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One of the homes that survived the Great Galveston Hurricane is known as Bishop's Palace. Constructed during the Golden Age of the city (completed in 1892), Bishop's Palace is still one of Galveston's most outstanding attractions, and a beautiful example of Victorian architecture. The home was built by Walter Gresham, a prominent lawyer and politician (certainly auxiliary professions that could produce significant wealth in the seaport city), and the edifice is so stupendous, it is hard to believe it was constructed as a family home.

Another nickname Galveston had before the great storm, which is still recalled today, is "The Oleander City." In the spring when much of the state of Texas is covered with bluebonnets and other wildflowers, the Island of Galveston blossoms with



By Bill Smith

oleander. The plant was brought to Galveston by a merchant in the 1840s. The merchant's relatives planted the flowers across the island. George Sealy Jr. was the nephew of John Sealy, a prominent Galveston banker. George established a 14-acre oleander nursery on Galveston Island. There he cultivated 60 different varieties of the plant, and he was a major influence in Galveston becoming known as The Oleander City.

An interesting contrast with the rebuilding of Galveston after the storm is the city of Pompeii, which was destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D. During the excavation of that ancient city, which began late in the 1600s, frescos of oleander were found painted on the walls, and petrified oleander roots were found in the buried flower beds. Galveston, like Pompeii, could have been lost forever in the hurricane of 1900. But unlike Pompeii, the fragrance of oleander still wafts through the air in Galveston in the spring. NOW

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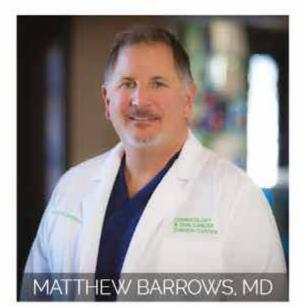


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By Adam Walker

Shirley Jones and her grandson, Justus Brown, were among family members and friends manning their two tables on opening day at the newly refurbished Waxahachie Farmers Market. "My husband does all the work, but he's not here. So, I'll take all the credit," Shirley joked as she proudly displayed fresh onions, tomatoes and various kinds of squash fresh from the nurturing earth of their Waxahachie farm.

"He retired from Owens Corning, and now he's a farmer. I still teach kindergarten in Red Oak," she explained. "I join in on the picking, but he does most of the growing. We have all kinds of good vegetables, including 8-ball zucchini. It's great for stuffing. Oh, and did you see the mint?" Good will and good food abound when Shirley's around.

Around Town



Ellis County Rural Heritage Farm provides some fun outdoor STEM activities.



Kyle Brown helps find back issues at Waxahachie Coins and Comics.



Reach Council joins with the Ellis County Sheriff's Dept., Waxahachie Police Dept. and Crime Stoppers of Ellis County for the Prescription Drug Take Back.



Texas Democratic Women of Ellis County hosts a British Afternoon Tea to celebrate 100 years of suffrage.

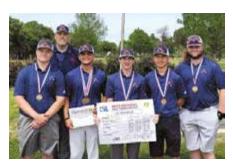
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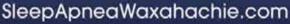
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Frank, an Ennis native son, is a proud graduate of Texas A&M University. Frank had already become a business owner when his former college roommate asked him to join his moving business. In 2004, Frank opened ATA Moving as a subcontractor to larger companies, such as his roommate's

company. "Most of our customers are in Ellis, Navarro and Kaufman counties," Frank stated. "ATA Moving is authorized to operate anywhere in Texas, as well as make interstate moves. "We handle residential and commercial moves. Every move is different, so we completely customize that move according to a customer's needs," Frank explained.

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The customized service can include full packing services; secured handling of sensitive legal, medical or financial documents; and special handling of family heirlooms, valuable art collections, antiques or very fragile pieces. "For instance, all crew members are trained to look for antique fragile parts and give them special attention when packing and loading," Frank shared. "We handle a great many jobs in the Dallas art and design district for artists and decorators who change out furnishings repeatedly until they get the mix they want. In all we do, the crew realizes that even happy moves are stressful to the customer, so we try to lessen the stress."

With AIA Moving, the customer's belongings are the only load on the truck, and the customer decides the schedule of pickup and delivery of those belongings. "We have worked jobs in inclement weather, but we will pull off the road if it gets too hazardous to drive safely," Frank said. "The same crew that packs will unload and unpack, if the customer wants that level of service. We unhook appliances and re-hook them at the other end of the move. We give free quotes that will not increase, unless the customer changes a variable." Most customers who wish for a full-service move are businesses and homeowners.

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The rapid growth in the Waxahachie and Midlothian areas has added the need for a fleet of four trucks with multiple crews. "ATA Moving can handle whatever the needs of our customers may be," Frank added, stating that movers are a luxury, since individuals can always pack and move themselves. "Our crew of eight is experienced, and they love what they do."

Not all moves are stress-free. The crew handles emergency moves that might be necessitated by abusive relationships, floods, roof damage, hoarders or eviction of the owner. "We also offer temporary, on-site storage for customers who need a few weeks or so before they can locate and/or occupy a new residence," Frank said.

Loading belongings onto the truck is very much like fitting jigsaw pieces together, and the moving industry offers many challenges. However, Frank and his crew at A1A Moving handle every situation professionally. "We know we are dealing with an intimate part of a customer's life," Frank shared. "We want them to be able to breathe a sigh of relief and be completely satisfied at the end of the day."



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While Zada Owens grew up in Red Oak and now lives in Waxahachie, her family is from the Hill Country. "We love to get together for outdoor activities. So, a lot of our recipes center around campouts, river trips and ranch life," Zada noted.

Zada's mom was her biggest influence in the kitchen. "Since she passed, I find comfort in preparing her recipes — lots of spicy food with Hill Country influence. Texas food is my specialty," Zada described. "From enchiladas to pickled carrots, my recipes are from family. My King Ranch Chicken was inspired by my brother's life as a working cowboy on that ranch." Discussions of ranch and family life also play a part in the podcast Zada hosts with radio personality Big Al Mack. Now

King Ranch Chicken

- l green bell pepper, diced
- 1 white onion, diced
- 3 cups chicken, cooked and shredded
- I 14-oz. can cream of chicken soup, not diluted
- I 14-oz. can cream of mushroom soup or cream of poblano soup

1 14-oz. can Ro-Tel, undrained 14 corn tortillas 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated Paprika or chili powder, to taste Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste

I. Sauté the bell peppers and onions until tender. In a large bowl, stir together the

chicken, soups, Ro-Tel and sautéed vegetables. **2.** Brown the tortillas in some oil for just a second; layer them on the bottom of a greased casserole dish.

3. Spread half of the chicken mixture over the tortillas; sprinkle the layer with cheese. Repeat layers of tortillas and chicken mixture using the remaining cheese on top. Sprinkle spices on top.

4. Bake, uncovered, for 25-30 minutes on 375 F. Let sit a few minutes before serving.

Hobo Stew Foil Packs

Great over a campfire.

1 lb. ground beef

- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce Bill's Seasoning or Tony Chachere's, to taste 2 red onions, chopped
- 4 red potatoes, chopped small
- 2 bell peppers, chopped (green and red) Vegetables of your choice that will cook evenly with the meat

I. Mix the meat with the Worcestershire sauce and some seasoning. Form medium-size meatballs. Tear thick foil into 12x12-inch squares.

2. Season the vegetables. Using the foil as a plate, put a little bit of everything you want into the center of the foil. Do not overpack; it's better to have two small ones for a better cooking consistency.

3. Fold the packet, leaving room for steam to cook the meal. Label each packet with a marker if everyone picked their own veggies!
4. Place over a campfire for 20-30 minutes, depending on how hot your fire is and how big your potatoes and meatballs are. I make an extra pack to check on every 5-10 minutes to verify doneness. This is perfect for the kids to have fun making their own at a campout or off the grill at home. Serve in the foil for no mess!

Sherry Vonn BBQ Sauce

2 cups ketchup
1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
2 Tbsp. honey
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 lemon, squeezed (reserve 1 Tbsp. juice and rind)
1 Tbsp. Cajun seasoning of choice
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
Hot sauce, to add spice (optional)

 Whisk together all ingredients, except rind, in a saucepan over medium heat. Add rind. Simmer until thickened, about 10 minutes.
 Apply to grilled meat of your choice. This can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

Elote Street Corn on the Cob

6 ears corn, shucked and cleaned 1 Tbsp. lime juice 1/2 cup mayonnaise Chili powder, to taste 1/3 cup Cotija cheese, grated Cilantro, freshly chopped, to taste

 Grill the corn, flipping until evenly charred. Mix the lime juice with the mayonnaise; brush heavily over the corn.
 Sprinkle with chili powder, Cotija and cilantro.

Bubba Beans

1 14-oz. can chicken broth

- 1 16-oz. pkg. rinsed lima/butter beans, soaked overnight
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- 1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel
- I green bell pepper, diced

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 white onion, diced
 celery sticks, chopped
 12-oz. pkg. browned breakfast sausage (spicy if preferred)
 Seasoning of choice (I use Bill's Seasoning or Cajun.)
 Salt, to taste
 Pepper, to taste

I. In a Crock-Pot or on a stovetop, fill a pot with half chicken broth and half water Add the beans, Ro-Tel, vegetables, sausage and seasonings.

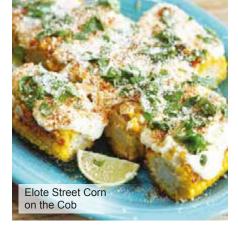
2. Cook in on low for 6-7 hours, or sauté the vegetables on a stovetop for 5 minutes before adding to the beans. Cover and simmer 30-45 minutes.

Fried Green Tomatoes

2 large firm green tomatoes, sliced 1/4-inch thick
1 cup all-purpose flour (divided use) 3/4 cup self-rising yellow cornmeal

Salt, to taste

- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp. ground pepper
- 2 large eggs
- 2 Tbsp. buttermilk



I tsp. hot sauce3 Tbsp. vegetable oil, for frying (more as needed)

I. Place a single layer of tomatoes on doubled paper towels. Gently press; let rest for 10 minutes.

Place 1/2 cup of the flour on a plate. On a second plate, whisk together the remaining flour, cornmeal and spices until blended.
 In a shallow bowl, whisk the eggs, buttermilk and hot sauce together. Dredge the tomato slices first in the plain flour, second in the egg wash and then in

the seasoned cornmeal mix. Gently press the breading onto the tomato slices.
4. In a deep cast-iron skillet, heat 1 inch of vegetable oil to 350-360 F. Don't overcrowd

the skillet. Fry 4-5 minutes, flipping carefully

until golden brown. Best served alone or with homemade ranch dressing.

Summer Squash Casserole

- 2 lbs. yellow squash, halved
- 1 14-oz. can cream of chicken soup
- 1 stick butter
- 2 large carrots, grated
- 1/2 green bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 box Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- I raw egg
- I tsp. sage

Cook, drain and mash the squash.
 Combine the remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour into a lightly sprayed casserole dish. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes. Let sit 5 minutes before serving.

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Denton was the third city, behind Austin and Fort Worth, to be named a Music Friendly Community by the Office of the Governor's Texas Music Office in 2017: However, Denton glows culturally vibrant in the other arts, too. Bright murals decorate many of the buildings, and the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center, repurposed in the city's historic steam power plant with its soaring ceilings and original industrial hardware, offers more than 20 art exhibits annually in two galleries and a sculpture garden. Art galleries, studios and performance halls abound in this city and its institutions of higher learning. Campus Theatre, located in a historic movie-on-thesquare theater, hosts live productions. concerts and film festivals.

The city, founded in 1857, is also Denton County's seat of government. The courthouse, built in 1896 and restored in 2004, majestically anchors the Courthouse-on-the-Square District and is host to the county's museum. Just south of downtown, docents and staff welcome visitors for tours of two historic homes. The Bayless-Selby House



Museum, a Victorian home, tells the story of life in the late 1800s into the next century. Next door is the Denton County African American Museum, housed in a home that once was part of the Quakertown community. It features the papers and medical instruments of Dr. Edwin D. Moten, Denton's first African-American doctor.

Visitors can time their journey to Denton to coincide with one of the city's many festivals and communitywide or college sporting events. There's a special event to interest every visitor and offer family-friendly fun, including: a Black film festival; Texas storytelling; a redbud festival; Juneteenth; a comic art exposition; a blues festival; Twilight Tunes, a free concert series on the courthouse grounds; and festivals honoring hot rods, dogs and wassail. Children can also enjoy the Explorium Children's Museum and colorful park playgrounds.

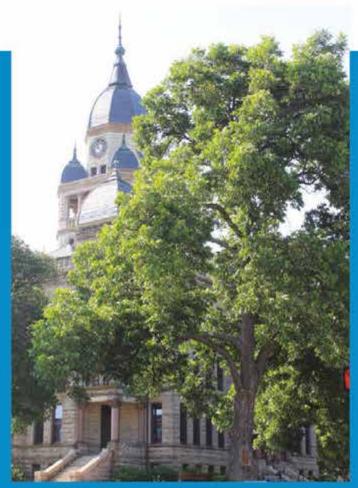
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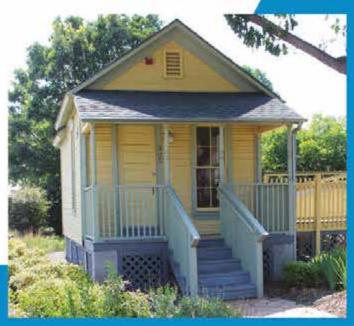
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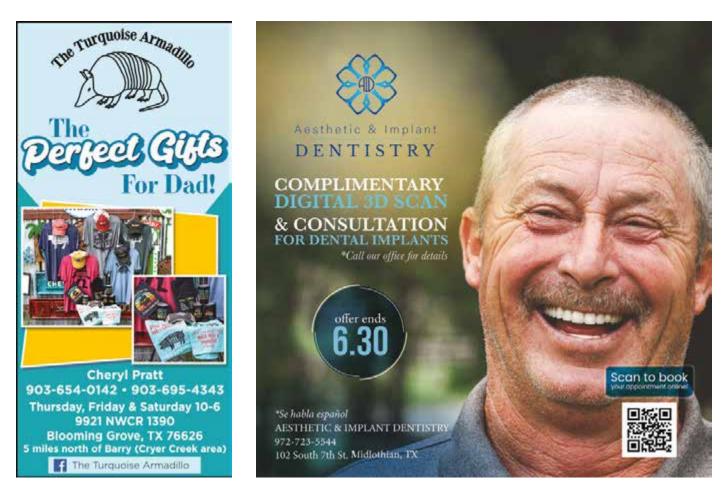
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- 5 Scotch partner
- 9 Spellbound
- 10 It may be grand or petty
- 12 Inkling
- 13 Undivided duet in confusion
- 15 It huffs and it puffs and it blows your house down
- 17 Mess up
- 18 Passes
- 19 Type of ant
- 20 Ball stand
- 21 Concealed oneself
- 22 Phrase meaning "caveat emptor"
- 24 Pleasure boat harbor
- 27 Mahmoud Abbas's organization
- 28 Crack Tom's nut to reveal part of an instruction to refrain
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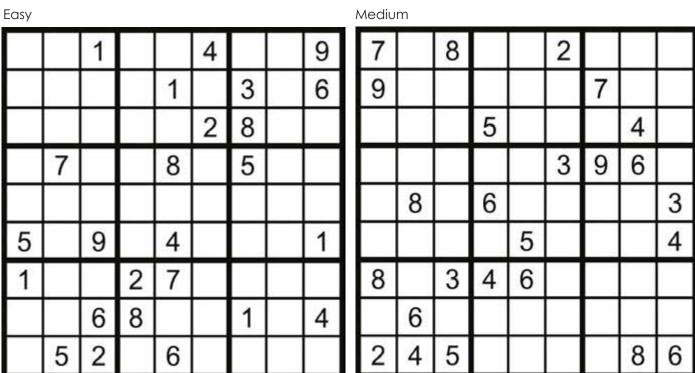
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6/4

Mark Powel: This is part of the Railyard Nights Concert Series. 7:00-10:00 p.m., Railyard Park, 455 S. College St.

6/4-6/5

Gingerbread Trail: Enjoy guided tours of some of Waxahachie's historic homes and buildings. \$7-\$25. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. See Eventbrite for tickets.

6/6-6/10

Technically Tech Summer Camp: Learn the behind-the-scenes part of a stage production. \$130 (non-refundable). 9:00 a.m.noon, Coleman Fine Arts Center, 1000 N. Hwy. 77. Learn more at https://www.ecctheater.org/shop.

6/6-6/11

Ellis County Creative Arts Camp:

Age groups will explore various techniques. Supplies are included. 9:00 a.m.-noon, En Route Academy of the Arts, 1014 Ferris Ave. # 213C. Learn more at https://www.enrouteacademy. com/summer-camp-art.

> 6/10 Touch a Truck:

Explore, climb and get your hands on vehicles of all shapes and sizes. Free. 10:00-11:00 a.m., Sims Library, 515 W. Main St.

6/13-6/17

Summer Art Academy: Explore various media. \$150. 10:00 a.m.-noon (ages 6-9); 2:00-4:00 p.m. (ages 10-12), Art on the Square Gallery, 113 W. Franklin St.

6/18

Juneteenth Freedom Day: Parade, speeches by local leaders, a car show, 7-on-7 football and chow down on some good food. Lee Penn Park, 402 Getzendaner.

6/25

Wheels of Fire Bike Ride: Raise money for Campfire Creek Therapeutic Riding Center. \$35. Register by 6/10. 8:00 a.m., Railport Brewing Co., 405 W. Madison.

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Liberty and Lemonade: Stroll downtown sampling the various lemonades. Noon-5:00 p.m., Downtown Waxahachie.

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