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EDITOR'S NOTE

A simple summer ...

You may or may not have an opportunity to travel this summer, but it can still be the perfect time to experience something unique. If you have children out of school, you may be looking for something to liven up this month without breaking the bank. One idea — with or without kids — is to create a daily challenge calendar. Here are 30 simple ideas inspired by journalbuddies.com that might jazz up each day of June ...

Try a new food. Play a new game. Greet a stranger. Compliment everyone you meet. Spend more time outside. Share something with a friend or sibling. Pay for someone else's coffee or donuts. Listen to a different type of music. Cook something new. Bake for a neighbor.

Do someone else's chores/job. Read about a different culture. Call or text an old friend. Memorize a poem. Sing out loud in public. Watch your favorite movie from childhood. Practice a random act of kindness. Donate something you no longer need. Try a new hobby. Enjoy an old hobby.

Learn a magic trick. Tell someone a joke. Have a picnic. Visit a local store you've never been to. Ask someone something you've always wanted to know about them. Research a fun fact and share it. Buy someone flowers. Buy yourself flowers. Plant flowers. Go the entire day without your cell phone.

Bonus activity: Keep a June Journal in which you write about each day's adventure ... then use the month of July to read or share an entry that you wrote each day. You may just create a summer to remember without any vacation at all.

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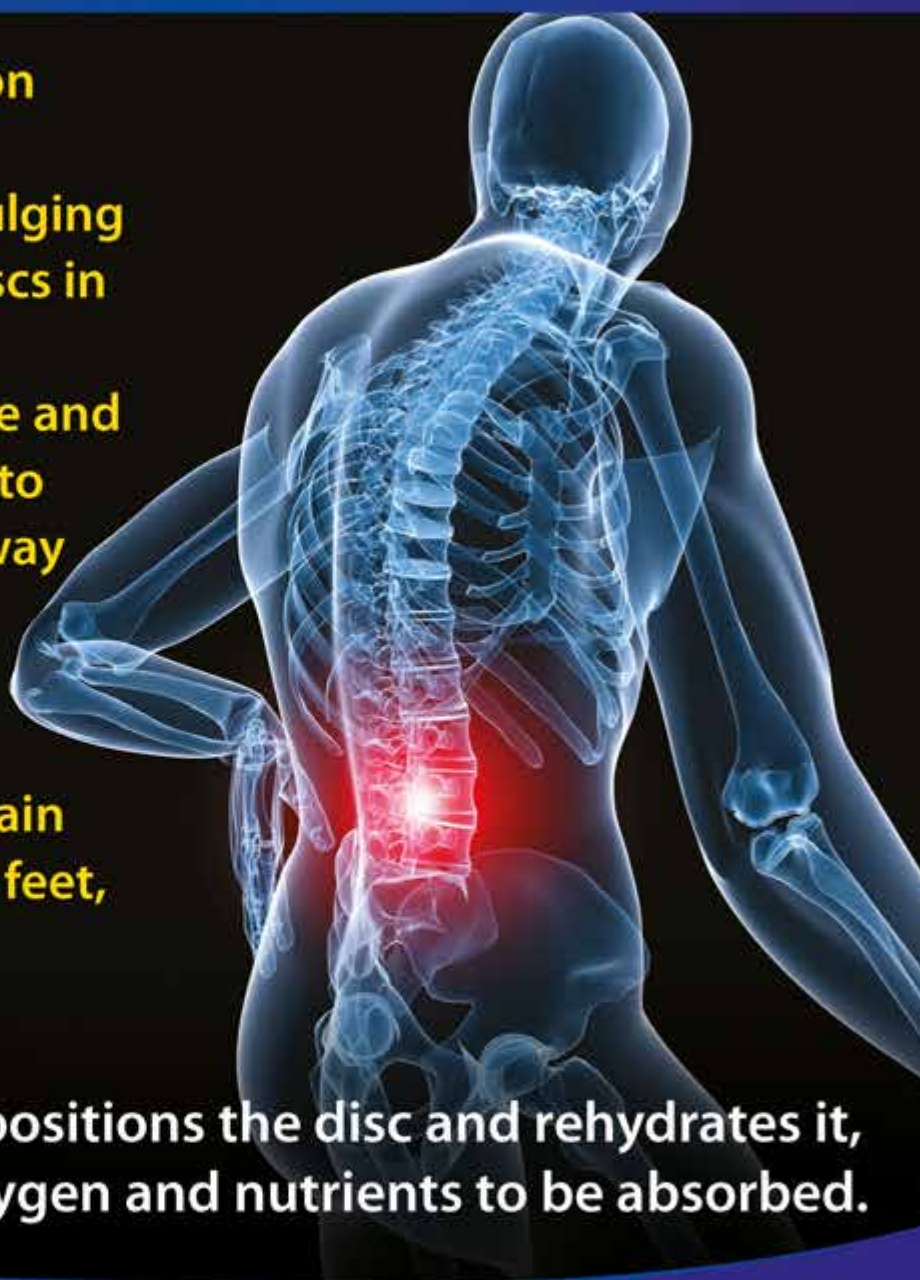
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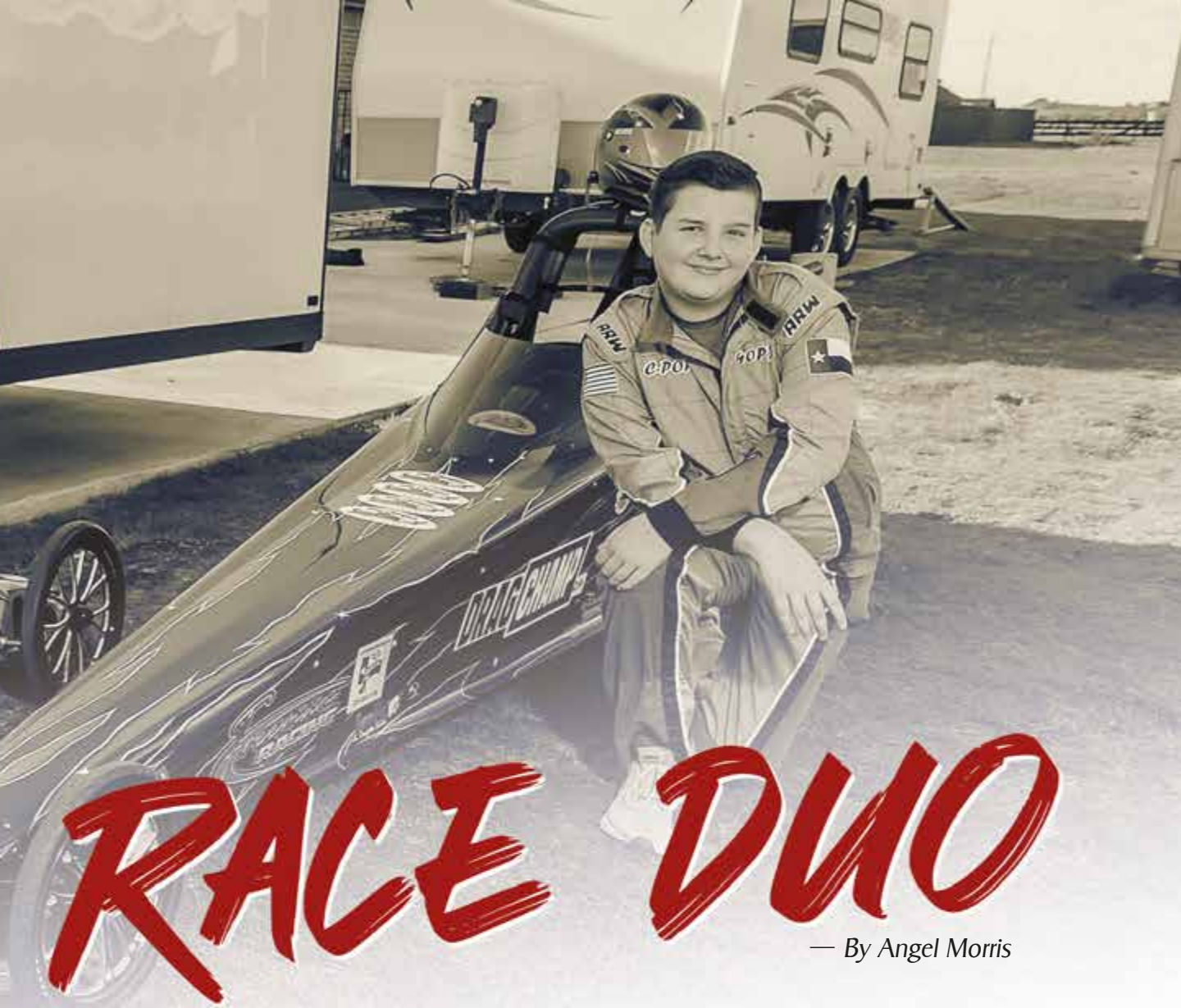
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RACE DUO

— By Angel Morris

The sport of drag racing — two cars racing side by side to a designated stopping point — is thought to have originated in the dry lakebeds of Southern California in the 1930s. Today, two local teens are carrying on a family tradition in the sport.

Sister-brother duo, Maddy and Carter Poplawski, became interested in drag racing several years ago. “In 2016, when I was almost 8 years old, I attended a drag racing event in Memphis to watch my uncle race his Super Comp Dragster. At that time, I didn’t know what junior dragsters were, but I knew I liked race cars,” Carter, now 14, said.

Carter’s parents invested in a used dragster for him in 2019, a McPhantom chassis with an 8.90 McGee engine, which he raced in the 2020 and 2021 seasons. “During 2021, we ordered my current car, a 2022 Half Scale Swing Arm Junior Dragster. The swing arm means my car has a shock built into it, which can help with reaction time.”

Maddy, now 16, joined the sport in a used Half Scale Extreme Junior Dragster. “Our grandfather raced for many years, and that evolved into his son (my uncle), Carter, me and three of his other grandchildren getting into the sport,” Maddy noted. “I’m proud all our cars carry our grandfather’s signature, which was incorporated into our Freeman Racing logo.”

Despite racing being in their blood, there was a learning curve. “When I first started, there were drivers I couldn’t seem to beat. I had to overcome worrying about who was in the lane next to me and just focus on what I have learned and the tools that I have come to rely on while racing,” Carter recalled.

With practice came confidence. “It’s critical to know why I lost a race. Understanding this has helped me to improve. Watching videos of other racers also taught me a lot of good strategy,” Carter continued.

A lighted system known as a Christmas tree — a column of seven lights for each driver or lane — is a common way drag races are started today. Carter and Maddy have a practice tree they use to improve reaction time. “We also have a handheld one we take with us to practice whenever we have time and in between rounds at the track,” Maddy explained.

No matter how much they practice, every race is different. “During one particular race, I got on the brakes too hard and locked up the rear wheels. This made my tires slide and lose air, but I was able to keep the car from hitting any of the side walls or my competitor,” Carter recalled.



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Maddie had a close call, too. “I had a hard time stopping and was afraid of running off the end of the track. Very quickly, I decided to shut my car off to help slow it down, and I had to be cautious getting off the track, hoping I had slowed it down enough to make the turn. My dad determined the brake rotor bolts were coming loose, keeping the brakes from being effective.”

With their crew chief dad, Francis, and hype squad mom, Melinda, behind them, Carter and Maddy continue to grow in and out of the sport. In 2021, just his second year of racing, Carter won the 10-12 Year Old Age Group category Championship of the SouthWest Junior Dragster Series (SWJDS) and was also the Junior Mod Track Champion for Xtreme Raceway Park. In 2022, he won three championships: The SouthWest Junior Dragster Series: 12-17 Year Old Age Group category, Bracket 330 category and the All Run Big Money category. He was also named the coveted Driver of The Year for the SWJDS 2022 season.

While Maddy, who will begin her senior year this fall, has proven to be a tough competitor on the track, she also concentrates on keeping her grades up and was a manager for the JV dance team at MHS this past school year. “I danced in middle school, and my freshman year of high school, I was selected to be one of five dance team officers my sophomore year. I made the tough decision to not try out my junior year, because a lot of the dance responsibilities and the racing schedule conflicted.”

Maddy finds racing exciting and therapeutic. “I feel a rush of adrenaline and a great deal of competitiveness. Racing takes my mind off of everything else,” she admitted. “Not to mention there’s a lot of cute boys that I’ve met through the sport.”





Carter, a freshman at Texas Connections Academy, said he no longer feels anxious while racing because he has a routine he trusts. He hopes to one day be an International Hot Rod Association World Champion and an Original Million Dollar Race winner, followed by a career in an automotive trade.

Maddy hopes to earn a degree in the medical field, then come back to racing. "By this time, I would go into what is considered a big car, rather than like the junior dragster I'm driving now," she noted.


The Poplawskis both credit racing with increasing their self-confidence on and off the track. "When I first started, there were older kids I looked up to and learned racing tactics from. Now I feel like there are younger kids who look up to me," Carter stated.

Aside from racing, Maddy likes to shop, watch scary movies and hang out with friends. Carter is the family cook, preparing most of their dinners, and has recently taken up CrossFit.


Both are happy to be able to share this sport with their family as they follow in their grandfather's footsteps. They appreciate the support of the SouthWest Junior Dragster Series, Xtreme Raceway Park, I-30 Dragway and other Jr. Drag Racing programs as well as DragChamp, a racing website. "We would also like to thank Lone Star Acre Painting, a local painting company that sponsors us," Maddy credited.

Carter also credits drag racing as a supportive community. "Racing is a highly competitive sport. But, after the competition is over, hanging out with race friends is like one big family," he said. "For the most part, everyone is willing to help you out with whatever you need." **NOW**

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Geri Salazar and Karen Cox enjoy serving during the Lions Club Spring Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.

Zoomed In:
Will Clark and Aidan Bottkol

By Angel Morris

Will Clark and Aidan Bottkol are skilled fishermen who excel on the Midlothian Fishing Team, placing in several tournaments. "I started fishing with my dad when I was about 3," Will recalled. "I love catching big mamas. A 7-lb. bass is my biggest catch so far."

Aidan appreciates the time in nature that fishing allows, and his prize catch was a surprise. "It was an 8-pounder on Lake Whitney. I thought I'd snagged a tree because the fish was pulling drag!"

Both young men are members of the Midlothian High School baseball team and share the goal of attending college after their upcoming senior year, where Will said he may continue to fish. Aidan hopes to continue to pursue his interest in rodeo, as well.



Attending the Texas Crossroads Film and Music Festival, Renee Cook and Cindy Hurst meet Christopher Charles Fitzpatrick, director and producer of the movie Oklahoma Breakdown.



Justin Blackwell is congratulated on his 100th win as the head baseball coach for Midlothian Heritage High School.



Midlothian firefighters, Jake Godfrey and Gabe Stewart, prepare for Gabe's deployment ceremony.



Mother-daughter duo, Haley Wolters and Gaylynn Beason, open Copper Rose Boutique this month at Founders Row.



Bree Smith receives a congratulatory bouquet from her grandmother, Keren Smith, after the Heritage Belles Spring Show.

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In 1999, citizens in Midlothian approved a ½-cent sales tax to create the Texas Type B corporation, known as Midlothian Community Development Corporation (MCDC). Since then, MCDC has funded grant requests for more than 100 projects, ranging from small to large. Appointed by City Council, MCDC's seven-member board administers this sales tax. Projects chosen must positively affect the quality of life for citizens and contribute to the local economy. Funds must be used exclusively for qualified development projects that have been authorized by state statute, including parks, roads, auditoriums, open space and other related improvements.

Creek Bend Disc Golf Course opens to the community

In 2022, MCDC funded construction of Creek Bend Disc Golf Course, which is located on the grounds of First Baptist Church at 1651 S. Midlothian Parkway. "The church's proposal fit MCDC's desire to create a disc golf course in the city, and we felt that First Baptist would be a good community partner," said Alyn Nix, MCDC president. The 18-hole course opened January 1 of this year and features nine disc baskets. Golfers have their choice of two tee boxes. Creek Bend Course is free and open to the public, except during church services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoon and evenings. For more information about the disc golf course, visit <https://udisc.com/courses/creek-bend-disc-golf-course-8yvT>.

Treehouse Christian Learning Center fills a need for quality early childhood development

While Midlothian has many quality preschools, space is in short supply. That's why when Treehouse Christian Learning Center needed help to construct a new facility, MCDC stepped in to provide funding for needed infrastructure expenses. Treehouse founder Tom Curran explains they are committed to providing a safe, loving environment for children to learn and grow and to be prepared for kindergarten. They provide discounts for families that are fostering or adopting kids. "As a Christian, faith-based nonprofit, we strive to instill Christian values and a biblical worldview at every age level," said Curran.

Currently Treehouse serves 110 kids in the new 5,500-square-foot facility. For more information, visit their website at treehousemidlo.com or call (972) 275-6646.

Mayor's Annual Back-to-School Bash to kick off another school year and distribute school supplies

The Mayor's Back-to-School Bash invites all students to celebrate the beginning of a new school year at a free event to be held this year on August 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Midlothian ISD Multi-Purpose Stadium parking lot. The event includes inflatables, games, face painting, rides, a candy cannon and much more. The Bash provides information to parents and students about MISD programs and community resources.

Manna House, the community's outreach organization, organizes The Bash each year while providing school

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MCDC board members, Candice Millsap and T.J. Henley, treasurer, try their skills at the new Creek Bend Disc Golf Course, funded by MCDC at Midlothian First Baptist Church.

supplies to families in need. Many families in the Midlothian School District need help with basic school supplies that aid a student's success. Manna House has been answering this need by distributing school supplies for many years to thousands of students in our area. "Manna House is always quick to meet the needs of the students of Midlothian ISD," commented Dr. Jo Ann Fey, MISD superintendent. "We appreciate the Mayor's Bash event to help kick-off the school year and the school supplies Manna provides to many of our MISD students."

Midlothian Community Development has supported the Bash and the school supply program since 2020. This year, Midlothian City Council approved a \$140,000 grant from MCDC to fund the program to ensure that no student in Midlothian goes without the supplies they need. "The City of Midlothian proudly partners with Manna House to serve those in need in our community," said Justin Coffman, mayor.

The Back-to-School Bash is free and open to the public. School supplies will be distributed at the Bash this year to elementary school students, but parents need to register their students. Those wishing to receive school supplies, may register at Manna House by calling (972) 775-1800. There are no criteria to qualify other than being in elementary school. Those interested may also sign up at pop-up food pantries Manna House will be hosting in various locations throughout the community this summer. Call Manna House for the pop-up pantry schedule.



Darin Kasper, MISD deputy superintendent; Alyn Nix, MCDC president; Justin Coffman, Midlothian mayor, and Norma and Craig Belcher of Manna House invite the community to this year's Back-to-School Bash on Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the MISD Multi-Purpose Stadium parking lot.



Treehouse Christian Learning Center provides an early-childhood development program and after-school care for elementary age kids.

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CookingNOW *In the Kitchen With* BRENDA PROCTOR

— By Angel Morris

With a career focusing on at-risk youth, Brenda Proctor is the stay-in-school coordinator for Fort Worth ISD. At age 10, she became interested in cooking to ease the load of her single-parent mother. “Before long, I had taken her place. I experimented until I perfected meals, and it was so much fun hearing everyone say how good the food tasted,” Brenda admitted.

At one point, Brenda had her own catering business, but today she focuses on feeding her husband of 26 years, four adult children, 10 grandkids and one great-grandchild. “Although I like cooking everything, I love baking from scratch. I am very particular about the flavors that I use and recommend Watkins products,” she noted. “I make many things by taste and encourage others to make these recipes their own!” **NOW**

Creamy Potato Salad

The perfect summertime side dish! Yields 1 medium potato salad.

- 4 large potatoes (peeled, cubed and boiled until tender)
- 4 boiled eggs, diced
- 2 stems green onion, diced
- 1/2 small yellow onion, diced
- 1/2 dill pickle, diced
- Chopped pimentos, to taste

Sweet relish, to taste

- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- Sugar, to taste
- 1/4 cup Miracle Whip, more if needed
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise, more if needed
- 1/4 cup sandwich spread
- Mustard, to taste

1. Place the potatoes in a large mixing bowl. Mix in the remaining ingredients.

2. Blend well; refrigerate before serving.

Corn Casserole

- 1 15.25-oz. can whole kernel corn with liquid
- 1 15.25-oz. can cream style corn
- 1 8-oz. carton sour cream
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
- 1 stick butter

1. In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients. Pour the batter into a large, lightly greased casserole dish.
2. Bake at 350 F for 55-60 minutes.

Rice and Sausage Casserole

- 2 lbs. sausage, cooked (I recommend Owens or Jimmy Dean brands.)
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup

- 1 10.5-oz. can chicken and rice soup**
- 1 cup raw rice**
- 1 cup water**
- 1 16-oz. box Velveeta cheese**

- 1.** Cook the sausage, celery, bell pepper and onions in a skillet until the redness is gone from the sausage. Add the next 4 ingredients. Cover; cook in an oven at 350 F until done, about 1 hour.
- 2.** Uncover; spread with the Velveeta cheese. Return to the oven until the cheese melts. Serve hot.

Brenda's Chess Cake

- 1 box yellow or white cake mix**
- 4 eggs (divided use)**
- 1 stick unsalted butter**
- 2 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened**
- 1 16-oz. box powdered sugar**
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla flavor**

- 1.** Mix the cake mix, 1 egg and butter together well; press in a 9x13-inch pan. Set aside.
- 2.** Mix the cream cheese, powdered sugar, remaining eggs and vanilla flavor together. Pour over the cake mixture. Cook for 45 minutes, or until the edges turn brown. If the top is too light, brown to your taste.

Strawberry Cold Cake

- 1 box strawberry cake mix (I use Duncan Hines.)**
- 1 14.5-oz. can Eagle Brand Milk**
- 1 16-oz. tub Cool Whip**
- 1 small container frozen strawberries, thawed**

- 1.** Bake the cake according to the box instructions; let cool.
- 2.** In a large bowl, mix the milk and Cool Whip with a hand mixer until creamy. Stir in the strawberries; set aside.
- 3.** Crumble the cake. In a medium-to-large dish, begin layering cake and cream, beginning with the cake and ending with the cream until finished. Refrigerate for 1 1/2 hours before serving.

The Cake That Won't Last

Also called the Get Gone Cake.

- 3 cups flour**
- 3 cups sugar**
- 1 tsp. baking soda**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
- 1 1/2 cups vegetable oil**
- 3 eggs**
- 2-3 bananas, mashed (very ripe)**
- 1 8-oz. can crushed pineapples**

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Strawberry Cold Cake

- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup pecans
- 2 cups bran flakes
- 1 cup coconut
- 2 cups oatmeal
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 12-oz. pkg. chocolate chips

1. In a large mixing bowl, mix the sugar, butter and vanilla until smooth. Add the eggs 1 at a time.
2. In another bowl, mix the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda; add to the first mixture.
3. By hand, stir in the remaining ingredients. Place 1/2 rounded spoons of dough on a cookie sheet that's been sprayed with PAM Cooking Spray. Cook about 10 minutes at 350 F

- 1/3 cup pecans
- 1/3 cup coconut (optional)

Cow Chip Cookies

Makes about 12 dozen cookies.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F Place all the ingredients in a bowl; let stand for 2 minutes before stirring.
2. Stir well; pour the batter into a well-greased and floured cake pan.
3. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until well done.

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups butter/margarine
- 2 tsp. vanilla
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- 1/2 tsp. salt
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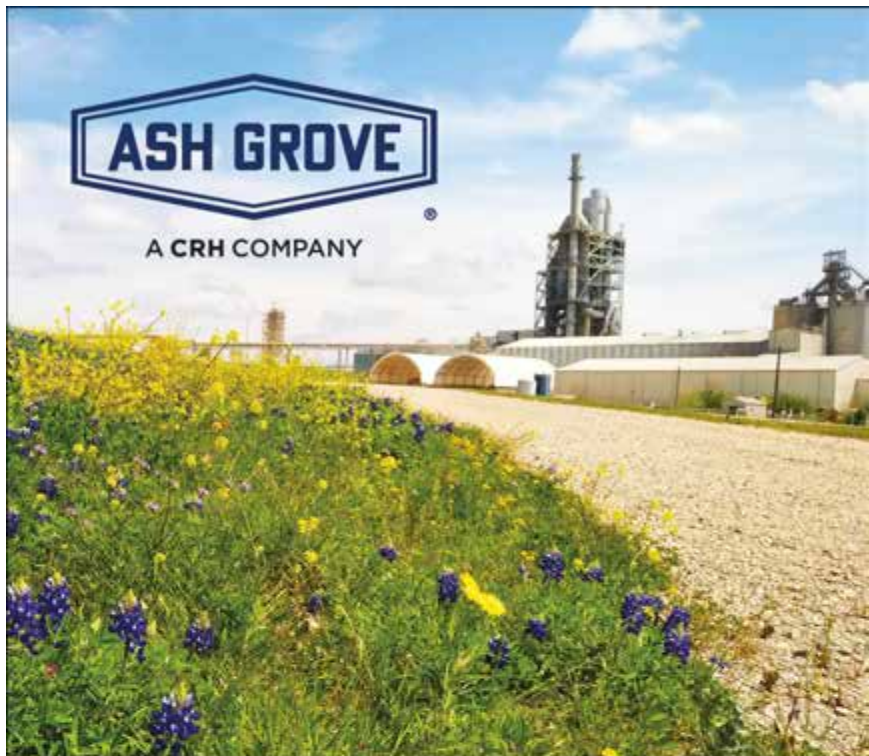


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FOLLOWING MAPS

In today's world, an actual paper road map is rarely considered necessary. Most people rely on navigation and map apps on their phones to direct them to their destinations. A few trustworthy map apps include Google Maps, Apple Maps and Waze.

However, what if internet service is spotty? How will drivers know where to go? Having a backup Rand McNally Road Atlas might be the answer. Or travelers can stop and ask for directions. Preferably, plan the route before heading out on a road trip, so there aren't any directional surprises.

ENJOYING SNACKS

While traveling by car for a number of hours, it is always a treat to have snacks readily available. When snacks are easily accessible to hungry travelers, it not only curbs their appetites, but it also cuts down on unnecessary stops, ultimately saving time on the trip.



THE ROAD *Again*

— By Amber D. Browne

A plastic snack tackle box or plastic organizer box with dividers makes the perfect carrier for bite-size snacks. A separate snack can be added to each section: Cheez-It Baked Snack Crackers, pretzels, almonds, M&M's, raisins, chocolate-covered peanuts, Goldfish Crackers, bite-size beef jerky, SKITTLES, banana chips, etc. A small cooler of iced drinks including bottled water and juice boxes will quench the thirst of travelers.

PASSING TIME

Any road trip might begin to become monotonous as travelers journey through city after city. To pass the time, road trippers can play classic games such as I Spy, in which a traveler picks an item of a certain color, and the others must guess it correctly. The License Plate Game keeps travelers on the lookout for vehicles originating from other states. Travelers can challenge others to Name That Tune to determine what song is playing on the radio, or they can listen to an audiobook or podcast.

Tablets and phones offer free gaming apps that do not require internet access, just in case you are driving through an area with bad reception. Movies can also be downloaded to devices or viewed from DVD players in the vehicle. Just do

not forget the charger! And travelers can always just sit back and relax while reading a book or enjoying the scenery.

RESTING REQUIRED

A quick nap is an added bonus to pass the time while traveling. Children and teenagers can cozy up with their favorite pillows and blankets. Co-pilots can bring along those comfy items, too, or grab a neck pillow from the store.

Drivers can pull over and rest when tired. A rest stop, park or gas station provides the perfect place to step out of the car for a few minutes until the driver is fully awake and able to resume the trip.

PLANNING ADVENTURES

The destination is the ultimate goal of any road trip. Travelers should have at least a few things in mind to pursue once they arrive. Vacations do not have to be planned out by the minute, but it is nice to arrange a couple of places to visit — museums, restaurants, amusement parks, excursions, etc.

Of course, the destination will provide unforgettable experiences, but the road trip is an adventure in itself. Enjoy every minute of it. **NOW**

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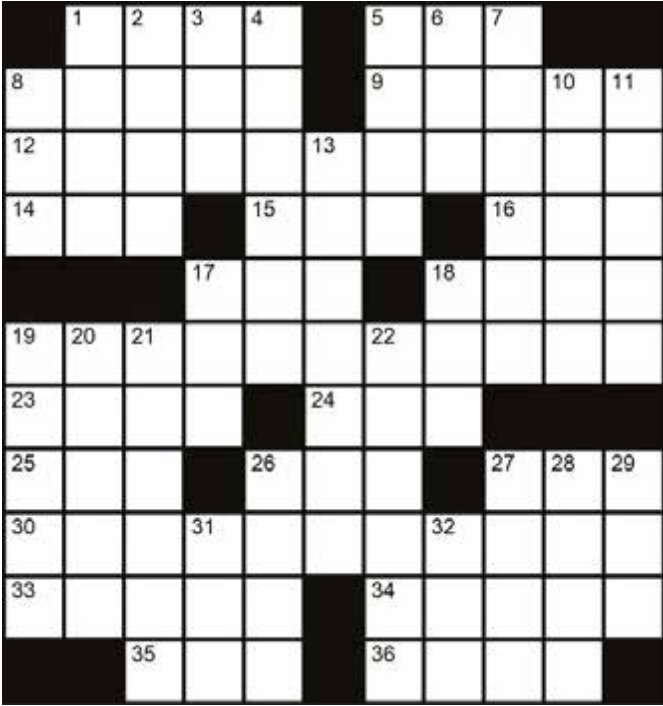
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6/3

Movies in the Park:

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6/6

Summer Reading Program Kickoff:

"All Together NOW" is this year's theme for children Pre-K through fifth grade. See the full event schedule at www.midlothian.tx.us/504/A-H-Meadows-Library.

6/8

Southern Star Scramble:

Chamber fundraiser. Breakfast and lunch included. Prizes and awards distributed. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Tangle Ridge Golf Course, 818 Tangle Ridge Dr., Cedar Hill. Email info@midlothianchamber.org for details.

6/9

American Legion Chris Kyle Post 388 Spring Gala:

Semi-Formal Dance to support Boy's State and Girl's State Scholarship Programs. \$100 per couple. 7:30-11:30 p.m., Midlothian Civic Center, 224 S. 11th St. Learn more at www.post388.org/.

6/16

Daddy Daughter Dance:

An Under the Sea Soiree, of dancing, dinner, photographs and more! Theme costumes encouraged. \$30 per couple; \$10 for each additional daughter. 6:30-9:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Dr. Space is limited. To buy tickets, call (972) 775-7125.

Summer Beats:

Concert featuring country artist Amanda Kate Ferris. Food for purchase. Bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating. Free admission. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Midlothian Community Park Amphitheater, 3601 S. 14th St.

7/1

Independence Day Parade:

The "Let Freedom Ring" parade steps off from Community Park and travels north on 14th Street. 10:00 a.m., 3601 S. 14th St. Visit <https://www.midlothian.tx.us/640/Midlothian-Independence-Day-Parade>.

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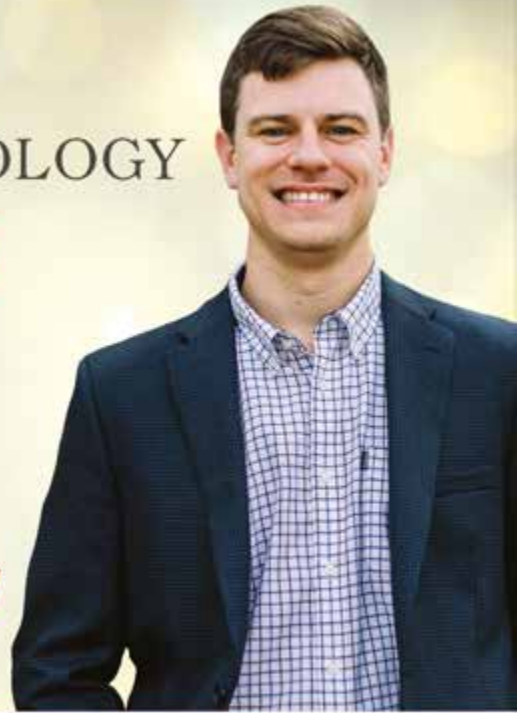
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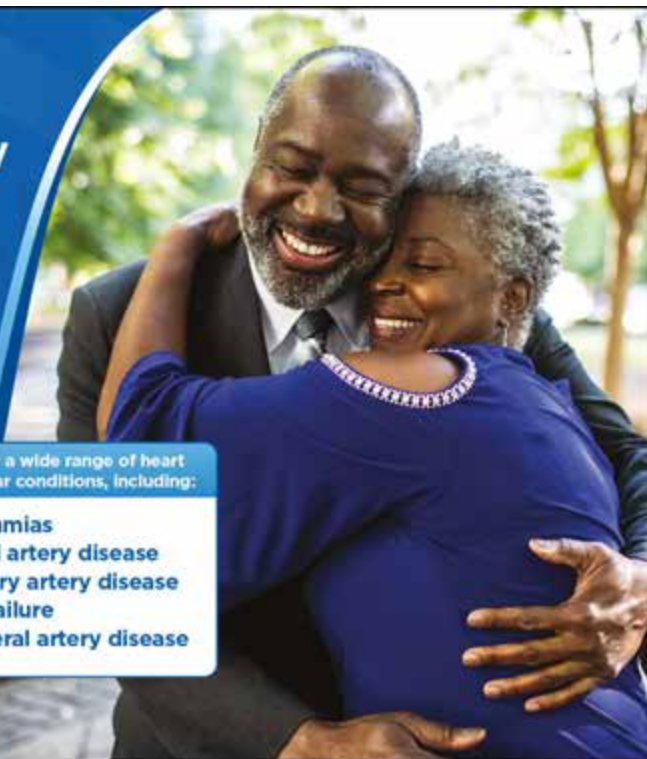
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