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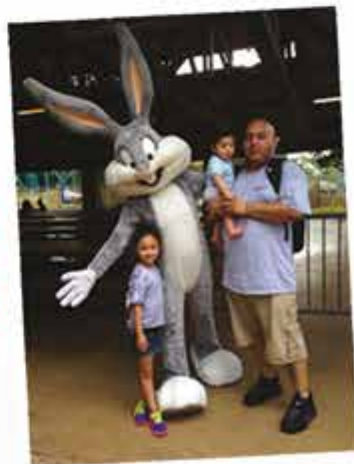
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*O beautiful, for spacious skies!*

This month is the perfect reminder of why so many who grew up in Midlothian stayed and why others moved here specifically to raise their families. It doesn't get more all-American than the city's annual parade, where young and old traditionally gather to remember exactly what makes the U.S. great — freedom, family and friends. Everyone's patriotic gear comes out again July 3, when this year's Community Fireworks Show starts at about 9:15 p.m. at the MISD Multi-Purpose Stadium. Folks can pull up lawn chairs and drop tailgates all over town to gaze at the colorful tribute to our country's greatness and look around fondly at the community they call home.

It's easy to get caught up in the annoyances we face on any given day and fixate on what's not perfect about our lives. Independence Day, however, reminds us of the advantages living in America brings. When we hear someone joke about "first-world problems," it's funny because our issues are typically small in comparison to so many. That's not to say Americans don't suffer, but to encourage those with the resources our country affords to help those less fortunate — in our own backyard and beyond.

Besides honoring those who fought for freedom, July is a great time to challenge ourselves to support our country by starting in our own community. May the fireworks spark enthusiasm and help us remember the privileges of calling America, and Midlothian, home.

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*It's not how far or how fast you run, it's simply important that you get moving. Jon Tomayo has had different motivations to exercise, but the result is a commitment to fitness for himself and others.*

*"Many people think that you have to run fast to be called a 'runner.' I 100-percent disagree," Jon noted. "My goal is to create a support system for new and experienced runners that will promote the sport."*

As a result, Jon created Midlothian Running Club. "It started in May 2018 with 10-15 runners. At most runs, the club starts together, and then groups — based on pace — split up," he explained. "Many people think that since we are a club, we have to stay together the whole time, but everyone's goals are different. I say, just show up and do you!"

Originally from Waxahachie, Jon was a member of that city's running club. "I was driving there three days a week to train for my first marathon, and it's where I met my unofficial running coach, Paul Box. I loved running with them, but I started just running from my house and running solo all over Midlothian," Jon recalled. "I did this for months before I realized that many of the runners in Waxahachie Running Club were from Midlothian and that there were probably more. I called the creator of WRC, Russell Williams, and asked for advice on how to get the ball started here."

Now meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00 a.m. in the Kroger parking lot, Midlothian Running Club's range of participating runners has fluctuated from youth ages 4-16 up to 72 years old. "I love to hear about how the running club has helped people reach their goals, and I love seeing first-time members," Jon admitted. "Some of my favorite memories involve long runs. You build relationships and motivate each other just by being there, talking about whatever."

The club has a Facebook page, which is about more than publicity. "I would get motivated by the Waxahachie club's social media posts on



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days when I considered skipping a workout. I hope the same is happening through Midlothian Running Club,” Jon said. “The group mentality really helps encourage others to get up and do it. I really want people to post to our page and help others be motivated that way!”

Jon credits his brother for his initial introduction to fitness. “Hector got me into lifting weights when I was 13, solely for aesthetic reasons, to look good for the ladies. I’ve been doing something physical since then and playing sports my whole life, whether I was good at them or not,” Jon joked.

Over time, however, exercising became a way of life. “It has helped me feel better. When I don’t exercise, I feel down, so it is a necessity for me.”

Running has helped Jon manage life’s changes, as well. Initially, he received a double major in Spanish and education from Midwestern State University, then studied abroad in Puebla, Mexico, for a summer at La Universidad de las Américas.

In 2007, he became a Spanish teacher at Mansfield High School, where he worked for the next 11 years. “I wore many hats: AP Spanish teacher, UIL coordinator, department lead, AP intern, committee member, etc. I then received my master’s degree in educational leadership,” Jon recounted. “I loved building relationships with my students and helping them achieve their goals, Spanish related or not, but was considering a career change.”

Even in times of change, however, running remains a constant for Jon. “In the middle of just about every run I ask myself, ‘Why the heck am I doing this?’ But besides making me feel better, I exercise to keep myself healthy for my family,” Jon said, referring to his wife, Amanda, and children Liam, 7, and Ava, 5.





High school sweethearts who met at Waxahachie High School, both Jon and Amanda's extended families are in Waxahachie and Midlothian. Jon enjoys incorporating fitness into his own family's lifestyle. "I try to incorporate it into games: Let's see if you can beat me to the light post, or see if you can do 10 pushups before me," he described.

In whatever spare time Jon can find, he also enjoys hiking, reading, watching movies, corn hole, martial arts, lifting weights, video games and even juggling. "I am easily entertained," he quipped.

Since his days are hectic, Jon calls himself an "opportunistic runner." He mentioned that the beauty of Midlothian Running Club is there's no pressure, just support. He encourages others to visit the group on Facebook to see if it might be something they, too, would enjoy. "Take a look at the photos or send me a message. Remember, it's not about how fast or how far, it's just important to do something," Jon reminded. "And the camaraderie is an added bonus."

Jon stresses that running can also improve one's confidence. "I never thought I would be capable of running 26.2 miles. Now I plan on running a 50-miler and eventually attempting to qualify for the Boston Marathon," Jon explained. "My running accomplishments inspired me to branch out to new goals and a new career. There are no limits, and I'm telling the world. I want to show everyone that they are capable of anything." **NOW**



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*If you hear a soulful voice vibrating the walls, you might be listening to the talented vocals of 16-year-old Grace Martin. She may be young, but she's powerful. Known to evoke emotion with her music, Grace's motive is to move. "I want to share my music with the world," Grace said.*

Her mom, Karen Martin, is also a natural-born singer, who encouraged Grace to follow her passion. For Grace, singing isn't just a hobby, it is a part of who she is, and she can't remember a time this wasn't the case. One of her earliest memories entails singing a Carrie Underwood song at the top of her lungs in the middle of a bank at only 4 years of age. "She was adorable," Karen remembered fondly. "She basically sang before she talked."





Including Amy Winehouse, Etta James, Paramore or Remo Drive, Grace covers a multitude of artists and genres from rock, rap and soul, to R&B and even punk rock. She also writes her own songs, plays guitar and is currently learning the keyboard. "It is a cathartic experience for her," Karen explained.

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write about real life experiences,” Grace expressed. Writing music allows her the opportunity to express difficult emotions, and she finds comfort in being able to express herself freely. Her first song ever recorded, “Creep,” conveys feelings of heartbreak, mistreatment and the process of overcoming it all.

“I have been dealing with the recent loss of my childhood best friend, and I just wrote a song about that.” Even though some of the issues she writes about are extremely painful, she doesn’t shy away from being honest and real about what she is feeling. The raw emotion that comes through her songs offers listeners a glimpse into her reality and the opportunity to understand or identify with her.

Singing isn’t something she does just for fun. It is something she must do. “Some people run. I sing,” Grace declared. Her creative spirit is most at peace when she is doing what she loves.

As Grace continues to grow and enhance her skills as a music artist, her ability to feel at ease on stage becomes more relaxed with each performance. Though she has participated in choir since elementary school, her first big solo on stage was at church when she was just 6 years old.

At church, she always felt comfortable on stage. It wasn’t until middle school that nerves hit. “I was in seventh grade, and I had a voice recital. I sang “Halo” by Beyoncé. I had invited all my friends, and it was the first time I really experienced stage anxiety,” Grace remembered.

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Since then, she has joined the Spotlight Society, a group designed specifically for students with talents like Grace's for artist development. This selectively chosen group has been instrumental in helping Grace develop her skills as a music artist and manage her performance anxiety. "Very recently, I became comfortable on stage," Grace said. "At the end of a Spotlight performance, I first experienced a stage high or euphoria."

That night, Grace successfully performed in front of a large crowd and had a blast doing it. She has also performed at venues, such as the Lighthouse Coffee Bar in Midlothian, The LOT Downtown in Mansfield, Farr Best Theater, The Mellow Mushroom and the Laughing Willow in the Bishop Arts District.

"Writing music allows her the opportunity to express difficult emotions, and she finds comfort in being able to express herself freely."

Grace is currently recording an EP that is scheduled to be released in the spring of 2020, and it should be available to listeners on Spotify or SoundCloud. On the record, you can expect to hear music comparable to alternative rock. Her music can also be found on YouTube, where she has recorded a cover of "I'd Rather Go Blind" by Etta James and her own original song, "Creep."

Grace doesn't know exactly where her music will take her, but she knows she wants to continue to pursue her passion. In addition to music, her favorite subject is psychology. "I plan on going to college to be a counselor," she explained. "Maybe in music therapy." **NOW**

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Attorney Stephen Crane's roots run deep in Midlothian, where he and his wife, Amanda, grew up. "We are thankful to live here and are proud to raise our kids here," Stephen said.

Growing up in Midlothian, Stephen was active in church, sports, theater and choir. He volunteered with Special Olympics, mentored younger kids through Peer Assisted



Leadership (PAL) and served with Mission Midlothian. Stephen earned his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and an MBA concentrating in accounting from Dallas Baptist University before going on to Southern Methodist University for his law degree.

After gaining experience practicing law in the private, public and nonprofit sectors, Stephen felt the time was right to go out on his own. While looking for a location in his hometown to establish his law practice, Stephen met Susan Martin, a well-respected attorney with long family ties to Midlothian. With extra office space and the goal of slowing down a bit, Susan offered Stephen the chance to office with her at 103 S. 4th Street and to purchase her practice.

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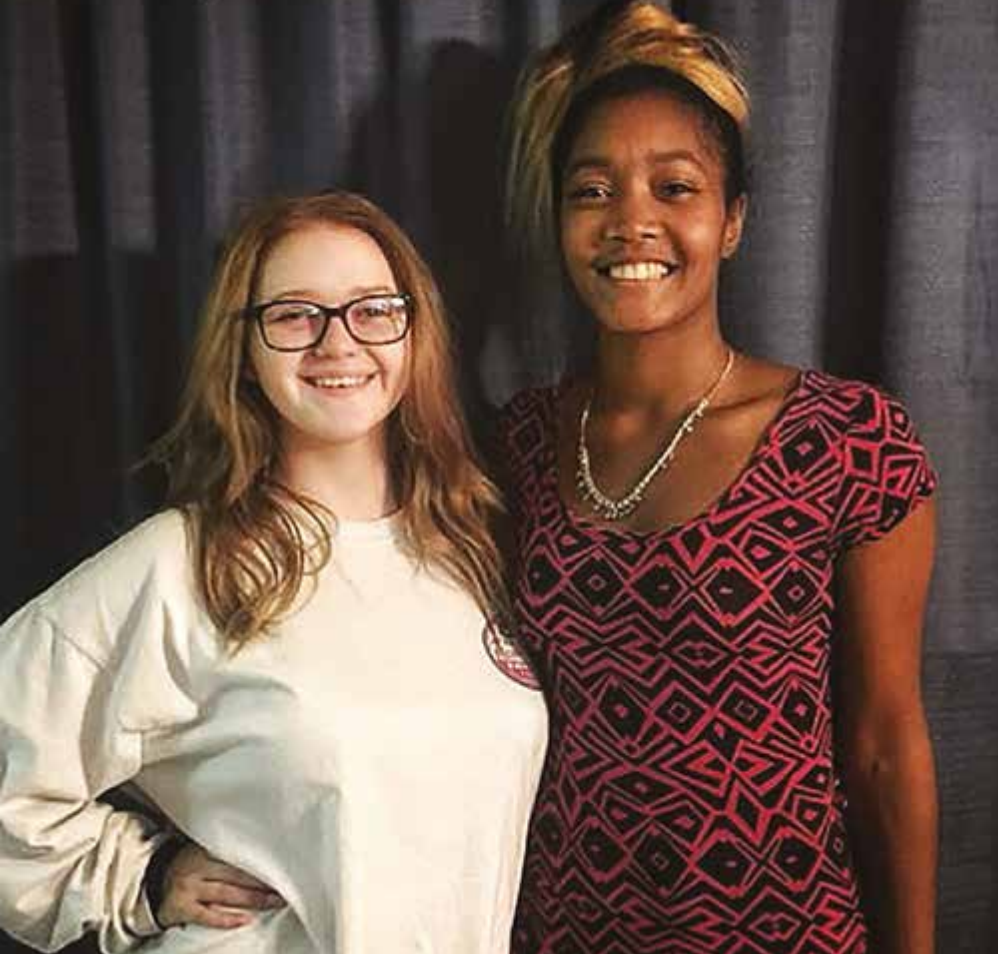
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## Zoomed In: Haylee McClelland and Victoria Cozart

By Angel Morris

While some recent graduates relax over the summer, many students with military aspirations are already on the road toward their futures. Midlothian High School grads, Victoria Cozart and Haylee McClelland, are two such students. Victoria left for the Navy June 19, while Haylee headed to Air Force basic training June 25.

"It's a great way to meet new people, experience other cultures and pay for college," Haylee, who hopes to become a veterinarian someday, said.

Victoria, who will minor in finance in college, agreed with the benefits of military training. "After the Navy, I plan to take the skills I learn and become a neurosurgeon."



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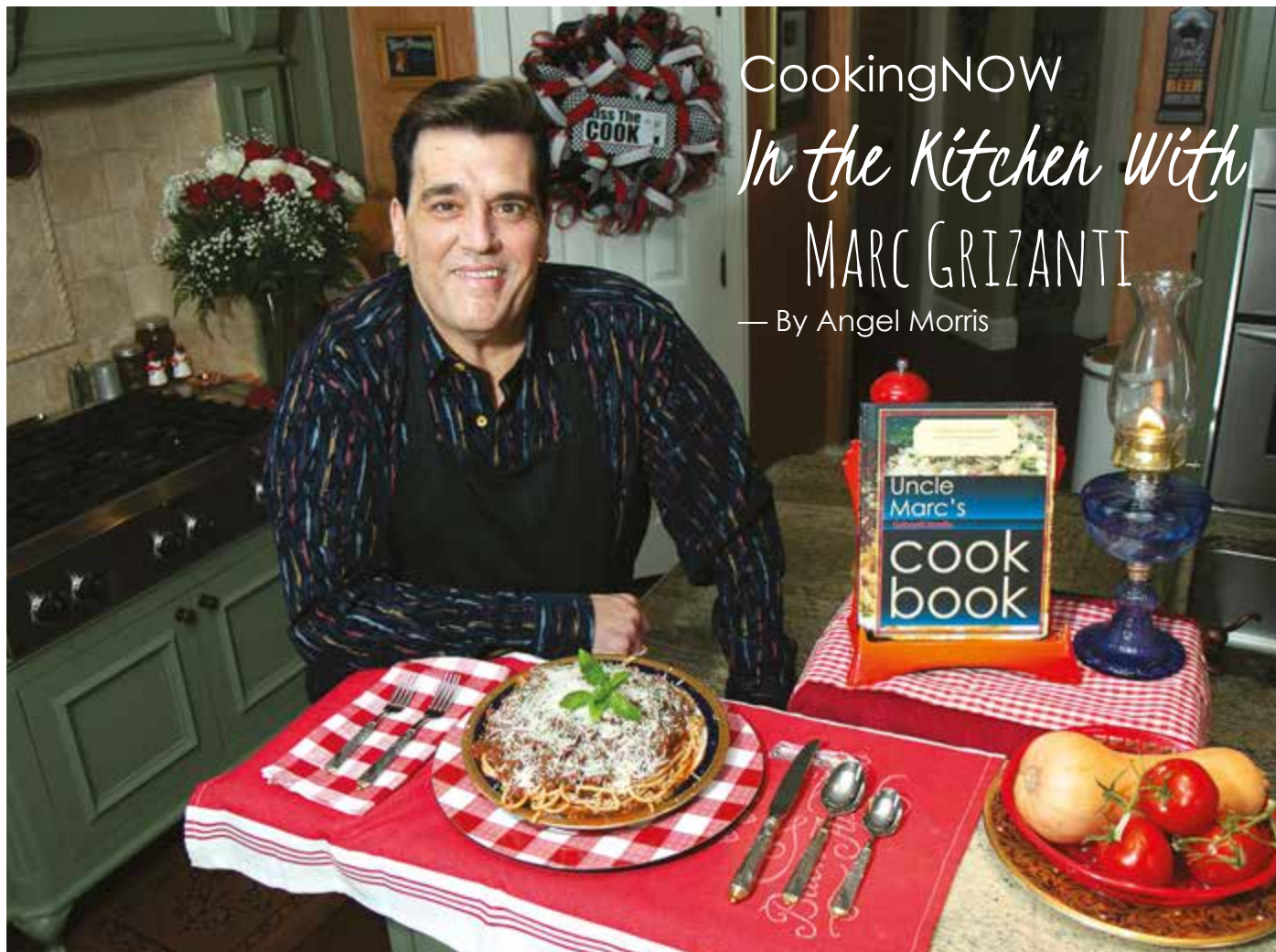
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— By Angel Morris



For Marc Grizanti, cooking has always been a family event. “The kitchen is the heart of the home, and sharing recipes is a calling of mine,” Marc admitted. He favors dishes others can recreate, so much so that he published *Uncle Marc’s Cookbook*, is prepping its sequel and has a weekly YouTube tutorial. “Many new recipes come out of necessity, based on what is in the pantry, or from a restaurant meal I enjoyed,” Marc explained. “I’m also encouraged by my teenager to give familiar recipes a twist.”

Marc is planning a twist on traditional takeout soon, opening an Italian food stand in the area. “Cosimo’s will be a great place to pick up some of the finest Italian dishes — an alternative to fast food.” **NOW**

## Spanish-style Smoked Sausage 15 Bean Soup

- 1 lb. fully cooked smoked sausage with jalapeño and cheese (Hess Meat Market Brand)
- 1 bag 15 Bean Cajun Soup (dry) with a season packet
- 2 14.5-oz. cans Red Gold Diced Tomatoes Chili Ready With Onions
- 1 large white onion, chopped

- 3 strips maple flavored bacon, cut in 2-inch pieces
- 1 cup water

1. Combine all ingredients in a pressure cooker. Cook for 90 minutes at 15 PSI. Allow pressure to decrease on its own, do not manually release the pressure.
2. Continue to cook on warm setting in the pressure cooker for 1 hour; do not cook under pressure. You can also transfer soup to a Crock-Pot on low for the hour, if desired.

## Curtis’s Cheese Ball

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 cup Colby Jack cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 1/4 pkg. Good Seasons Italian Salad Dressing mix
- 2 oz. pimentos
- 2 Tbsp. chives (fresh preferred)
- 1 cup pecans, chopped

1. Set cream cheese out; allow to come to room temperature. Combine all ingredients except for nuts. Put combined ingredients back into the refrigerator to firm up for about 1 hour.
2. Shape into a ball or log; roll into chopped nuts. Covered with plastic wrap. Place in refrigerator overnight. Serve with Ritz crackers.

## Strawberry-walnut Salad

- 2 lbs. fresh strawberries, tops removed and quartered
- 1/4 cup sugar



1/8 cup lemon juice  
 1 head iceberg or butter lettuce  
 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped  
 5 oz. feta cheese  
 1/4 cup poppy seed dressing  
 Black pepper, to taste

1. Place strawberries in a bowl with a lid that will seal tightly. Cover with sugar and lemon juice. Seal bowl; toss to evenly cover strawberries. Refrigerate 1 hour to chill.  
 2. Tear lettuce; put into a serving bowl, add walnuts on top of lettuce. When ready to serve, use a slotted spoon to drain and add strawberries and cheese to the salad. Add dressing and pepper.

## Helen's Puerto Rican Corn

32 oz. frozen sweet corn (Pick Sweet preferred)  
 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter  
 1 1/2 cups Hellman's mayonnaise  
 4 large limes  
 1 tsp. cayenne pepper  
 6 oz. feta cheese crumbles  
 1 tsp. Himalayan pink salt  
 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, coarsely chopped

1. Put corn into a sauté pan. Sauté in butter for approximately 15 minutes over medium heat until tender. In a separate bowl, combine mayonnaise with the zest and juice of 4 limes (should be tangy or sour in initial bite).  
 2. Add cayenne pepper to mayonnaise mixture; mix thoroughly. Add mixture to corn in sauté pan; stir until well mixed. Add cheese, salt and cilantro. Simmer for 5 minutes. Remove; serve.

## Cherry Pie

2 14.5-oz. cans red tart pitted cherries  
 1 1/2 cups sugar, reserve a sprinkle for later use  
 1/2 tsp. cherry extract  
 1/2 tsp. butter extract  
 3 drops almond extract  
 1/4 cup corn starch  
 1 Tbsp. butter  
 3 drops red food coloring  
 2 9-inch pastry crusts (homemade or store bought)  
 1 large egg yolk, beaten

1. Preheat oven to 350 F Drain cherries; save 1 cup of liquid. Mix sugar, cherry extract, butter extract, almond extract, corn starch and 1 cup of red pitted cherry juice. Continually stir over medium heat until smooth and bubbling, thick and clear.  
 2. Stir in butter until melted. Add cherries and red food coloring. Stir until mixed;

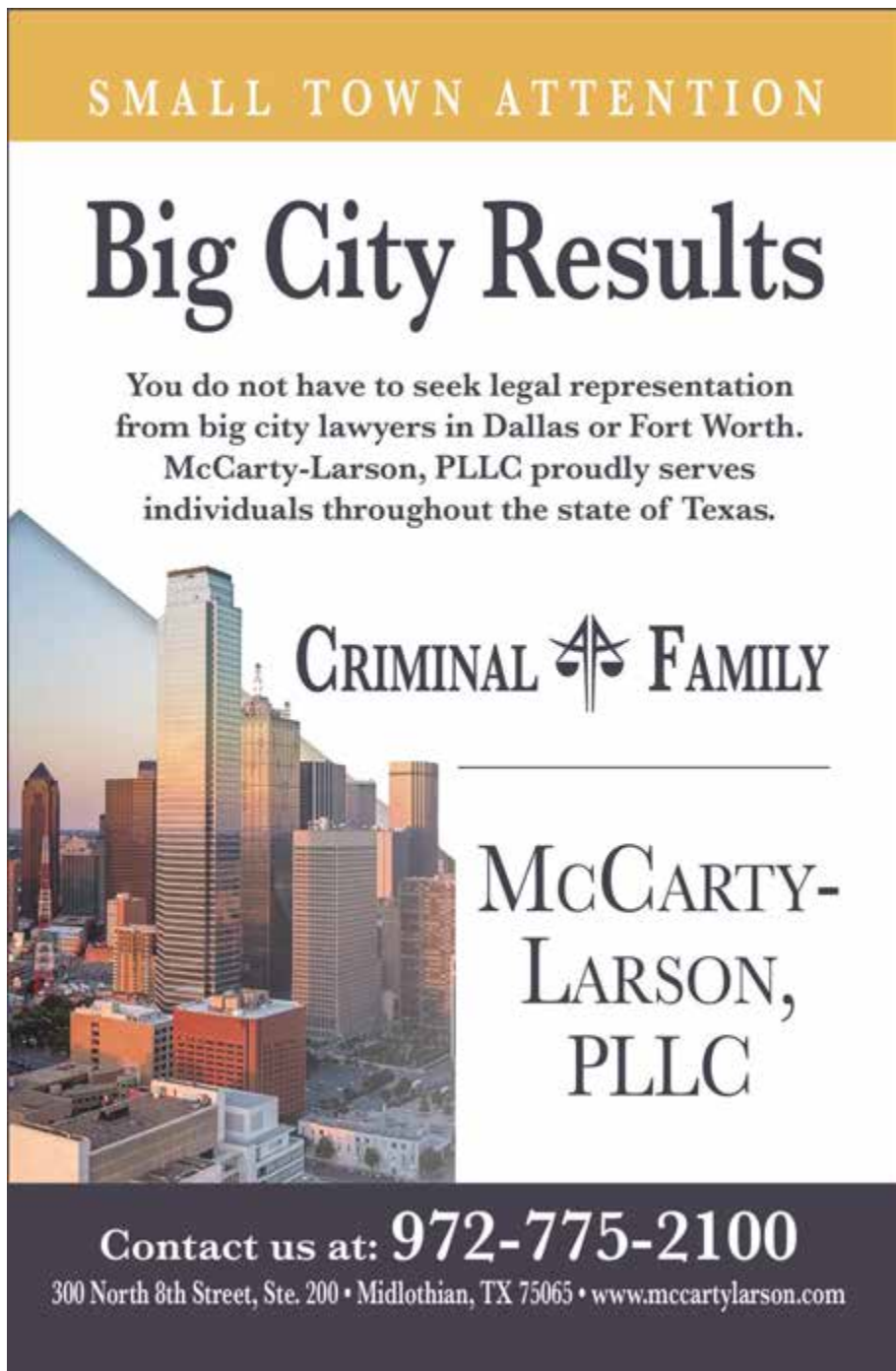


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Fresh Berries  
Torte Pie

remove from heat. Pour into a pre-baked piecrust that has been brushed with egg yolk and sprinkled with sugar; cover with remaining uncooked piecrust. Brush top crust with beaten egg yolk and sprinkle with reserved sugar.

**3.** Vent piecrust before baking. Bake for 50 minutes.

### Fresh Berries Torte Pie

**1 egg and vinegar piecrust**

**6 oz. fresh blackberries**

**6 oz. fresh raspberries, tops removed**

**1 pt. fresh strawberries, tops removed**

**1/2 cup pineapple juice**

**1/8 cup maraschino juice (from a jar of maraschino cherries)**

**18 oz. Smucker's Red Raspberry Seedless Jam**

**1/3 cup Extra Creamy Cool Whip**

**6 oz. fresh cherries with stems, unpitted**

**1.** Bake piecrust in a 7-inch soufflé dish or a round ceramic pie dish. (Use an egg and vinegar piecrust recipe. This will be enough for several tort pies). Piecrust should be cooked to a golden brown. Freeze overnight before preparing tort.

**2.** In a large bowl, mix blackberries, raspberries and strawberries. Mix berries with pineapple and maraschino juice. Allow

berries to marinate for 10 minutes. Drain juice from the marinating berries; retain to be used in the glaze.

**3.** In a small saucepan over low heat, add raspberry jam and reserved juice (about 1/2 cup). Cook approximately 5 minutes, until all the jam has dissolved and juices are well combined.

**4.** Remove from heat; allow to cool while spreading Cool Whip on the frozen crust. Add berry mixture on top of the Cool Whip. Arrange fruit so it is appealing. Arrange stemmed cherries atop pie. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. Drizzle glaze over tort when serving.

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— By Virginia Riddle

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The city sprawls and meanders, as does the Rio Grande, which flows through North Valley and South Valley. Interstate 25 and the Rail Runner Express commuter train (running from Belen, New Mexico's, Harvey House Museum, to Santa Fe) offer easy access to valley sites.

Founded in 1706 by Don Francisco Cuervo y Valdés in honor of the Duke of Albuquerque Viceroy of New Spain, the first "r" was dropped in later spellings, leaving the city nicknamed the "Duke City." Old Town Historic District's plaza, anchored by the stately walls and quiet spirituality of San Felipe de Neri Church, built in 1793, is surrounded by *placitas* (small plazas), home to residents, shops, galleries and historic sites. ¡Explora!, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science and the Albuquerque Museum are sure stops.

In Spanish style, roads fan out from the plaza in all four directions. East to west, enjoy time travel back to the 1920s-1960s when much of downtown and the Nob Hill-Highland District grew up around the historic Route 66, which, in town, becomes Central Avenue. Iconic neon signs, vintage shops, period eateries and the beautiful architecture and gardens of the University of New Mexico campus, with its museums, bring back memories of when Route 66 was known nationwide as the Mother Road.

At the east junction with I-40, visitors can head north to catch the aerial tramway to the Sandias' peak. Moving farther east through the pass, visitors may exit to the Turquoise Trail leading to Santa Fe after a side trip to Tinkertown Museum and Sandia Peak.







Traveling westward from the plaza, the Albuquerque BioPark hosts an aquarium and botanical garden. Take the Rio Line narrow-gauge railroad to the zoo and Tingley Beach and hike or walk the 16-mile *Paseo del Bosque Trail*. Climb in the ancients' footsteps on extinct volcanos to view the petroglyphs carved between 1000 B.C. and 1600 A.D. at the Petroglyph National Monument.

Southward from the plaza, the Barales community hosts the National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico with its art galleries, performing arts venues, library and archives. Historic Barales grew up around a Rio Grande River ford near the Camino Real, the Spanish road connecting Mexico City and Santa Fe.

Travel northward from the plaza on Rio Grande Boulevard a few miles to the North Valley where fertile, irrigated farms, ranches and vineyards thrive. Hike along the river at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park and visit the Unser Racing Museum.

Enjoy driving to the historic Village of Corrales, the state's self-proclaimed horse capital. Return to Albuquerque by way of 4th Street, which bisects the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque as a continuation of Route 66.

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# *Utilizing* SPACE

— By Lisa Bell

*Why do people store stuff in their garage and leave the car out in the driveway? Many simple solutions can use available space and leave room for vehicles. Although you can invest in inexpensive organizing systems, you don't have to spend a fortune in the process. Get creative.*

## ***Use the walls.***

If you have open studs with space between, you have ready-made “closets” for storing garden tools, fishing rods, cleaning tools, etc. Simply cut two 16-inch x 16-inch pieces from scraps of 1/2-inch plywood. Screw them into

the back and front of the studs at a slight upward angle. Then slip in objects from the top down.

For a fishing rod organizer, all you need is a 3-inch diameter PVC pipe and a foam swimming pool noodle. Drill 1-inch holes spaced every 4 inches in the PVC pipe. With a sharp knife, cut slits in the noodle 4 inches apart. Line up the pool noodle on the wall so at least two slits sit over studs.

Pulling those slits apart, slide in a fender washer and screw the noodle to the wall using 2-inch screws. Finally, screw the PVC pipe to the wall beneath it at a comfortable height and insert fishing rods. This system prevents line tangles, as well.

## ***Add hooks.***

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## Ceiling-mounted shelves.

Many ready-to-install versions exist that drop down from the ceiling to hold most anything. You can also build your own ceiling system using 2-inch PVC pipes and fittings. Glue them together and bolt the straight pipe to ceiling joists, which works to support heavy loads. Screwing angled pieces from the wye connectors to the cross brace helps stabilize the entire rack.

## Ceiling track storage.

Another way to extend storage space from the ceiling incorporates big plastic storage bins with a few pieces of wood attached to the framing. While this system isn't great for heavy items, it is a good way to store light and medium weights.

Use 2x2s, cut to the appropriate length, and screw into the framing with 3 1/2 screws spaced every two feet. Then, center and screw 1x4 boards flat against the bottom of the 2x2s using 2-inch screws. When finished, slip the bins into place. The lip of the bin should just touch the center 2X2.

## Take advantage of corners.

Some of the most unused space falls between the garage door and sides of the structure. Yet small corner shelves fit well in this area. With exposed studs, this area provides even more room. Either way, cut scrap wood to the appropriate size and shape, rounding or squaring the front corners. Use 1x1-inch cleats to support the shelves on both





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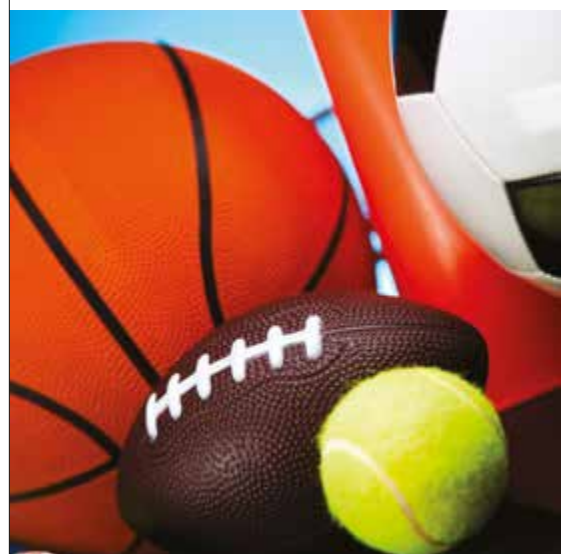
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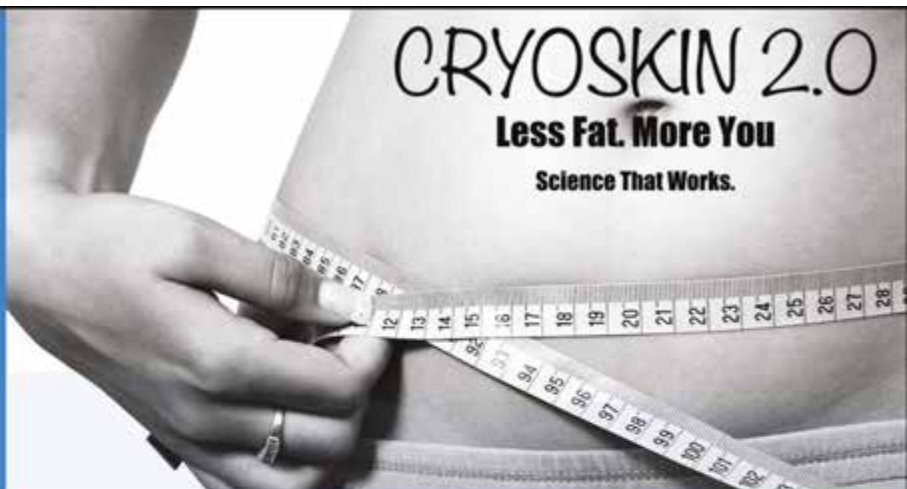
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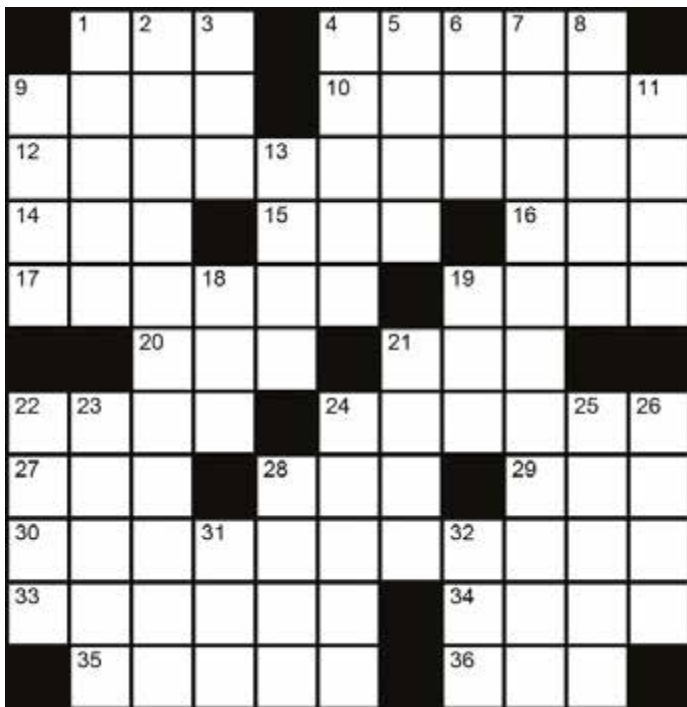
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- 4 Knitted wrap
- 9 — Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
- 10 Hawaiian Punch fruit
- 12 Lawsuit
- 14 Exclamation of contempt
- 15 Writing fluid
- 16 Blaster's material
- 17 Wedding vow sites
- 19 Sunday rite
- 20 Pro bono promo, briefly
- 21 Female sibling
- 22 Encourage in wrongdoing
- 24 Most pleasant
- 27 High rock
- 28 Rollaway
- 29 Dove sound
- 30 Impish
- 33 Skiers' haunts
- 34 Taverns
- 35 Gin
- 36 Append

## Down

- 1 Words after make or close
- 2 Just the one
- 3 Long Island iced cocktail
- 4 Crosses
- 5 Writer for hire
- 6 Disposed
- 7 "Hey, that's not right!"
- 8 Film critic Jeffrey ---
- 9 Able was I ere I saw ---
- 11 Pangolin food
- 13 Old Italian money
- 18 Nova Scotia hours
- 19 It may be open at a bar
- 21 Location
- 22 Cash caches, perhaps
- 23 Prepares eggs
- 24 Din
- 25 Narrow sea channel
- 26 Throw
- 28 Singer who's got you, Babe!
- 31 IRS forms expert
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### Second Mondays

#### Ellis County Veterans Networking:

Dinner and guest speaker. 6:00

p.m., IHOP, 1206 Dallas Hwy., Waxahachie. For details, call Jim McKeever at (469) 258-7424.

### Second and Fourth Mondays

#### Rag-Tag Readers Book Club:

Join lively discussions of books chosen by club members. 10:00 a.m., A.H. Meadows Public Library, 923 S. 9th St. (469) 856-5211.

### Tuesdays

#### Rotary Club Meeting:

Hear guest speakers and learn how Rotarians serve the community. Noon-1:00 p.m., Midlothian Civic Center, 224 S. 11th St.

### First Tuesdays

#### Midlothian Area Historical Society Meeting:

7:00 p.m., Community Room of CNB, 310 N. 9th St. For more details, contact Edwin Bateman at (972) 743-2379.

### Second Tuesdays

#### Ellis County Republicans Monthly Meeting:

7:00 p.m., Ellis County GOP Headquarters, 610 Water St., Waxahachie. For more information, call (972) 923-9383.

### First and Third Tuesdays

#### Bluegrass Jam Session:

Everyone's invited to join in. Bring your instrument or simply relax and enjoy. 7:00 p.m., Lighthouse Coffee Bar, 1404 N. 9th St.

### Wednesdays

#### Family Movie Matinees:

First four Wednesdays this month. Free and open to the public. 1:00 p.m., Meadows Public Library, 923 S. 9th St., Midlothian. For more information, call (469) 856-5211.

#### DivorceCare:

Group sharing for those who have gone through or are going through divorce. DivorceCare for Kids ages 5-12 meets at the same time. Care for younger children available. 6:30-8:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 800 S. 9th St. For more information, call (972) 775-3993.

### Second Wednesdays

#### Infertility Support Group of Ellis County:

7:00-8:30 p.m., Gateway Church Midlothian, 555 N. Walnut Grove Rd. For details, contact amy@sarabs-laughter.com.

### Thursdays

#### Midway Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol/US Air Force Auxiliary:

Cadets ages 12-18 and Senior





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### Community Fireworks Show:

Free fireworks display. 9:15 p.m., MISD Multi-Purpose Stadium, 1800 S. 14th St. For more information, visit [www.midlothian.tx.us](http://www.midlothian.tx.us).

Members 18 plus. 6:45-9:00 p.m., Mid-Way Regional Airport, 131 Airport Dr. For details, visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com).

### Celebrate Recovery Meeting:

A Christ-centered recovery program designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups. 7:00-9:00 p.m., The Lighthouse Church, 1400 N. 9th St. For more information, email [CR@dfwlighthouse.org](mailto:CR@dfwlighthouse.org).

### Fridays

**Ellis County Democrats Coffee and Talk Open House:**  
8:00 a.m.-noon, Democrat HQ,

215 E. Main St., Waxahachie. For more information, call (972) 937-9039.

### Second Fridays

#### Downtown Business Association Meeting:

8:30-10:00 a.m., Woodrow's Coffee Shop, 116 N. 8th St.

### Saturdays

#### Midlothian Market:

Outdoor market held Saturday mornings from **May-October** in Heritage Park. Local vendors sell a wide variety of merchandise

throughout the morning and early afternoon.

### First and Third Saturdays

#### Pet Adoptions:

The Forgotten Ones Animal Rescue hosts pet adoptions. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Petco, 2000 FM 663, #300. For more information, email [info@theforgottenonesar.org](mailto:info@theforgottenonesar.org).

### Second and Fourth Saturdays

#### Pet adoptions:

Hearts & Tails of Hope Pet Rescue

event. Noon-3:00 p.m., Petco, 2000 FM 663 #300. For more details, email [info@heartsandtailsofhope.org](mailto:info@heartsandtailsofhope.org).

### Sundays

#### Holy Yoga:

Ministry of The Shepherd's House Church of the Nazarene. Free. 6:00 p.m., 3221 Mockingbird Ln. Call (972) 723-9922 for registration details.

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1	A	R	T	4	S	H	A	W	L
9	E	D	I	E	10	P	A	P	A
12	L	E	G	A	13	L	A	C	T
14	B	A	H	15	I	N	K	16	T
17	A	L	T	18	A	R	S	19	M
20	P	S	A	21	S	I	S	22	A
23	B	E	T	24	N	I	C	25	E
27	T	O	R	28	C	O	T	29	C
30	M	I	S	31	C	H	I	32	V
33	S	L	O	P	E	S	34	I	N
35	S	N	A	R	E	36	A	D	D

### Easy

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

### Medium

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