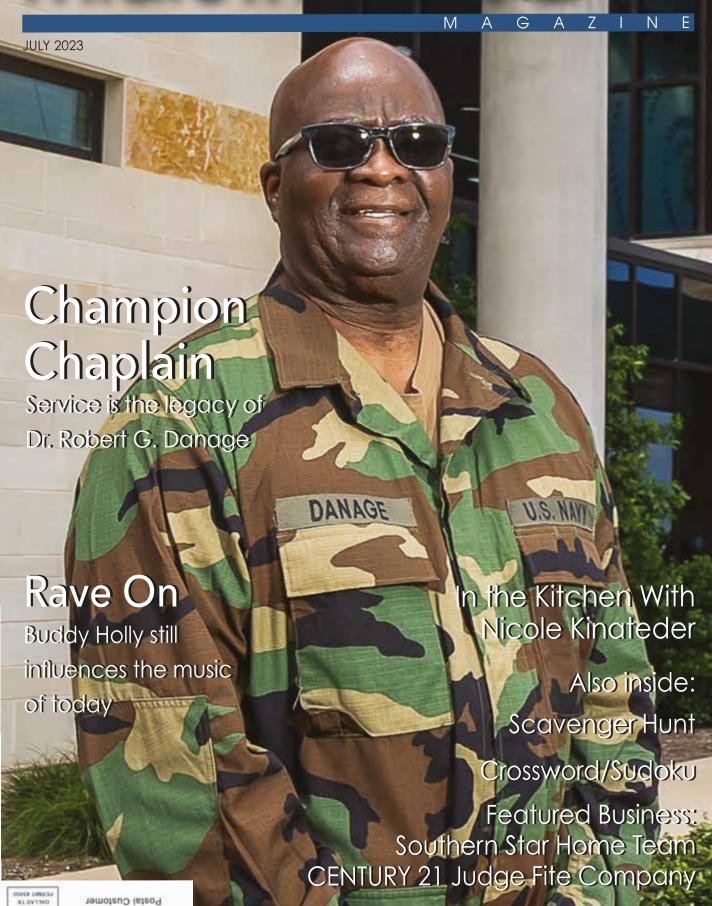
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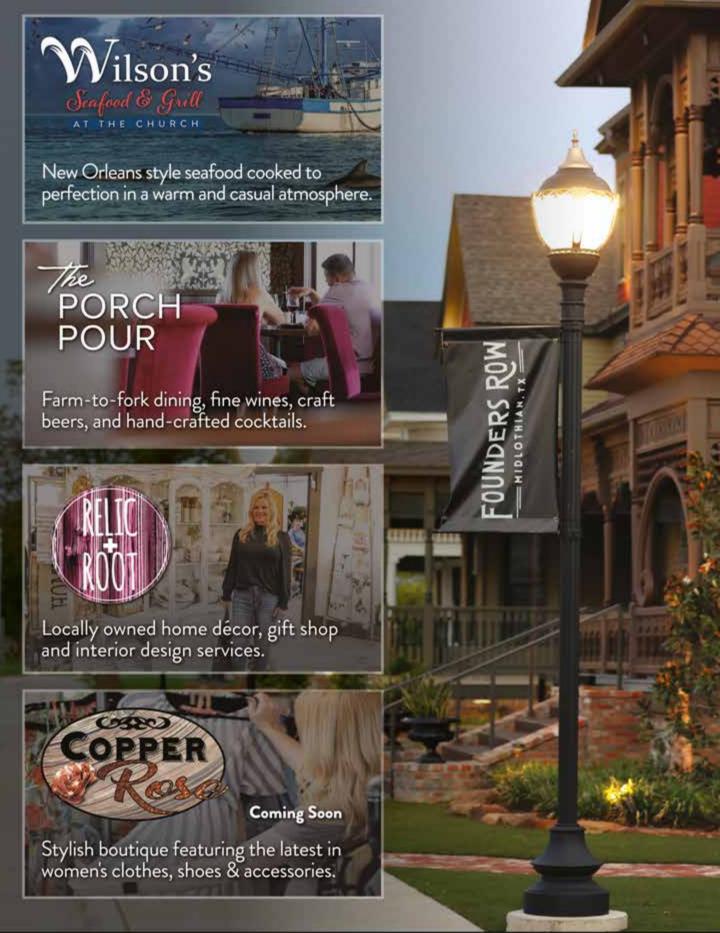




















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EDITOR'S NOTE

Making movie mileage ...

In the 1981 film, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Harrison Ford told an old flame that while he may not be the man she knew a decade ago, "It's not the years, honey. It's the mileage." Ford validates the line this summer, returning to his role as Indiana Jones at the age of 80, and proving both he and his character have still got it. Joining forces with his goddaughter, Ford's intrepid character hunts an ancient device with mystical properties, per the film's title, *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*. Released on the big screen June 30, the Disney film is a great way to spend a couple summertime hours. Or, if you're a fan, an opportunity to re-introduce yourself to the movies, chronologically watching *Raiders*, followed by *Temple of Doom*, *Last Crusade* and *Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

Re-viewing series films leading up to a new release is a summer family tradition of ours. Ford is not the only actor providing such an opportunity this year, as Tom Cruise returns in *Mission: Impossible — Dead Reckoning Part One*, the seventh in the series of action spy adventures. In theaters July 12, the Paramount picture touts 60-year-old Cruise still doing his own stunts and already promising Part Two next year.

Among a few other returns, *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*, offers an excuse to watch (or re-watch) the film's predecessor — the picture that earned an Oscar for Best Animated Feature in 2018. Then you'll better understand the crazy multiverse of this edition, released June 2. Making new memories while reliving old ones is a pretty cool way to spend some summer evenings.

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A lifetime of helping others began with a background in community health planning and administration, military service and theology for Dr. Robert G. Danage. "Being a hospital chaplain is a unique opportunity to walk alongside people who are facing some of life's most difficult challenges," Robert said.

An Ohio native, Robert's career began after college as a drug and alcohol community outreach specialist. Following seminary school, he held pastoral care roles before being recruited by the U.S. Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Prisons and receiving a direct commission into the U.S. Navy as Navy Reserves chaplain. "Ultimately, I became responsible for recruiting, training and staffing chaplains at various prisons, penitentiaries, medical centers and correctional institutions throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region as a regional chaplaincy administrator," he outlined. "As I was serving behind the walls of prisons throughout the country, I would minister to literally thousands of men and women

from all races, ethnicities, cultures, social and economic backgrounds doing time in our federal prison system.

"Despite various programs being available to them while incarcerated, when released, there were lingering issues for many because these similar programs were not available to them on the outside," Robert continued. "Thus, it became a difficult transition to make when it came to turning their lives around and becoming law-abiding, productive citizens."

Seeing this, Robert founded the nonprofit organization, Faith Without Walls Prison Outreach Ministry. "The program and services assist incarcerated individuals, ex-offenders (returning citizens) and families who have been impacted



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By Angel Morris

by crime, violence, addictions, incarceration and recidivism," Robert explained.

Faith Without Walls focuses on breaking the cycle of criminal behavior, crime prevention, criminal justice reform and re-entry services. "I receive letters, phone calls and sometimes visits from former inmates or members of their families who share with me how well they are doing," Robert noted. "Hearing they are gainfully employed, reconnected with their families and churches and giving back to society is amazing."

Robert, in his ministry as a federal prison chaplain, impacted any number of individuals who were former inmates and relishes their success stories. "A colleague

of mine suffered a major health crisis and the individual assigned to assist with his care was a former inmate where I had been chaplain," he recalled. "She has enrolled in college to further her medical career and is now a homeowner."

Another individual is now employed at a well-known car dealership, is married, has written several books and has produced and directed a Christmas play. Yet another, who was given a life sentence, is now out and doing some extraordinary things. "As their chaplain, I managed and directed all aspects of the religious services department, including conducting weekly Sunday worship services, Bible studies, pastoral care, counseling and crisis intervention,"





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Robert recalled. "One who was active in those chapel programs, after her release, shared how those programs and I impacted her in her book, *After Life.*"

Robert retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons after 28 years of distinguished chaplaincy. "Then I joined The Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Probation and Parole Division located in Tyler, Texas, where I served as re-entry chaplain," he stated.

In 2016, Robert joined Methodist Health System in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program as an intern/resident at Methodist Mansfield Medical Center. "I accepted a position as a staff chaplain at Methodist Charlton. Then I came to Methodist Midlothian Medical Center as manager of the Pastoral Services Department," he outlined. "Church pastors are not always able to visit hospitals, prisons or military branches. As chaplain, "I am an extension of the Church in these specialized settings."

Robert and his wife of 39 years, Karen, instilled that same spirit of service in their three children: Maurice — who is now a vocational high school principal; Deylon — who served in the Army and will graduate from the Grayson College Police Academy; and Kayla — who is attending college toward becoming a doctor.

In the future, Robert hopes to develop a book about his experiences, following in Karen's footsteps as author of two inspirational books. He is no stranger to tackling impressive goals, such as achieving his Master of Divinity from Oral Roberts University and his Doctor of Ministry from Southern Methodist University. "My college thesis was on the subject of mass

incarceration, criminal justice reform, 21st-century prison ministry and the role of the Church in these things," Robert described. "I hope to turn that premise into a bestseller."

In his free time, Robert likes to exercise, fish, listen to jazz and gospel music and play golf and chess, plus worship at The Potter's House. These things offer respite from the challenges of helping others through difficult times ... especially the recent COVID pandemic.



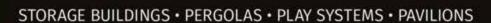
"Of all the ministry challenges that I have faced as a chaplain in the federal prison system — where I dealt with issues of homicides, suicides, prison riots and executions — nothing was as devastating as being on the front lines during the pandemic," Robert admitted. "Witnessing the impact COVID had on individuals and their families, along with health care professionals, is by far the most challenging thing I've done."

Ultimately, Robert said his life's work underscores a comment often attributed to Theodore Roosevelt: "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." More importantly, Robert said, the words of Maya Angelou resonate with him on a daily basis: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

"I'm honored to live those words," Robert said, "by serving the great people of Midlothian as chaplain through the local hospital system." NOW









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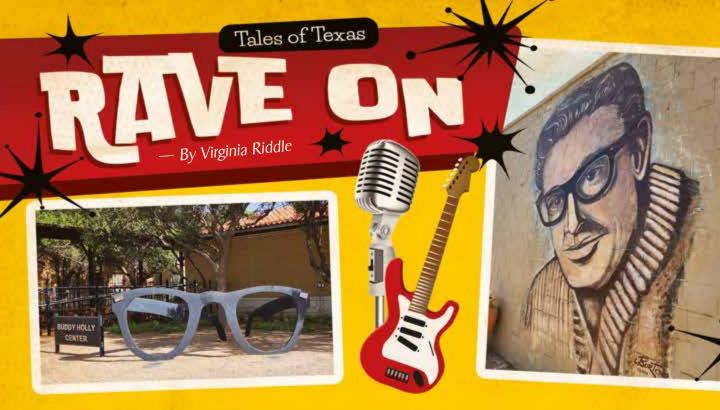
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2 Chronicles 7:14



The day was February 2, 1959. Buddy Holly was 22 years old, had 25 hit records already to his credit, was the lead singer of The Crickets and had assembled a group of musicians for the Winter Dance Party Tour across America's Midwest. By then, The Crickets included Waylon Jennings, Tommy Allsup and Carl Bunch. Other performers, Ritchie Valens, J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson and Dion and the Belmonts, were on the tour, too. It was a cold, miserable day in Clear Lake, Iowa, as Buddy chartered a small, private plane for himself, Waylon and Tommy. Waylon gave his seat to J.P., who was sick with the flu, and Tommy lost a coin toss for his seat with Ritchie. The plane took off, never to reach its destination. Buddy's famous black horn-rimmed glasses were found in the wreckage. As Don McLean's 1970s song, "American Pie" notes, some say that was the "day the music died."

Charles Hardin Holley was born on September 7, 1936, in Lubbock, Texas. His parents, Lawrence and Ella Holley, named him after his maternal and paternal grandfathers, but the name seemed a bit long, so his mother called him

"Buddy." The extra "e" in his surname was dropped by Buddy after Decca Records misspelled it on his first contract. Still very young, Buddy signed the contract *Buddy Holly* because he was afraid if he changed it, the opportunity would vanish.

In early childhood, Buddy enjoyed typical activities of the day — Scouts, fishing, baseball, drawing horses, leatherworking, clay modeling and woodworking. He created several guitar straps. His interests weren't scholastically inclined, but he did well enough to graduate from Lubbock High School.

Developing an interest in music at an early age, Buddy was encouraged by his musical family to play instruments in the country, gospel, bluegrass and rhythm and blues genres. While a student at Lubbock's Hutchinson Junior High, Buddy met Bob Montgomery. They started playing music together in 1949, mostly country western and Hank Williams songs. Hipockets Duncan, a local radio personality, started managing the group, which had added Sonny Curtis and Larry Welborn. They performed regularly at various locations around Lubbock including roller rinks, parking lots and the Cotton Club. They were on local station KDAV's Sunday Party, playing songs requested by listeners, and they opened for Elvis when he came to town on his second tour. By age 16, Buddy wrote in an essay, "I have thought of making a career out of western music if I am good enough, but I will just have to wait and see how that turns out."

He wasn't waiting long. In 1955, talent agent Eddie Crandall obtained a recording contract for Buddy at Decca. Buddy wasn't artistically happy with Nashville, so he sought out Norman Petty's independent recording studio in Clovis, New Mexico, near Lubbock. The original Crickets included Buddy, Jerry Allison, Joe Mauldin and Niki Sullivan. They named their band, according to folklore, because they heard a cricket sound at the end of one of those early recordings. The first successful single, "That'll Be the Day," was written by Buddy and Jerry.

The band toured the U.S., Australia and in 1958, toured



England, where they influenced The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Elton John, who were all just starting their careers. The Rolling Stones' first hit, "Not Fade Away," was a Buddy Holly song, and Elton John started wearing unnecessary glasses to be more like Buddy.

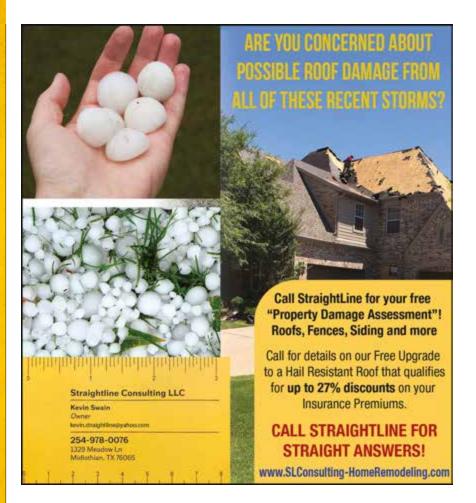
The Fender Stratocaster was Buddy's choice of guitars, but he also played a Gibson acoustical guitar. Buddy's Fenders are considered by some to be the "holy grail of rock 'n' roll." The great lyrics of "Peggy Sue," "Words of Love" and "Maybe Baby" were sung to Buddy's strumming on his Fenders.

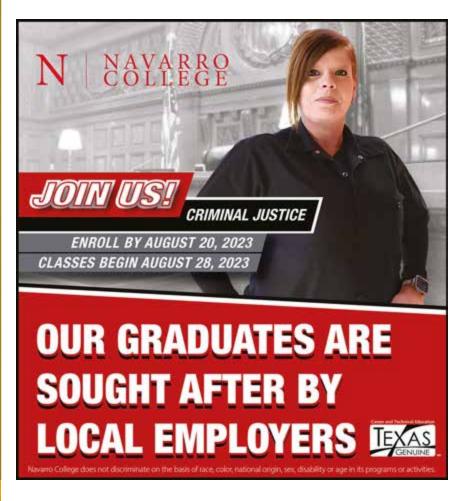
On a New York City tour, Buddy met María Elena Santiago and proposed marriage to her the same day. They were married two months later on August 15, 1958. María Elena influenced Buddy's life and music from then to today as a supporter of the Buddy Holly Center in Lubbock, where his glasses and other memorabilia are displayed. There and on the Buddy Holly Trail in Lubbock, visitors can enjoy Buddy's own unique rockabilly sound, which he created during the earliest days of rock 'n' roll. As it influences other artists, the music still lives on. NOW

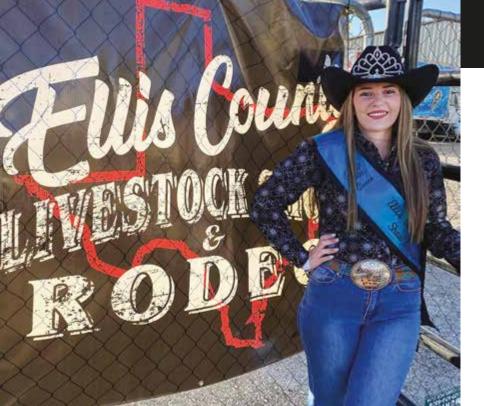
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Around Town



At her Hawaiian-themed snow cone stand, Elin Whitaker and her aunt, Lauren

Weatherford, say aloha to summer.



Renee, Logan, Frank and Dawana Quintana of Midlothian kick off summer at Duncanville's Kitchens Deli.



Behind the net at The Depot at Cleburne Station, Meals on Wheels North Central Texas names Cammy Jackson, right, a Hometown Hero for her volunteer efforts in Midlothian.

Zoomed In: Autumn Charnoski

Named this year's Ellis County Livestock Show & Rodeo Queen, Autumn Charnoski, became interested in the rodeo at a young age. "Watching barrel racers perform, I decided I wanted to be one of them!" she admitted. "Being chosen queen was one of the best moments. I helped in the ring for special education students and passed out ribbons to participants. During the FFA livestock sale, I gave out buckles to some top winners and congratulated bidders."

The 22-year-old Penn Foster College student is pursuing a veterinary technician degree while working as an assistant at Midlothian's Welsh Veterinary Clinic. "In my free time, I enjoy riding horses, spending time with family and pet sitting," Autumn noted, "and I look forward to more volunteer opportunities for the rodeo."



Midlothian Heritage High School students, Cannon Wheat and Jaycee Weldon, learn how to suture at the 2nd Annual Medical Symposium at Methodist Midlothian Medical Center.

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Store Manager Aaron Cox presents Macie Wimbish, of Midlothian Heritage High School, with the 2023 Higginbotham Brothers Scholarship of Excellence.

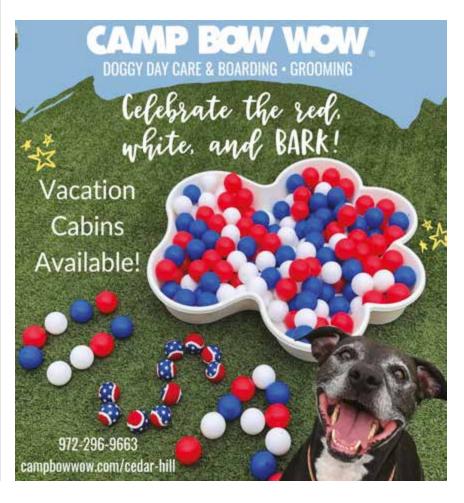


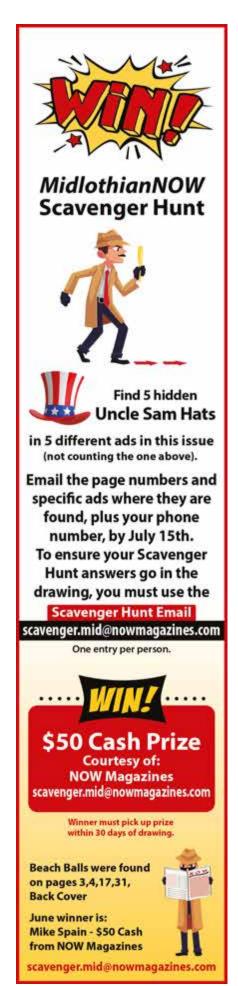
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Jackson, Todd and Lori Day cheer on the Dallas Stars.





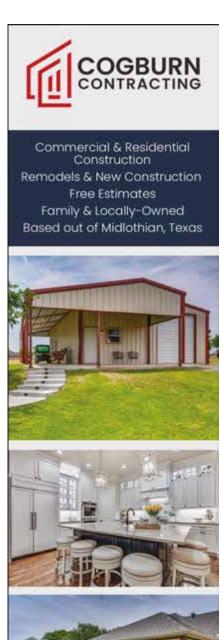
















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Initially, Judy joined the CENTURY 21 office in Waxahachie, but when the company expanded to Midlothian, she moved her office to the city in which she lives. Because of her success, Judy now works with Hilary Silvers, a lifelong Midlothian resident. They call themselves the Southern Star Home Team. Residential real estate and land are the team's specialty.

"Most of our business is built through referrals and from past clients," Judy said, noting how important it is to them to make clients feel special. "I always felt like I enjoyed this business because I go out and make a friend, and then sell them a house. Some of my best friends I met through working with them while buying or selling property."

When the Southern Star Home Team meets a client for

the first time, they advise clients of all the opportunities available to them, including financing options. "With a buyer, the most important thing is to get pre-approved. If you aren't, I will try to help you in that direction," Judy shared. In today's market, knowing what your interest rate and payment amount will be is very important when starting a home search.

Promoting this kind of personal service has brought the team much recognition. In 2022, the Southern Star Home Team achieved the President's Award for production and quality service. This is one of CENTURY 21's top annual honors. The team has been awarded Masters Team or CENTURION® producer awards each year prior, and they have earned Quality Service Awards for each of the five years they have been a team. ludy is honored to have earned Quality Service Awards for the past 20 years. She said, "Knowing that our clients appreciate our service means everything to us."

Judy and Hilary endear themselves to the community with regularity. Judy is a board member and past chair of the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce and helps with various events, including the Wine & Arts Festival. Hilary and Judy are on the board of the Midlothian Downtown Business Association.

The Southern Star Home Team hosts an annual Pie Day for their clients. On this day, their office gives out about 1,000 pies each year. "It's such a fun day. We start at about noon, and people will pick up pies all afternoon. Our clients ask all the time, 'When's pie day?' looking forward to the Monday prior to Thanksgiving every year," Judy said. "We are also very proud to still be able to offer our Relentless Scholarships to Midlothian seniors each May before graduation." This will be their fourth year to offer the scholarships.

After all, building relationships and supporting Midlothian is what the Southern Star Home Team is all about. "You want each individual person to feel as important as the next. People want someone who's available to them," Judy underscored. "That's the No. 1 way to make them feel important, and our Southern Star Home Team is ready to serve." NOW







Fitness and food play a big role in Nicole Kinateder's life. "I enjoy hiking and exercising, I love to travel and look forward to any fun event, whether it be date night or my kids' sporting events," she noted. "In the kitchen, I try to tweak a recipe just enough so that it's healthier, but the kids will still eat it."

Nevertheless, Nicole can't resist baking cookies and muffins. "I knew I wanted to be the house where my kids would bring friends to enjoy homemade food," she recalled. "I love baking treats for their afternoon snack."

Nicole began to bake as a teen and loved big gatherings involving food. "It connects people," she said. "I like having friends over, cooking dinner, playing cards and letting the kids run around and play." Now

Blueberry Muffins

- 2 large eggs, room temperature 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. fine salt
- I cup sour cream (may substitute plain Greek yogurt)
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus 1 tsp. for rolling berries
- 1 tsp. baking powder

- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries, rinsed and dried
- **1.** Line a 12-count standard muffin tin with cupcake liners. Preheat the oven to 375 F. In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, sugar and salt with an electric mixer on high for 4-5 minutes. The eggs should be light in color.
- **2.** Add the sour cream, oil and vanilla. Beat on low until just combined, about 30 seconds.

- **3.** In a medium bowl, combine and whisk 2 cups flour, baking powder and baking soda. Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients 1/3 at a time, beating on low speed with each addition just until combined. *Do not overmix.* (You can also use a handheld whisk to mix in the flour.)
- **4.** In a small bowl, add the remaining 1 tsp. flour. Toss the blueberries to coat them with the flour. Gently fold the blueberries into the batter using a spatula until just combined.
- **5.** Spoon the batter equally into muffin cups 3/4 to the top, or until all of the batter is used up. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until the tops are golden and a toothpick inserted into the center, comes out clean. (If using frozen berries, increase the baking time to 30-35 minutes.)
- **6.** Let the baked muffins cool in the muffin pan for 5 minutes. Transfer onto a cooling rack until room temperature before enjoying.

Instant Pot Salsa Chicken

3-4 8-oz. chicken breasts, skinless/boneless

Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
2 tsp. garlic powder
1 16-oz. jar salsa (divided use)
1 tsp. oregano (I recommend Mexican oregano.)
1 Tbsp. taco seasoning

1. Season the chicken breasts on all sides with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Put 1/2 cup of the salsa in the inner pot of the pressure cooker. Add the chicken breasts to the pot, setting them on the salsa. Sprinkle the oregano and taco seasoning over the chicken. 2. Pour the remaining salsa over the chicken, covering it. (If the salsa is really thick, you can add 1/4 cup of water to help pressure build.) Cover with a lid; set the steam release knob to the Sealing position. 3. Press the Pressure Cook/Manual button (or dial) and then the + or - to choose 10-12 minutes depending on the weight/ thickness of the breasts. When the cooking cycle has ended, let sit undisturbed for 10 minutes to naturally release the pressure. **4.** After 10 minutes, manually release any remaining pressure by turning the steam release knob to Venting. Remove the chicken to a large bowl; shred it, using two forks. Then add it back to the pot. (If there is too much liquid for your taste, just scoop

Turkey Lasagna

12 oz. lasagna noodles, cooked and drained according to box instructions (I use no-boil lasagna noodles.)

some out. Leave some, as it has a lot of flavor and will also keep the meat moist.)

1 Tbsp. olive oil

I small yellow onion, diced

3 cloves garlic, minced

I lb. ground turkey, broken up

1 22-oz. jar spaghetti sauce

1 1/2 Tbsp. Italian seasoning

1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper

1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)16 oz. mozzarella, shredded

(divided use)

I cup Parmesan cheese (divided use)
15 oz. ricotta cheese or cottage cheese

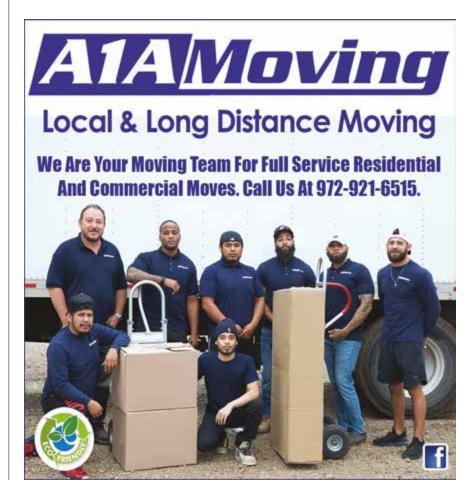
2 large eggs

2 cups fresh spinach, chopped

I. Preheat an oven to 350 F. Spray a 9x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. While the noodles are cooking, heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the olive oil, onions and garlic, cooking until the onions begin to soften, about 3 minutes.

2. Add the ground turkey. Cook until it just begins to brown, about 3 minutes. Add the spaghetti sauce and spices. Simmer on low for 5 minutes. Add additional salt and pepper to taste.





- **3.** Set aside 1 1/2 cups mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese. In a large bowl, mix together the ricotta, eggs and remainder of the cheeses.
- **4.** Add a ladle full of the sauce/meat mixture to the baking dish. Add a layer of noodles. Top the noodles with some of
- the cheese mixture, 1/2 of the spinach and then meat sauce. Repeat using the remaining ingredients and top with the set aside cheese.
- **5.** Bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Broil 5 minutes at the end if you prefer more browned. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Berry Green Breakfast Smoothie

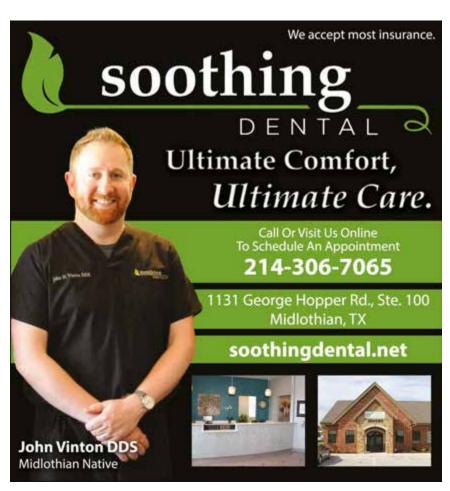
- I cup milk, your choice of flavor 1/2 banana (optional)
- 1/2 cup mixed berries, frozen Large handful spinach greens
- 1/4 cup yogurt (vanilla, strawberry or blueberry)
- 1 Tbsp. chia seeds (optional)
- I scoop protein powder, your choice of flavor (optional)
- 1/2 cup ice, or more if needed
- 1. Blend all ingredients together well. Enjoy!







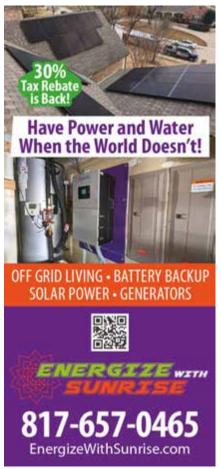
















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The wind whistles gently through the washes, around sage and juniper and over low mesas. Coyotes howl, and the stars shine brightly in the dark sky after a blazing sunset settles over this World Heritage Site — one of only 24 such sites in the U.S. The roads leading to Chaco Culture National Historical Park are rutted and washed-out dirt or gravel, depending on from which direction travelers are coming, so it is not easy to get to these sacred lands, which are far from the nearest town of Bloomfield, New Mexico. Adventurous travelers to Chaco Canyon can view in the distance the occasional Navajo hogan dotting the landscape. This is a sacred place

of the Hopi, Pueblo peoples and Navajo, who believe the spirits of their ancestors live within the canyon.

Today's world is left behind at the end of the last paved road. Visitors are off the grid, away from modern services or traffic noises. The visitor center has potable water, firewood, required hiking permits and toilets. Primitive camping and RVs under 35 feet long are allowed to camp in a small campground.

The first record of man's existence in this area, which is arid and prone to seasonal extremes of heat and cold, is A.D. 850, when indigenous peoples made this canyon the center of their civilization. The Chaco people developed over 400 miles of elaborate roads reflecting their worldview of trade and religion and created a complex society. By the early 1100s, Chaco Canyon was a ceremonial and commercial center to dozens of great houses and more than 200 settlements in the region. Shells, macaw remains, copper bells and other items have been found during archaeological digs, proving that this civilization traveled to and from distant lands.

The easiest way to experience Chaco Canyon is to take the Chaco Loop by vehicle, but first, two trails can be accessed from the visitor center. Una Vida is an unexcavated great house with a vast view of the canyon floor's landscape and a petroglyph panel viewed by climbing the nearby talus slope. A longer hike takes visitors to Wijiji, a great house, built symmetrically with uniform-sized rooms.

The first stop on the loop is Hungo Pavi at the mouth of Mockingbird Canyon. A short hike through the plaza takes visitors to Chacoan Stairway, one of several stairways carved into the surrounding cliffs. Next, rising up from the sand, is the largest of the great houses and the core of the complex, Pueblo Bonito, built in stages over 300 years. A hiking trail east of Pueblo Bonito leads to Chetro Ketl, another great house.

Pueblo del Arroyo, a rare, round, triwall structure, has an unobstructed view through the South Gap toward Hosta Butte. Two hiking trail heads can be accessed from this point. The Peñasco Blanco Trail runs through the Chaco Wash with pictographs, petroglyphs and the Casa Chiquita and Kin Kletso sites along the way. At the 2.9-mile marker, the trail splits, so visitors can hike the short distance to Supernova, a pictograph under a cliff overhang. It is believed this may be a record of the Crab Nebula, a star that exploded in A.D. 1054. Kin Kletso's east wall, as well as other walls within the great houses, may have been situated to confirm the solstices and other celestial events. The other trail winds upward to the Pueblo Alto Complex.

At the base of South Mesa, the Casa Rinconada Community is the largest excavated great kiva in the park. From atop the mesa, one can access Tsin Kletsin, another ruin. As the day ends with the sun setting, it is the perfect spot to view the southern Chacoan roads, the Eastern Mesa and the great houses with their walls aglow. NOW

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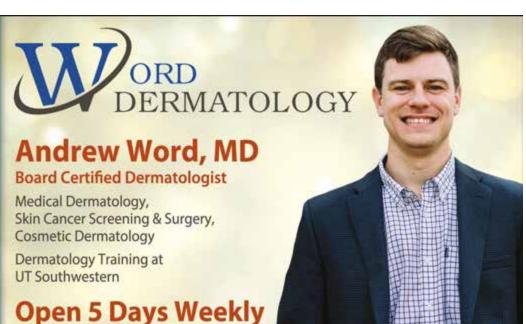
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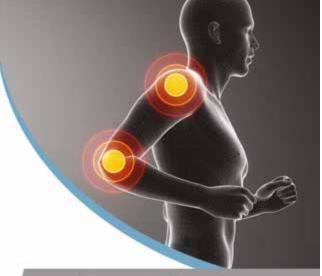




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Independence Day Fireworks:

MISD Multi-Purpose Stadium parking lot opens for viewing: 6:00 p.m.; stadium is *not* open for seating. Fireworks start: about 9:15 p.m., 1800 S. 14th St. **Rain out date: July 5.** For full details, visit https://www.midlothian.tx.us/708/Independence-Day-Fireworks.

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Free Craft Days:

Sessions limited to 30 participants. Ages 3-6 years: July 6 and 19; Ages 7-11 years: July 12 and 26. Registration opens seven days prior to events. 10:00-11:00 a.m., A.H. Meadows Library, 922 S. 9th St. Learn more at www.midlothian.tx.us/504/A-H-Meadows-Library.

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Christmas in July Artisan Market:

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7/10-7/14

VBS at The Lighthouse:

This year's theme is "On the Road Again." Ages K-5 through fifth grade. 6:00-8:30 p.m., 1400 N. 9th Street.

7/14

Night Hike:

Explore the Texas prairie at night. Nature walk guided by members of the Texas Master Naturalists Indian Trail Chapter. 8:00-10:30 p.m., Mockingbird Nature Park, 1361 Onward Rd.

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Cornhole Tournament:

Two-player team event benefiting Paws for Reflection Ranch. Live music, ranch tours and more. Registration: 3:00 p.m.; tournament: 4:00 p.m., 5431 Montgomery Rd. Call (972) 775-8966 or visit pawsforreflectionranch.org for more details.

Movies in the Park:

This month's free community movie is *The Bad Guys.* 7:30-9:30 p.m., Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St. **Rain-out date: July 29.** Learn more at www.midlothian.tx.us/Movies.

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5th Annual Parktopia:

Family fun including games, prizes, face-painting, balloon art, first-responder visits, refreshments, etc. Free. 6:00-9:00 p.m., Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St. Learn more at www.midlothian.tx.us/749/Parktopia.

7/28

Summer Beats:

Free concert featuring ScanT, '80s party band. Food for purchase. Bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating. Coolers allowed. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Midlothian Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St.

Fourth Mondays Through November

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County:

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Sign-in: 6:00 p.m.; meeting: 6:30 p.m., Waxahachie Bible
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Second Tuesdays

National Active and Retired Employees: Monthly luncheon featuring guest speaker. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at various restaurants. Email rjcarey l@gmail.com or call (972) 775-2463 for more information.

Wednesdays

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. Call (972) 775-3993 for details.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

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