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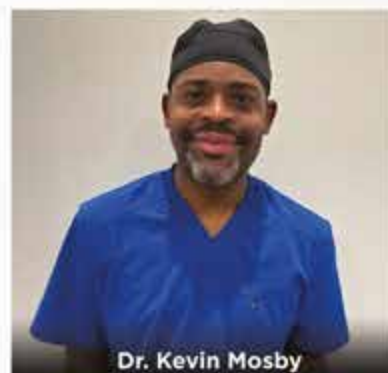
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# EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy Independence Day!

When I think about what I love about America, I am reminded of the years I spent reading the American Girl books and learning about different periods in our country's history through the eyes of fictional 10-year-old girls. As a teenager, my love of American history shifted to the consumption of Broadway musicals, such as *Hamilton*, *Newsies* and *Bonnie and Clyde*. Connecting to fictional characters like Nellie O'Malley and Jack Kelly makes history feel like a real, living thing. Our past is not a collection of important dates and significant battles like we learned in the classroom — it's real people with hopes and desires similar to our own in the 21st century.

Nowadays, I find myself gravitating toward non fictionalized stories of America's past with more excitement than I had when opening a textbook. I love seeing how people have interacted with events that seem so far away and how those events and the people's responses mirror America today. I find comfort when learning that, despite living through all of the textbook-worthy events, many of those people led fulfilling lives. It reminds me that no matter what, we will be OK.

Study our history this July!

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— By Emma McKay

*In the spring of 2020, while trapped in the dorms at Stephen F. Austin and restless from all the free time lockdown gave her, Julia Watson visited her local craft store in search of a new hobby. During high school, Julia spent her time playing basketball. She hadn't tried her hand at crafting until her senior year, when her art class discussed ceramics. "Ceramics made me love everything!" she said.*

Despite searching high and low for pottery supplies to allow her to revisit her old love, she found nothing. Suddenly, she spotted a leather crafting kit. "I showed livestock throughout high school. Then, I went to college and continued showing beef master bulls. I was always around very nice leatherwork," she explained. "So, I took it home and started making stuff."



Seeing her creations, Julia's friends begged her to make them things, too. "When I began, I made a lot of coasters because they're just one piece of leather. Looking back, everything I made has a picture of a cow or something agriculture related." With the aid of YouTube tutorials and some trial and error, she learned how to create different items and tool specific designs. "Now, I have a vast range of ideas."

After graduating with a degree in beef cattle reproduction, Julia got a full-time job in her field, while also creating and selling leatherwork on the side. "After a year I was like, 'I love this more than the beef cattle reproduction.' So, I pursued it."

With her parents' support and a section of her dad's backyard shop, Julia began to cultivate her own business. Over the past four years, she has done contract work with local and national retailers, filled countless commissions and built a large social media presence.

When starting out, Julia imagined different designs she wanted to do. "I was like, *If I could draw, that would be really cool.*" With practice, the aid of YouTube tutorials and illustration programs like Procreate, her abilities improved. "It was difficult without an illustration background. I had to get over that because it was hindering my ideas. Now, it's easy to draw."





Julia's TikTok following has grown since she started posting videos of her work. "My following is mostly people asking questions: 'What tool or what fur did you use to do this?' That used to be such a gatekeeping issue. No one would tell you anything. I wish someone had taught me how to do this when I started. I wouldn't have ruined all this money and leather," she explained. "I'm grateful to help them."

She enjoys challenging her creativity. "I design for Maverick in the Fort Worth Stockyards. Every time I go there, there's a new dress or a new luxury western item. I think of what would match that, and I go home and create it." When sourcing exotic leathers, she'll often take home materials that intrigue her, even if she doesn't have a plan for them yet. "There's a lot of leather you see only once. I always find a use for it."





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Upon deciding what she wants to do with the leather, she sketches a model of it on her iPad, including what designs she'll tool onto it. "I'll print out the main design because I know it's symmetrical." Using a pencil, she traces the main design onto the leather, and freehands other designs and patterns onto it, before etching them all into the leather. "The smallest thing can make something imperfect. I try to eliminate that, so I don't have those errors. They do still happen. I just have to get over it. It's easier to start over because if I've done the design once, I can do it again, and it'll be better."

Julia credits receiving her creative side from her grandmother. "My mom and dad both worked so much when I was little. My grandma basically raised me during the week." While staying with her, Julia would listen to her grandmother recall her grandfather's adventures as a horse trainer. Despite having never known her grandfather, Julia could imagine these scenes of his life in vivid detail. Now, when she designs Western scenes, Julia draws inspiration from those stories. "I can see



them so clearly, I'm able to put it on paper and leather."

One of her favorite items she crafted was a briefcase, which she decorated with different Western scenes on each side. "I'm very proud of it because it was my first huge piece. It puts you in a different mindset. If you are able to do *this*, you are able to do *that*. You just keep getting more and more ideas." The briefcase was recently auctioned off at a benefit for a rodeo star's memorial fund. "Having a briefcase going to auction is a pretty big deal for me," she said.

Julia hopes to one day apprentice with a saddlemaker. "Saddlemakers are the top of the leather community. They have so much knowledge," she said. Julia feels being able to build a saddle

with a seasoned leather crafter will take her abilities to a whole new level. "It helps in smaller projects, knowing how to do the basics that come with building a saddle."

In addition to doing leatherwork full time and completing her master's degree in business administration at Tarleton State University, Julia enjoys expressing herself through other creative outlets, such as clay molding, graphic design and gardening. She also breeds livestock and goes fly fishing with her boyfriend. These activities replenish her inspiration for leatherworking. "When we went fly fishing for the first time, I came home and tooled a trout on a fishing bag. I'm able to take a picture of that moment and design it. That's my favorite part because it means something to me, but then I sell it to someone, and it means something else to them. I love it so much."

Although her grandmother, who passed when Julia was 16, never got to see her leatherwork, Julia believes she'd love her designs. "I always think about what she would say. Every day, I think that she'd be blown away." **NOW**

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## Zoomed In: Glenda and James Cox

By Emma McKay

Last month, Glenda and James Cox celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. “We started hanging around together in high school,” Glenda said. “We were friends for a long time. By the time we were 15 and 16, we decided we really liked each other.”

Throughout their marriage, they’ve lived all over Texas, worked a variety of careers and have welcomed into the world five children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, all of whom they are incredibly proud of. “I think that one thing that’s kept us together is our Christianity. We prayed together when we were [teenagers] and God has taken care of us. We’re dedicated to each other. We respect each other,” James stated. “It’s not like I thought it would be. It’s better.”



*Delory Brown and Armani Crayton learn to play tennis.*



*The Verdin family celebrates Cinco de Mayo with the city.*



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(Front to back) Nova Brave, Selah and Leon Reeves feed the koi fish at Roots Garden Center.

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— By Emma McKay

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For more than two years, Havins Business Services has been aiding the entrepreneurs of Burleson through bookkeeping and consultation. “Our business is businesses,”



stated Co-founder Kenneth Havins.

Upon first forming HBS in the fall of 2022, Kenneth and Courtney Havins, his business partner and wife, had only planned on helping business owners with their finances. “We were doing taxes, bookkeeping, Excel and QuickBooks training, stuff like that,” Courtney said. When meeting with business owners, the two discovered a need for people who give general business advice to small businesses, so they decided to fill that gap. “It grew from there. Now, we are moving more into consulting.”

As business owners, Courtney and Kenneth understand how frustrating it can be to find reliable information on forming and running a business. “All the information you did find was contradictory. *You have to do this first. No, you have to do this first.* It was really difficult to know who to trust,” Courtney explained.

“The dream was to be a one-stop shop for business owners to get all the resources they need,” Kenneth said. Whether it be advising them on formation steps or helping them avoid predatory fake-government notices, Kenneth



enjoys chatting with business owners and helping them set up a successful first year. “You don’t know what you don’t know. You could have a fantastic service or some rockstar product, but the backend is just as important as the product. I answer a few questions and steer them in the right direction.

**“The dream was to be a one-stop shop for business owners to get all the resources they need.”**

“When we get in at the beginning with a client, it’s easier,” Kenneth continued. “We’re like those gutter rails and just keep it from going off. There’s always a learning curve and some mistakes they’ll make, but we can minimize the fallout from that.” Since they began consulting, Kenneth and Courtney have seen businesses go from concepts to physical locations they can visit or billboards they can drive past. “It’s really exciting to see people get to be the driving force behind their own destiny and the rest of their lives, and it’s fun to be a part of that!”

This month, HBS launched their podcast *From Launch to Legacy* on YouTube. The podcast covers general information on business formation as well as niche topics Courtney and Kenneth have run into. “We want to put out information for people, so they can figure out things,” Courtney said. With their website redesign, they’ve started publishing printable information about topics such as financial statements, which businesses can use as “cheat sheets” to aid with their bookkeeping. HBS even keeps an updated collection of scam letters new businesses receive, so they can help their clients identify fraudulent communications. “I think all this will help. Some of the stuff you call and get a consultation, or you can find it on the website.”

Since its founding, Havins Business Services has aided over 100 businesses in the Burleson area, and they are eager to help more. “If they succeed, so do we. As they grow, we grow right with them,” Courtney said. If you’ve got questions regarding your business or personal taxes, give Havins Business Services a call. **NOW**



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# · TALES OF TEXAS · SPIRIT ON THE HILL

— By Emma McKay

*With a century separating us from the days of Prohibition, the age of speakeasies seems like a distant, almost fictional moment in history. However, history may be closer than you think. Located in Arlington, Top O' Hill Terrace, served as a gambling den to some of American history's favorite celebrities for nearly 30 years.*

In 1921, Beulah Adams Marshall, a former culinary writer for the *Dallas Journal*, saw the need for an eatery along the newly constructed cross-continental Bankhead Highway. She and her husband, Thomas, purchased a hill on the edge of Arlington and constructed a sandstone house to host Beulah's vision. The tearoom became a hit amongst residents of the DFW area. People traveled from all over to try her famous chicken fried steaks or attend events hosted at the tearoom.

Upon visiting Beulah's Top O' Hill Terrace tearoom, Fred and Mary Browning found potential in its location to create a highly profitable gambling hotspot right off the popular thoroughfare. In 1930, the Brownings bought the property from the Marshalls and converted it into a destination for illicit activities such as drinking, gambling, prostitution and horse betting. Fred Browning already owned clubs in Richmond, Texas, and near Tulsa, Oklahoma, so establishing a location in Arlington wouldn't be a troublesome pursuit. After all, he'd built up a reputation in the gambling world and had connections he could use to fill Top O' Hill with dealers, dancers and moonshine. This also meant he knew what precautions he'd need to take in ensuring his business would survive police raids.

Fred began to make renovations to the land to keep his staff, patrons and business safe from "Johnny Law." A sandstone wall was erected around the property with guards posted at its iron gate entrance. At the guard towers, warning buzzers were installed, which, when pressed, alerted those in the main house that the cops were on their way, giving them time to hide the evidence or escape.

As the gambling den's popularity grew, Fred expanded his operation. He dug a two-story basement underneath the house, designating it as the base of illegal operations. He also created a labyrinth of escape tunnels, should the need for a quick exit arise. Some of these tunnels spilled out into the nearby woods or circled back to the tearoom's garden, allowing guests to pretend they were merely enjoying the flowers and teacakes. Although many of these tunnels have been found over the years, historians believe there may have been many more which were lost to time.

In the height of its success, gamblers traveled far and wide to spend the evening at Top O' Hill, including celebrities such as John Wayne, Frank Sinatra, Ginger Rogers and the infamous Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. To ensure these visitors weren't cops in disguise, the Brownings created a series of checkpoints patrons had to pass through before reaching the main attraction.

Thanks to Fred's precautions, in the nearly 30 years of its operation, his gambling club survived several police raids. However, that all changed on August 10, 1947. Led by M.T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas, a small team of Texas Rangers crawled through the woods, effectively giving Fred's guards the slip. The men snuck through a back door, catching patrons by surprise. The rangers arrested eight employees and 50 patrons and confiscated \$25,000 worth of equipment, which, according to Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis' inflation calculator would equate to over \$352,000 in 2024. This raid marked the end of an era for the tearoom.





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Top O' Hill gambling parlor never regained the same number of patrons as it did in its heyday. Founder of Bible Baptist Seminary, Frank J. Norris had been one of Top O' Hill's biggest opposers during its operation, and had vowed to one day own the land and shut down the gambling parlor. In 1956, four years after Pastor Norris passed, Bible Baptist Seminary, now known as Arlington Baptist University, purchased the property. In 2003, the Texas Historical Commission named the tearoom as a historical landmark. These days, visitors can donate \$10 to schedule a tour of the tearoom to learn about its history and see surviving memorabilia collected by Vickie Bryant, wife of former university president, David Bryant. **NOW**

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# CookingNOW

## IN THE KITCHEN WITH ERICA BEVEL

— By Emma McKay



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“I love cooking because it’s one of the most powerful ways I can nourish my family,” Erica Bevel stated. The mother of three adores finding different ways to make healthy, simple recipes and sharing them with other moms. “I recently got a grain mill. It’s been so fun learning how to bake with freshly milled flour!”

In addition to cooking healthy food and homeschooling her kids, Erica runs her own fitness and nutrition business and acts as the nursery director for her church. She has also been raising her own meat with her husband. “I’m grateful to have had the opportunity to grow up on a farm, and I’m so happy to be able to share that with our kids!” **NOW**

### Freshly Milled Flour Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

- 2 cups soft white winter berries
- 2 1/2 cups rolled oats (medium blended)
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. real salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips

1. Grind the berries into fine powder. Blend the oats into a medium-coarse texture.
2. In a stand mixer, cream the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla.
3. Mix all the dry ingredients, except the chocolate chips, in a mixing bowl; slowly

- add to the wet ingredients in the stand mixer. Do not overmix.
4. Fold in chocolate chips.
  5. Cover; let rest in the refrigerator while the oven preheats to 400 F.
  6. Scoop out onto a cookie sheet (small or large ice cream scoops work best). Bake for 9-12 minutes.

### Jalapeño Cheese Sourdough Biscuits

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1/2 Tbsp. salt
- 1 cup sourdough discard
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup pepper jack cheese or cheddar, cubed or shredded

1/2 cup jalapeños, sliced

1. Place the butter in the freezer for at least 15-30 minutes to chill. If you have time, let the butter fully freeze before using, as this will produce a better biscuit.
2. Preheat the oven to 425 F.
3. Cut the butter up into cubes; place them into a mixer (or food processor or blender with dough capabilities) with the flour, baking powder and salt. Or you can mix by hand or with a pastry cutter.
4. Mix for 10-15 seconds until you have a crumbly mixture.
5. Add the sourdough discard, milk, cheese and jalapeños; mix again until combined, about 20-30 seconds. If you are mixing by hand, use shredded cheese instead and knead until just combined. Do not over-knead, or the butter will melt. If the dough is too dry, add 1-2 Tbsp. of water.
6. Once mixed, use a large ice cream scoop and scoop out each roll onto parchment paper or a baking stone; brush the tops with milk. (Note: You can also scoop these onto a parchment-lined cookie sheet and place in the freezer for 4 hours. Then put them into a freezer-safe bag to have ready to bake rolls whenever you need them!)
7. Bake for 15-17 minutes, or until lightly golden brown.
8. Brush melted butter on the top of each; place on a cooling rack to cool.

### Granola Bars

Makes 33 bars.

- 2 cups peanut butter (I use Smucker’s natural.)
- 1 cup honey
- 5 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup chocolate chips

1. Mix the peanut butter and honey until consistency is smooth.
2. Add the oats; mix until evenly combined.
3. Add the chocolate chips until evenly combined.
4. Spread onto a baking sheet that is lined with parchment paper. Roll out with a pin roller until evenly spread across the pan about 1 inch thick.
5. Place in the freezer for 1-2 hours until firm.
6. Remove from the freezer; chop into small bars. Then place them into a freezer-safe container or bag, and store in the freezer until you are ready to enjoy.





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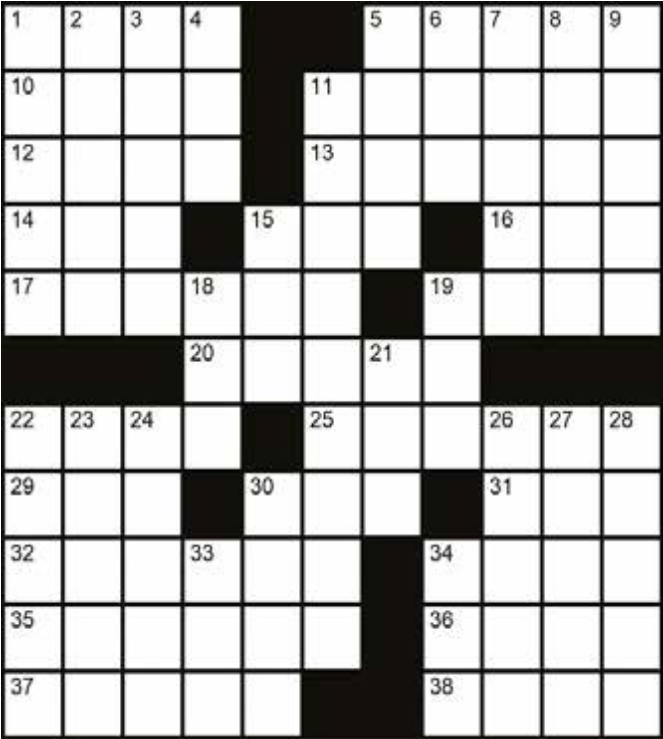
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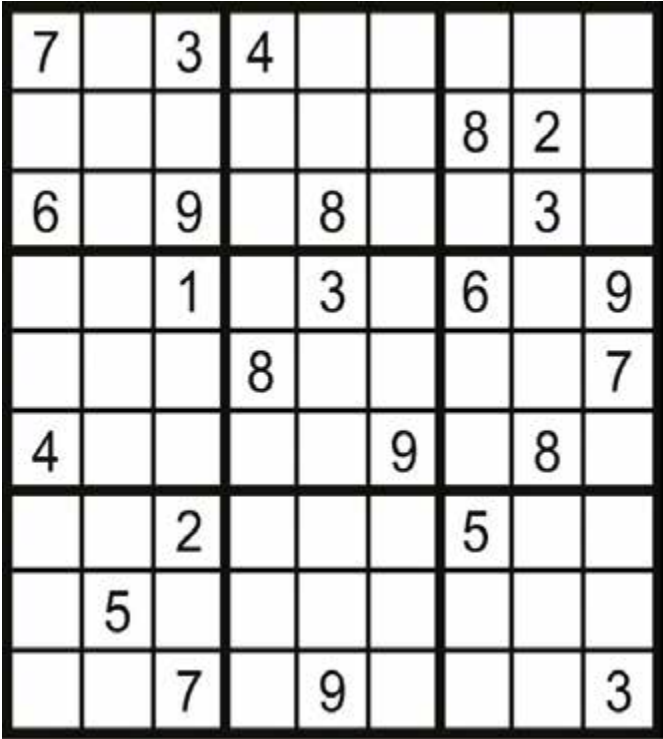
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- 5 Drawbacks
- 10 Tiny bit
- 11 The Boilermakers' home
- 12 "--- company, ..."
- 13 Again in Avignon
- 14 Off-color
- 15 The unicorns missed it, presumably
- 16 Unopened flower
- 17 Legwear introduced in 1940
- 19 Falconer's strap
- 20 Aromatic seed found in Siena after earthquake
- 22 Bill
- 25 Nature's title, often
- 29 Worthless piece of cloth
- 30 Margaret Thatcher, Tony Blair, Boris Johnson et al.
- 31 Unity
- 32 Take too far
- 34 Remedy
- 35 Nairobi native
- 36 Dating from
- 37 Little rocket maker
- 38 Fresnel or fisheye, perhaps

## Down

- 1 Act like a native
- 2 Humble
- 3 Coral island
- 4 Sparse fluid
- 5 Defeated
- 6 Atomic energy overseer
- 7 Ancestral Pueblo building material
- 8 Teachers, in India
- 9 Plants of the future
- 11 Confused Mom ripens fruit
- 15 --- Arbor, MI
- 18 Whiskey cask material
- 19 Blacker than black
- 21 "--- yer old man!"
- 22 Out of dough
- 23 Roof overhang
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- 28 Coral formations
- 30 Smartphone ancestors
- 33 Cereal grass
- 34 The Orioles' Mr. Ripken

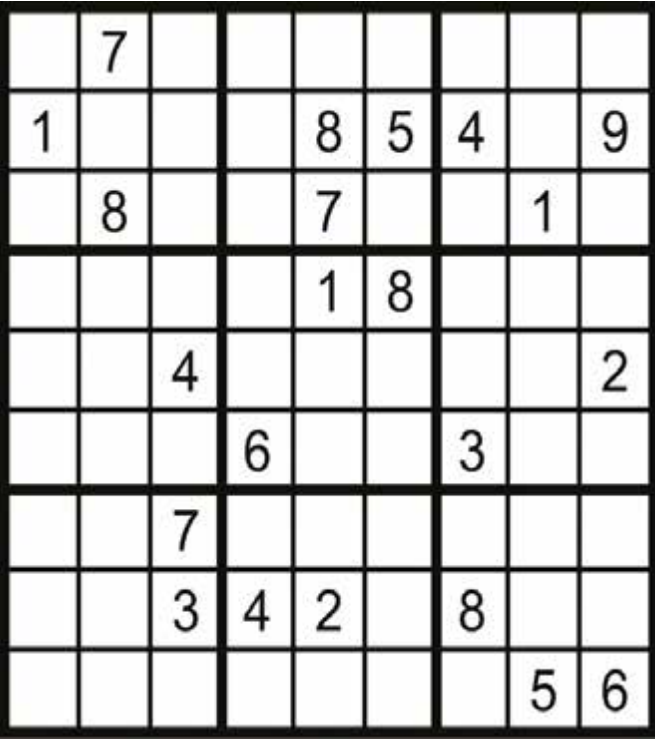
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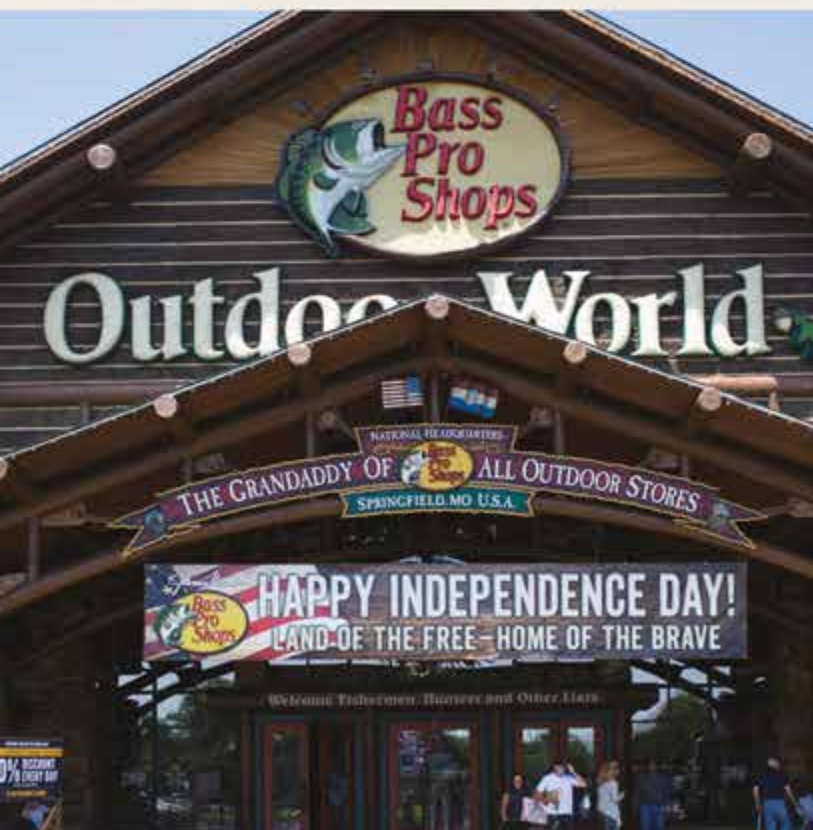






# ***SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE***

— By Bill Smith







*Driving northeast from North Texas over, under, around and through the mountains of Arkansas to Branson, Missouri, makes a scenic and interesting trip. The destination is worth the journey, and with so many activities and things to experience, you just cannot do them all during one visit. Chances are, at least one return trip will be on your agenda.*

Accommodations in Branson are varied and can be as simple as a campsite at Table Rock State Park, an inexpensive motel room or a bed-and-breakfast for two. Cabins, condos and resorts that host your whole family are also available. Arlo Guthrie sang, "You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant," and while there may not be an Alice's in Branson, there is just about any other food offering you may desire.

One place you can count on for a delicious, home-style meal is Paula Deen's Family Kitchen. Located near downtown on Branson Landing, the food is served in a tastefully appointed atmosphere, and you cannot leave there hungry. Every meal is all-you-can-eat and includes a choice of dessert.

Branson is all about music, and many of the restaurants feature live entertainment, sometimes as a stage performance, or perhaps as a singing server. Mel's Hard Luck Diner has a 1950s theme in its decor, and the servers may be singing oldies, Christian or country music. Food at Mel's is a variety of soups, salads and sandwiches, including burgers, fries and awesome desserts, such as Rock Around the Chocolate, which is a huge ice cream delight. You'll need to leave extra room for it!

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Just one more restaurant to mention is in nearby Springfield in the huge original Bass Pro Shop. This "side-trip" from Branson is worth the drive to see the flagship store. Don't miss the aquariums and the outstanding wildlife mounts, but the restaurant that you will enjoy in the store is Hemingway's Blue Water Café. Their website boasts, "Dedicated to legendary author and sportsman Ernest Hemingway, its lodge-style decor features authentic memorabilia from Papa's global adventures. A lovely old mahogany bar parallels a huge saltwater aquarium running nearly the length of the main dining room. On the dinner menu: fresh seafood creations by the late renowned Chef Marcel Bonetti, plus an eclectic mix of signature dishes, sandwiches and salads made with locally grown ingredients to suit every palate." The restaurant lives up to the hype.

So, you have a place to stay and a place to dine. Now, what is there to do in Branson? Live performances of varied genres are at the many theaters. Clay Cooper has a great show at the theater that bears his name. Don't miss an opportunity to attend the production at the Sight & Sounds Theatre. You will be amazed at the sets and costumes in this beautiful venue. You may experience a Roman soldier riding a white stallion as he rides off to battle down the aisle. If you want to see Elvis, you may not find him there, but at least one of his cousins has a show in Branson, and there will probably be more than one Elvis impersonator there during your stay.

For the kids, there are zip lines, bumper boats, Ferris wheels and miniature golf galore. Ride the Branson Scenic Railway, a duck boat or a trolley. Shop at Dick's 5 & 10. Go see The Butterfly Palace or the Titanic Museum. Book your next trips to Branson — one is just not enough! **NOW**

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# Happy Independence Day

## JULY

Some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

7/4

### 21st Annual Burleson Independence Day Parade:

The Burleson Lions Club presents their annual Independence Day Parade. 9:00-11:00 a.m., Old Town Burleson.

### Red, White & BTX:

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the city's annual 4th of July celebration, featuring food trucks, the final Hot Sounds of Summer Concert of the 2025 season and fireworks show. Gates open: 5:00 p.m.; headlining concert: 7:30 p.m.; fireworks start: 9:20 p.m., Chisenhall Fields, 500 Chisenhall Park Ln.

7/8

### Network@Night:

Enjoy a night of networking, cocktails, appetizers and door prizes with the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce. Meet new clients, promote your business and expand your network. 4:30-6:00 p.m., Lost Oak Winery, 8101 County Rd. 802.

### Medicare-Turning 65:

This seminar is for anyone to learn how to apply for Medicare, and what Medicare does and does not cover. Presented by Gib Kassing of Kassing & Associates. Free. 6:00-7:30 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248

SW Johnson Ave. To register, call (817) 995-2774.

7/10

### 2025 Women's Health and Wellness Luncheon:

This luncheon is designed to connect local women with providers and businesses that cater to their health and wellness needs. After the luncheon, explore a wellness-themed expo featuring a variety of local vendors and resources. \$30 for Chamber members; \$40 for non-members. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, 317 W. Ellison St.

7/12

### BTX Lucky Ducky Derby:

Grab your friends, family and neighbors for a morning of duck games and activities in support of the Burleson Animal Shelter. Don't miss the touch-a-truck experience featuring fire and police vehicles. Meet our local heroes, explore the equipment up close and snap cool photos! \$5 to adopt a rubber duck to participate. 9:00 a.m.-noon, BRiCk Outdoor Pool, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd.

7/18

### Luau Party:

Get ready for a tropical good time with food, music and dancing! Come dressed in your island best, and join the Senior Activity Center for a fun-filled

afternoon you won't want to miss! Free. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.

7/19

### The BRiCk Boat-nanza:

Come to the BRiCk for a fun cardboard boat race with prizes. There will be two age groups: the Lil' Captain Division for ages 6-13 and the Big Captain Division for ages 14 and up. \$5 pre-register; \$10 day of. 9:00 a.m.-noon, BRiCk indoor and outdoor pools, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd. For more information and to register, visit [burlesontx.com/events](http://burlesontx.com/events).

7/23

### Bingo & Hot Dogs:

Join the Senior Activity Center for an afternoon of good food, great company and classic bingo fun! We'll be joined by the awesome kids from First Baptist. It's a perfect chance to enjoy some intergenerational fun! Free. Bingo games: 10:00 a.m.; hot dogs: 11:30 a.m., Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.

7/25

### Watermelon Day:

Enjoy a free slice of watermelon, water-related activities and arts and crafts. Free, but register to ensure there's enough watermelon. 10:00 a.m.-noon, Russell Farm, 405 W. County Road 714.

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7/26

### Gospel Jam:

If you love gospel music, this is an evening you won't want to miss. Enjoy live music by request and feel free to bring your own instrument to join in. Adults 50 and up. Free. 5:00-8:00 p.m., Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.

7/31

### 2025 BISD New Teacher Luncheon:

Join the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce as they welcome Burleson ISD's new teachers and administration! This special luncheon brings together Chamber members, community leaders and school officials to celebrate and support the teachers starting their journey with the district. \$30 for Chamber members; \$40 for non-members. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Burleson High School, 100 Elk Drive.

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