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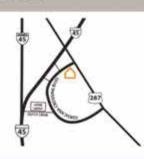


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EDITOR'S NOTE

Time to celebrate!

Many weddings had to be put on hold until this summer because of COVID-19. But our super-heated summer weather hasn't deterred brides from marrying the men of their dreams! If your family and friends are like mine, you have been attending weddings all summer. My oldest grandson and his bride are just one example. Their planned big day came and went during quarantine, so as soon as the courthouse reopened, they were married in a small civil wedding, but that wasn't her planned dream wedding. That beautiful gathering went off perfectly at the couple's destination wedding in Georgia last month. I "attended" another out-of-state family wedding by Facebook Live. Love it when technology works to bring us together! I've read that this has been a busier than usual wedding season, since so many couples shared our family's experience during COVID. Congratulations to all those happy couples!

The road has called me to state and national parks around Texas, despite high gas prices. Camping under the stars is such a treat, and I enjoy it more when I can introduce yet another generation to that joy. It's fun to watch their faces when they realize there's no cell service or internet. After a few minutes, the grandkids adapt and find out that life can still be fun with creative activities by day and stargazing and campfires in the evenings.

Summer is always a time for educators to gravitate toward workshops and conventions, so I presented workshops and was honored with another Member in Print award from Alpha State DKG. I hope your summer has been fun in wonderful ways, since busy school schedules start this month.

Enjoy the last of your summer!





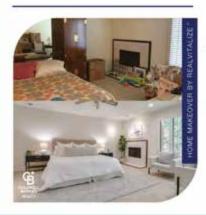






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Hailing from around the world, athletes arriving on the Navarro College campus in time for the start of Summer II or Fall Semester classes and workouts are warmly greeted by staff, but then the work begins in the classrooms, the community and on the sports fields of endeavor. It's a new world for all college freshmen, but there's additional stress for these athletes and coaches. "In women's volleyball, we have roughly three weeks from the first official training session before our first official season match," Head Coach Ariel Apolinario explained.

In football and soccer, Navarro College's other two fall sports, players and coaches withstand the Texas heat and humidity as they adapt to tight training schedules before their first games. "The biggest challenge for a fall sport is preparing freshmen to be successful at this level and beyond and getting them ready to play in August while they're still unpacking their bags," Football Coach Ryan Taylor explained. The team reports to campus in July for summer school and practice. "We've learned that a simpler schematics approach is more important than an overload of information," he added.

Mostly strangers before reporting to campus, the athletes quickly become a team and family away from home. Head Soccer Coach Alicia Wilson said, "My challenge in coaching is outside the X and O of playing." She begins team building with a group chat before players arrive on campus. "Our sophomores become a bridge to assist freshmen. We must be laser focused from day one. We present the team vision, standards and expectations at our first physical meeting, then begin training. As coaches, we want our players to know we care about and support them. We have so many hats to wear. I'm a mother, a sister, a counselor, a mentor and a friend. Each player has different needs. Playing all these roles and then coaching players to know what you want them to do on the field of play is an experience."

Success starts with recruiting. Talent is the first expectation, but Coach Taylor also depends on the player's head high school coach for a character reference. "Recruits must be great teammates, coachable, humble and hardworking men," Coach Taylor explained.

Coach Apolinario agreed, "The ideal recruiting situation would be a balance of natural talent and the tools to compete right away." He shares his vision with the teenagers and their families, hoping to build trust and commitment.

Since the goal of all athletes is to advance to a four-year institution and play, scholastics are important. An athletic advisor assists players in choosing a major and the correct classes. The college is affiliated with universities, so players know in advance of enrolling if a class will transfer and where their chosen degree is offered. There are mandatory study halls. "Coaches can check assignments, due dates and current grades in each player's classes," Coach Wilson explained. "Struggling players are assigned tutors and provided additional resources. We've averaged a team GPA over 3.0, and the team goal is to reach 3.5."

Players and coaches connect with the community in several capacities throughout the year. "We have Community Service Saturdays," Coach Apolinario

said. "We organize a specific event and connect with multiple organizations. We like to think we've made a difference." Soccer team members visit a retirement home, volunteer in elementary schools with reading programs and work with community nonprofits as do the football team members.

A shortened time together offers another challenge for these junior college coaches and players. "If we're lucky, we have a two-year cycle with our student-athletes," Coach Apolinario said. As athletes adapt to all things new, they are also preparing to go to four-year institutions. "We believe in and are committed to allowing our athletes a voice and ability to make choices," Coach Apolinario added.

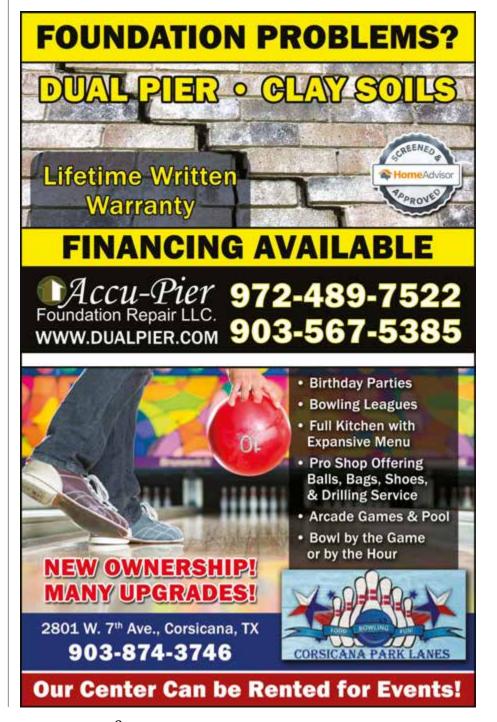
Coach Taylor's tenure with Navarro College began in January 2022. Coach Wilson began in 2015, while Coach Apolinario will be starting his third season with this college. All have previous college coaching experience. They know the highs and lows of playing and coaching and cherish memorable moments, relationships made and the Bulldog tradition of competing well at the regional and national levels.

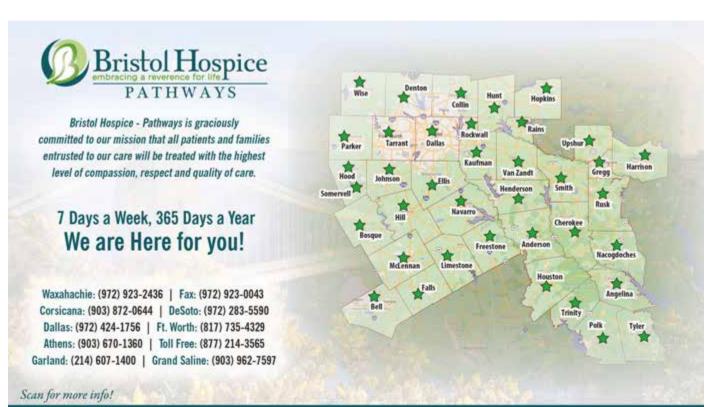
These coaches share understanding of their athletes' dreams and goals, through personal experience. They have played multiple sports growing up, concentrating efforts toward one sport by high school and college years. Coaches Apolinario and Wilson have played on national teams internationally, and Coaches Taylor and Wilson played professionally. "My middle school and high school coaches served as mentors. They showed us the right way to do things, and that with hard work and accountability, anything can be achieved," Coach Taylor recalled. "Playing college sports is a privilege, not a right." He advises younger athletes aspiring to play at this level to embrace [the sport] and find a way to get better at their craft every day.

"I enjoy seeing our players' improvement from day one until they leave, as great people and great players," Coach Wilson remarked. "We've sent players to four-year universities and top professional leagues around the world, changing lives for the better. We have amazing and friendly staff who work so hard to make the students successful, and we enjoy the support of the community!"

"I began coaching a select baseball team my little brother was a part of when I was 18 years old," Coach Taylor said. "We placed third in the national tournament." One of Coach Taylor's former coaches advised him, "If you want to be a coach in any sport — you have to want to fully pursue it. You can't think you want to pursue it." It's good advice for almost any of life's endeavors. NOW









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Raised as a moved-often Air Force military "brat," Marsha Banks arrived in Corsicana in 1969 to teach English at the then Drane Junior High, and she stayed, teaching English and history for 33 years and finishing her career at Collins Middle School. "I find the people warm and caring, the atmosphere is laid-back, and I enjoy the history of Navarro County," she said.

Retired, Marsha volunteers through Kinsloe House, Navarro County Retired Teachers Association, Better Garden Club, Thalian Literary Club and Westminister Presbyterian Church. She has two grown sons and a stepson. Marsha added, "I love to read and travel." Born in the Panama Canal Zone, she's traveled to Europe, Jamaica, Canada, Mexico and Hawaii when it was still a territory.



Beth Barrows, dressed in her medieval period re-enactor's garb, demonstrates the process of turning fleece into yarn.



David Searcy and Neal Adelman perform a reading of Neal's play produced while in residency at 100W.



Young and old enjoy competing for the most decorated Fourth of July boat in the Lake Mexia Parade.



Dr. Carol Haynes and Carole Davenport give that Bulldog salute at their joint Navarro College retirement celebration.

By Virginia Riddle



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A family business, Terry has owned TMC for the past 43 years and is rebranding the business next month from Dennis & Victor Cooper Insurance to TMC Insurance Services. The TMC represents her initials. Born in Tennessee, Terry moved to Dallas when only a month old. After graduating from Dallas' Kimball High School and attending Stephen F. Austin State University, she began her career in Corsicana as a real estate agent before getting her insurance licenses. "We have merged

the 7th Street office with our main office on 13th Street, and my son runs offices in Johnson and Ellis counties. My daughter, a teacher for 29 years, has recently joined our office," she explained.

"My greatest joy is working with customers and getting to know them and helping them on a personal level," Terry said. "I'm a member of the Navarro County Board of Realtors and understand the needs of real estate professionals and their clients. I enjoy small-town living. I want to ensure that I'm always reaching out to my community and understanding how I can serve better."

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Terry admits running a small business these days is challenging. "We want to make sure our customers are happy, and providing that personalized service can take longer. We try to inform our clients of the coverages that aren't on their policies. There are many different policies with many limitations on coverages. It's important to discuss all areas of coverages. Also, as an owner/broker, I must meet employee needs. I have several employees/agents who have been with me longer than 10 years."

Terry is a member of Corsicana First United Methodist Church, and when not at work, she enjoys traveling. For several years, she's taken her entire family on cruises and vacations. "We've gone to countries in Europe and to Holland," she said. "My grandchildren were so much fun to watch as they saw these new, exciting places. We've enjoyed learning about so many cultures.

"I chose to go into the insurance business because I enjoy sales and working with people," Terry remarked. "I enjoy the challenge of always finding the best coverages for my customers. We look forward to providing, for many more years, the same great services Corsicana folks have enjoyed from our agency in the past." NOW





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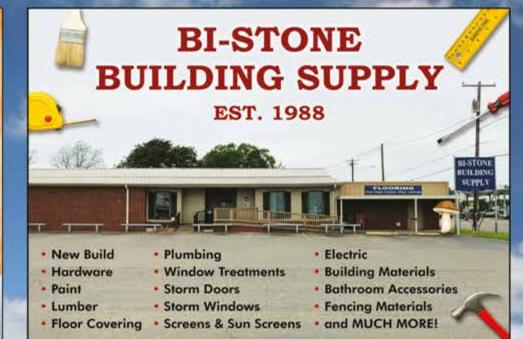




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At a very young age, Margaret Evans knew she wanted to be just like her aunties as she watched them cooking. "I was always asking questions," she recalled. Most of her recipes are from her family, but she tries new ones occasionally. "I love down-home cooking, baking and grilling," Margaret said. "I cooked for my family of eight growing up. My mother was working all the time. Then I cooked for my two sons."

This Corsicana native is retired from the State of Texas and the food industry, but she is in the ministry full time through Single Believers Ministries, where she helps elders and kids in trouble. Margaret added, "My other loves are watching westerns, reading and sharing my cooking." NOW

Frito Pie

- 1 16-oz. pkg. ground meat Onion powder, to taste
- 1 22-oz. pkg. Fritos
- 1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel tomatoes
- 1 8-oz. tub sour cream, room temperature
- 1 14.5-oz. pkg. Owens Beef Chili, cooked according to pkg. instructions
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cheddar cheese, shredded
- **I.** Preheat the oven to 350 F.

- **2.** In a skillet, cook the ground meat and onion powder over medium heat for 30 minutes.
- **3.** Using a prepared 9x13-inch baking pan, add the Fritos, Ro-Tel tomatoes, sour cream, chili and ground meat; top with cheese.
- **4.** Bake in the oven for about 30 minutes; remove and serve.

Stir Fry Cabbage

I head of cabbage, rinsed and shredded I small onion, diced

4 small potatoes, diced
1 12-oz. pkg. bacon cut into pieces, cooked
1/3 cup sugar
Onion powder, to taste
Garlic powder, to taste
1/4 cup water

I. In a skillet, add all the ingredients; cover. Cook on medium heat for about 30 minutes.

Chicken Quesadilla

10 chicken tenders

Onion powder, to taste
I cube chicken bouillon
I basil leaf
Water, enough to cover
I small onion, sliced
I red bell pepper, sliced
I 10-ct. pkg. flour tortillas
I 8-oz. pkg. Mexican cheese, shredded

1. In a skillet, cook the chicken tenders, onion powder, bouillon cube and basil leaf in enough water to cover the mixture for about 45 minutes. Drain; let the chicken cool before shredding it into a bowl.

- **2.** Sauté the onions and bell peppers.
- 3. On a grill, lay out the flour tortillas. Add the chicken, onions, bell pepper and cheese to each tortilla; fold the tortillas over.
- 4. Let the cheese melt, sealing the edges, as the tortillas brown.

Avocado Salad

Serves 2-4.

- 1 12-oz. pkg. Holmes Smokehouse **Pecan Smoked Sausage**
- I head of iceberg lettuce, washed and shredded
- 2 small avocados, sliced
- I bell pepper, diced
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- I boiled egg, diced

Onion powder, to taste

Celery flakes, to taste

Basil, to taste

- 1. In a skillet, boil the sausage for 15-20 minutes; drain. Let the sausage cool. Peel the skin off; cut the sausage into slices.
- 2. In a mixing bowl, add the next 5 ingredients to the sausage slices; toss until the ingredients are blended. Add the onion powder, celery flakes and basil for seasoning.

Taco Soup

- 3 lbs. ground chuck
- 2 1-oz. pkgs. taco seasoning mix (divided use)
- 1 16-oz. tub sour cream
- 1 24-oz. jar picante sauce
- 2 12-oz. jars cheddar cheese sauce
- 1 12-oz. pkg. On The Border Café **Style Chips**
- 1. In a skillet, add the ground chuck and I package of the taco seasoning; cook for about 25 minutes on medium heat. Drain; set aside.
- 2. In a double boiler, mix the sour cream, picante sauce, remaining package of taco seasoning and the cheddar cheese sauce. Heat until all the ingredients are mixed and completely melted.
- **3.** Add the ground chuck to the double boiler mixture; stir together until blended. Serve with the chips.

Beef Enchiladas

Makes 4-6 servings.

3 lbs. ground meat Onion powder, to taste Cilantro seasoning, to taste 1 12-oz. can enchilada sauce (divided use) **Cooking spray**

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- 1 8-oz. pkg. cheddar cheese, shredded (divided use)
- 1 10-ct. pkg. corn tortillas
- **1.** In a skillet, cook the ground meat with the onion powder and cilantro seasoning until the meat is completely cooked. Drain the grease.
- **2.** Add 1/2 of the can of enchilada sauce to the ground meat mixture; mix well.

- **3.** Prepare a 9x l3-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Add the ground meat mixture with sprinkled cheddar cheese to each tortilla: roll each tortilla.
- **4.** Placed the rolled tortillas into the baking dish; pour the remaining enchilada sauce over the tortillas. Top with the remaining cheddar cheese.
- **5.** Bake at 350 F for about 20 minutes. Remove the baking dish; allow the enchiladas to cool slightly before serving.

Tropical Breeze Ambrosia Salad

- 2 8-oz. cans mandarin oranges, drained I cup pineapple chucks I cup maraschino cherries I cup seedless grapes, halved I cup apples, peeled and diced I0-oz. Cool Whip topping
- **1.** In a bowl, mix all the ingredients except the Cool Whip. Top with the Cool Whip; refrigerate before serving.

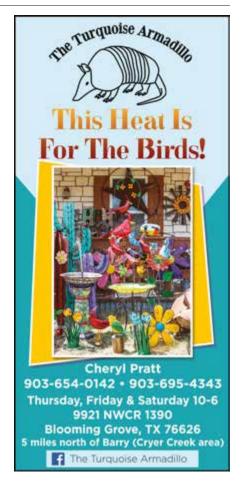
Piña Colada Pie

1/2 cup coconut, shredded1/3 cup butter, melted

- 2 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- I cup coconut cream
- I tsp. rum-flavored extract
- 8-oz. frozen whipped topping
- 1 8-oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherries
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 9-inch graham cracker crust
- **1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spread the coconut onto a baking sheet; toast. Remove the coconut; set it aside.
- **2.** In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter, cream cheese and coconut cream until fluffy. Mix in the rum extract; fold in the whipped topping, pineapple, cherries and pecans.
- **3.** Pour the filling into the piecrust; sprinkle with the toasted coconut. Chill several hours.







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Across

- 1 Out of whack
- 4 Brass groupings
- 9 Running great --- Devers
- 10 In plain view
- 11 Approximately
- 12 More recent
- 13 Where landlubbers are found
- 15 Drink greedily
- 17 Rotation period
- 18 Wingless parasites
- 19 Sacked out
- 22 Al --- (pasta order)
- 23 Shuck
- 24 Short Egyptian boy-king?
- 25 "Avenger" Mrs. Peel
- 26 Rid
- 30 Gem State capital
- 32 Czech track champ --- Zátopek
- 33 Orange Muppet
- 34 Pestered persistently
- 35 Takes five
- 36 It can be the limit

Down

- 1 Rowers in a boat
- 2 Angle
- 3 Bad places to build houses
- 4 Thin as a rake
- 5 Reverential salutation
- 6 Publications from special groups
- 7 Became shorter
- 8 Hard-and-fast
- 9 Former Portuguese colony in India
- 14 Backstabber
- 16 "Aw, heck!"
- 19 --- who must be obeyed
- 20 Surplus furniture
- 21 "Rum Punch" writer --- Leonard
- 22 Batman and Robin, for example
- 24 Corners
- 27 Out of control
- 28 In apple-pie order
- 29 Catastrophic occurrence (abbr.)
- 31 Command to Rover

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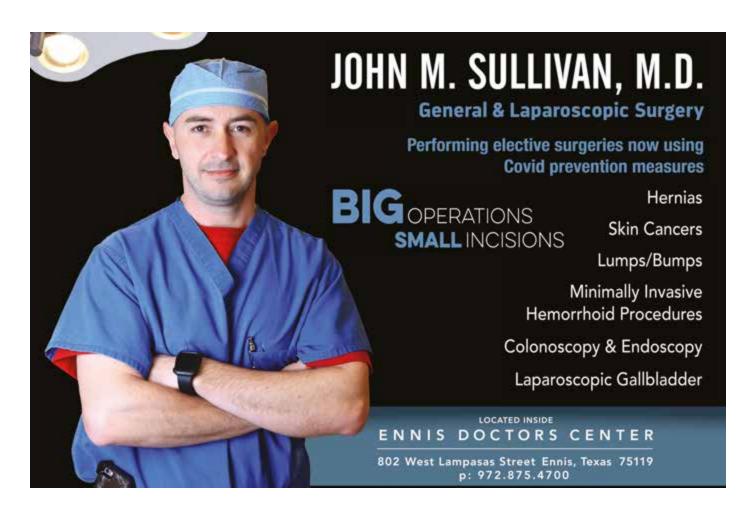
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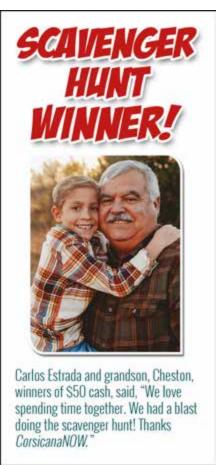
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