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Youth are amazing!

Last month in this space, I used George Bernard Shaw's quote about youth being wasted on the young. Contemplating that and the youth of today, I have concluded that nothing could be further from the truth.

EnnisNOW Magazine has featured our youth a number of times in recent months, and the subjects have been an encouraging word that our future is in good hands. I salute the parents, professional educators and other mentors who are guiding our young people to achieve amazing things today, and instilling in them the desire to create, explore, accomplish and succeed. While some may choose to coast through life, accepting what is offered, so many more choose to forge their own path, accepting wise counsel along the way.

The awards and scholarships presented to the Ennis graduating seniors last May were in the hundreds. Some have chosen to attend college this fall. Others have gone to trade schools. Still others have entered the workforce. For many, the start of their vocational careers is an apprenticeship that will see them advance to positions of leadership and management.

These are not only the leaders of commerce, art, sports, government and industry in the future, but they are also the fiber of volunteerism that plays such a vital part in shaping their future and ours. The youth learn to be volunteers as they see those in current leadership support the great number of charitable organizations represented in our community.

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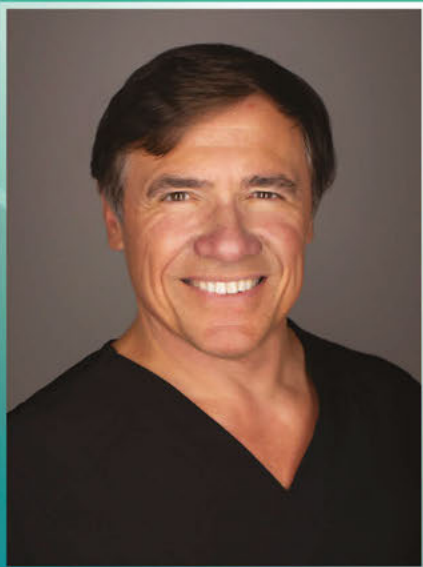
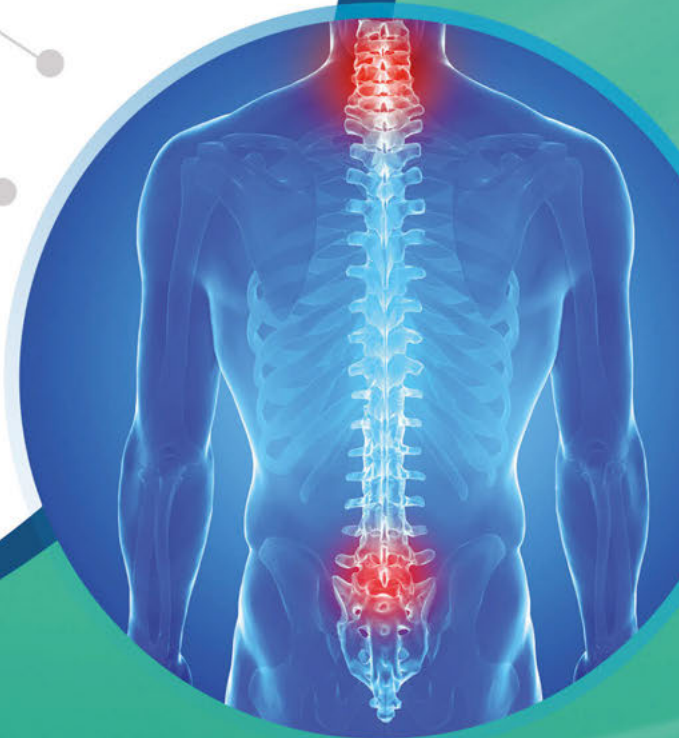
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NATURALLY

— By Bill Smith

AN ARTIST

While references to da Vinci may first go to his painting and Michelangelo to his sculpture, both were men of renaissance who were obviously comfortable with a broad range of artistic media. So it is with Ennis' state award winning artist, Braeden Carroll. His talent lends itself to unique creation in sculpture, drawing, painting, puppets and ultra-modern media such as digital art via an iPad or a 3-D printer.

Braeden is a junior art student at Ennis High School and achieved state recognition as a sophomore for his work, *Paka Tembea*, a painting that is currently on tour around Texas as winner of a Gold Seal award at the state Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). The requirements to qualify at the state level are rigorous, including attendance at a regional event where the artist is interviewed by jurors and the work is evaluated. If the art receives a superior rating, it is awarded a regional medal and a set percentage advance to the state event and is presented with an area medal. The work is then reviewed by the state jury panel where Gold Seal awards may be presented. Gold Seal artworks received a State Gold Seal Medallion. This is

the highest honor awarded at the state level, and Braeden's achievement is the first in the history of Ennis High School. Braeden's work will continue to tour until November, when it will be displayed at the 2021 Texas Art Educator Association Annual Conference in Round Rock, Texas.

Having taught art in public schools for 20 years, Cheryl Kelly, Braeden's teacher at EHS, said, "I've been very impressed by Braeden's ability to pick up almost any media and be competent with it. He is not afraid of trying something new. We call it 'explorative art,' recognizing that not all students want to just draw and paint." Braeden and other Ennis art students are fortunate to have access to artists' tools that even da Vinci could not have imagined, such as 3D pens, iPads, DSLR cameras, woodburning kits and glass kilns in addition to traditional canvases, paint brushes and palettes.

Cheryl first recognized her own artistic pursuit at a very early age, around 4 years old, when art was her escape to a "quiet place." Braeden's mother acknowledged that it was about the same age they noticed his creativity begin to emerge. Yquem Ihenyen, Braeden's mother, offered, "We would buy clay for him, and he would sculpt figures. His father taught him how to sew, and he started making puppets like the Muppets. Braeden would draw the pattern on paper and cut it out to make the puppets. We could not see what it might look like when it was finished, but Braeden would say, 'Just wait.' We would be astonished by the finished product. He really taught himself. He also learned from watching YouTube videos."





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Braeden has a good support group at home to encourage his natural talent. "My grandmother will see things from a different perspective and recommend something be added or changed in one of my pictures. Sometimes I listen, and sometimes, I don't," Braeden said. This is what Cheryl describes as an "artist's prerogative."

"She looked at *Paka Tembea* and said I needed to add a foot to the lady walking down the steps. I really was not going to, until Ms. Kelly agreed that it needed to be added."

Others recognize Braeden's talent as well. He has completed some commissioned projects, and he has others in progress. Yquem remarked, "A few years ago, a teacher in California saw some of his work on Twitter. She had a reading area in her room that was decorated with ducks and asked Braeden to make a hand puppet resembling a duck for her." Braeden recently completed the T-shirt and poster design for the Blues on Main Festival that was held downtown. "I also completed a digital art piece that was a graduation gift," Braeden commented. "I have also been asked to create a mural on a wall in a classroom."

"I don't have a favorite medium to work with," he continued. My favorite is whatever I am working with at the time.






I may have several projects going at the same time, and that is OK. I had another project that I was working on for the VASE competition. After I finished *Paka Tembea*, I did not go back to the other one. It is still incomplete. Once I leave a drawing for so long, I don't usually pick it up again, but I might."

Much of Braeden's work is very original. "When he was about 5 years old, he had a wooden butterfly that he wanted to turn into something different. I remember saying, 'Braeden, what are you going to do with that?'" Yquem recalled. "Braeden said to wait and see. He turned the butterfly into a lion. No one saw that coming."

Other work may be created just from seeing things from an artist's perspective. One of the digital pieces he is currently working on is taken from a photograph, but the subjects he digitally created on his iPad are posed differently from the photo.

Braeden refers to his teacher, Ms. Kelly, as his mentor, and jokingly says that when he finishes college, he is going to come take her job. Cheryl says she welcomes him to come work with her. Like Cheryl, Braeden loves working with children, and he obviously loves all varieties of art. "I have no fear of burning out," Braeden affirmed. I have a few other interests, but when I turn on some music and draw, it is like a vacation for me. I'm doing this because it is fun."

Though the quote is attributed to more than one source, Mark Twain is one who is credited with, "Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life." The quote sure seems to fit Braeden Carroll. **NOW**



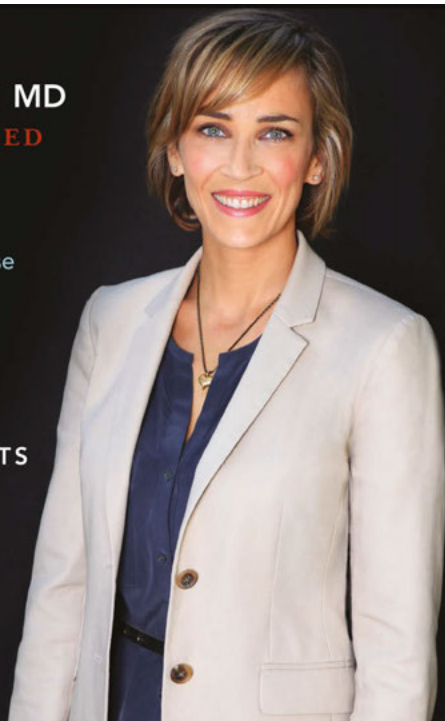

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BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

— By Susan Simmons

In 2015, Korey McCrady was stricken with a mysterious illness that began to attack his organs and put him in and out of the hospital for 150 days. Eventually, doctors diagnosed him with Rocky Mountain spotted fever. "It took three years to get a correct diagnosis. By that time, I was walking with a cane and had gained 120 pounds. Now, thankfully, I have dropped almost all the weight and am able to visit the gym often. I feel as though I have a second chance at life," Korey shared.

Korey, who has spent his career focusing on the material and spiritual needs of others, has worked as a minister for the Cowboy Church of Ennis and as the director of Baptist

Student Ministry at Navarro College in Corsicana. He is now the youth pastor at Anthony Drive Baptist Church, as well as the new executive director of Helping Hands of Ennis. "I am excited about my new position as the director of Helping Hands of Ennis because it offers me a great opportunity to touch many more people's lives," he said.

Helping Hands of Ennis has been in existence for 34 years. It provides help for families in crisis. Helping Hands has a food pantry, a thrift store and a place to apply for rent and utility financial aid. They employ three full-time employees which include the executive director, Korey's position; a director for the food pantry and thrift shop; and a director for client services. They also employ five part-time workers to help in the pantry and thrift store. "Volunteers are essential to run this organization," Korey said. "We serve approximately 450 people here each month. Keeping all the food organized, rotated and stored properly, as well as helping those who come for food, is a big job. Sorting through the donations and figuring out what to keep and how to display everything takes a lot of time, so we need volunteers to get it all accomplished. We also hold food giveaways fairly often.

Recently, we had a food giveaway at the Motorplex, and we served about 500 families. That is a huge undertaking that can only be accomplished with volunteers."

The only large fundraiser for Helping Hands is the Taste of Ennis which will be held September 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Korey explained that most of the restaurants in town bring their food, and people who want to come and try a taste of everything can purchase a \$10 ticket. "Many individuals and businesses sponsor the event. It elevates our entire community by promoting restaurants and other businesses while raising money to support our most vulnerable. I truly wish more local churches, businesses, clubs and individuals would become involved and volunteer at Helping Hands because the need is great."

Future goals Korey and his staff have set for Helping Hands include possibly enlarging the thrift shop that would allow them to stock more things. "Think of all the people we could help by selling donated furniture to people who need it, and then helping people with groceries, rent and utility bills with the money earned!" The thrift store is the source of revenue used to assist desperate people with their needs. They also want to expand the food pantry to become a larger hub for the North Texas Food Bank, so their capacity is more in line with the need they see in the community.

The most important goal for Korey is to make sure people who come to Helping Hands feel loved and not judged. "People come in, and you wouldn't think they have a need in the world, but they do. Sometimes, it can be a job loss or sickness. Sometimes, they had to quit their job to take care of a sick parent. We ask questions to get to know the person, and that way we can better help them going forward. That personal connection can make a world of difference."

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It was fitting that Carolyn would go by the shop and have her hair styled on the day Sally retired. Sally started working for “a year or so” at Oleta Newton’s shop when she graduated from cosmetology school, then opened her own shop on Ennis Avenue in 1968. She built the new building with five stations in 1980. Best wishes in your retirement, Sally!



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Herb Baumgartener teaches his grandson, Clay, the finer points of pottery at the Bluebonnet Market.



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A trip to the factory showroom reveals pocket coils, full memory foam, traditional inner spring and a variety of hybrids. Custom sizes are not a problem. “We make all of the popular sizes like twin, full, queen and king, but we are not limited by stock dimensions,” Kevin said. “We make mattresses like RV queens that have the width of a standard queen but are just a

little shorter. We have made custom mattresses for horse trailers in a variety of shapes and sizes.”

The company’s primary focus is serving the community, and as Kevin put it, “We want you to buy the best mattress for your needs. I like to say, ‘I guarantee you it will make you go night-night!’ We are not an outlet. We manufacture the best quality mattress right here to fit your needs.”

When customers visit the showroom, they may not realize they have entered the factory where the mattress that will soon be in their home has been produced. “Our interview is brief,” he said. “We get right to the point about why they are looking for a new mattress. A mattress for their guest room that will only be used occasionally might be significantly different from one used by the customer or a family member every night. We ask questions to find out if the customer sleeps on their side or on their back. We want to know if they are currently waking up with back pain, or if they recently slept on a mattress in a hotel that they liked because it was firmer or softer than the one they have at home.

“We have a satisfaction guarantee, and we know that word-of-mouth is our best advertising. You would be amazed at how many mattresses we sell, and the follow-up sale is to their parents or grandparents — or perhaps to their children.”

They encourage the customer to lay down on the mattress in the showroom and get comfortable on it. “We let you test drive the mattress just like you would want to if you were buying a new car,” Kevin said. “Some people might be a little shy about doing that, but we will leave the showroom for a few minutes and let them have the opportunity to make a good decision.”

The Texas Mattress Factory opened the factory to the public because they saw an opportunity to help people. Kevin said, “We know that 90 percent of our sales come from customers telling other potential customers about their experience with us. We believe a handshake still means something, and we do business with the values we were taught by our fathers and grandfathers.” **NOW**



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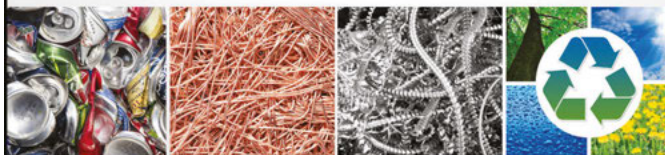
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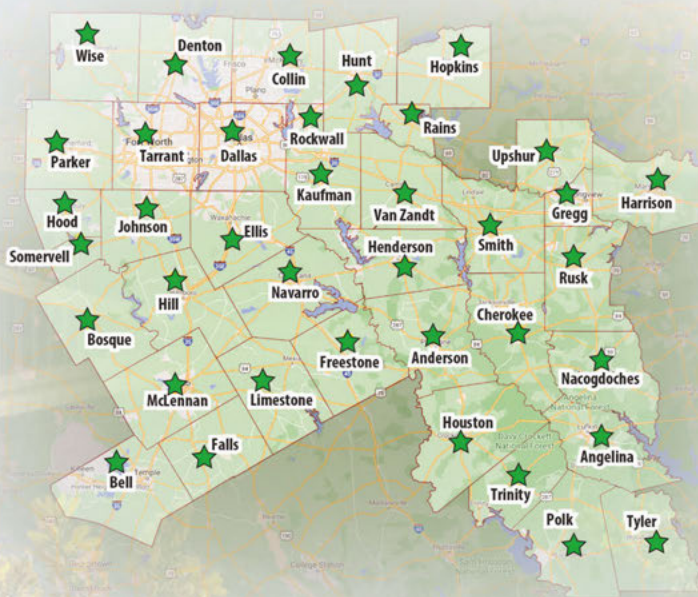
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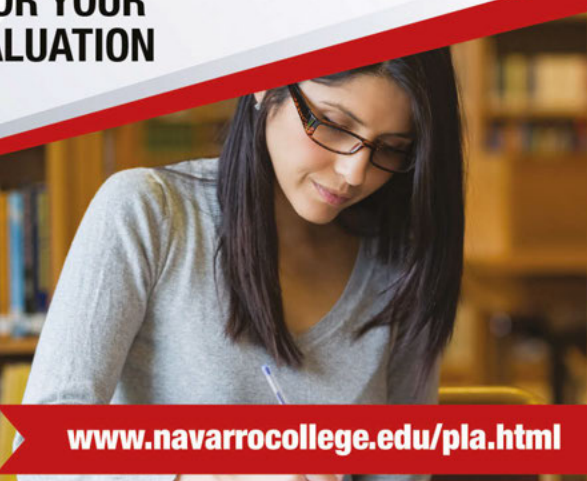
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In the Kitchen With

JOHN GILBERT

— By Bill Smith



Ennisites will recognize John Gilbert from his relationship with Rooftop 101, but his résumé as a chef and restaurateur is extensive. With humble beginnings from a large family in South Dallas, John said, “Everyone of the six kids helped with preparation and cleanup at every meal. We learned what great food is from parents who cooked their entire lives.

“I have been hiring and teaching great cooks most of my career and love the experience. If I live to be 100, I will always enjoy sharing the love for great food.”

Having prepared meals for three presidents, the Dallas Cowboys and entertainers like Paul McCartney and Tim McGraw, John said he has prepared meals for many different guests and groups, but everyone is important no matter how big or how small. **NOW**

Southern Fried Chicken, Hash Brown Waffle, Belgian Waffle and Cilantro Honey Sauce With Lemon

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Hash Browns:

3 cups russet potatoes, shredded
1.5 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded
1 medium egg, slightly beaten
1/2 tsp. chives
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground pepper

1 tsp. Bacon Bits
Oil spray

Waffle:

Your favorite Belgian waffle mix
3 oz. butter, melted
1/4 tsp. vanilla
Oil spray

Chicken:

1 gal. water
3.5 oz. iodized salt
5 oz. garlic powder
12 oz. chicken breast

2 cups buttermilk (divided use)
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground pepper
1 medium egg
2 inches Canola oil in skillet, heated to 365 F prior to cooking

Sauce:

1/2 oz. cilantro
3 oz. olive oil
1 oz. lemon juice
Dash hot sauce
6 oz. local honey

Garnishes:

Powdered sugar, to taste
Lemon zest, to taste

- 1. For hash browns:** Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl.
- 2.** Spray a waffle iron with oil. Heat the waffle iron as directed for waffles.
- 3.** Place 1 1/2 cups of the potato mixture on the waffle iron. Cook for 8-10 minutes, until crispy and golden brown.

4. Carefully remove the hash browns; place them in a 200 F oven for holding.
5. **For waffles:** Prepare the waffle mix according to the package directions; add the melted butter and vanilla.
6. Spray the waffle iron with the oil; cook according to the directions for waffles.
7. Carefully remove the waffle; place in the 200 F oven for holding.
8. **For chicken:** Combine the first 3 ingredients. Add the chicken breast and brine it for 24 hours in the seasoned water prior to cooking.
9. Cut the chicken into 3- to 4-oz. pieces. Soak the chicken for 1-2 hours in 1 cup of the buttermilk.
10. Mix the flour with the garlic powder, paprika, salt and pepper. Divide the seasoned flour into two bowls.
11. In another bowl, beat the egg; add the remaining buttermilk.
12. Dredge the chicken in the seasoned flour, then in the egg/milk mixture, then again in the flour.
13. Place the chicken in the heated Canola oil in a cast-iron skillet or fryer. Cook for 5-6 minutes, or until golden brown and cooked to 165 F in the center.
14. Remove to paper towels for draining; season with additional salt and pepper.
15. **For sauce:** Add all the ingredients, except for the honey, to a blender. Blend until thoroughly mixed, and the cilantro is minced.
16. Add the honey; stir well. Warm and serve over the fried chicken.
17. **For plating:** Place half of the hash brown waffle on a warm plate; top with half of the Belgian waffle.
18. Place the crispy fried chicken on top of the Belgian waffle; skewer with a bamboo pick or a wooden skewer.
19. Drizzle liberally with the sauce. Garnish by dusting with powdered sugar and adding lemon zest.

Southern Chicken Fried Steak

Steaks:

- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. seasoning salt
- 6 steak fillets, well-tenderized (Cutlets or sirloin are suitable, or ribeye if you really want to impress.)
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil

Country Gravy:

- 1/2 cup oil (Use remaining oil from frying the steaks.)

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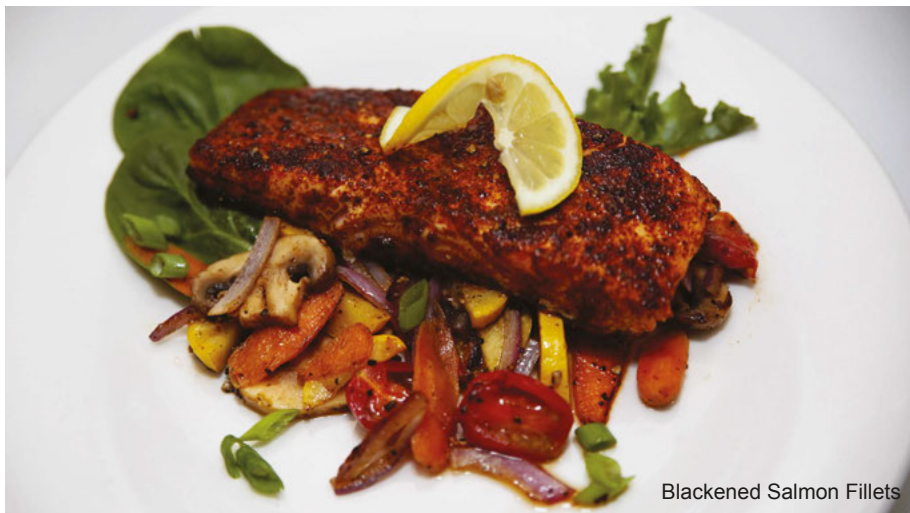




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Blackened Salmon Fillets

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground black pepper
3 1/2 cups milk

1. *For steaks:* Stir together the milk and egg in a medium bowl.
2. Combine the flour and seasonings together.
3. Dredge the cutlets in the seasoned flour, and then in the milk/egg mixture.
4. Dredge the cutlets in the flour a second time.
5. Add the steaks to the oil that has been

heated to 365 F. Fry until browned, about 5-6 minutes per side.

6. Remove each steak to drain.
7. *For gravy:* Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
8. Whisk in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth.
9. Cook and stir over medium heat until lightly browned, about 5-6 minutes.
10. Gradually stir in the milk, so that no lumps form. Continue cooking and stirring until thickened. If the gravy becomes too thick, you may add a little more milk.

Blackened Salmon Fillets

4 salmon fillets, skin and bones removed
1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
3 Tbsp. Crockett St. Cajun Seasoning
 (or substitute with your favorite Cajun seasoning)
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
1 fresh lemon

1. Brush the salmon fillets on both sides with 1/4 cup butter. Sprinkle evenly with the Cajun seasoning, salt and pepper.
2. In a large, heavy skillet over high heat, cook the salmon until blackened, 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Turn the fillets; drizzle them with the remaining butter. Continue cooking until blackened and the fish is easily flaked with a fork.
4. Squeeze fresh lemon juice over the salmon; garnish with lemon slices.

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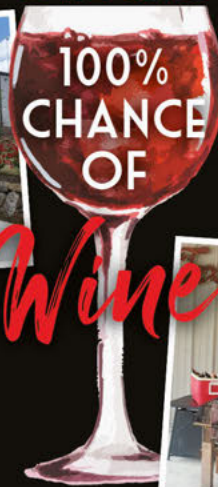
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Where Dinosaurs Trod

— By Lisa Bell

Heading south, a short drive leads to Glen Rose. Near the intersection of Texas highways 67 and 144, prepare for more than expected when visiting this community. Known as the Dinosaur Capital of Texas, you can't visit without reminders of the beloved beasts.

Dinosaur Valley State Park offers a well-known place to see tracks. While splashing in the river within the park, you might stand in the middle of one. Several areas feature giant footprints, cast forever in the Paluxy River bed. DVSP only begins the adventure.

The Creation Evidence Museum of Texas also displays dinosaur and human prints besides other interesting archeological finds. Annually, the museum offers a public excavation of tracks, a memorable hands-on paleontological experience. The McFall Mountain Dinosaur Tracks, also managed by the museum, boasts

the longest continuous set of tracks.

Dinosaur World's dominant feature consists of a 1-mile trail with more than 150 life-size dinosaur replicas. Admission includes a fossil dig site for kids, a museum and more.

To continue, visit the Somervell County Museum. One room contains a wall mural of a 1954 *National Geographic* article about track excavations and mammoth bones found in the area. For those who love history more than the beasts, the museum has amazing displays, from war heroes to local history.

The museum dedicated one wall display to John St. Helen who claimed his identity as John Wilkes Booth. Yes, the infamous Booth who assassinated Lincoln. The display includes an authorized biography by Finis L. Bates and a derringer found behind St. Helen's log cabin. The cabin now resides in the downtown area.



While visiting, be sure to venture to Bernard's Mill. Now an art museum, the building itself tells a story. Immense rooms contain limestone walls and massive beams. Filled with art, it makes a great place to spend several hours. Built in 1890, it once served as the hospital. Nurses lived on the upper floor, which still depicts their daily life.

Looking to get outside? On warm days, enjoy the coolness of the Paluxy River in and around DVSP or at Big Rocks Park. When the water becomes too chilly, families still enjoy climbing over the enormous rocks or strolling along the Glen Rose Riverwalk, a lighted, paved walkway that runs beside the river. Plus, the state park includes miles of hiking, biking and even equestrian trails.

While there, don't forget Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. The safe way to experience the thrill of a safari has many options. Many

of their resident animals appear on the endangered species list, the center striving to save them.

You can always visit the amphitheater to see *The Promise* in fall months. Check out the Somervell Expo Center for a wide variety of events and time your visit for one of those.

With a vast assortment of restaurants, finding cuisine to fit your tastes doesn't take long. At Storiebook Café, you can browse and read books while enjoying food. At Sexton's Feed Company, enjoy a view of the river while dining. Then, partake in a fun activity such as axe throwing, cornhole, live music, pool and an arcade room.

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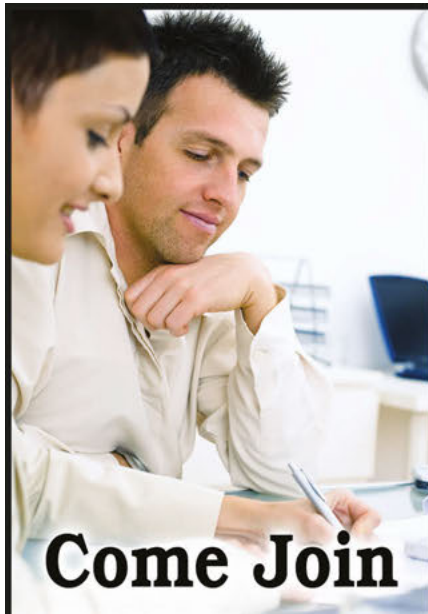
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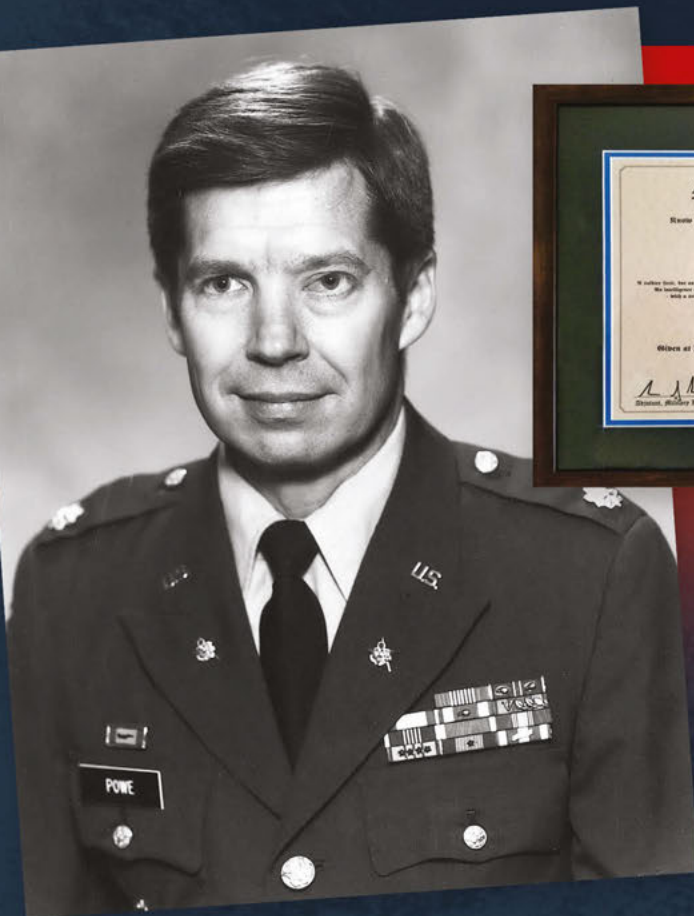
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When Col. Marc B. Powe's picture appeared on the big screen before the audience at the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Center of Excellence, there was a stillness. Not only was he being inducted into the Hall of Fame, alongside Harriet Tubman, but he was also one of just a few handpicked intelligence officers responsible for moving the Military Intelligence Center and School to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, in 1971-1972. It was there that Col. Powe, a Dallas native and graduate of Texas A&M University and its Corps of Cadets, with Col. E.E. Wilson, co-authored *The Evolution of American Military Intelligence*, long regarded as the "bible" of military intelligence. He also began instructing future officers in the art of human intelligence gathering, instruction that is continued today by others who followed in his footsteps.

TALES OF TEXAS

THE SHADOW

— By Alex Allred

There was an audible appreciation among the crowd as Col. Powe's documentary began with the commentary, "Col. Powe's 30-year military career reads like a spy thriller, beginning with his assignment as an operations officer in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow in 1977. During a major fire at the embassy as the Moscow fire department and other Russians entered the building, Powe ensured the security of extremely sensitive classified areas. ..."

During his illustrious career, Col. Powe was responsible for securing highly sensitive information and material throughout the world. Fluent in six languages and seemingly always in the "right place," he secured the Soviet MI-25 Hind Helicopter in the Chadian Desert in Africa under intense negotiations (and still classified information). A YouTube video with the title *The Hind Heist – The Secret Operation to Steal the Soviet's Top Helicopter* offers a very rare glimpse of Col. Powe in the field at the 8:59 minute-marker in the 10-minute video (just as there is a rare picture of him in the best-seller *The Billion Dollar Spy*, although he denied the image to be his). It was also during that time that he "acquired" a Chinese anti-ship missile at the behest of the U.S. Navy.

Only in 1987 while following a Soviet convoy through the desert of Kuwait was Col. Powe's cover truly blown. Despite the Soviets' denial of arming the Iraqis with weapons, a direct violation of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear (INF) Treaty, he discovered the truth, but he had also been exposed. As he saw Kuwaiti officials running toward him, he calmly destroyed the film in his camera and ate his notes before being captured and beaten for information that would never be obtained. It was Ronald Reagan who negotiated for the return of one of the U.S. Army's top intelligence officers.

Col. Powe was the only living U.S. military officer to twice receive the Director of CIA Intelligence Exceptional Intelligence Collector Award. He also received such medals as the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart, among many others. He was inducted into the Department of Defense Attaché Hall of Fame in 1999. But for his family, his induction into the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Hall of Fame offered peace of mind, as Col. Powe has not yet been given a funeral. Having died in August 2020, he is to be buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, alongside his wife,

Karen W. Powe — the ultimate military wife, it should be noted. She was responsible for securing the picture of the underbelly of a Soviet tank in the late 1970s. Both Marc and Karen, also a Texas native, live on in the legal system while an investigation into the amount of radiation they endured from hostile foreign nations is currently being conducted.

After retirement, Col. Powe served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 2003 overseeing a U.S.-led coalition that overthrew Saddam Hussein. He was one of the first civilian cadre in country post combat and worked to repair the Iraqi police and army as a province advisor. His work with the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) to defeat the IED attacks on U.S. servicemen and women and the growing effect of ISIS/Al Qaeda/Taliban threats was both personally and professionally important to Col. Powe, and it was a reason that military intelligence instructor CW3 Matthew Carr requested to serve as escort to Powe's family for the Hall of Fame induction.

On March 13, 2007, Carr's younger and only brother, SGT Robert M. Carr, was killed in action while serving his country. The younger Carr was serving a second deployment to Iraq when the vehicle he was driving struck an IED. For CW3 Carr, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1999, and was already in the human intelligence and counterintelligence fields, Col. Powe's résumé resonated. "The work he did helped save the lives of many. Years after my little brother was killed by an IED in Iraq, I was struck by multiple IEDs in Afghanistan and walked away due to the improvements that were made to our equipment. I know a lot of those improvements were thanks to Col. Powe and the work he did."

Though he had never met either Carr brother, it was soldiers like these that drove the colonel, whose courage in the face of danger was matched only by his humility. His slow Texas drawl and seemingly easy manner were perhaps his greatest cover. Today, his works and research reside with the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Center of Excellence historical archive and are known as "The Powe Collection." When a former colleague from the Pentagon summed up Powe as "the best of us ... a Shadow Warrior who served this nation," it did not yet begin to describe his ultimate desire for world peace and unity. Perhaps it was why he admired soldiers so much, as he knew their footsteps would surely surpass his own. **NOW**

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Should you rethink your retirement date?

When would you like to retire? You may already have a certain age in mind, but it might be a good idea to view your retirement date as more of a moving target, since changes in your life can affect your thinking — and your financial strategy.

Here's a timely example: Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on employment, 35 percent of Americans say they are now planning to retire later, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study titled *Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes*. The same study found that more than 60 percent of retirees wish they had done a better job of planning for the financial aspects of retirement.

Of course, the pandemic is (hopefully) a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, but any number of smaller-scale events could also affect your retirement date. For example, if you get a new, higher-paying job, you should be able to increase the amount of money you put away for retirement — which, in turn, could allow you to retire earlier than you had once planned. On the other hand, if you lose a job, and you're out of work for a while, you may be forced to delay your retirement.

Your retirement lifestyle goals could change, too. Instead of saying “goodbye” to all forms of work, as you once thought you'd do, you might discover that you could make a reasonable amount of money as a consultant — and if that's the case, why shouldn't you retire earlier than you'd anticipated?

Here's the key point: By planning ahead, you can give yourself the flexibility to respond to whatever changes come your way. What are some of these moves? Consider these suggestions:

- **Take full advantage of your retirement accounts.** While you're still working, try to put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and increase your contributions when your salary goes up. Within these accounts, devote a reasonable amount of your dollars to growth-oriented investments. If you decide to retire earlier than you had thought, you may need to modify your risk level somewhat by investing more conservatively in the last few years before your new retirement date, but for most of the time you're contributing to a 401(k), you really want to strive for as much growth as possible, within your risk tolerance.

- **Keep your debts low.** If you retire sooner than you had planned, voluntarily or not, you don't want to be saddled with a heavy debt load. So, while you're still working, try to follow a budget and oversee your cash flow in a way that allows you to avoid incurring heavy debts.

- **Review your financial strategy.** Consistently contributing to your 401(k) and managing your debt load are important parts of your overall financial strategy, but you'll want to review that strategy periodically, possibly with the help of a financial advisor, to make sure it's still appropriate for your goals. Deciding to retire earlier or later will certainly affect this strategy, but so will other factors, such as your children's education goals, your life partner's income, your tax situation and your estate plans.

Preparation and flexibility: They're two keys to helping you successfully reach your retirement date — whenever it occurs. **NOW**

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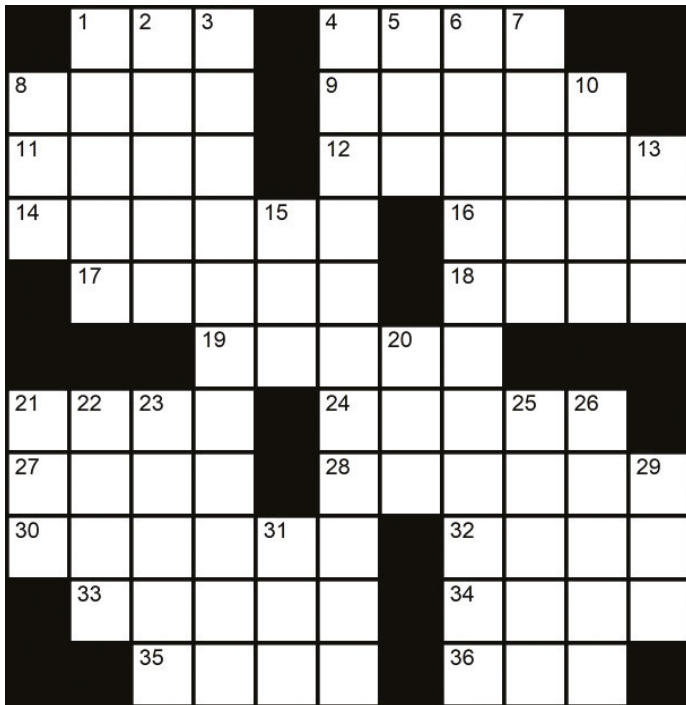
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- 12 Overseas
- 14 Profit on sales
- 16 About
- 17 Jewish teacher
- 18 Consider
- 19 Hop named after a pilot
- 21 Temper
- 24 Squeals
- 27 Black cuckoos
- 28 Rip to pieces
- 30 Andean capital
- 32 One of the Three Bears
- 33 An island, according to John Donne
- 34 Jump --- the deep end
- 35 Biblical passage
- 36 National health watchdog

Down

- 1 Polling pioneer Elmo ---
- 2 "(If You're Not in It for Love) I'm --- Here!" (Shania Twain)
- 3 Annoying cocktail of obsolete rum
- 4 Right away
- 5 Tease
- 6 Relating to the study of moving air
- 7 Ballpark figure
- 8 Controversial wear
- 10 Abate
- 13 Monk's title
- 15 Diamond statistic
- 20 Casino cube
- 21 Beater for mixing mortar with hair
- 22 Unknown
- 23 Leg of lamb
- 25 K
- 26 Tanning material
- 29 Small flat mass of a soft substance
- 31 Burden

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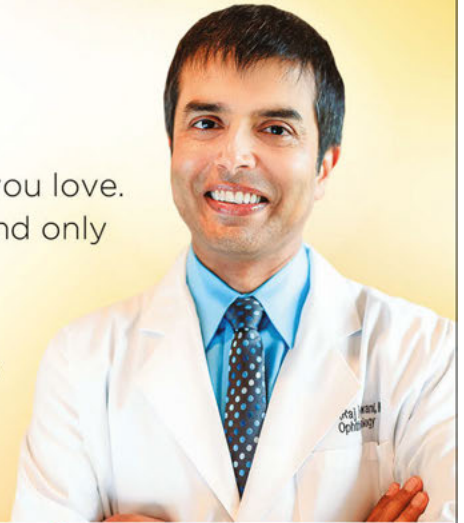
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Ennis vs. Fossil Ridge, Senior Night. 7:30 p.m., Lion Memorial Stadium.

9/4

Picnic in the Park & Open Mic Talent Show:

Pack up the family and bring your picnic for some family fun and local entertainment! Chairs, coolers, grills and small leashed pets are welcome. No weapons, alcohol or glass containers allowed in the park. Free. 4:00-8:00 p.m., Bluebonnet Park, 201 S. US 287. For more information, contact visitennis@att.net or (972) 878-4748.

9/9-10/7

Youth Acting Classes:

Ellis County Children's Theater classes will be held on **Thursdays** culminating in an original play. Classes are divided by grade level/theme. Sessions are \$160-\$175. First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin St., Waxahachie. E-mail Gail Harrell at gharrell817@gmail.com, for class times and to register.

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9/19

17th Annual Bridal Extravaganza Market:

Admission: \$5. Noon-4:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln., Waxahachie. (469) 309-4040; waxahachieciviccenter.org.

9/23

Annual Taste of Ennis benefiting Helping Hands:

\$10 per person. 6:00-7:00 p.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church Family Life Center, 1200 Country Club Road. For more information, call (972) 875-0218 or visit <http://www.helpinghandsofennis.org>.

9/24

Ellis County College Fair: Free. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane, Waxahachie.

9/25

35th Annual Telico Volunteer Fire Department

Barn Dance:

Barbecue dinner with all the trimmings, raffle, craft booth, kids' activities, live and silent auctions, music by Lost Money Band and much more. 4:30 p.m., Sokol Hall, 2622 TX-34. For more information, contact Mary Ann Trojacek at (972) 875-6655.

Fourth Mondays through November

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County:

Social time, business meeting, show and tell program. 6:30 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Avenue, Waxahachie. Learn more at elliscountyquilters.com.

Wednesdays

Ennis Host Lions Club Meeting:

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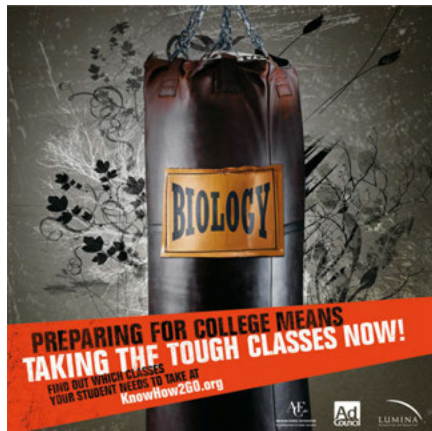
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