

WaxahachieNOW

M A G A Z I N E

SEPTEMBER 2025



Coming Together

The YMCA builds better bodies and communities

Also inside:

Scavenger Hunt

Crossword/Sudoku

Featured Business:

Diet Solution Centers

In the Kitchen With
Chris Carter

Companion vs. Working Dog Training

Training techniques depend on the animal's expected role



DIET SOLUTION
WEIGHT LOSS CENTERS

Dr. Alan M Taylor II

Charles H., Rice, TX

I've lost 105.6 lbs. due to the support of Diet Solution Center and my family, and I lost it all in 8 months. I went to the doctor and was diagnosed with some heart issues, and I basically had to take charge of my life. Since I've lost the weight, I'm no longer on blood pressure and cholesterol medicine. I feel a whole lot better, and hopefully, I'll be able to live a little bit longer by taking care of myself. Thanks to Diet Solution because I could not have done it without them. Thanks to Kelli and Mika. They've been very supportive. I appreciate all the help I got.



**Charles lost
105.6 lbs.***

*Individual results
may vary.



MANSFIELD • BURLESON • WAXAHACHIE
817-453-3438
www.dietsolutioncenters.com



Call today
to schedule your
appointment!

972.937.4370



**We offer World-Class,
State-of-the-Art Dental Technology.
"Dentistry is a process, and it's our passion!"**

890 GOOGLE REVIEWS

"Waxahachie Family Dentistry are elite in their field, from the front desk team to the dental surgeons. Every staff member treats every client as if he or she are their only client. I always leave feeling confident and cared for." - Julia S.

- Preventative Care
- Invisalign
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Implants

Thank you for voting us
**BEST
DENTIST**



**Finalist for
Best Place to Work**

- Dentures
- IV Sedation
- Dental Sleep Medicine
- CPAP Alternatives
- Accepting Patients

Ages 1-100+



www.WaxFamDent.com

Scott G. Clinton, DDS, MAGD - General Dentistry

125 Park Place Blvd, Waxahachie, TX 75165



SHEPHERD

ROOFING & RENOVATIONS

David Espinoza of Shepherd Roofing and Renovations wants to see your roof done right. "We offer roofing services for both residential and commercial customers. We can do everything from small roof tune-ups to full replacements. We do asphalt shingle roofs, tile, slate, standing seam metal roofs, synthetic wood shake, TPO. You don't see many tar and gravel roofs anymore, so we don't do those, and real wood shake isn't even legal in Texas anymore," David informed.

"Our roof tune-ups are \$199 with the coupon in the magazine. But pricing is on a case-by-case basis. So contact us for a free quote. We do free inspections. We use drones to see your whole roof. We even have a thermal imaging drone, to show where you have heat loss. We use the most up-to-date inspection equipment. We like to use advanced technology to provide the best answers to our clients."

Renovations are the other part of what they do. "We do a lot of storm restoration. We also renovate after plumbing breaks and fires. We are the preferred renovation company for several insurance companies when you have flood damage. We replace flooring, baseboards and cabinets. We do drywall, painting. We also install, replace and clean gutters and install leaf guards. We also do repair and replacement for wood and fiber cement siding, also called Hardie board."

David is proud of his team's years of experience in the industry. "Together, we

have more than 100 years of experience. My dad and my uncles were all roofers. I worked summers with my dad since I was a teenager, but I got into this full time in 2012. I think we have some of the best communication in the business. We email you our estimate, so you have it to look at. We text you, to let you know when we're on our way to your house or business. We send you pictures and videos of the job in progress, so you know what's happening, and so there's evidence of the work that's being done. We have one of the best workmanship guarantees out there. Most companies guarantee their work for three to five years. We guarantee for 10 years. We have a lot of quality control and check on our crews to be sure the work is done right. When we speak to you, we aren't giving you a sales pitch. We have a conversation about your roofing issues. We don't up-sell. We make recommendations, but then it's up to you. My philosophy is to treat our customers like as if it was my grandmother's roof. We find and diagnose issues and share what we know from our experience. We give you options, and let you make the decisions."

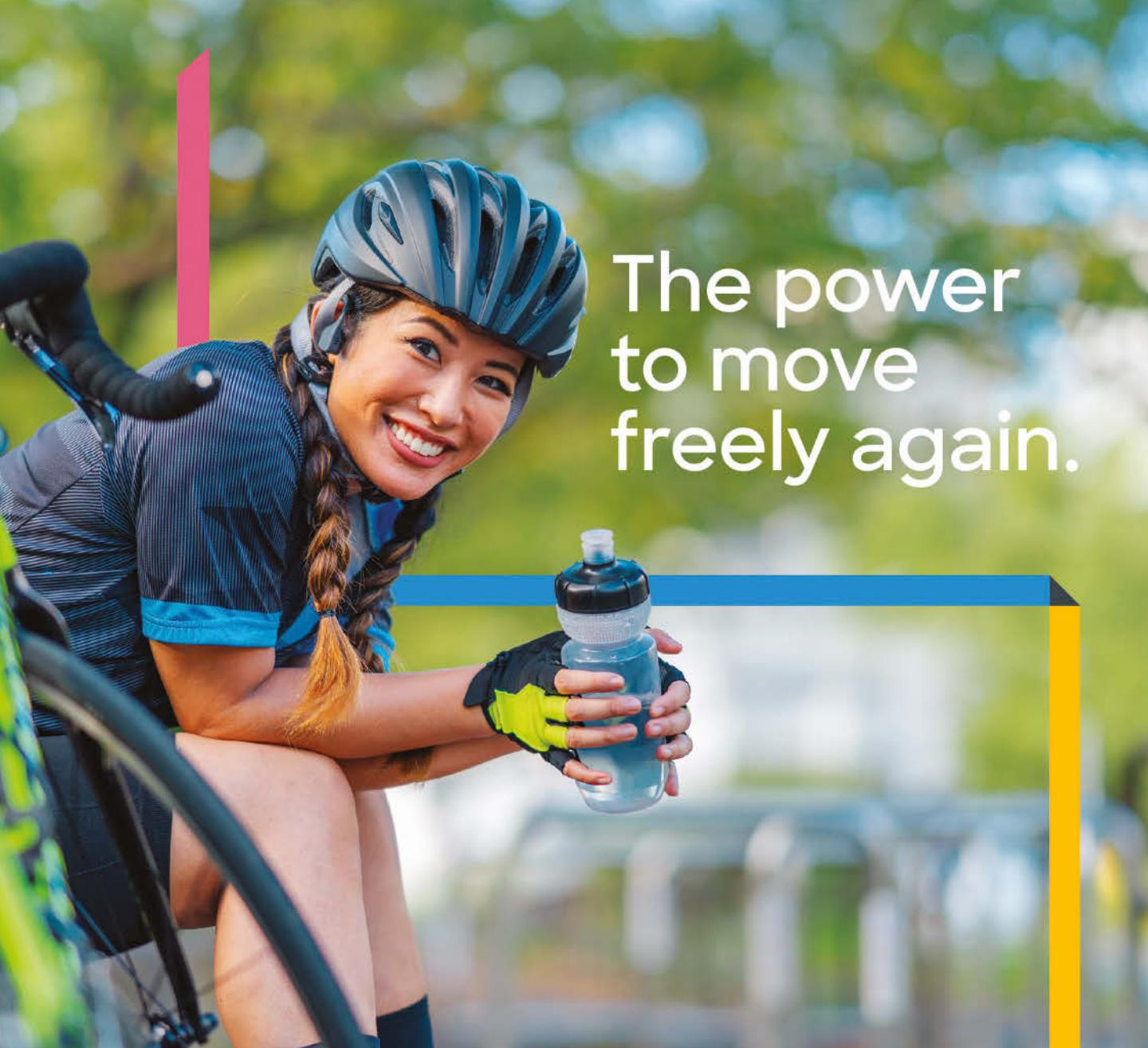
"Together, we have more than 100 years of experience. My dad and my uncles were all roofers. I worked summers with my dad since I was a teenager, but I got into this full time in 2012."

David looks at his business differently. "We're a small business with Christian values. I set out to always do the right thing. I have given free roofs to people in real need, like an elderly lady who had holes in her roof. She didn't have the money to fix it, so she just wanted us to tarp it. I decided to re-roof her house for free. We're a business, and we're about making money, but we're also here to help. I want to help my family, but also the community."

hireshepherd.com | (972) 244-3705
hello@ssrteam.com | Facebook: Shepherd Roofing Renovations
2626 Cole Ave., Ste. 300 B, Dallas, TX 75204

Paid Advertisement





The power
to move
freely again.

When it comes to joint replacement, precision is key. Our advanced robotics technologies help deliver superior results and more positive outcomes giving you the power to be you again.



707 Highlander Boulevard
Arlington, TX 76015

BSWArlington.com
855.41.ORTHO Appointments

Photography may include models or actors and may not represent actual patients. Physicians provide clinical services as members of the medical staff at one of Baylor Scott & White Health's subsidiary, community or affiliated medical centers and do not provide clinical services as employees or agents of those medical centers or Baylor Scott & White Health. Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic and Spine Hospital - Arlington is a facility in which physicians have an ownership or investment interest. The list of physician owners or investors is available upon request. BRM-990852 ©2025 Baylor Scott & White Health.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Repurposing ...

Lots of things in life are made for a specific purpose. They do that job well, but the time comes when they aren't quite meeting the current need — or the need goes away. What do you do with the old object?

One way Americans deal with this situation is landfills. Just throw it away. Another way is yard sales. Make it someone else's problem. Er ... one man's trash is another man's treasure.

But another way of dealing with objects that have lost their purpose is by repurposing them. Find new ways for the same object to do new jobs, or even the same job in a new environment.

We have this ladder shelf. No one chose it. It came with the house. It's not our style. We've tried to give it purpose, but we haven't been very successful. It was in the laundry room holding random junk.

Now it's getting a funky new paint job — deep space with nebulae and stars, what my niece calls her favorite color — galaxy. It's moving to the junior high room at church to hang out with some beanbag chairs and a lava lamp. Maybe it will get to hold Bibles and other things way more important than used paintbrushes and buckets of "whoknows."

Find a new purpose!

Don't let a fender bender ruin your day!

Twisted Metal Rods & Collision

PAINTING • FRAME REPAIR AND ALIGNMENT • COMPLETE BODY WORK



Before **After**
2024 Volkswagen

"Gabe and his employees do top notch work... this is the third time I've used them. Highly recommend if you're ever in need of collision repair!" - Hank H.

OUR STAFF AND QUALITY WORK MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOUR REPAIR FACILITY.

CALL US FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Office: 972-875-6220 • Cell: 972-268-4337

101 W. Avenue F • Ennis • EllisCountyCollision.com

September 2025
Volume 22, Issue 9

ON THE COVER



Jon McLaughlin lives and breathes the mission of the Waxahachie YMCA.

Photo by
Shane Kirkpatrick.

Publisher, Connie Poirier
General Manager, Rick Hensley

EDITORIAL
Managing Editor, Becky Walker
Waxahachie Editor, Adam Walker
Office Assistant, Kristin Bato
Writer, Virginia Riddle
Editors/Proofreaders, Rachel Rich
Virginia Riddle

GRAPHICS AND DESIGN
Creative Director, Chris McCalla
Artists, Kristin Bato . Martha Macias
Anthony Sarmienta . Jennifer Spence

PHOTOGRAPHY
Photography Director, Chris McCalla
Photographer, Shane Kirkpatrick

ADVERTISING
Advertising Representatives,
Jeremy Young, Dustin Dauenhauer
Bryan Frye, Kelsea Locke
Linda Moffett, Linda Roberson
Karen Schaefer, Nathaniel Standifer

Billing Manager, Angela Mixon

WaxahachieNOW is a NOW Magazines, L.L.C. publication. Copyright © 2025. All rights reserved. WaxahachieNOW is published monthly and individually mailed free of charge to homes and businesses in the Waxahachie ZIP codes.

Subscriptions are available at the rate of \$35 per year or \$3.50 per issue. Subscriptions should be sent to: NOW Magazines, P.O. Box 1071, Waxahachie, TX 75168. For advertising rates or editorial correspondence, call (972) 937-8447 or visit www.nowmagazines.com.

STEWARDSHIP WEALTH MANAGEMENT

❖ Lee Straley-Miller ❖



Lee Straley-Miller

Financial Advisor



Robyn Jones

Registered Administrative Assistant



Winie McPherson

Administrative Assistant



Denise Allison

Financial Consultant

- ❖ Financial Reviews
- ❖ Investment Advice
- ❖ Retirement Planning

- ❖ Long-term Care Solutions
- ❖ IRA - Transaction Assistance

**Earn 5.60% interest
for 5 years* on the Safeguard Plus
5-Year Multi-Year Guaranteed Annuity
APY Compounded Daily**

Planning for Tomorrow ... Today

(972)937-1802 • 102 Professional Pl., Ste. 106, Waxahachie
www.Stewardship-Wealth.com

Securities offered through Arkadios Capital. Member FINRA/SIPC

*Rates are subject to change. Minimum premium of \$10,000 required. Guarantees are based on the financial strength and claims-paying ability of Farmers Life Insurance Company. Policy form numbers and product availability vary by state. Any interest or gain in the withdrawal will be subject to taxes and, if withdrawn prior to age 59½, may also be subject to a 10% early distribution penalty imposed by the IRS. By IRS mandate, interest is always distributed first. Guarantee Period continuation options are available at the end of the surrender charge schedule and may vary by state. See sales brochure for more details. Market Value Adjustment (MVA) applies to partial withdrawals that exceed the free withdrawal amount allowed and surrenders occurring during the surrender charge period. These are products of the insurance industry and not guaranteed by any bank, nor insured by FDIC/NCUA. Not a deposit. Not insured by a federal government agency. Restrictions apply. May only be offered by a licensed insurance agent. Farmers Life Insurance Company and their services are not affiliated with Arkadios Capital.



We Work With Any Budget!

40% Off + 15% Off*
Plus **FREE** Installation
Special Financing Available

*40% Off any order of \$1000 or more. 30% off any order of \$700 - \$999. On any complete Closet, Garage or Home Office. Take an additional 15% off any complete unit order. Free installation with any complete unit order of \$850 or more. With incoming orders at time of purchase only. Offer Expires in 30 days. Offer valid in DFW area only.

Call for a **FREE** in-home
design consultation and estimate

972.361.0010 



2025
Best of Houzz
Service



**Closets
byDesign**
closetsbydesign.com

Locally Owned and Operated 2025 ©
All Rights Reserved Closets By Design, Inc.

STOP ARTHRITIS IN ITS TRACKS

DISCOVER THE POWER OF A2M

DISCOVER THE POWER OF A2M (ALPHA-2-MACROGLOBULIN)

A NATURAL DEFENSE AGAINST JOINT & TISSUE DAMAGE



A2M is a powerful protein found in your blood that plays a crucial role in protecting your joints and tissues from damage.

Scientists have discovered its incredible potential in regenerative medicine, particularly for those suffering from joint pain, arthritis, and other degenerative conditions.

Key Benefits of A2M Therapy:

- ✓ **Protects & Preserves Cartilage:** A2M acts as a natural inhibitor, preventing harmful enzymes from breaking down cartilage and joint tissues.
- ✓ **Reduces Inflammation:** It helps decrease inflammation, which is a leading cause of joint pain and degeneration.
- ✓ **Slows Disease Progression:** A2M therapy has shown promise in slowing the progression of osteoarthritis and other degenerative conditions.
- ✓ **Non-Surgical Treatment Option:** A2M therapy offers a regenerative, non-invasive alternative to surgery and long-term pain medications.
- ✓ **Supports Natural Healing:** By neutralizing destructive enzymes, A2M helps promote the body's natural healing processes.
- ✓ **Potential for Long-Term Relief:** Many patients experience long-term symptom relief and improved joint function after undergoing A2M therapy.

CALL US TODAY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

469-732-0880 or 972-937-0086

or email us at: completehealthmedicalcenter@gmail.com
COMPLETE HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER • 905 FERRIS AVENUE • WAXAHACHIE

WWW.COMPLETEHEALTHMEDICALCENTER.COM





COMING TOGETHER

— By Adam Walker

In 1992, the YMCA built a new gym in Waxahachie. A 15-year-old boy spent his whole summer there. Then his family moved to Flint, Michigan. He learned to survive the cold, dark winters, went to college, graduated with a degree in sports management and had a job offer to work with the Detroit Tigers baseball team. There was a gap between graduation and the start of the new job. He found a two-month internship at the YMCA back in Flint. Years later, when an opportunity to transfer to Waxahachie came along, “I took the job, sight unseen. I wanted to be back in Waxahachie. When I walked into the gym, it was like a time capsule. Nothing had changed.” And 13 years later, Jon McLaughlin is still here.

What seemed like a plus then turned into the need to grow and expand as the city increased in population, daily. But the YMCA property was in the currently defined floodplain. So no additions to the existing buildings, and no new buildings, were possible until expensive flood mitigation projects were completed. “We’ve finished that now, and we’ve broken ground on a new community park that we’re building behind the current YMCA,” Jon informed.

“This is going to be a public park with two full-size covered ball courts and four outdoor pickleball courts, with room for four more. We’ll have a walking trail that connects up with the trails around the Avenue Church. There will be a fully inclusive playground, with surfaces that accommodate wheelchairs. Also, we’ll have practice fields for youth sports. It will be a melting pot of community connection,” Jon revealed. There will be picnic tables, a welcome area and more. “It’s going to be open and inviting — a place for moms to read while their kids play. A place for everyone to touch grass.” The buildings should start going up in late fall.



Green Tree Pecan Company

Est. 1984



New Crop Pecans | Walnuts | Almonds

Dried Fruits | Candies | Pecan Pies

Canned Goods | Honey | Syrup

Homemade Pecan, Peanut & Almond Butter

NEW CROP OF PECANS AVAILABLE!

Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sat. Hours: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

903-345-2535

Hwy. 31 W., Powell, TX

Owners: Kim & Dennis Bancroft
HACC Compliant



WE SHIP

**“Trust in the Lord with
all your heart and lean
not on your own
understanding; in all
your ways submit to
him, and he will make
your paths straight.”**

Proverbs 3:5-6

**If You Can't Get in to See Us ...
Check Out Our Website!**

WWW.GREENTREEPECAN.COM

But this incredible park is only the first stage of the revitalization and renewal going on at the Y. The building is getting a total makeover as well. “We’ll be starting on the building in quarter one of 2026. We hope to finish in eight months with as little disruption of service as possible. We’re adding 16,000 new square feet to the building and 21,000, in total, will be new or remodeled. The gym and locker rooms will remain intact, but everything else is going to be gutted and redone. There will be expanded child-watch facilities, almost quadrupled to more than 2,200 square feet, so we can serve more young families. Child watch is free while you’re working out,” Jon added.

The Y currently offers 56 group classes a week. The new facilities will give them room to increase that to 70 to 80 classes per week, allowing popular activities to be offered on more days at more times. “We’ll also have three large classrooms that will offer flex use for community events and business meetings. The free weight and cardio area will be free flowing.”

Jon has made the YMCA his life’s work. “It’s hard to express what the Y means to me. Three years ago, on a summer day, I was feeling bogged down. I was walking to the back of the building. There were 30 or 40 seniors exercising in one of the rooms. We had 85 or 90 kids here for a day camp. There was open play going on the basketball courts, where teens and young adults were playing. Child watch was full. On the racquetball court, a dad was playing catch with





his daughter. Two seniors were sitting having coffee and chatting. At the pool, the swim lessons were just ending, and the adaptive class was about to start. At that one moment in the Y, we were engaging every demographic of our community. I could see how much activity and impact was happening. The YMCA is like a church with no dogma. It's a place for everyone to come together and interact. This is the only way society gets back to normal, if we meet and interact with others who are different from us, without having to fit them in a box. The Y is a place where new friendships can grow. That's why we're building more infrastructure to engage the community."

Jon was born for this job. "I'm a big sports guy. I play golf, pickleball and co-ed softball with my wife," he said. "Sports are a big part of my story. I enjoy meeting folks and social engagement. Youth sports are inspiring. Here at the Y, we offer youth flag football, soccer, baseball, T-ball, volleyball and basketball. We have adult pickleball and volleyball. We host sports clinics, do after-school care at all WISD campuses and have day camps."

"We also offer the Miracle League with games at Optimist Park. It's baseball in its purest form, played just for love of the game, for recreation and competition. The season starts October 11. All the players are special needs. They have their own field, and every player is paired with a buddy, so there's plenty of opportunity for volunteers. We want the moms and dads to be able to just sit and cheer their kids," Jon said. "It's the most fulfilling thing I get to be a part of." **NOW**

We're more than just movers — we're your partners in stress-free relocation! Our team is here to handle your move with care and efficiency.



SCAN
FOR A
QUOTE



Frank & Samantha Weaver
A family-owned business

A1AMoving

Local & Long Distance Moving

CALL US **972-921-6515**



"Incredible team! They worked fast and got the move done safely with no damage. Would absolutely recommend and use them again!" - Andrew J.



WAXAHACHIE FOOT CLINIC

Since 1986

(972) 938-1368

Dr. JD Fajardo, DPM, welcomes Dr. Martin Sloan, MS, DPM, to Waxahachie Foot Clinic. Dr. Sloan is certified by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery.

Waxahachie Foot Clinic has been a cornerstone of podiatric care in Waxahachie, TX. With a high referral of multi-specialist physicians in the area, our practice has built a solid reputation for providing thorough and personal care to each of our patients.

WE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SECOND OPINIONS!

We accept Medicare, Medicaid, most commercial insurances, and Workman's Compensation through the Department of Labor, as well as the VA/Triwest program.

You will get timely diagnosis for:

- Sports injuries • Heel pain
- Heel spurs • Neuromas
- Bunions • Hammer toes

We also provide treatment for:

- Ingrown toenails • Fungal nails
- Bone and joint • Warts
- Fractures • Soft tissue tumors



www.waxahachiefootclinic.com

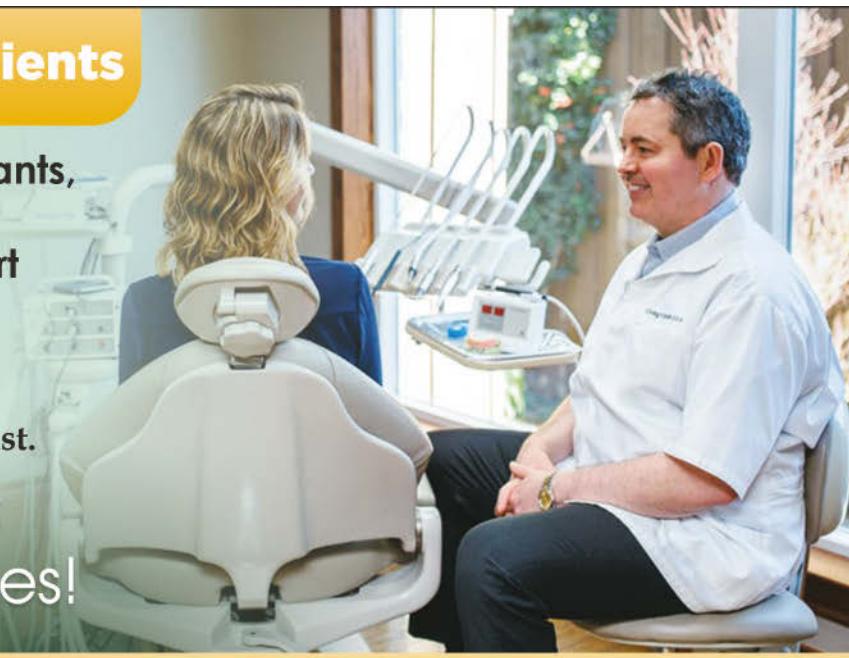
1620 US-287 BUS, Waxahachie, TX 75165

Accepting New Patients

General Dentistry, Implants,
and Cosmetics
using State-Of-The-Art
Technologies

Most insurance accepted,
even if we are not on your list.

Experts in Creating
Beautiful Smiles!



Main Street Dental Arts, PC

Craig V. Smith, DDS, FAGD

972-937-1841 • 516 W. MAIN STREET • WAXAHACHIE • SINCE 1996



NEVER HANG LIGHTS AGAIN!

Beat the holiday rush,
install now and use
for Halloween!



AND CHRISTMAS TOO!



ONE-TIME
INSTALLATION.
LIFETIME USE



LIMITED INSTALLS AVAILABLE.
CALL OR SCAN TO RESERVE.

817.646.6291
trimlightdfw.com/now

SAY GOODBYE TO NERVE PAIN – NATURALLY!



REVOLUTIONARY NEUROPATHY TREATMENTS ARE HERE!

Are you battling burning, tingling, numbness, or stabbing nerve pain in your feet, legs, or hands? Don't just cover it up — heal it at the source with our comprehensive, drug-free neuropathy program!

OUR PROVEN PROTOCOL INCLUDES:

- ✓ Shockwave Therapy – Stimulate healing & improve circulation
- ✓ Infrared Light Therapy – Soothe pain and regenerate damaged tissue
- ✓ Vitamin IV Therapy – Deliver essential nutrients directly to your cells
- ✓ Microcurrent Stimulation – Reboot damaged nerves on a cellular level
- ✓ Neurostimulators – Enhance your body's natural healing signals
- ✓ PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma) Injections – Regrow nerves with your body's own power
- ✓ Chiropractic Adjustments – Realign your spine and optimize nerve flow
- ✓ Physical Rehabilitation – Rebuild strength, stability, and function

NO DRUGS. NO SURGERY. REAL RESULTS.

OUR HOLISTIC APPROACH TARGETS THE ROOT CAUSE OF YOUR NEUROPATHY—
SO YOU CAN WALK, MOVE, AND LIVE PAIN-FREE AGAIN.

Feel your feet. Reclaim your life.

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR CONSULTATION TO SEE IF YOU ARE A CANDIDATE FOR THIS CUTTING EDGE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

469-732-0880 or 972-937-0086

Convenient Location | Flexible Hours | Personalized, Compassionate Care

COMPLETE HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER • 905 FERRIS AVENUE • WAXAHACHIE

WWW.COMPLETEHEALTHMEDICALCENTER.COM

COMPANION *VS.* WORKING DOG TRAINING

— By Virginia Riddle



The beauty and grace with which a herding dog moves, the necessary use of bomb-sniffing dogs to keep humans safe or a dog laying nestled lovingly in its owner's arms — these are roles humans can expect of their canine working partner and/or best fur friend. With proper training from their owner/handler, dogs can become that best friend, and can even perform many helpful tasks for sport or in service to mankind.

When purchasing or adopting a dog, it's best for the new owner to know exactly what expectations he or she has for their new canine. Such decisions begin with breed choice, followed by choices in training/preparation. General breed classification characteristics are:

1. **Herding dogs:** Highly intelligent, energetic and bred to control livestock. Breeds include Shepherds, Sheepdogs and Collies.
2. **Hunting, competitive eventing and sporting dogs:** Bred for speed, stamina, super scent and vision. Breeds include Hounds, Retrievers, Setters and Spaniels.
3. **Terriers:** Bred to dig up and chase pests burrowed in the soil. Breeds include all types of Terriers and Schnauzers.

4. **Protection dogs:** Bred to work with police, military or home and personal protection. Breeds include Boxers, Rottweilers, Pit Bulls and German Shepherds.

5. **Handicap-friendly dogs:** This breed category depends mostly on how the dog is going to aid the person. And any dog breed can help in this category if they have had the proper training. All of the above traits are considered when selecting a handicap-friendly dog.

6. **Toy Breeds:** Bred to be companion or emotional support dogs. Breeds include the Pekingese, Chihuahua and Pomeranian.

7. **Mixed breeds:** Often found in animal shelters, these dogs will commonly exhibit some of the traits of their ancestors and less of their ancestors' common health problems. A dog-of-several-breeds can be very trainable, even-tempered and loyal.

All dogs need basic command training, crate training and socialization with humans when at home or in public. Puppies, starting at about 10 weeks old with house training, are easiest to train, but don't discount the older or senior dogs who can learn "new tricks" with a little more repetition and positive reinforcements, such as treats. Most dogs are eager to please their owner/handler and yearn for a purpose.

Working dogs need to be daily trained and worked physically and mentally at their chosen tasks or they can become bored and destructive. The training enhances their drive and breeding. Focusing on their owner/handler while training and doing the job is critical. Confidence and building trust are other key training elements. Working dogs will

always be on the job. Typically, they don't have an off-duty switch. However, working dogs can be wonderful companion dogs when at home. They are usually very bonded to their human partner and are sensitive to voice commands and inflections.

With a companion dog, training must involve building socialization skills since the dog will likely be taken to strange places and be expected to behave with new situations, new people and meet other dogs appropriately. Barking inappropriately and for prolonged periods, pulling on a leash or showing aggression when none is needed, for instance, are behaviors which must be addressed. A family pet must behave well with children, which may require repetitive training of how children should act around the dog, as well. Preschool children, with their quick movements, can seem large and threatening to small dogs and shouldn't be left unsupervised with a dog. Treats, positive reinforcement and petting, daily attention and exercise are all necessary elements. The goal is to have a calm, loving, companion with whom many joyful moments can be shared. Companion dogs are usually very intuitive to their human's body language, facial expressions, feelings and voice inflections.

With all dogs, the owner/handler must take training slowly, be patient and stay calm. A hand held up, a foot stomp and/or a firmly voiced command will help maintain or regain the dog's focus. A slightly hungry dog will appreciate food rewards, and if things aren't going well, giving the dog a break and then returning to training may work well. Always use the same command words and signals, such as a clicker. Don't confuse the dog with changes. Stay consistent and in control. With training, love, trust building, patience and bonding, a dog can become a working partner, fellow athlete and treasured family member. **NOW**

Sources:

1. www.keendogtraining.com.
2. McMillan, Brandon. *Lucky Dog Lessons*, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, N.Y., 2016.
3. Linden, Scott. *Training and Hunting Bird Dogs*, Skyhorse Publishing, New York, N.Y., 2022.
4. <https://www.ada.gov/resources/service-animals-faqs/>.



TIRE TOWN
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1980
300 WATER ST., WAXAHACHIE

Tire Sales and Repair
Come see why we've been in business over 45 years!

972.937.1100
www.tiretownwaxa.com

1968 Chevy C-10

Formal Events Corporate Events Expos



© Maverick Drone & Photography



469-309-4040
2000 CIVIC CENTER LANE
WAXAHACHIE

WWW.WAXAHACHIECIVICCENTER.ORG





Zoomed In: Galilea Galvan

By Adam Walker

Galilea Galvan won second place in the mini art show at the monthly Ellis County Art Association meeting. "I just joined, like, three months ago. This is the second time I entered a piece."

Jesus wearing the crown of thorns is a piece she did while a student at Texas A&M University-Commerce. "Art was my major in college. I've been doing it seriously since high school. I started doing religious icons as gifts to thank people who supported me when I broke my leg. I'm Catholic, and my faith is very important to me. For this, I used candle wax. I dripped it on the wood and tilted it to make it run. Then I used oil paint to bring out the details."



Hannah Williams takes Reagan for a walk in the park.



Ally and Jyirah Esparza shop for Jyirah's classroom as a first-year art teacher.



Warrior Nation Cheer and Tumbling holds their ribbon cutting.

NOW



Sims Library celebrates the end of the summer reading program with a festival with fun for everyone.



Ashley Darden leads Camp Gladiator.



The Big Top Shopping Festival draws people looking for unique deals.

AUTO GLASS
GLASS DOCTOR
a neighborly company
WINDSHIELD REPAIRS & INSTALLATION

- Professional Installation
- Headlight Restoration
- Two windshields for the price of one*
- ADAS Calibration
- Same Day Service & Mobile Services Available
- **LIFETIME** Warranty Against Leaks and Defects
- Works with **ALL** Insurance Companies

1-Year Warranty, FREE* windshield breakage replacement & rock chip repair!

1602 E. Main St., #200, Waxahachie, TX
10% OFF Mention or Bring Ad to Redeem
469.768.8200 WWW.GLASSDOCTOR.COM/WAXAHACHIE-AUTO





WHY BUY WITH

DIAMONDS & FINE JEWELRY
**DESIGN YOUR OWN
ENGAGEMENT RING TODAY!**



18 MONTH NO INTEREST FINANCING
IN-HOUSE JEWELRY REPAIR
WE BUY GOLD!

(972) 937-4422

2251 Brown St. #102, Waxahachie, TX 75165

Se Habla
Español

Open Monday - Friday 10:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday 9:30am - 2pm

WILEYSJEWELRY.COM



**FUN FOR THE
WHOLE
FAMILY!**

OVILLA HERITAGE DAY Est. 1844 2025

- Food
- Vendors
- Games
- Petting Zoo
- Bounce
- Houses
- And More!

Celebrating Small Town Texas STYLE

September 27 • 9am - 2pm

Behind Ovilla City Hall • Parade Begins at 9 A.M.

Presenting Sponsor



Stage Sponsor



**Community
Sponsors**



Andrea Walton

Diamond Sponsors



Platinum Sponsors



Gold Sponsors



**TIME TO
UPDATE
YOUR KITCHEN?**

**MTM
Countertops**



**COME SEE OUR
IN-STOCK
QUARTZ
SELECTIONS!**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:
MON-FRI: 8AM - 5PM
OPEN SATURDAYS 10-2**

- FREE Estimates • Competitive Pricing
- Up to 15-year Warranty on Some Products



2460 Hwy. 287 N. • Mansfield • For more info call 817.477.8663
(Northbound service road – between Callendar Rd. & Turner-Warnell)



Get Off the Pain Train!!!

Say Goodbye to Back & Neck Pain — Without Surgery!

**Discover the Healing Power of
Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression**

Struggling with chronic pain?

You've tried everything — pills, injections, maybe even considered surgery... but the pain just keeps coming back.

Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression is a revolutionary treatment that gently stretches the spine, relieving pressure on discs and nerves — and helping your body heal itself.

Imagine:

- No more sharp, shooting pain
- No more sleepless nights
- No more missing out on life

Real Relief for:

- Herniated & Bulging Discs
- Sciatica
- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Chronic Neck & Low Back Pain

BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

469-732-0880 or 972-937-0086

or email us at: completehealthmedicalcenter@gmail.com

COMPLETE HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER • 905 FERRIS AVENUE • WAXAHACHIE

WWW.COMPLETEHEALTHMEDICALCENTER.COM



BusinessNOW

Diet Solution Centers

— By Adam Walker

Diet Solution Centers

114 Park Place Ct., Ste. 201, Waxahachie, TX 75165
(214) 980-1414
dscwax@gmail.com · dietsolutionscenters.com
Facebook: Diet Solution Centers
Instagram: dietsolutioncenters

Hours: Monday: Noon-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. · Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Emily Russell takes care of her patients at Diet Solution Centers, here in Waxahachie. "We're a weight-loss clinic, and I'm here to help you reach your fitness and nutritional goals. We help you do that through patient accountability,



food plans and prescriptions. We help you track what you're doing throughout the week, and then make you comfortable each time you come in," she explained.

All of their patients are over 18, and many are middle aged or seniors — when even the most active people start adding a few pounds. "I see about equal numbers of men and women, and most of them lose about 10 to 15 pounds a month. A lot of them want to be more active with their grandkids. They want to get extra weight off their knees and ankles. They want to enjoy an active life with their family. Many of my patients lose so much weight that they can come off their blood pressure medicines," she informed.

"We have a doctor who looks at our patients' medical histories before prescribing medicines. We want to be sure that you're healthy enough, and that you really need them, before any medication is prescribed. More and more, we're prescribing Liraglutide, because it seems to work better than some of the older medications in this category. We also have a skinny shot plan and an amino acid shot plan."

Emily grew up in a home where healthy living was important, so it was natural for her to want to help others obtain a healthy lifestyle. "I grew up in California, working out with my dad who was a strongman competitor." She studied to be a medical assistant at Chester College. "I'm committed to helping people become a better version of their self. I want my patients to be more confident and happier with their lives. Working here, I try to build friendships with all my patients. I want them to feel comfortable here, not to dread coming for their check-ins. A patient who needs to lose 50 to 100 pounds is likely to be coming for close to a year. After they achieve their goal weight, I put them on a maintenance plan. We bring back the foods they have normally eaten gradually. You don't want to get completely off track and indulge in everything. I do follow up calls to check with you, to ask you how it's going. We don't use crazy diets. We try to match the needs of your daily routine."

"WE'RE A WEIGHT-LOSS CLINIC, AND I'M HERE TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR FITNESS AND NUTRITIONAL GOALS. WE HELP YOU DO THAT THROUGH PATIENT ACCOUNTABILITY, FOOD PLANS AND PRESCRIPTIONS. WE HELP YOU TRACK WHAT YOU'RE DOING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, AND THEN MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE EACH TIME YOU COME IN."

Treatment at Diet Solution Centers is not covered by insurance, but they do accept Care Credit and HSA cards connected to a Health Savings Account. All of their patients are set up on a convenient monthly or bi-weekly payment plan depending on what is more convenient for a particular patient. **NOW**



Air Conditioning & Heating LLC
Serving Waxahachie since 1995

- COMMERCIAL
- RESIDENTIAL
NEW INSTALL AND REPAIR

972-643-3216 3937 US-287
www.aracandheat.com Waxahachie, TX



Richard Walker
Ricky Walker, Owner

FALL INTO SAVINGS
\$50 OFF ANY ONE-TIME SERVICE
Free service call to new customers.
Expires 9/30/25.



Pearman Oil & LP Gas

Locally owned and operated in Waxahachie since 1962.

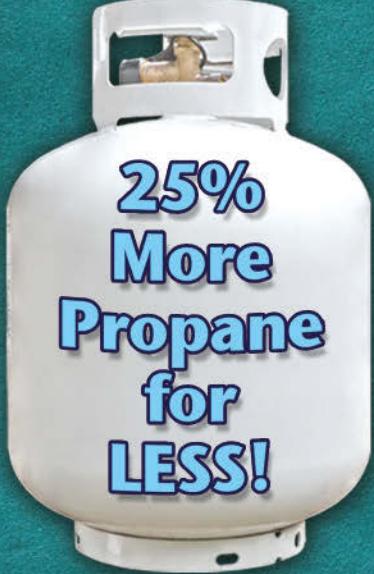


***** **HAPPY LABOR DAY** *****

\$12 for 20 lbs.
(standard BBQ grill tank)

\$4 off
larger bottles

With coupon. One refill per coupon.
Expires 9/30/25



25% More Propane for LESS!

We fill your 20 lb. tank to a full 20 lbs of propane!
(Not the 15 lbs. you get with a bottle exchange)

Residential | Commercial | Industrial | Motor Fuel

972.937.1951 | 101 S. Hwy 77
Mon.-Fri. 7-5 | Sat. 7-Noon
Just south of Downtown

Are You Registered To Vote?

Register to Vote and find Ellis County election information online at www.co.ellis.tx.us/elections OR Facebook.com/elliscountyelections
Address: 204 E Jefferson St., Waxahachie, TX 75165
Phone: 972-825-5195 Email: Elections@co.ellis.tx.us



2025 Constitutional Amendment and Joint Election

Last day to register to vote: **October 6, 2025**

Early Voting: **October 20-25 & 27-31, 2025**

Main Early Voting Site: **Ellis County Woman's Bldg (Davis Hall) 407 W Jefferson St., Wax. 75165**

Election Day: **Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (Vote at any Vote Center Location in Ellis)**



N | NAVARRO COLLEGE

ENROLL NOW!

INNOVATION >> BUILT ON TRADITION

FAST TRACK
OPTIONS IN HEALTHCARE

NAVARROCOLLEGE.EDU

1.800.NAVARRO

© 2025 Navarro College. All rights reserved. Navarro College is an equal opportunity employer. Navarro College is a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Navarro College is a member of the Texas Association of Community Colleges. Navarro College is a member of the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Navarro College is a member of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Navarro College is a member of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Navarro College is a member of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

SCAVERGER HUNT WINNER!



Nicole Camareno, winner of the \$50 cash prize from NOW Magazines, said, "I love reading the magazine to see what's going on in the community. It's a really good way to learn about the community."

Advanced orthopedic care that's got your back, and knees, and hips.

Methodist Midlothian Medical Center is here for all your orthopedic needs. From aches and pains to chronic injuries, you'll find the tools and treatment to get you moving again. That's our commitment to advanced care and why so many people **Trust Methodist**.



For more information, visit us at

MethodistHealthSystem.org/Midlothian

or call **469-807-7309**

Texas law prohibits hospitals from practicing medicine. The physicians on the Methodist Health System medical staff are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Methodist Midlothian Medical Center, Methodist Health System, or any of its affiliated hospitals. Methodist Health System complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.



Your local 24/7 emergency property restoration serving Ellis County and surrounding areas

Services

- 24/7 property damage restoration
- Water damage restoration
- Water extraction & drying
- Fire & smoke restoration
- Biohazard cleanup
- Tile & grout cleaning
- Make ready services
- Carpet cleaning
- Mold remediation



Office: (945) 259-7876
Text: (469) 900-7753



Water

Fire

Mold

Biohazard



\$7 OFF

\$25 PURCHASE CAMPUZANO
Expires 9/30/25 WAX

MAY NOT BE COMBINED WITH THE \$6.99 ENCHILADA SPECIAL.

Visit our Waxahachie and Cedar Hill locations
• Dallas (Oak Lawn) •

CampuzanoMexicanFood.com



CookingNOW IN THE KITCHEN WITH CHRIS CARTER

— By Adam Walker



Chris Carter, with Good Directions BBQ, is a native of Athens, Texas. "I grew up there in the home of the hamburger, the Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree and the Fightin' Athens Hornets. It's a small country town with country cooking. That's the type of food I like. Plus there's hickory wood readily available. I got started smoking meat on a pit that was two bathtubs welded together and hinged. The drain was the smoke stack. It worked great, and I still have it. East Texas ingenuity! I enjoy cooking, because I like to eat. I like the instant gratification of it. Both parents were excellent cooks and didn't really use recipes. You had to watch them close to see how they did it. I like to cook by feel." **NOW**

Rachel's Banana Pudding

3 1/2 cups milk
1 1/4 cups sugar
3 egg yolks
4 Tbsp. flour
1 box vanilla wafers
5-6 bananas

1. Put the first 4 ingredients in a medium pot. Place on the stove, on low to medium heat, constantly stirring until the custard is formed (when it sticks to the edge of pot rather than rolling off).

2. In a pan, add a layer of vanilla wafers. Layer bananas on top of the wafers; then layer with the custard. Start over with wafers, bananas, custard. Finish with a third layer of wafers on top.

3. Chill in the refrigerator for 4 hours to set.

Collard Greens

3 bunches fresh collard greens
3-4 smoked turkey necks
Onions, to taste
Garlic, to taste
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
Chicken base, to taste
Red pepper flakes, to taste

1. Thoroughly wash the greens with water to remove dirt. After cleaning, remove the thick stem and discard. Roll the leaves and cut them into 1-inch-wide ribbons. Put the greens in a pot; cover with water. Add the turkey necks and seasonings. Bring the pot to a boil then reduce to medium heat and cover.

2. Cook for a minimum of 2 hours. Check

the water level occasionally. At the 2 1/2-hour mark, check for tenderness, and adjust the seasoning, if necessary.

Brisket Recipe

1 12-lb. brisket
2 cups coarse black pepper
1 cup kosher salt
3/4 cup granulated garlic
Hickory wood (enough for 12 hours)

1. Start by trimming the fat on the underside. There's a big pocket of hard fat on the side called the decker. Dig in and remove it. Try to get all of the white stuff off.

Flip it over; trim the top side fat to within 1/2 to 3/4 inch. Remove the "mohawk" by getting the knife flush with the main body, and trimming it off. Trim the brisket until the thinnest part is 1 1/2 inches thick.

2. Mix the spices thoroughly; sprinkle them liberally on all surfaces of the brisket. Let the meat sit 1 hour before putting it on the smoker.

3. Bring the smoker to 275-300 F. After a good bed of coals is established and white smoke is no longer billowing out, place the meat in the pit. Be sure the fire has plenty of fresh air coming in. Keep feeding the fire occasionally to maintain the temperature.

4. Cook for about 7-8 hours to develop a smoke ring and dark outside color. Wrap the brisket completely with foil. Continue cooking until the internal temperature reaches 203-205 F with a probe in the thickest part.

5. Remove the brisket; let rest at least 1 hour before slicing. Slice against the grain. Collect the juices from the brisket, and pour them back over it.



Email us at
adam.walker@nowmagazines.com

Ask us about our NEW -

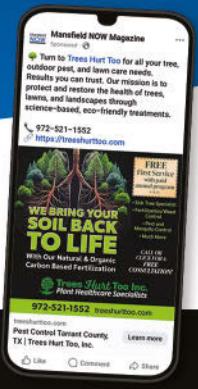
Social Media Add-On

Proven Results! 15,000+ Views, 100s of Clicks

- Your print ad will be posted to Facebook & Instagram.
- Create a 2nd wave of exposure after homes receive our magazine.
- We will BOOST your post as a Facebook Ad for 10 days to maximize reach & drive customers to your website.

Reach out at

nowmagazines.com/advertising



NORTH TEXAS' LEADING SPRINKLER REPAIR SERVICE

McGRAW'S IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

\$50 OFF First-time Service
Call & Repair

OFFER EXPIRES 9/30/25

COUPON VALID ONLY WHEN PRESENTED TO TECHNICIAN AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT



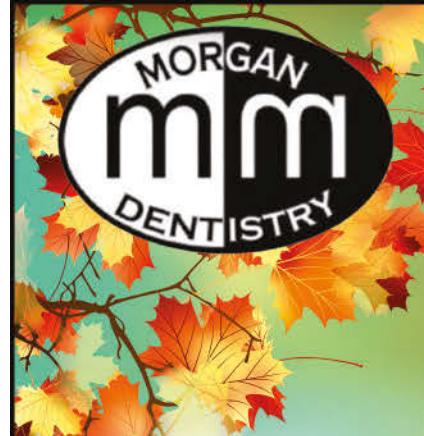
Foundation Drip Tubing Systems Installation



972-438-4196

www.McGrawsIrrigation.com

MORGAN
m m
DENTISTRY



Ask About Our Dental Savings Plan

- Cleanings & Exams
- Digital X-rays
- Whitening
- 3-D X-rays
- Crowns & Bridges
- Veneers
- Dental Implants
- Fillings
- Root Canals
- Night Guards
- Extractions
- Nitrous Oxide



General Dentistry ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

Mark Morgan, DDS
Sarah Key, DMD MS



1618 W Hwy 287 Business
Waxahachie • 972-937-6654

Extended Hours
to Better Serve YOU!



morgandentistry.co

COOKING PASSION?
GET FEATURED!



Passionate about
Cooking or Baking?

Share your culinary journey
with us and get featured!

NOW
MAGAZINES

REACH OUT TO US TODAY! **972-937-8447**



September 21, 2025, 2:00-5:00 PM
Ellis County Rural Heritage Farm Inc.

130 Cunningham Meadows Road, Waxahachie, TX 75167

*Bring your family & kids
& grandkids to enjoy
a Fun Sunday Afternoon
in the Country!*

**Farm Animals, Farm Vendors,
Hay Rides, Outdoor Games,
Farming Living History Activities**

**Free Admission & Free Snacks
(while they last)**

**For more information:
www.ruralheritagefarm.org
469-383-8510
ruralheritagefarm@gmail.com
Facebook: Ellis County Rural
Heritage Farm**



WIN!
**WaxahachieNOW
Scavenger Hunt**



Find 5 hidden
Acorns

in 5 different ads in this issue
(not counting the one above).

Email the page numbers and
specific ads where they are
found, plus your phone
number, by September 15th.
To ensure your Scavenger Hunt
answers go in the drawing,
you must use the

Scavenger Hunt Email

scavenger.wax@nowmagazines.com

One entry per person.



\$50 Cash Prize

Courtesy of:

NOW Magazines

scavenger.wax@nowmagazines.com

Winner must pick up their prize
within 30 days of drawing.

Backpacks were found on
pages 1, 7, 15, 23 & 37.



August winner is:
Sonia Cerda - \$50 Cash
from NOW Magazines

scavenger.wax@nowmagazines.com

Direct Mail Advertising Works!

Let WaxahachieNOW Magazine present your advertising message to **over 23,000** Home & Business addresses in the Waxahachie ZIP codes. For more information, please call your local advertising representative. **972-937-8447**



Jeremy Young



BURLESON | CORSICANA | ENNIS | MANSFIELD | MIDLOTHIAN
NORTH ELLIS COUNTY | SOUTHWEST | WAXAHACHIE | WEATHERFORD

www.nowmagazines.com



Orthopedic Expertise

That's why I'm here.

Ennis Regional's Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Zachary Kelley, provides a full range of advanced surgical orthopedic care and sports medicine techniques, including minimally invasive procedures, which reduce pain, shorten recovery time, and leave minimal scarring. With more than two decades of experience in clinic and hospital settings, Dr. Kelley is passionate about collaborating with patients on a diagnosis and treatment plan that will help them return to the activities they love!

He welcomes new patients and accepts most insurance plans. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Kelley, call, visit, or scan:



CALL 469.935.6189

VISIT EnnisRegional.com/Kelley

SCAN the QR code

LSIA
LONE STAR
INSURANCE AGENCY
Serving Burleson Since 2002



- ★ AUTO
- ★ HOME
- ★ BUSINESS
- ★ LIFE
- ★ INVESTMENTS
- ★ BONDS
- ★ & MUCH MORE!

Get a quote and receive a
\$10 Gift Card
when you bring in this ad, or
call and mention this coupon.
(For new customers only.)

Owner of LSIA is a local
Ellis County resident.

817-426-2886

Business Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm
Saturday by Appointment

LSIATX.COM



High Country

Will Rogers once said of Durango, Colorado, "It's out of the way and glad of it." The town, established in 1880 as a railroad town, celebrates its heritage as the home of the popular Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Its 1920s steam locomotive travels through the Animas River Valley, up steep grades through the San Juan Mountains and canyons, offering travelers spectacular views. Several stops along the way let hikers start their climbs or descents and other travelers to stretch their legs before boarding again for lunch in Silverton.

Festivals celebrate Durango's Wild West and multicultural heritage. The Durango Wine Experience is held each spring with Durango Fiesta Days and Rodeo each summer, followed by the Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering in October.

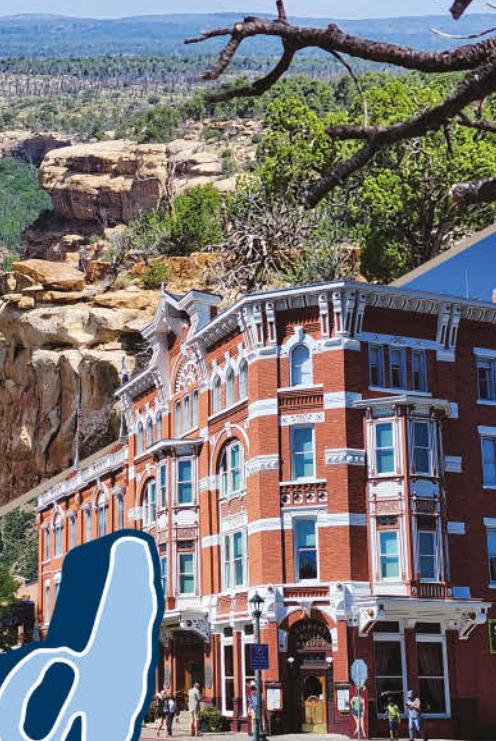
September brings the change of color to the aspen and other trees in the San Juan Mountains. A popular month due to cooler weather and vast colors, hikers enjoy the many mountain trails. Visitors can walk along the banks of Durango's Animas River or its tree-lined streets framed with Victorian architecture straight out of Durango's gold rush days. Jeeping, camping, biking, ziplining, ropes courses, bungee jumping, rock climbing, fly fishing and water sports

are offered to adventurers of all ages. Spring and summer rafting trips sport Class III-V rapids on the Animas River. For nature lovers, there are over 200 bird species, black bears and 640 plant species. Durango offers restored-to-their-former-glory Victorian hotels and saloons, world-class dining and glamping. Purgatory, about 25 miles north of Durango, is the area's winter ski area.

Drive the Million Dollar Highway loop from Durango to Mesa Verde National Park, Dolores, Telluride and Silverton, Colorado. The drive goes through these 19th century mining towns and over the San Juan Mountains through its forests, canyons and streams. It was so named either for the gold in the gravel used to build the highway or the amount of money spent doing so.

For more than 700 years, beginning around 550 AD, the high mesa overlooking the Montezuma Valley was home to Puebloan people who built the well-preserved cliff dwellings that visitors to Mesa Verde National Park enjoy today. Named by Spanish explorers in the 1700s, the name means "green table." Begin the self-guided driving tour at the Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center and the Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum. Ranger-guided tours are also available. Appropriately named, Far View Lodge offers sunset views, and its restaurant offers Native American and area favorites, such as prickly pear pork belly. Enjoy beautiful views of heaven's dark skies while camping. One campground is available near the Visitor's Center. While visiting, be respectful to the customs of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on which much of the parkland lies.

Among the dwellings are the Cliff Palace with its 150 rooms, making it the largest cliff dwelling discovered in North America. Carving of the dwelling began around 1200, and



— By Virginia Riddle

it was vacated about 75 years later. The 23 kivas in the Cliff Palace are indicative of different clans. The Spruce Tree House is a three-story structure, and for the more adventurous, the Balcony House trail leads to a three-ladder climb. It is exited by crawling through a tunnel. The Square Tower House is a vertical stack of houses used also for ceremonies. The Wetherill Mesa Long House is named for the rancher who found the Cliff Palace in the 1880s.

History buffs, foodies and nature lovers alike can discover enjoyable adventures in Durango and at Mesa Verde National Park. To enjoy all this area has to offer, travelers should add a Southwest Colorado getaway to their bucket list. **NOW**

Photos by Virginia Riddle, LLC.

Sources:

1. Southwest USA & National Parks. *Penguin Random House, London, England, 2018.*
2. www.insightguides.com.
3. www.lonelyplanet.com.
4. Horowitz, Stephen. *Fodor's: The Complete Guide to the National Parks of the West. Fodor's Travel, USA, 2021.*
5. www.durango.org.

Now Offering Pre-Print Insert Services

Call Your Rep Today!

NOW
MAGAZINES

972-937-8447

www.nowmagazines.com



Come discover the Cottages On Cantrell



"When we arrived here, I thought it was absolutely perfect!"



LISTEN NOW
The Lemos Family's
Cottage Experience.

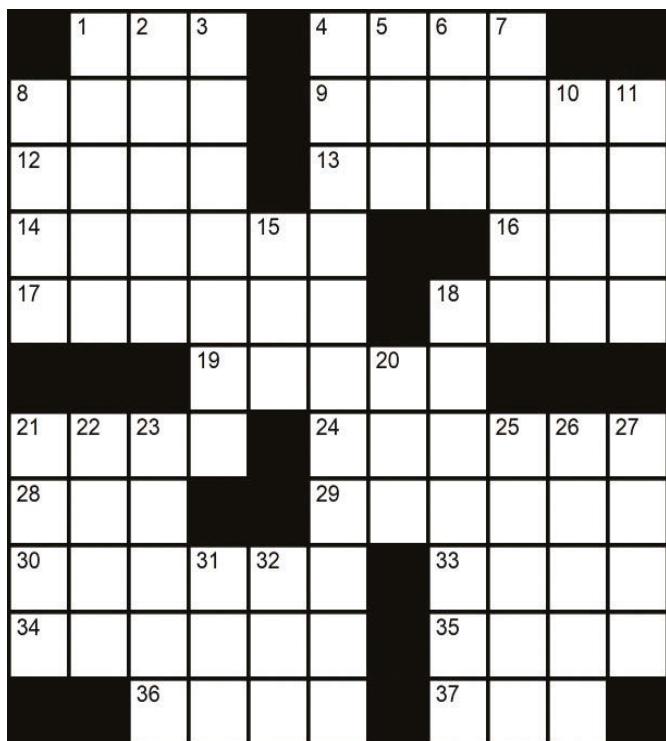


COTTAGES
ON CANTRELL

Homes available today.

**Schedule a tour of our available cottages with
Clark Wickliffe (972) 765-7765**

Crossword Puzzle



Crosswordsite.com Ltd

Online versions and solutions available at www.nowmagazines.com. From our Homepage, click on the Features tab. Click on the Crossword-Sudoku tab. Click on a puzzle to view solutions.

Across

- 1 Part of formerly Portuguese India
- 4 "Boy, it's hot!"
- 8 Ireland's --- Fein
- 9 Funeral speech
- 12 --- calling!"
- 13 Texas border town
- 14 Bucks back
- 16 Teetotal
- 17 Adventurous expedition
- 18 In Norway, it used to be Christiania
- 19 Pressure-washer maker
- 21 Omery guy
- 24 N Y C
- 28 Exclamation of disgust
- 29 End of existence
- 30 It's in the blood
- 33 Omar --- of "House"
- 34 Sweet
- 35 Imitates
- 36 Corny or pony, maybe
- 37 Old horror actor --- Chaney

Down

- 1 --- man a fish and you feed him for a day ..."
- 2 Kind of switch
- 3 Certain flowers
- 4 When single lives come to an end
- 5 Tint
- 6 90° bend
- 7 Bent sword leads to argument
- 8 COVID-19 predecessor
- 10 Peripatetic Ipanema resident?
- 11 Spool-like toy
- 15 F D R's short-lived Blue Eagle agency
- 18 Breakfast mush
- 20 She may be fawning
- 21 Stanley and Ryder
- 22 Ominous
- 23 Expert swindler
- 25 River horse
- 26 Trembling poplar
- 27 Military refectory
- 31 Not a good boy's name, according to Johnny Cash
- 32 Car economy statistic



CROSS TIMBERS
EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Your Choice for **Ear, Nose, Throat and Allergy Care**

Experience the Difference!

- Sinus/Nasal Conditions
- Sinus & Allergy
- Pediatric ENT Services
- Ear Conditions/Services
- Throat/Voice Conditions
- Head/Neck Conditions
- Sleep Conditions/Services
- Hearing Aids



817-261-3000

2021 S. 14th St. Bldg A, Ste100
Midlothian, TX 76065

Additional locations in Mansfield and Arlington

www.crosstimbersent.com www.refiningbeauty.org

Scan for
more info!



CHECK IT OUT
at

www.nowmagazines.com

A great new way to shop
and do business locally!

NOW 

**THE
LOCAL TABLE**

Go to www.nowmagazines.com
and flip through a current
edition of your favorite
NOW Magazine.

Burleson • Corsicana • Ennis
Mansfield • Midlothian
North Ellis Co. • Southwest
Waxahachie • Weatherford



When you see an advertisement or coupon
that interests you ...

CLICK ON IT ... 
and you'll be instantly directed to that
company's website.

Sudoku Puzzle

Easy

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

Medium

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

Crosswordsite.com Ltd

Online versions and solutions available at www.nowmagazines.com. From our Homepage, click on the Features tab. Click on the Crossword-Sudoku tab. Click on a puzzle to view solutions.



Reaching over 700,000 readers throughout 9 markets, with interesting stories about the people living in those communities, NOW Magazines are the smartest choice for your advertising dollars.

NOW
MAGAZINES

Burleson • Corsicana • Ennis • Mansfield • Midlothian
North Ellis County • Southwest • Waxahachie • Weatherford



Call for info.

972-937-8447

LONE STAR FLOORCOVERING
Interior Design Showroom
2203 W Ennis Ave
Ennis TX
(972) 872 - 9811
lonestarfloor.com



Home Built By:
AZUL CUSTOM HOMES
- Midlothian TX -
Project:
Manufactured Wood, Carpet, Showers



— By Amber D. Browne

COLORFUL CRAFT TIME



Now that summer fun has wound down, and youngsters have skipped off to school, why not add a do-it-yourself craft to family entertainment this month? Adding a little color can brighten anyone's day, and one DIY idea families can try at home is a tin can unicorn. Children can bring this unicorn to life with just a few supplies and a little rainbow magic.

Supplies

For this craft, you will need the following:

- A tin can (a vegetable can or small coffee can will do).
- Several colors of yarn skeins for the unicorn's mane (preferably the colors of the rainbow).
- A paint brush or paint sponge and your favorite color acrylic craft paint.

- Felt for the muzzle, ears and eyelashes (preferably white, black, pink or the color of your paint selection).
- A piece of yellow construction paper for the unicorn's horn.
- Scissors.
- Glue.
- A pencil.
- A ruler.

DIY CONSTRUCTION

Remove any paper or glue from the tin can, then wash and dry it thoroughly. Use the paint brush or paint sponge to cover the entire can's exterior with paint. While it dries, cut the yarn into pieces. Beginning with purple, cut 2 1/2 feet of yarn. Cut the blue yarn at 3 1/2 feet, the green at 4 1/2 feet, yellow at 5 1/2 feet, and so on.

You or your child can wrap the yarn around four fingers on one hand, starting with the purple yarn. Continue wrapping

each color of yarn in order of the colors of the rainbow, spreading the fingers to make the loop larger for each consecutive color. End with red, which will have the longest loop. Cut a smaller piece of yarn for each color to tie the corresponding-colored loops near the top, leaving the longer loop at the bottom.

Cut a half circle from the white felt sheet, large enough to make the unicorn's muzzle. Glue it to the bottom of one side of the can, flat side down. At the top of the can to the left of the muzzle, glue the tied section of the red yarn. Glue the orange yarn to the right of the red, and so on. Allow time to dry.

Cut an elongated triangle from the yellow construction paper for a unicorn horn, about 4 inches tall. Glue it to the top interior side of the can in the middle of the mane. Cut two elongated triangles, about 2 inches tall, from the paint-colored felt for the ears. Cut two smaller elongated triangles from the light pink felt. Glue the smaller, light pink triangles onto the fronts of the other felt triangles. Once dry, glue the ears to the can's interior on either side of the unicorn horn. For each color of the unicorn's mane, cut the bottom loop. Trim as necessary in a diagonal line, leaving the red yarn as the longest side.

Using the remaining yellow construction paper, draw patterns for the eyelashes, interior oval muzzle and nostrils. Trace the eyelash and nostril pattern onto the black felt. The pencil line will be faint, but it will provide an outline for you or your child to cut. Correctly space the eyelashes and then glue them to the can.

Trace and cut the small oval for the interior muzzle from the light pink felt. Glue on top of the white muzzle, and then glue the black nostrils on top of the pink muzzle. Allow time to dry. Use the unicorn to plant seeds or colorful flowers, as a pencil or crayon holder or as a fun decorative piece. **NOW**

Editor's Note: Be sure to tag us when you post your photos on Facebook!

**YOU CAN LIVE AGAIN
SEA MOSS STORE**

324 E. Beltline Rd, #200 DeSoto, TX
214-622-5755
(located @ the front, inside Grow DeSoto)
New Hours: Tues - Sat 11am - 6pm and Sun 11am - 3pm

SEA MOSS FLAVORS
ELDERBERRY, MANGO,
PINEAPPLE, STRAWBERRY,
PEACH COBBLER
AND MORE!

Real testimony- "I went from a size 28 to a size 18 in 3 months on your sea moss! I feel like I got my life back! Wow! Thank you!" - Frances

SEA MOSS helps with immunity, energy, weight loss, heart health and more!

youcanliveagainseamoss
YouCanLiveAgainSeaMoss.com

BEFORE

AFTER

**Come Join
Our Team!**

**Advertising Sales
Position Available**

**Excellent Commissions
& Bonuses**

**Group Health, Dental, Vision
and Life Insurance**

NOW
MAGAZINES

BURLESON • CORTSICANA • NORTH ELLIS CO.
MANSFIELD • MIDLOTHIAN • WEATHERFORD
SOUTHWEST • WAXAHACHIE • ENNIS

**Send résumé to Rick Hensley at
rhensley@nowmagazines.com**

IT'S GAME TIME!

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.

SEPTEMBER

9/6

Hispanic Heritage Festival:

Family-friendly celebration, sponsored by ECHO. Food vendors, music and dancing. Bring lawn chairs. Free. 3:00-11:00 p.m., Railyard Park, 455 S. College St.

9/13

St. Jude Car Show:

Benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. \$20 cash per entry. Spectators: Free. 8:30 a.m., Getzendaner Park, 400 S. Grand Ave. <https://midlothianclassicwheels.org/yflyer>.

BRA Celebration Luncheon and Fundraiser:

BRA (Believing Restoration is Attainable) celebrates 10-years of walking alongside women who are separated, divorced, widowed or navigating single motherhood. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Oaks Church, 777 S. I-35 E., Red Oak.

Kidstravaganza:

Bounce houses, splash pad, food trucks, 92.1 Hank FM Party Patrol, more! Free. 2:00-5:00 p.m., Railyard Park, 455 S. College St.

9/17

County Convene 2025:

Join cross-sector leaders across Ellis County for a time of equipping and encouragement. 9:00 a.m.-noon, Waxahachie

Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Ave. Free registration: <https://www.uniteellis.org/event-details/county-convene-2025>.

9/20

C10s in the Park:

1,200 GM Classic trucks gather for "The Largest C10 Gathering in the South." Registration is sold out, but spectators are free to attend. Getzendaner Park, 400 S. Grand Ave.

9/21

Farm Heritage Day:

Outdoor games, hayrides, farm vendors, farm animals, etc. Free admission, activities and snacks (while they last). 2:00-5:00 p.m., Ellis County Rural

Heritage Farm, 130 Cunningham Meadows Rd.

9/26-9/28

Hollydays Market:

100-plus vendors and crafters. First Call Shopping (\$10 admission): **Friday:** 9:00 a.m.-noon; General Admission (\$6): **Friday:** Noon-5:00 p.m.; **Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; **Sunday:** 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln.

Submissions are welcome and published as space allows. Send your current event details to adam.walker@nowmagazines.com.



YOU DONT NEED A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER TO GET LAB WORK!
LET US SHOW YOU HOW!!

WE ARE A WELLNESS AND TOXICOLOGY LAB THAT OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS & BUSINESSES:

- WELLNESS PANELS
- SNEAK PEEK GENDER TESTING
- YOUR TEARS FOR DRY EYES
- DNA TESTING
- DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

AND SO MUCH MORE!



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

arcpoint labs
of Corsicana
accurate. reliable. confidential testing.

VISIT US AT:

2508 W. 2ND AVENUE
CORSICANA, TX 75110
(903) 874 - 9007

WWW.ARCPPOINTLABS.COM/CORSICANA



Say Goodbye to Dental Anxiety!



At Serenity Advanced Dentistry, comfort isn't an afterthought — it's our mission. From the moment you walk through our doors, you'll notice the difference. Cozy blankets, relaxing seating, calming decor, and in-room TVs help create a boutique dental experience like no other. We've reimagined what it feels like to go to the dentist — because you deserve care that puts you at ease.



"Dr. Allaha and her staff are amazing! I've always been afraid of the dentist, but my visits with them have been awesome. I will recommend them to my family and friends."
- Cheryl L. Wright, Google Review

Worried About the Cost? You Have Options.

✓ We now work with a medical insurance billing partner! Depending on your insurance, certain procedures may be covered under your medical plan — giving you a new way to get the care you need without added stress. Ask us for a quick eligibility check.

✓ No insurance?

No problem. Our Serenity Membership Club offers significant savings for patients without insurance. It's affordable, flexible, and made with you in mind.

Considering Dentures?

Come in for a FREE Fixed Denture Consultation and take \$500 OFF your accepted treatment plan!

Ready for a Dental Experience That Puts You First?

Call us today to schedule your consultation.

Let Serenity Advanced Dentistry help you feel confident in your smile — and calm in the process.

Serenity
Advanced
Dentistry

Comfort. Compassion. Confidence.



(972) 634-1434 TheSerenityDentist.com

605 E Belt Line Rd, Suite 101, Cedar Hill



Something for Everyone!

- Pony Rides
- Bounce Houses
- Live & Local Performances (Dance Groups, Bands, Choir & Mariachi)
- Food Trucks & Vendors
- DJ Kandi
- Craft Vendors
- 3/4 Mile Parade
- Veteran/Military Corner
- Informational Booths

RedOakAreaChamber.org
or call 972-617-0906

Presented By:
Bombardier

Brought to you by: In Partnership with:
RED OAK
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Serving Red Oak & Glenn Heights



September 20th
Parade at 9am
Festival 10am-1pm
Watkins Park in RO



Scan the QR Code
to learn more:
(Vendor & Parade entries
are still available!)

Ad
Sponsor:



Visit our Booth at Founders Day!

Destination Wellness
HOLOSTIC HEALING CENTER

START YOUR NATURAL HEALTH JOURNEY

- Biohacking
- PEMF
- Ionic Foot Detox
- ONDAMED
- Anti-Stress
- Pain Relief
- Emotional Healing

DW Cafe
A Health-Conscious Café
100% Organic • Sugar-Free options

(469) 461-4325
450 N. HWY 67 STE. 300, Cedar Hill
M-F 10a-6:30p | Sat 12p-5p
destinationwellnesstx.com

NEW TO MEDICARE? NEED A NEW MEDICARE PLAN?

Randy and Sandy Bond are your Midlothian neighbors with 10 years of experience helping people with:

- Medicare Supplements and Medicare Advantage Plans
- Prescription Drug Plans
- Income and Asset Protection
- Long-term Care Planning
- Pre-need Funeral Planning

RANDY@BONDINSURANCESOLUTIONS.COM | BONDINSURANCESOLUTIONS.COM

CALL 479-459-3988 TO REQUEST YOUR APPOINTMENT BY PHONE OR IN PERSON.
WE ARE HAPPY TO COME TO YOU!

We do not offer every plan available in your area. Currently, we represent 7 organizations which offer 66 plans in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov, 1-800-MEDICARE or your local State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) to get information on all of your options.

Smiles that Sparkle – Spirits That Soar!



\$500 off Braces & Invisalign

For full treatment only with valid coupon presented at the time of visit. In honor of all those who serve, ask how you may qualify for a 10% discount for full treatment. Only valid through September 30, 2025.



FOR ALL CURRENT & FORMER
MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS
& THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES

MORGAN ORTHODONTICS
Braces & Invisalign for Children & Adults



No referral needed
invisalign*



Schedule Now!

CALL US
TODAY! **972-268-6042**

104 Professional Place • Waxahachie
www.morganortho.com

**WOODCRAFTERS
FENCING**
woodcraftersfencing.com

Woodcrafters Fencing is family-owned and operated and has been building quality fences for over 25 years. If you're searching for a fence contractor in Ellis County, TX or the surrounding area, contact the highly skilled team at Woodcrafters Fencing for an estimate!



HAPPY LABOR DAY!



LABOR DAY
SPECIAL
\$150 OFF
170 LF or more

OUR SERVICES
WOOD FENCES
WROUGHT IRON
FENCING
FENCE STAINING
DECKS, PERGOLAS
& OUTDOOR LIVING

Testimonial

I recently had the pleasure of hiring Woodcrafters to replace my entire fence, and I couldn't be happier with the results. From even the first phone call talking to Glenn, the office manager, to get quotes, their customer service was exceptional. The owner, David, was even personally involved in building the fence, which demonstrated their commitment to quality. Special shoutout to Ryan, Gary, and the entire team for their professionalism and attention to detail. I highly recommend WoodCrafters for anyone in need of fencing services. It's ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL!

★★★★★ AFI WILKINS

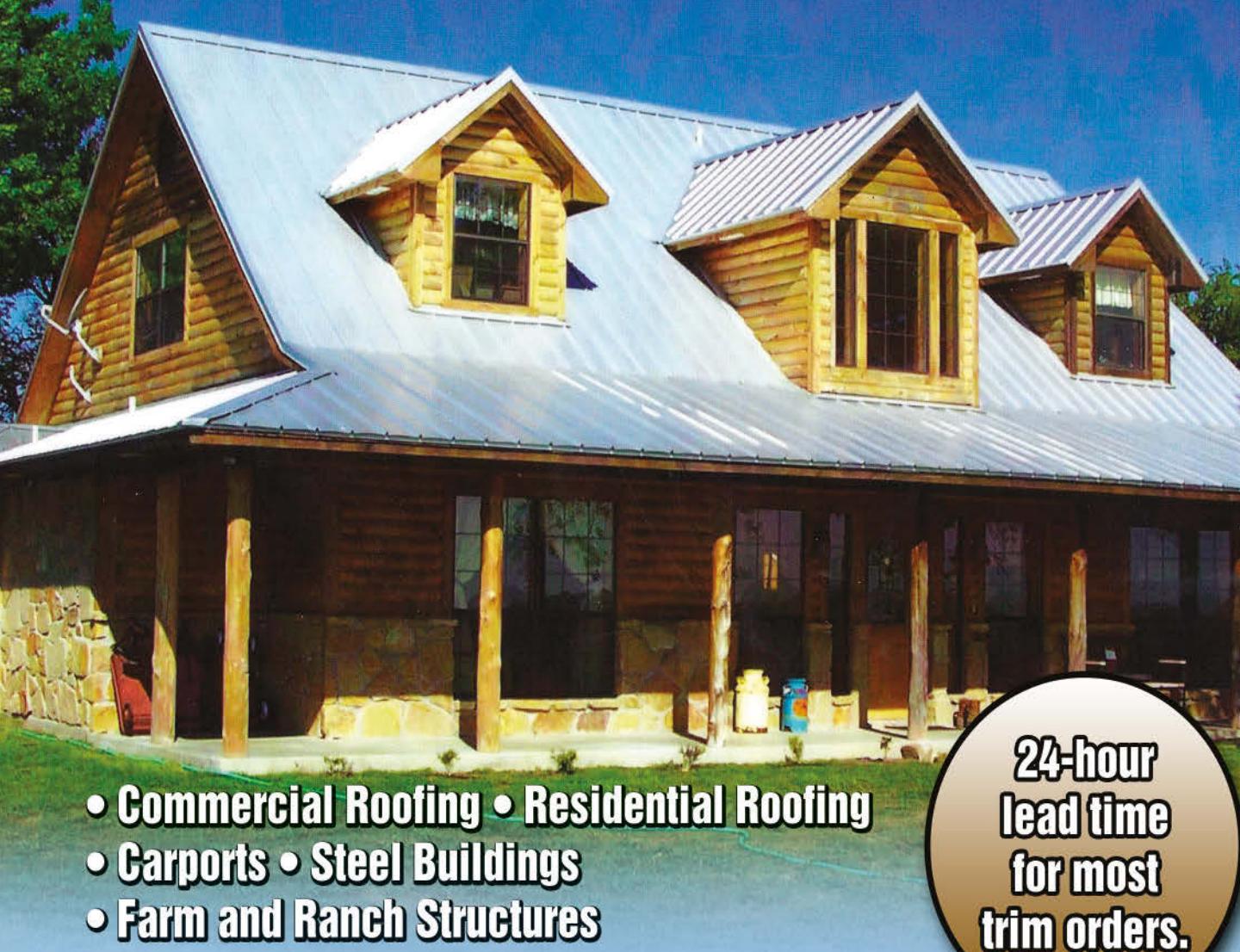


(469) 309-9062



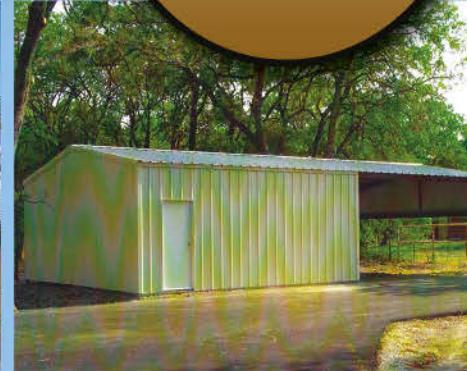
Hours: Mon-Fri: 7AM-6PM
Saturday: 8AM-2PM
Sunday: Closed





- Commercial Roofing • Residential Roofing
- Carports • Steel Buildings
- Farm and Ranch Structures

24-hour
lead time
for most
trim orders.



M Metal Mart

Employee Owned - Service Driven

www.metalmarts.com

972-576-0606 • 800-677-2503

metalmart03@McElroymetal.com

7200 North IH-35 E. • Waxahachie

Energy Efficient
Products

Heavy Duty Metal is
Hail & Fire Resistant

Do It Yourself
Packages Available
(No Welding Required)