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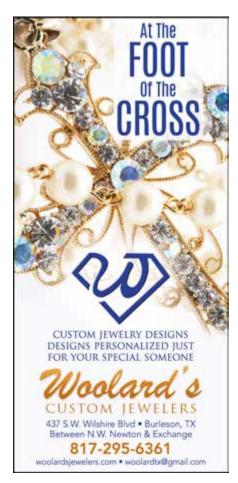
A friend recently asked me to copy and paste a Facebook post that said, "Bullying is not OK at any age." When I considered the idea, in light of a very recent episode of being belittled, baited and badgered by a person older than myself, I realized the value of proclaiming that I don't bully and won't accept it. I was amazed how many people "liked" my simple seven-word post.

In this community, where "Kindness Matters" is a prevalent attitude, I have learned kindness is normal behavior. Not only can I expect kindness, but also giving kindness shines a light that makes people feel good. I like feeling good. I like feeling normal.

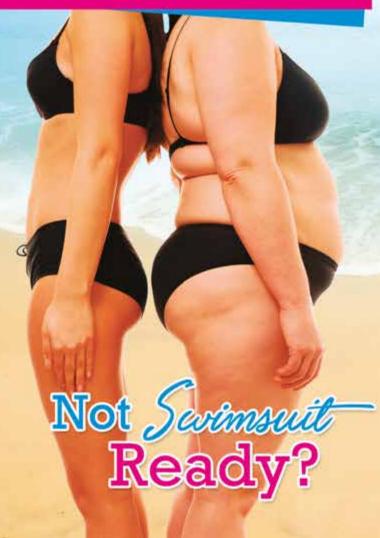
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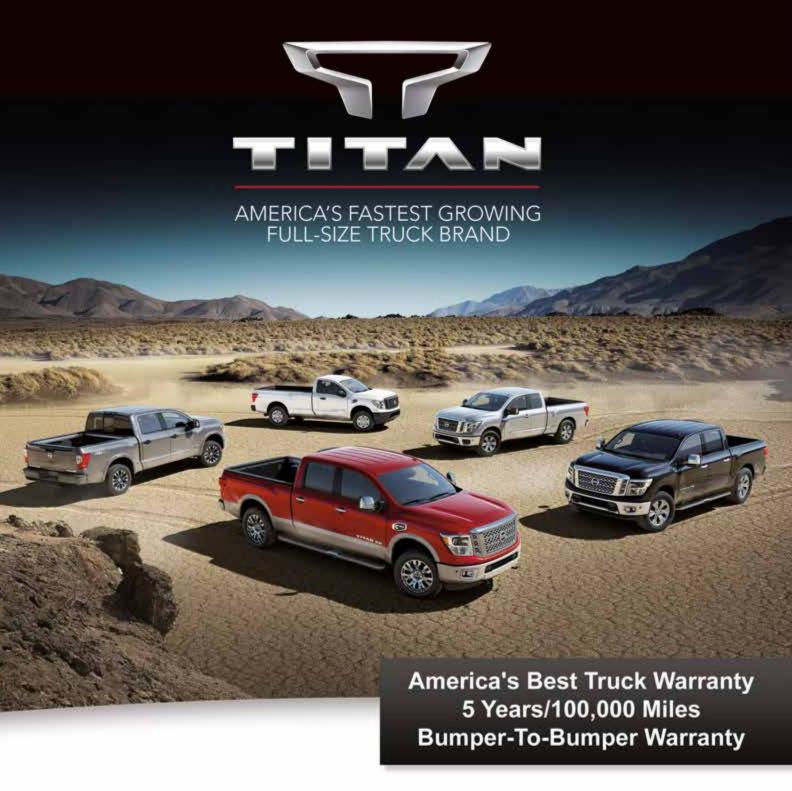
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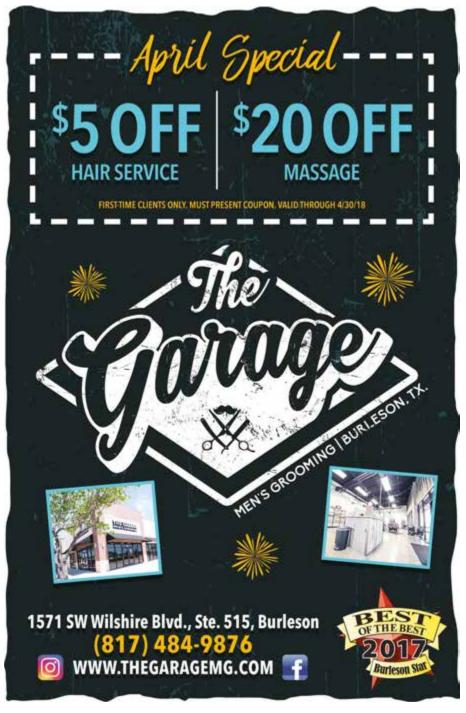


Slender paintbrushes, textured fabric scraps, sharp scissors and glue have proved quite useful this year for Cherrie Green, the board president of the Children's Advocacy Center of Johnson County. She has encouraged the whole organization, from each board member to each staff member, to hand-decorate 6-inch-tall wooden peg dolls that are being sold for high-dollar amounts to donors supporting the organization's mission.

People in the community have bought one, two or sometimes whole sets to display in their home or business. Playful peg doll owners took theirs out on the town for photo shoots they shared on Facebook. One owner took her Sheriff Adam King peg doll to Sam's and snapped pictures of him all through the store.

Everyone is having fun with this project, even as the nonprofit is gearing up for its annual fundraiser, Cowboys for Kids, at The Cleburne Conference Center on June 1. This year's gala will be totally different than the ones they've had in the past, and the board Cherrie leads is preparing a whole lot of fun for 700 people. "The gala dinner, live and silent auctions and a western-themed comedy show are planned for







Friday night's event," said Cherrie, who chairs the committee directing the live and silent auction and is pleased to now be using Auction Source out of Dallas. "Every table has a little iPad and people can bid from their table. It's taken a huge workload off of us, plus we have more time to spend on gathering the items."

The CAC board, with its mix of ages, genders and skillsets, spends a lot of time brainstorming and implementing methods to raise money. "It's a constant struggle," said Cherrie, for whom fundraising is entirely new. Her background has always been working with children. "I have a degree in teaching, and for

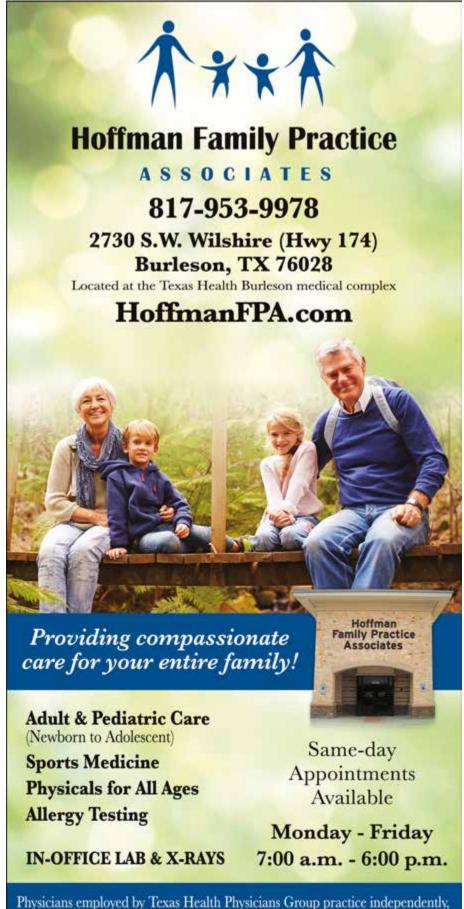


a while was in what used to be the state's welfare department, working in financial services. From there, I went to the Attorney General's office when Jim Maddox moved child support enforcement away from the counties and gave it to the state to administer." Cherrie was at that state office, in downtown Dallas, for the rest of her career.

"When I retired, 18 years ago, we moved to Burleson because my husband had a job here," Cherrie said. For the first six years, she volunteered for Meals on Wheels of Johnson & Ellis Counties. Cherrie then was approached to join the CAC board, which has been providing services for child victims using a multidisciplinary team approach since 1996. Their goal is to ensure that every child who suffered abuse understands that they have incredible worth and value. Their mission is to provide each child who has suffered abuse with justice, hope and healing. She has enjoyed working with CAC more than anything she has ever done.

"Some of the children we work with have been through so much. But it always amazes me how resilient they are," Cherrie said. "With just a little help and therapy and care, they become more productive adults, and it changes their lives."

Growing pains have prompted the nonprofit organization to expand,



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and it is currently in the beginning of a capital campaign to fund a larger new building on land already secured. "We've got stuff for the children everywhere. Some of our staff are doubled up in offices, except for the therapists, who have to have their own spaces," she explained.

A steering committee made up of citizens and board members from varied backgrounds maintains momentum on this capital campaign. "It's different when you're trying to raise \$3 million," Cherrie reflected. "Personally, I don't have the personality to do that level of fundraising, like so many of our board members do. I like to be the support, like making the peg dolls and helping here at the center with things that need to be done to help the staff who help the kids."

As chair of the personnel committee for CAC, Cherrie prioritizes supporting and encouraging the staff whose jobs are, admittedly, hard. It's not uncommon to find Cherrie in the CAC lobby manning the front desk, while staff members are taking lunch breaks or participating in daylong staff development. "When I first got involved 12 years ago, there were only five people on staff. Now we have 15," she said. "Tammy has done the future projections, and the need is rising." This winter, Cherrie helped host open houses, where individuals and businesses not familiar with the center enjoyed lunch, a tour

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of the space and presentations by Executive Director Tammy King and agency partners. "Johnson County is growing, and the new residents need to know about our outreach on abuse prevention programs in the schools."

One of her favorite new programs is called My Safe Space. "About twice a year, we completely redecorate one of our child victim's bedrooms with new paint, furniture, carpet, window coverings and bedspread, and in doing that, we are giving them their own safe space," Cherrie said. "It's amazing how that helps the child actually recover." She remembered specifically a little girl who had nothing in her room but a mattress and a little cube she used for a closet. "She was not outgoing at all during initial counseling. When she walked into her new room, she stopped and looked around and touched the bedspread and asked, 'Why me?' The next time she came to the center, she was a different child, smiling, laughing and telling them about the A she made on a recent school project."

In expectation of many more positive outcomes, the popular peg doll campaign will continue. And Cherrie will keep her crafting tools handy, treasuring the joy each creation will bring to its owner, as well as to the children who are its true beneficiaries. NOW

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A tour through the home of Luther and Dena Davis is a trip around the world and through time. Their 2,700-square-foot, farmhouse-style home is filled with fun and flavor. The greeting on the front door reads, Welcome to the Three Stags, which references a pub in England. The doors showed up one day at their auction house in Haltom City. "I said, We've got to have these for our new house," Dena remembered.

Of course, Luther and Dena said that about a lot of things for the home they moved into in December 2016, after living on CR 714 for 13 years raising their two boys. To help visitors see even before entering the home, there are a pair of lights that were once chicken brooders. A friend helped transform them. Also included are more greeting items on the front porch, such as a swing that belonged to her aunt, and a table with the famous Lone Star insignia. "That table came from the Round Top Antique Fest. We love antiques and unique things," she said.

Look closely and you'll see a brick in the wall from Ferris, Texas, by the front door. That's where Luther grew up, and it's special to him, just like the old-fashioned soda machine on the back porch. "I got that over 30 years ago," Luther said of the machine that was once a staple in a grocery store his dad used to frequent as a youngster. "I figured out my dad pulled drinks out of that when he was a kid."

# A WORLD —By Rick Manch OF HISTORY

At Home With Luther and Dena Davis













Immediately upon entering the home, be it mid-December or mid-July, visitors are met by a giant Santa Claus on a big sleigh. Dena said the house was built around it. "Santa stays up all year long and greets everybody," she said. "My husband got the sleigh at an auction in the Rendon area in 2006. We've been storing it since then."

On an opposite wall is a window from England. It separates the room from Luther's office next door. The

light fixtures above were once irrigation wheels, and the bulbs have mason jars for covers.

The entrance room also features an old shelf from a general store. On top are some vintage thermoses, while the bottom is filled with an assortment of Barbie dolls (and an Elvis doll), all of which Dena collects. "All of the vintage thermoses are metal. I don't like the plastic ones," she said.

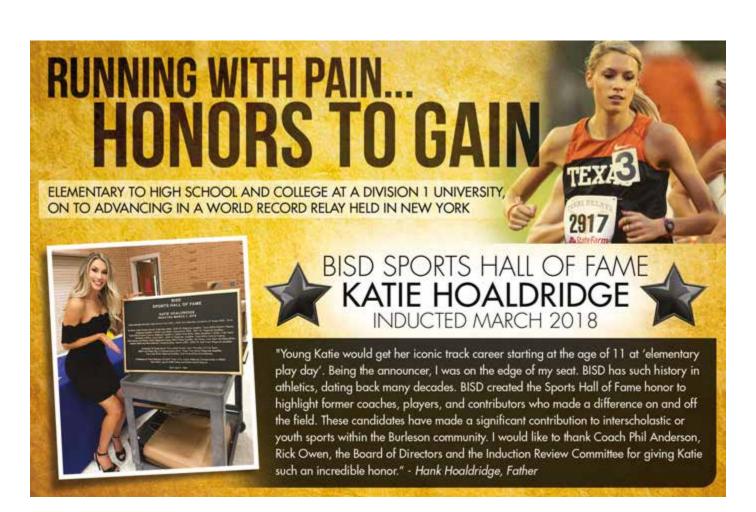
She also collects Santa memorabilia.



Luther collects gavels. Together they collect anything that has the name Davis on it, such as a large sign in the living room and a sewing machine in one of the guest rooms. "Davis is a pretty common name, so it's not as tough to find things as it would be if we had a different name," Luther added.

Luther has been an auctioneer for 30 years. Dena also has an auctioneer's license, though she spends her time running their antique







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auction house. Through his career as an auctioneer, if Luther finds something interesting he'll purchase it and bring it home. He has an entire cabinet in his office filled with a plethora of items, including a Webster's Dictionary from 1897. "My dad was a cattle buyer, and I've gone to livestock auctions since I was a kid, both of which contributed to give me the desire to become an auctioneer," he said.

Being a farmhouse in style, of course, Luther and Dena gave their home barn doors. There are four, in fact, the largest separating the entry room from the living room. "This one's actually on an old barn track," Luther said as he slid the largest door. "That's the neatest thing to me, that sound."

On the wall of Luther's office is an authentic sword from the Civil War. It's hanging next to a Civil War picture print. "The sword is real, and I had to buy that," Luther said. "A gentleman passed away and everything he had was up [for auction]."

Some of the flooring in the home is from reclaimed wood from old barns and homes. The lights in the kitchen are made from reclaimed turkey feeders, and the lazy Susan on the kitchen island was once a nail bin in a hardware store.





The kitchen countertops are reclaimed wood. The sink is "oldtimey," complete with drainage grooves from before dishwashing machines became popular. Stained glass windows above are from England. The atmosphere is highlighted by a giant sign that lights up with the word, Eat.

"It was once neon, but it didn't work at all when we got it," Dena said. "We converted it, and we think it looks good with the marqueestyle light bulbs."

Dena also collects flags. One of the bedrooms has an American flag theme, including one on the wall with the original 13 stars and stripes and the number 76 in the middle.

A door to the pantry reads Anderson's Butter Krust. Dena's maiden name was Anderson. The pantry is designed to look like a general store.

The bathroom next to the master bedroom features subway vintage tile in octagon shapes, with antique mirrors from England. The vanity table is part of an antique bed with turned legs, and old door knobs serve as towel holders.

Both Dena and Luther also have Realtor's licenses. However, selling their own home someday is a high improbability. There are just too many memories and too many extraordinary items. "This is our dream home," Luther said. "You can build another home like this, but you can't replace all of the great things we have that fill it up. That's what makes this home our dream place to live." NOW



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# More Than a Rock

## By Erin McEndree

For 10 years, Ginny Limer, her four kids and extended family have been traveling west of Crowley. They love getting out of the hustle and bustle for quiet and peaceful surroundings. They share a lease that includes 8,000 acres and visit it as often as they can to explore the creek, search for arrow heads and collect unique rocks. "We found a hidden Quonset hut, and I've heard there is an Indian burial site, but I haven't found it yet," Ginny said. "My dad collected rocks, and I still have his collection. I think that's why I love rocks so much."

Meeting fellow rock enthusiasts makes Ginny giddy. In 2016, she hosted a camp for families who had suffered the loss of a child, and a family traveled from Florida to attend. "In Florida, they have a group that shares painted rocks with messages and the hashtag #brotherlyloverocks," Ginny explained. "Their rocks are wrapped in cellophane, and their mission is to spread brotherly love everywhere they go by sharing their creations." The idea inspired Ginny. Since she already had a love for rocks and sharing, she decided to combine the two and include her kids, as well.

A few weeks later, Ginny saw a social media post about kids painting, hiding and sharing rocks around the town of Mansfield. "The painted rocks became an immediate craze for me," she said. "I started Crowley Rocks — Texas Official Group the same day." Ginny invited three families at first. Today, there are close to 1,000 members who decorate, hide, find and post photos in Crowley using the hashtag, #crowleyrocks. Their motto is Keep or Rehide, You Decide!

Ginny, a teacher for 17 years, presently teaches second grade at Sycamore Elementary. At the Back-To-School Bash, held at the Recreation Center, local businesses came together to bring school supplies. Ginny and some Crowley Rocks volunteers hosted a table. Kids came to paint rocks and could take them to hide around town. However, the focus became much larger than Ginny ever imagined.

People started putting #RyderRocks on their stones. Ryder was a boy who was ill and everyone began making him a rock to wish him well. "We were going to deliver the rocks that kids donated to Ryder," Ginny said. "Out of the 50 rocks I brought, we gave Ryder 50 well wishes." The community really got behind one of its own to support this young man.

"The rocks have rallied people," Ginny explained. "They inspire people going through a journey. It's like creative grief therapy that helps with anxiety and depression."

Ginny posted the process for rock paining on the group's Facebook page. "I like to get my rocks from our lease. I clean them up and spray them all different colors with an acrylic paint," she said. "Many mediums can be used including markers, acrylic paints, glitter or yarn to draw a picture or write an inspirational message. The last important step is to spray a sealer on it." Each rock should also include the local group's hashtag on the bottom. Ginny knows people who have been on vacation in other states and have found rocks and replaced them with Crowley rocks. Children love finding these treasures when they are in town with their parents. They get excited about the hunt, and it gets them out of the house and into the community.

Ginny has been invited to many events, such as Veterans Day, back-to-school events and rock swaps, and she had a rock-painting slumber party for her daughter. Ginny is grateful for her mother, Barbara, who supports her by helping at events or watching her grandkids while Ginny goes to meetings.

Ginny's goal is to do something nice for others that connects people. "I love families coming to events together," she said. She found a community connection that includes her passion for rocks, and she enjoys helping others foster that same love through what has become more than just a stone.







For Jimmie Hughes, cooking is a form of creativity and a hobby that provides peace. This self-taught chef has turned his love for cooking into a career as a chef and also as the owner of a catering company.

"I like to look in cookbooks and at recipes that have been handed down to me, but I also enjoy looking at what the recipe calls for and then adding what I think would make it better," he said.

Using a variety of cooking techniques, Jimmie's favorite is grilling, and he enjoys down-home cooking. He welcomes the opportunity to teach others their way around a kitchen, as well. When not in the kitchen, you can find him coaching the Arlington women's football team or painting. NOW

## Cajun Chicken Pasta

2 tsp. olive oil

4 chicken breasts, cut into strips

4 oz. penne noodles

1 oz. Cajun seasoning

1/2 oz. cayenne pepper

2.5 oz. cream cheese

1.5 oz. Parmesan cheese

3 Tbsp. butter

4 oz. bell pepper, sautéed

5 broccoli florets, steamed

**1.** Add olive oil to a skillet. Cook chicken in the skillet over low heat for 10 minutes.

**2.** Prepare noodles per the instructions on the box.

**3.** Mix Cajun seasoning, cayenne pepper, cream cheese, Parmesan cheese and butter in a saucepan. Cook until cream cheese is melted; whisk if necessary.

**4.** Add chicken, bell peppers and broccoli. Let simmer for 5 minutes. Serve over pasta.

# Brisket Tacos With Cowboy Slaw

8 oz. green cabbage

5 oz. red cabbage

3 oz. shredded carrots

3 oz. ranch dressing

1 oz. cumin

I oz. mayonnaise

1 oz. salt and pepper mix

3 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
 1 1/2 fresh jalapeños, chopped
 10 oz. chopped or shredded smoked brisket
 Tortillas

Barbecue sauce, to taste

**1.** Shred green and red cabbage into a mixing bowl. Add next 7 ingredients; mix. Be sure to not make slaw too wet.

**2.** Add brisket to tortilla of choice with slaw mixture and BBQ sauce on top.

## **Turkey Portobello Burger**

1 lb. ground turkey

2 portobello mushroom caps

The Great Steak of Texas Seasoning, to taste

2 slices Swiss cheese

2 Sara Lee Sweet Hawaiian Buns

Green leaf lettuce, to taste

Tomato slices, to taste

Red onion slices, to taste

3 oz. pickles

Mayonnaise, to taste

**I.** Season the ground turkey and portobello caps with the seasoning.

- **2.** Make two burger patties from the meat; place patties and mushrooms on the grill for 7 to 10 minutes.
- **3.** Add cheese to the top of the patties, along with the mushroom caps.
- **4.** Place the patties and mushrooms on a bun; add condiments.

## **Squash Fries**

2 large yellow neck squash 2 eggs, whisked

Flour mix:

2 cups flour

2 oz. Cajun seasoning

I oz. salt and pepper mix

- 1. Preheat fryer oil to 350 F.
- **2.** Use a fry cutter or knife to cut the squash. Slice the ends of the squash off and discard; slice the rest to look like French fries.
- **3.** Place the squash in the eggs, and then bread them in the flour mixture.
- **4.** Repeat this process two times; fry for 5 to 7 minutes. Enjoy with your favorite sauce.

### **Ultimate Kabob**

4 split red potatoes
The Great Steak of Texas seasoning,
to taste

12 oz. chicken breast, cut into 8 pieces 12 oz. chuck steak, cut into 8 pieces

8 colossal shrimp

I green bell pepper

1 yellow bell pepper

1 red bell pepper

I large red onion

4 Kabob skewers, 12 inches in length

- **I.** Cook the red potatoes until they are firm to the touch, but softened.
- 2. Cut and season all the meat.
- **3.** Cut the bell peppers and onions into triangles or bite-size pieces.
- **4.** Place on the skewer in the following order: beef, two pieces of bell pepper, onion, chicken, potato, shrimp. Repeat this process twice on each skewer.
- **5.** Cooking options include smoking the kabob for 30-60 minutes until all the meat is cooked (preferred method), grilling the kabob four minutes on each side until you reach your desired grill flavor or cooking in the oven at 350 F for 30-45 minutes.

To view recipes from current and previous issues, visit www.nowmagazines.com.









– By Melissa Rawlins

### The Art Barn Studio

If you're looking for a party, The Art Barn Studio is the place to go. Of course, kids' birthday parties are popular in the whimsical space. Feeling almost like an expansive, cheerful family kitchen — only with two kilns, instead of the usual appliances — the open seating is just as conducive to bachelorette parties as to corporate team building.

"We do lots of parties, all different types. We recently hosted a baby shower so that the guests could create a tile mosaic for the baby's room," Owner Kristen Williams said.

The southern wall of The Art Barn Studio displays wood, cut into all sorts of intriguing shapes and ready to be decorated with either paint or glass tiles. The northern wall boasts Kristen's glass bar, showcasing almost 50 jars filled with colorful bits of crushed glass or safe, roundedged glass tiles. She expects guests to take jars to their tables and get creative.

"Ceramic boxes and platters can be painted and their deep cavities filled with crushed glass. Glass mixed with pottery is then fired, and the resulting art is called ceramic fusion," Kristen explained.

Typically, firing is done every day because volume is high. In the fall, Kristen bought a second kiln, since she fires often.

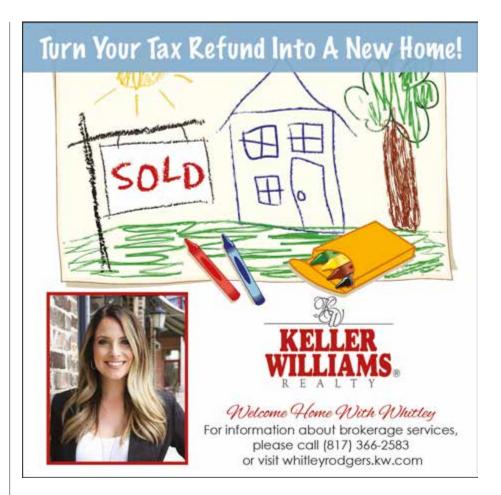
With a master's degree in special education, undergraduate

degrees in speech pathology and psychology and 13 years of teaching behind her, Kristen is operating The Art Barn Studio so that her own interests intersect with her customers' needs. "We have two or three therapists who come in here with clients who are older than 21. They make gifts for parents or friends and use this as a form of therapy, to build their fine motor skills," she said. "They learn how to pay, and how to get change back. The ones suffering with autism are working on language skills and dealing with external stimuli."

For special needs adults in the community, Kristen is expanding The Art Barn's already successful Kids Night Out, for children ages 5 and up. While their parents go out, the children play games, eat pizza, create art and watch movies with Kristen and her staff. "Some of our special needs adults have shown an interest in having a pizza party with people their age," Kristen explained.

People wishing to express themselves, no matter their skill level, are welcome at The Art Barn Studio. "Anybody from any age can do this. If you are very artistic, you can take that into your piece. If you're just starting, as a young child, it's more of an exploration, and you're learning about mixing colors and what that looks like," Kristen said. "People who come in and paint find the stroking motion is calming."

Think of The Art Barn Studio next time you want to forget about what's going on in life, while creating something meaningful. Kristen cheerfully coaches every customer until they're proud of the product they've created. Register online for after-hours events listed in the studio's interactive calendar, or come in anytime you feel the urge to be an artist. Kristen's developed an intriguing menu, ranging from \$8-\$50, giving you options as endless as your creativity. NOW















# TravelNOW Hidden Gems

## — By Allison Burdick

What do gold, Bruce Lee, and strawberries have in common? They're all part of Seattle's heritage shared through not one, not two, but three National Park Service sites that explore the area's history, culture and community.

## **History: Pioneer Square**

All hail to the Klondike!

Situated within historic Pioneer Square (Seattle's original neighborhood) is a restored building known as the Cadillac Hotel. Constructed in 1889, it is now the home of Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, which shares stories from the 1897-98 gold rush in the Yukon Territory of Canada that swept gold-seekers through Seattle and up toward the Klondike gold fields. History buffs are exposed to Seattle and the Pacific Northwest's past through the eyes of stampeders looking to strike it rich, including John Nordstrom and how he managed to start a shoe empire. Kids can earn Junior Ranger badges by completing activities, while they explore the park. Short films and rotating exhibits are also part of the experience and help visitors delve deeper into the impact of the gold rush on Seattle.

## Culture: Chinatown-International District

Enter the Dragon!

A short walk from Pioneer Square is the Chinatown-International District, a neighborhood rich in restaurants, shops and public art. The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, an affiliated area of the National Park System, celebrates the art, history and culture of Asian-Pacific Americans through vivid storytelling and inspiring experiences. Learn how the neighborhood shaped Seattle's most famous martial artist and world icon, Bruce Lee. Take a historic building tour and catch preserved scenes of the everyday lives of the

hundreds of Chinese, Japanese and Filipino immigrants who once made this building their home. A menu of other guided tours takes you through the neighborhood — including one led by your stomach — with different seasonal dishes that may include dumplings, noodles, rice and barbeque.

# Community: Bainbridge Island

Nidoto Nai Yoni — "Let it Not Happen Again."

A short, and extremely scenic, ferry ride from Pioneer Square takes visitors to Bainbridge Island, a community that encourages us all to learn from a dark chapter in our nation's history. Japanese immigrants first began arriving on the island in the 1880s, and strawberry farming was introduced in 1908. Many Japanese Americans went on to own and operate farms on the island and became integral to the community. However, immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States government began arresting and facilitating the mass removal of all individuals of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. The Bainbridge Island community was the first to have its members of Japanese ancestry forcibly removed from their homes. The Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, a unit of Minidoka National Historic Site, is an old-growth red cedar, granite and basalt memorial that honors all 276 Japanese and Japanese Americans who were exiled from the Bainbridge Island community. These were the first of what would become 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry — two-thirds of whom were United States citizens — forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated during World War II. Visitors can check regularly for tour schedules.

Whether you are looking for stories, activities or new cuisine, the Seattle area is your destination with three National Park Service sites to visit, all easily accessible through public transit. For maps and other planning tools, visit www.nps.gov/state/wa/index.htm.

Photos courtesy of the National Park Service.









# Better Safe Than Sorry

— By Zachary R. Urquhart

If it has not happened yet, you can expect to get the first tornado scare of the year any day now. Late spring to early summer is the height of storm season in North Texas, and you will want to be sure you are prepared for an emergency situation. Here are some ideas for what to stock up on and how to be as ready as possible if severe weather comes your way.

## Have a Plan

• Know your home's safest spot. Depending on your house, this could be a simple one. You want to stay away from windows, ideally staying close to interior walls without much that could fall on you. Most importantly, make sure everyone in your home knows where to go in case of danger, so you do not have children panicking and missing if storms are happening.



- *Know how to leave.* One of the saddest sights when major storms hit are the thousands of cars along the freeways trying to find refuge. Be sure you know the major evacuation routes, so if you have to evacuate, you can get somewhere to stay for a while.
- Know if you can bunk with a friend. If your house does not offer a good safe spot, plan ahead to have a place you can go when severe weather is expected. You might

have friends who have a bunker, or at least a better safe spot than you do. Storm shelters are not the norm in this part of the country, but more and more contractors are offering to build or install them.



## **Have Supplies**

- Get food and water now. If you want to avoid the price gouging that sometimes happens in a storm's aftermath, go ahead and stock up on bottled water and canned foods. One easy plan is to always have a surplus of those items, and every few months, consume what you have and buy replenishment. Be sure to include food for your pets when you are making your grocery list. And remember that your pets will increase the amount of water you need.
- There are other useful items. If you lose power, you may not be able to do much about your refrigerator and cold food, but you can be ready to stay warm with plenty of blankets. And just like you should have a stock of sustenance, be sure you have a supply of the













batteries you will need for flashlights and any items that are essential for your family.



### **Have Information**

- Use the radio in the mornings. Each morning, before you press play on your favorite CD or turn to your satellite music station of choice, tune into a station that includes regular news and regular updates. Forecasters never know exactly when storms might sprout up, but they usually have an idea at least a few hours in advance. In the same vein, keep a television turned on and tuned to a major network. You don't have to do anything more than watch for a break from regularly scheduled programming to bring a breaking weather update.
- Download a Weather App. There are many options, so many in fact that the only bad choice is not having one at all. Apps like WeatherBug or AccuWeather will not only warn you of tornadoes and extreme conditions, they also track lightning, so you know whether it is smart to be outside in less severe conditions.

Hopefully, you will never need any of these tips. But, if the worst does happen, your best plan is to be prepared.





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# **Zoomed In:**Brody Lynes

By Melissa Rawlins

Kaleb, Darenda, Brody and Brooklyn Lynes attend the Texas Christian University Dance Marathon benefiting Cook Children's Hospital. Because Brody is a miracle child, he was a special guest of TCU student Jaclyn Stoneking. "I have epilepsy, and I've also spent time at Cook Children's because I had an infection in my blood," Brody said.

While his mother shared the story of his medical journey with the students during the dance marathon, Brody had so much fun he didn't want to leave. "Sometimes, I try to dance with the students. We get to eat and play games with Jaclyn and some of her friends," Brody said. "This time, me and my sister played giant Jenga against Jaclyn and her friend, Jane, and me and my sister won."



First place winners of the Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce Clay Shoot are Terry Wood, Gary Greenway, Gary Davis and Joel Eide.



Officer C. Price poses with the Famous Gloria at Alsbury Baptist Church for Night To Shine 2018.

### **Around Town**



Cheyanne Davis, Kayce Henderson and Elisabeth Marlow enjoy each other and celebrate 20 years of friendship.



Firefighters Dennis Koslowski, Jeff Hart,
David Franks and Cy Condit encourage
students at First Christian Church Learning
Center to walk in their shoes during Community
Helper Week.



Christina Davenport draws a margarita at Mojo's on Wilshire Blvd.



Brianna Montez, Tyler Holley, Jordan Bennett, Andrea Colindres, Whitley Rodgers and Kate Rios smile big as they break out of an escape room.



Juliana Jacocks, daughter of Casey and Jennifer Jacocks, dressed up like her favorite book character at school.



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Free Tax Assistance for Seniors: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Crowley Public Library, 409 S. Oak St., Crowley. Appointments are recommended and can be scheduled in person or over the phone by calling (817) 297-6707.

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Joshua Chamber Choice Awards: 6:30-9:00 p.m., 114 Paula St., Joshua. Billed as "the party of the year," reservations are required. Celebrate Joshua's stars. \$50 per person or \$500 per table. www.joshuachamber.com.

6, 13, 20, 27

Stars in the Park: 7:30-9:00 p.m., Bicentennial Park, Crowley. Free. Enjoy Desperados on the first weekend, Jesse Jennings the second, Moore Melodies the third and Live 5 on the fourth. Call (817) 297-2201, x 7040.

Birding Field Trip: 8:15 a.m., 140 N.W. John Jones Dr., Suite 102. Rendezvous with your family at Wild Birds Unlimited of Burleson, and then head to Joshua for some awesome bird watching. burlapbirds@gmail.com.

Historical Dedication: 2:00-3:00 p.m., 128 N. Clark St. The Renfro-Clark House Texas Historical Marker will be dedicated in a special ceremony with local dignitaries in a free event hosted by Old Town Burleson. For more information, call (817) 426-9638.

7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

Scarborough Renaissance Festival: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., 2511 FM 66, Exit 399A and I-35E. For more information, visit www.srfestival.com or call (972) 938-3247.

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Business After Hours: 5:30-7:00 p.m., Old Texas Brewing Company. Network while learning all about your host, Crazy8 Ministries. Contact Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce, (817) 295-6121.

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Senior Dance: 7:00-9:30 p.m., Burleson Senior Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. The High Caliber Band plays. \$5 per person. (817) 295-6611.

April 14 — October 20 Market on Main: 8:00 a.m.-noon, 106 E. 12th St. Joshua Farmers Market invites your family to support local artisans, crafters, musicians, bakers, canners and farmers. marketonmain@ joshuachamber.com.



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Second Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Old Town Burleson. Find special discounts throughout the shopping district in historic Burleson. For more details, see Facebook or call (817) 426-9638.

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Burleson Area Retired School Employees Association meeting: 1:30-3:00 p.m., Burleson Senior Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. Meet, greet and eat prior to program at 2:00 p.m. by a World War II WASP. All retired school personnel are invited to attend. Contact Linda Henderson, (817) 996-5261.

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Meet the Candidates: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Crowley City Hall, 201 E. Main St., Crowley. Ask questions and get answers while you meet the candidates for City Council Places 1 and 4. Email: terri@ crowleyareachamber.org.

Roots & Branches Genealogy Club meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m., Burleson Senior Activity Center. Expert researcher Eric Jelle leads the discussion and there will be a Q&A, as well. Free. Call (817) 426-9550 for details.



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State of Education: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 590 McAlister Rd. This Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce Spring

# April 2018

Quarterly meeting features Brett Jimerson, BISD Superintendant, and Pamela Boehm, President of Hill College. (817) 295-6121.

#### 21

Be Healthy Burleson 5K/10K/Fun Walk: 7:00-11:00 a.m., 141 W. Renfro St. Hosted by City of Burleson, register at www.behealthyburleson.com.

#### 21, 22

Far Out Family Camp Out: 8:00 a.m., **Saturday**; 1:00 p.m., **Sunday**, Bailey Lake, 280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. Bring your family and friends to this camp out with Boy Scouts and Master Naturalists plus hot dogs with marshmallows. \$20 per family of five. (817) 426-9113.

#### 27

Relay for Life Festival: 6:00-11:59

p.m., North Texas Jellystone Park, 2301 S. Burleson Blvd. Mary Slaney, Community Partner, (682) 622-9326.

#### 28

Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast: 7:00-10:00 a.m., 209 N. Magnolia St., Crowley. For more information, contact Jim Hirth, (817) 297-1942.

Trash Off and Earth Day Celebration: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Warren Park, 301 S.W. Johnson Ave. Volunteers of all ages can make a difference and have a lot of fun doing it. After the cleanup of the city, enjoy pizza and family activities. Sign up by **Thursday, April 26**. Call (817) 426-9848.

National Drug Take Back Initiative: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Burleson Police Department, 1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. Over-the-counter, as well as, prescription drugs are accepted

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#### Ongoing:

#### Saturdays

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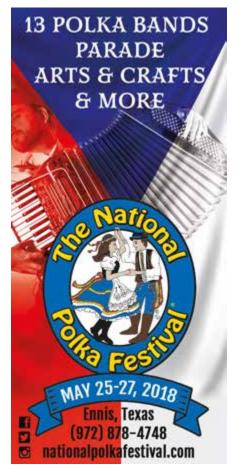


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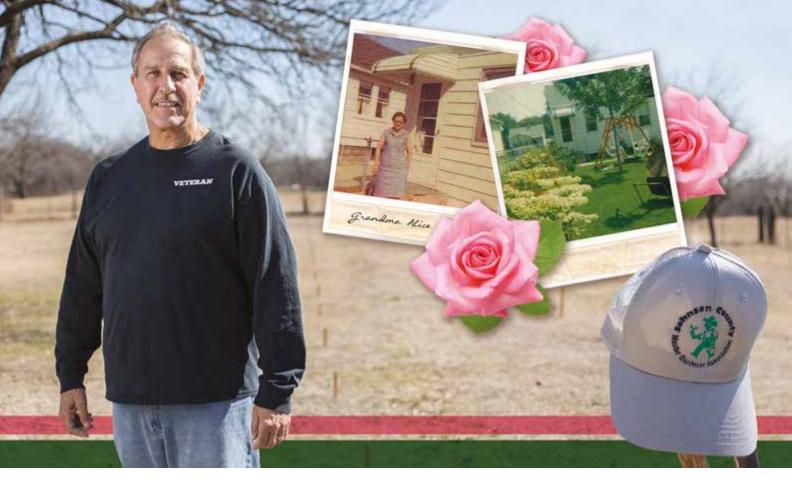
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# Planting Knowledge

- By Rick Mauch

Dave Walters remembers growing up in Michigan watching his grandmother work in her garden. As 2017 president of the Johnson County Master Gardeners, Dave is using that same passion to make the world a better place. "Because of my grandmother, I have always loved roses. I always wanted to have gardens at my home, but as a police officer, I was always working, so a garden was near impossible," Dave, now 66, said. "You could walk out her back door, look down the fence and one whole side was roses. She'd talk with me while working with the roses, snapping off the old buds and pruning. I have several gardens at home, and one is a rose garden. That's for my grandma."

Ironically, Dave's wife was a floral designer, for Flowers by Fran in Burleson, for many years, and she inspired him with her own knowledge of plants. When he retired after 30 years as a police officer/detective, 27 of those years in Fort Worth, he decided to follow the inspiration from his wife and grandmother. "I was tired of all the ugly things I dealt with and decided I wanted to work with the pretty things in life," he admitted. "I started looking at garden clubs, so I could learn.

I discovered Johnson County Master Gardeners by attending their plant sale in Cleburne." He started volunteering in 2013. In 2015, he became a master gardener.

Dave and the JCMG members are working with Johnson County Extension Agent Justin Hale and Texas A&M AgriLife conducting a viticulture trial, basically seeing what grapes grow best in the area and require the least maintenance. They recently began a five-year study of nine different varieties of grapes in Johnson County, being coordinated by Dave. The study is being conducted at Russell Farm Art Center, and the planned result is growing Earth-Kind grapes.

Once the trial is complete, the data will be submitted to Texas A&M University and compiled into information to distribute and educate the public. "The whole point is so you can go to your county extension agent, and he can tell you what is the best grape to grow," Dave said.

Dave and all the other Master Gardeners also spend time working with the public, speaking to groups and helping area schools design and plant gardens. They never charge for sharing their expertise. Dave is a former Marine sergeant. He and his wife of 45 years, Pamela, have lived in Burleson 32 years. He is also a Master Mason, an amateur radio operator, volunteers as a storm spotter and is a docent at Russell Farm. "We need to take care of ourselves and what's around us," Dave said. "But, we've got to be educated, and there are a lot of things to learn." **NOW** 

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