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EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy May Day, Everyone!

And a Happy Mother's Day to all my fellow mothers and grandmothers. It's our time to be honored. I've had an interesting time following one of my Facebook friends and fellow writer's journey as he's sought out his birth father and mother. When located, his birth parents were deceased, but he has found his full and half birth siblings and other family members with whom he's able to share stories and photos! The Internet has changed genealogy searches and added good ways to connect with others. He started with a search, asking for information about his birth mother who lived in an out-of-state town and found a welcoming new branch of his family tree. What a joyful journey!

My community's promoting a new project — adopt a police officer, and I received a 2-for-1 assignment. Every month I mail a note to my adopted officer and his partner, a police dog. This is all done anonymously. It's another way of saying, "Stay safe. Thank you, and we're thinking of you," to our community's different branches of officers.

At a recent meeting of the Navarro County Retired Teachers Association, the speaker, a military veteran, thanked members for their service to generations of Texas children. Educators are another profession that serve their communities.

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Gum disease is a general term used to describe all stages of infection in the gums and surrounding tissues that hold the teeth in place. Symptoms of Gingivitis, a mild form of gum disease, include tender, swollen, loose and bleeding gums. Gingivitis is completely reversible with proper professional treatment and home care routine. If left untreated, it can progress to a more serious stage of gum disease, called Periodontitis. Unlike milder forms of gum disease, Periodontitis causes irreversible

destruction to the actual jaw bone that surrounds the teeth and holds or supports them in place. Advanced stages of Periodontitis can lead to painful gums, chewing problems and tooth loss.

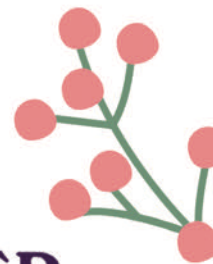
Gum disease may seem harmless at first but leaving it untreated can lead to a variety of dental problems and can impact your overall health. People with gum disease are twice as likely to suffer a heart attack and chronic Periodontitis can impact the severity of heart attacks. Those people with Diabetes are more likely to develop gum disease, which in turn can increase blood sugar and diabetic complications. It is important to understand the link between oral health and systemic health – having a healthy mouth is integral to your overall health.

Remember, swollen and bleeding gums are the first signs of infection. If you have bleeding gums, it is important to consult with a dental professional immediately. Our team will make sure to get you back on track to a healthy smile and a healthier you.

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Caring for *Nature*

— By Rick Mauch

Rena Sutphin grew up surrounded by nature and loving it. Now, she is working as a certified Master Naturalist to keep that same beauty in the world for other children and adults alike. “I grew up in a small town called Tillar in cotton and rice country in Southeast Arkansas. There were 232 people in the town. Because we lived in a small town, we were exposed to so much outdoors.”

Rena remembers spending entire days as a child in the outdoors with her friends. “We would saddle our horses at 7:00 in the morning, and we’d go out and ride all day,” she recalled.

It was this same love of nature that brought Rena and her husband to the Corsicana area two years ago. She retired from teaching after 37 years, and they made a beeline from Denton to Richland Chambers Reservoir. “When they six-

laned the road up from us, we said, ‘It’s time to go,’” she said with a chuckle. “We knew about this area from living in Midlothian years ago. Most people who aren’t from around here don’t even know Richland Chambers is here.”

Rena learned of Master Naturalists and how they help by preserving nature and making the world a better place. She knew right away it was a program she wanted to join. “I found it through a magazine ad that had a website on it,” she said. “That was four years ago. I was all set to take the training in Lewisville when we put our house on the market. It sold quickly, so we moved.”

She joined the Indian Trail Chapter of Ellis and Navarro Counties, based in Waxahachie, in 2016. She went through 40 hours of initial training, as does every Master Naturalist, and now takes eight hours of subsequent training that will teach her new things annually. The program also requires 40 hours of volunteer service projects each year.

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The first local chapter was established in San Antonio in 1997. Now there are 46 chapters throughout Texas in almost 200 counties. Statewide projects of Master Naturalists include small acreage landowner consultations, native plant seed collections and rescues, natural resource youth camps, habitat restoration, citizen science programs and more. “A Master Naturalist is concerned with all of nature,” Rena said. “We help build trails, do water studies, educate the public — so many things.”

Rena currently gets most of her volunteer hours through a program called L.A.N.D.S (Learning Across New Dimensions in Science), which is sponsored by Texas Wildlife Association. She works with school children, mostly in the Fort Worth area. “When I’m in Fort Worth with L.A.N.D.S, we work at Panther Island. Upper elementary and middle school children come there on field trips,” she said. “The Master Naturalists help man the stations for the students to study water. There are stations including testing the water quality using water chemistry and macroinvertebrate sampling. Also, stations include a rainfall simulator and a stream trailer from Tarrant Regional Water District that demonstrates erosion. L.A.N.D.S has lessons involving many aspects of

nature and conservation in several areas of the state, but I like this one best.”

She loves working with children because they hold the planet’s future, she said. “If our children aren’t taught about nature, they won’t know how to take care of it,” she said. “It’s that simple. A lot of these kids coming to the L.A.N.D.S program come from the city and have limited exposure to nature.

“I do what I do because it’s important that we take care of our resources,” Rena said. “And I learn something from my fellow naturalists every time I’m with them. There’s so much knowledge and training.”

According to Rena, volunteer opportunities for Indian Trail Master Naturalists include outreach, educational programs and restoration projects. Members volunteer at Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center in Cedar Hill, John Bunker Sands Wetland Center in Seagoville, Mockingbird Nature Park in Midlothian, Kachina Prairie in Ennis and many other places. “And there’s always room for more volunteers,” Rena said.

Rena likes to camp, but since her children are grown it doesn’t happen as often as before. “We do still go a couple of times a year,” she said. She used to hunt some, and she still likes to fish. And, she’s passing on her love of nature to her grandchildren. She has six in all from her two children. “When the family comes, it fills our house. They love to come to the lake,” she said.

Rena also works as a court appointed special advocate (CASA). Again, her love of children and their future is what drives her. “They’re children. They need us,” she said.

She also stays active physically by playing tennis two or three times a week. “If I want to stay busy as a Master Naturalist, I must stay healthy,” she said. “There is so much to be learned and shared, so I plan to stay busy.” **NOW**

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THE CASTLE BY THE LAKE

— By Virginia Riddle

On full moon nights, Ron and Bobbye Hathcock's stately castle walls are lit royally. Other nights, the walls are shrouded deeply in fog from Lake Richland Chambers. However, at all times, Bobbye, the queen of her medieval castle, feels at home. No, the British Monarchy's Royal Standard hasn't ever flown above this castle, but Ron and Bobbye's home would make Queen Elizabeth feel right at home. "I had my say about the home's design and decorating," Bobbye said.

From the massive, leaded glass front doors to secret passageways created for the couple's 11 grandchildren and three dogs, the architecture and furnishings are of medieval times. Landscaped by Ron, who also installed sidewalks and the lawn irrigation, the home was constructed over the course of 14 months by Dave Somogyi. "Dave's a super nice guy," Ron stated.

Ron's a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Bobbye, though born in Dallas, grew up in Seattle, Washington.





At Home With Ron and Bobbye Hathcock

She returned to Texas to go to school after graduation, eventually marrying and becoming the mother of five daughters. Meanwhile, Ron took another path, going into the U.S. Air Force to become an air traffic controller.

Eventually, the couple met in Corpus Christi, at the airport. Bobbye was a single mom working as an American Eagle flight attendant. Ron was the Air Traffic Manager assigned to that airport. "I had flown in and wanted to eat," Bobbye recalled. "Ron didn't take his lunch that day, so he went to the airport's cafeteria. He walked in, and I asked him how were the enchiladas."

"And the rest is history," Ron added. "I had been moved 11 times by the government by then." One

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more move led him to DFW Radar Approach Control. Ron retired five years ago as an operations manager, having also worked as a Reserve Deputy for Tarrant County Sheriff's Department. He's a licensed pilot and has flown for the Civil Air Patrol. Ron serves on the Property Owners' Association Board, loves boating and fishing and getting together with high school buddies annually in Branson, Missouri.

Bobbye's the social chair for the

neighborhood's POA, is co-chair of Lunch Runners (Corsicana Newcomers Club) and attends neighborhood crime watch meetings, along with Ron. Bobbye is known for her biscuits from scratch and her "Heart Attack Breakfast."

Together, they are TV and movie buffs and love spending time with the four daughters and their families who live in Dallas. "There's always the grandkids' school and sports events to attend," Bobbye explained. "We

love every minute of being there. I use my American Airline Flight benefits to fly to our fifth daughter's home outside of London, England, and to family in Seattle, Washington, for visits. Working for American gave me my family back."

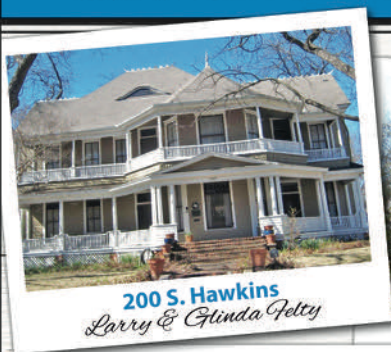
BubbaPa and Honey, as Ron and Bobbye are called by their grandchildren, built their castle to accommodate the entire family during holiday celebrations and for summer fun times. Bobbye enjoys decorating for Christmas, her favorite holiday. The couple has installed a slide from the deck, so the grandkids can enjoy jumping into the lake and



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swimming, as well as using the Ski-Doo. “We get the south winds, so the water is rarely smooth, but we get big fish,” Ron said.

There’s enough room for everyone to be seated at the custom-made formal dining room table lit with a beautiful chandelier and candelabras. A shield with swords is hung near the sideboard, which just fits into a butler’s pantry space. Bobbye’s grandmother’s mirror makes the open space, supported with its stucco and rock pillars, appear massive. “Castles are built with rock, stone, brick and hardwood, so that’s what we used throughout the house. It makes for easy care and cleaning,” Bobbye explained. Treasured photos of Bobbye and her daughters are hung with care. “Mothering was my passion,” she added.

A downstairs guest bedroom also serves as a safety room. A closet holding children’s toys winds under the circular stairway and has one of the secret passageways. “The toys can be pulled out quickly for play, and the kids love the hidden passageway,” Bobbye said. Artwork, along with a story about summers at his grandparents’ home, was created by grandson, Maddox, and is hung in the toy closet.

A library has books, travel magazines and is a favorite resting place. “Castles don’t have home offices. They have libraries,” Bobbye quipped.

The great room is properly named.

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It has a massive fireplace and a wall of windows overlooking the covered patio and lake. The open area is divided only by an oversized breakfast bar with chairs. "Grandchildren and old people don't need to sit on high bar stools," Bobbye explained. Cabinet drawers are oversized, and both the dishwasher and microwave are in pull-out drawers. The walk-in pantry is designed with a three-can depth for easy reach and accommodates the kids' goody jars. "We hear the sound of those jar lids all the time when they're here," Bobbye added.



The master bedroom, with its wall of windows, is host to a four-poster bed. A secret passageway is built into the cabinets so the dogs can pass through to the doggie door during the night without awakening anyone. A copper and nickel tub and walk-in shower with three choices of shower heads are fit for any royal. "We had built a home in Arlington and were trying to downsize here," Bobbye recalled. "We did come down 60 square feet!"

Up the staircase with its wall niches, visitors find bedrooms and baths for all to sleep in comfort. A toddler bed goes wherever needed and the "bunk room" has an assortment of queen, trundle and baby beds. A basketball net, Karaoke machine and travel posters complete the fun sleeping areas.

Ron and Bobbye enjoy life with friends and neighbors. "Corsicana feels like a small town, but it has theaters and good restaurants," Ron said. "With Dallas nearby, there's always plenty to do." **NOW**

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Flying the Perfect Skies

— By Rick Mauch

Achieving perfection over five decades — well, most folks would say that is impossible. However, three pilots in the Coyote Squadron unit of the Commemorative Air Force in Corsicana *have* proven that it *is* possible. Recently, retired Navy Lieutenant Gene Hathorn, retired Navy Commander Steve Richmond and retired Army Sergeant E-5 Bobby Grantham were honored by the Federal Aviation Administration with the Wright Brothers *Master Pilot Award*, the most prestigious award the FAA issues to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill and aviation expertise at least 50 years. The trio has maintained uninterrupted licenses and medicals with no flying incidents. It is a coveted award, and the FAA officials said there has never been three from the same squadron in the same year.

“It’s an honor to know I’ve flown that long without tearing

up something,” Bobby said with a laugh. “I’ve had a lot of fun doing it.”

Gene and Steve flew in the military, followed by careers as commercial airline pilots — Steve for 16 years with American Airlines and Gene for 35 years with Delta. Bobby started flying as a crop duster in high school and resumed flying after the military. They all fly the Squadron planes — the PT-19 “Pride of Corsicana,” the AT-19 and the T-34.

“Luck has a lot to do with it. So does staying in good health to keep flying,” Steve said. “I got some holes in my airplane, but I didn’t put them there.”

Bobby recalled his early days of flying, saying, “We didn’t have a GPS that would tell you you’re going to be there in 10 minutes.”

To which Steve added, “We had to fly by the water tower and see what it said on the side [to see what town they were over].”

Gene first flew in 1962, in the Navy. Growing up dreaming of being a pilot, even building himself a wooden plane in his backyard as a child, Steve had his first solo flight in 1966, also in the Navy. “The first airplane Steve and I flew is in the hangar over there, a T-34,” Gene said.

Each has had plenty of memorable experiences. "I enjoyed flying ag planes," Bobby said. "I'm talking about 20 feet above ground. You look for trees, power lines."

Steve said his most memorable flight was with his wife, Christa, who was a flight attendant. It was also his last flight for American. "When I set the brake on that last flight, my claim to fame was that the number of takeoffs equaled my number of successful landings," Steve said.

"I can only say unbelievable. It was so wonderful. I'm so proud of him," Christa said.

THE TRIO ALSO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE ANNUAL CORSICANA AIRSHO, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MAY 19.


Gene remembers flying into Guantanamo Bay. He recalls a special danger associated with the legendary base. "The runway is east and west of the shoreline, and you've got about 40 feet you don't want to fly over anytime. That was Castro's space," he said.

Gene also proposed to his wife, Dottie, on a flight back from Kerrville. They fly youngsters to the Texas Lions Camp held there every year. "Our first date was a ride in his plane, and we were married in the plane June 16, 2011, by Dr. Rick Lamb," Dottie recalled.

The trio also play a key role in the annual Corsicana AirSho, which will be held on May 19. The event features WWII airplanes, pyrotechnics, parachuters, aerobatics, precision flying teams and more. Military personnel attend the show for free.

The trio's honors make four pilots from the Squadron who have been honored thus far. In 2006, Dr. Dave Campbell was given the same honor by the FAA. It was just learned that a fifth member of the Coyote Squadron, Brad Tekell, will receive his Master Pilot award this month. "I've often wondered if there's any other squadron our size that has done this," Dave said. "That's pretty incredible." **NOW**

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CookingNOW In the Kitchen With MISTY VON KALOW

— By Virginia Riddle

Misty Von Kalow admits to always having a love of chocolate. About two years ago, she started making her own chocolate creations and became the chocolatier and owner of MVonka Chocolat. “I’m an artist, so presentation is important, as well as having fun with different flavors created by spices, fruits and herbs,” Misty explained.

Growing up in Dallas, Misty’s best friend’s mom, who was from Germany, introduced her to German chocolate. “Since elementary school, when she would bring chocolate to class, I’ve tried just about every type of chocolate,” Misty recalled. “My inspiration, in part, for making chocolate is that it’s scientifically proven chocolate, especially dark chocolate, benefits one’s health. Chocolate has a way of making people smile, making our lives a little sweeter.” **NOW**

Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Truffles

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
8 oz. Nestle’s milk chocolate chips
3 Tbsp. peanut butter
2 cups Chex cereal

1. In a saucepan, heat whipping cream, bringing it to a simmer.
2. Place chocolate chips in a bowl; pour heated whipping cream over chocolate chips.
3. Add peanut butter; stir mixture until it becomes smooth. Return mixture to saucepan; bring to a simmer. Remove from the heat immediately.
4. Cover plate with butter or waxed paper. Spread batter over plate; refrigerate for 2 hours.
5. Crush the Chex cereal; roll cooled mixture into balls. Dip each ball into crushed cereal.

Raspberry Rose Truffles

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

8 oz. Nestle’s dark chocolate baking chips
1 Tbsp. rose water
2 Tbsp. raspberry jam
Cocoa powder, as needed (optional)

1. In a saucepan, heat cream until it simmers.
2. Place chocolate baking chips in a bowl; pour hot whipping cream over chocolate. Add rose water and jam.
3. Stir mixture until it becomes smooth. Return mixture to saucepan and bring to a simmer; remove from heat immediately.
4. Spread batter on a buttered plate or pan; refrigerate for 2 hours.
5. Roll cooled batter into balls. Roll truffles in cocoa powder before serving.

Tempering Chocolate

Note: Follow the instructions carefully since tempering chocolate is complicated and may take practice to master. You will need a double boiler or a metal bowl and saucepan, instant-read thermometer and silicone spatula.

1. In a saucepan, add 1 inch of water; top with the bowl. Bowl must rest at least 1 inch above water.
2. Add 3 oz. of the chocolate listed in each following recipe into the bowl; reserve 1 oz. for later “seeding” use.
3. Bring the water to a simmer; don’t let it boil. Stir the chocolate continuously until it melts and is smooth.
4. Bring the chocolate to 118 F for dark chocolate or 112 F for milk chocolate.
5. Remove the bowl; wipe steam from the bowl’s bottom carefully; don’t let any water fall into the chocolate.
6. Add the unmelted, remaining 1 oz. of chocolate, into the heated chocolate. Stir until smooth and the chocolate reaches 88-90 F for dark chocolate and 86-88 F for milk chocolate. If the chocolate’s temperature drops too low, slowly reheat it using the bowl over the saucepan until the right temperature is gained.

White Chocolate Key Lime Truffles

12 oz. Nestle’s white chocolate (divided use)
1 7-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup key lime pie filling
1 lime (divided use)

1. In a medium-size saucepan, heat 8 oz. of the white chocolate and the sweetened condensed milk.

2. Add the key lime pie filling; squeeze half of lime's juice into batter.
3. Stir batter until smooth; remove from heat immediately upon achieving a simmer.
4. Spread batter onto a waxed paper-covered plate; refrigerate for 2 hours.
5. Temper the remaining white chocolate; roll cooled batter into balls. Dip each ball into the tempered white chocolate.
6. Squeeze remaining lime juice over finished truffles.

Dark Chocolate Apricot Truffles

12 oz. Nestle's dark chocolate chips (divided use)
 2/3 of 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
 Sea salt, to taste
 1 6-oz. pkg. dried apricots, chopped
 Cocoa powder or tempered dark chocolate for dipping

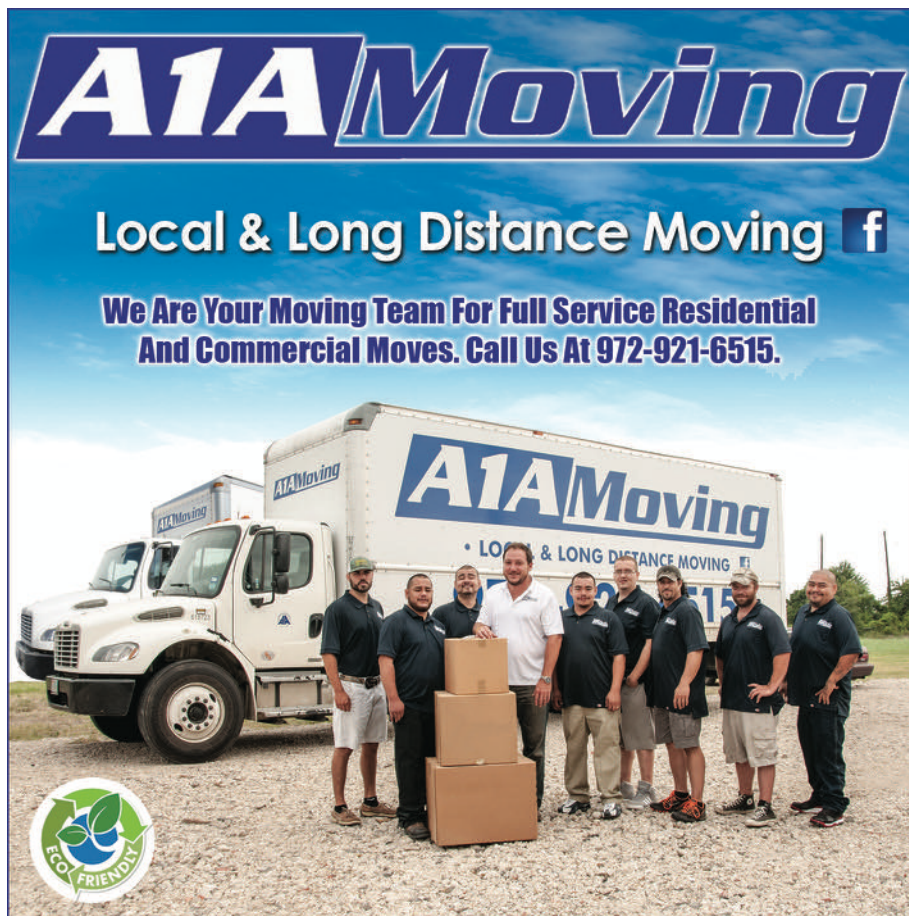
1. In a medium-size saucepan, heat 8 oz. of chocolate chips and the sweetened condensed milk.
2. Add a few sprinkles of sea salt and the apricots; stir until chocolate has melted. Remove from heat immediately. Mixture will be chunky.
3. Place batter on a waxed paper-covered plate; refrigerate for 2 hours.
4. Roll cooled batter into balls; dip each truffle in cocoa powder or the remaining 4-oz. of chocolate that has been tempered.

Vanilla Honey Milk Chocolate Truffles

12 oz. milk chocolate chips (divided use)
 2/3 of 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 Tbsp. honey

1. In a medium-size saucepan, heat 8 oz. of the chocolate chips and the sweetened condensed milk.
2. Add vanilla and honey; stir mixture until smooth. Remove from heat immediately.
3. Spread batter onto a waxed paper-covered plate; refrigerate for 2 hours.
4. Roll batter into balls; dip in the remaining 4 oz. of chocolate that has been tempered.

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— By Virginia Riddle

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Taking the “dents” out of “accidents” has been Jordan Paint & Body’s business for 35 years. “We have a total of over 200 years’ experience among our employees,” Owner David Perry said. “Family-owned and -operated, our main goal is to take care of our customers from start to finish. We like seeing their happy faces when their vehicle looks and runs like new again. We’ve been very fortunate in developing many return customers and friends over the years.”

For the last 18 years, Jordan Paint & Body has been a certified I-CAR Gold Class Collision Repair Business. Individual technicians are I-CAR Platinum certified. The business has the ASE Automotive Service Excellence Certification and is a PPG Collision Repair Center. Locally, Jordan Paint & Body has been voted the Best of the Best repeatedly in Corsicana. The business holds memberships in the Corsicana and Navarro County Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. “We present ourselves professionally and put our best work out there for customers,” David said.

His 11 employees start working with customers immediately by using their extensive knowledge of interacting with most insurance companies. A state-of-the-art Kansas Jack frame machine provides techs with a 3-D measuring system, and the shop’s PPG computerized mixing system insures a perfect match in color using PPG

Waterborne paint. “PPG stands behind their paint systems and provides a lifetime warranty,” David said. “With two estimators on staff, there’s always one available.”

Jordan Paint & Body assures customers and insurance companies that the company’s technicians keep up with the changing times in the business. “It’s a challenge today to keep up with the electronics and new technology that comes out with each year’s new models,” David said. “We must be able to repair everything. The increased use of aluminum in new vehicle models, such as the pick-up trucks, presents challenges. Additionally, as a business owner in this industry, I’m challenged in finding qualified, trained techs because the younger generations aren’t going into this field today.”

In spite of ever changing insurance guidelines, the company remains experienced in working with insurers to quickly facilitate repairs. Cash, major credit cards and checks are accepted as payment. “We seek ways to make the repair process painless,” Christi Barber, office manager, stated. “We try to relieve as much of each customer’s stress as possible. It’s a joy to fix a vehicle that’s put someone in distress, and they’re smiling again.”

Jordan Paint & Body and its employees also give back to the community. They are a buyer at the Navarro County Youth Expo, a Life Member of the Texas Lions Club Camp and donate to Relay for Life. “We donate to many of the area schools’ booster clubs and youth sports and support the Brittany Averitt Memorial Scholarship for students studying criminal justice at Sam Houston State University. We always give what we can,” Christi said.

Kevin, David’s son, is continuing the family tradition as an employee. “We have a great camaraderie in this shop. We’re like a family,” David said. “I owe our success to all my employees and our customers.” **NOW**

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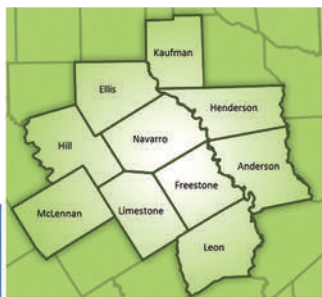
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TravelNOW Awakening in Charleston

— By Amanda Hollinger

A rich and colorful painting by acclaimed artist and South Carolina Lowcountry native Jonathan Green depicts a vibrant sunrise spreading across a tidal creek and marsh grass that is Charleston's iconic landscape. Entitled *Awakening in Charleston*, the painting captures more than the fiery beauty of sunrise. It also evokes the spirit of awakening Charleston experiences as it tells its story to the world — not just the postcard-ready version of cobblestone streets and historic plantations, but also the realities of enslaved people whose skills and labor built Charleston. Once a sleepy coastal port, today Charleston draws visitors to discover a vibrant, modern city examining its roots and teeming with high-tech job growth, a vibrant arts and culture scene and an award-winning culinary destination.

Charleston boasts more than its share of award-winning “get-your-reservation-in-advance” dining experiences but

also entices with off-the-radar offerings. Felix, a hip and modern French café at the north end of the King Street Historic District, tempts visitors with small, savory plates of lobster deviled eggs and crab croquettes with crispy okra. For a quieter, more sophisticated dining experience, reserve your spot at the James Beard award-winning restaurant, FIG. Chef Mike Lata's cuisine is a simple, yet innovative, approach to Lowcountry food, such as baked golden tilefish with spring shallots. For something casual, yet no less mouthwatering, venture to the diverse North Central neighborhood. Strap on your appetite for James Beard-nominated Chef Rodney Scott's legendary whole hog BBQ or sit outside at Leon's Oyster Shop and dine on charred oysters and spicy fried chicken.

After getting your fill, explore downtown Charleston by foot. Founded in 1670, Charleston offers unparalleled

opportunities to experience history. At the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, completed in 1771, walk the same floors where George Washington was received, and learn about the site's tragic role in the history of the slave trade.

While downtown, take a walk down historic Broad Street — slowly — so as not to miss the reasons why this street is ranked one of the nation's "Great Streets" by the American Planning Association. Bluestone sidewalks, gas streetlights and palmetto trees frame structures dating back to 1715. Near Broad Street, you will find The Gibbes Museum of Art, home to the foremost collection of American art that incorporates Charleston. The collection includes something for everyone, from 18th century portrait miniatures to modern sculptor Patrick Dougherty's twig and branch structure (a kid favorite).

Visitors are likely to encounter one of Charleston's many popular festivals, such as Charleston Wine + Food, Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, Charleston Fashion Week, Festival of Houses and Gardens or, if you're lucky enough to visit during the 18-day period beginning Memorial Day weekend, Spoleto Festival USA. Every year since 1977, the festival has transformed Charleston, filling its historic venues with opera, symphonic music, theater, dance, chamber music and jazz from across the globe.

No visit to downtown Charleston would be complete without a visit to the Battery, the southernmost tip of the historic district and the Charleston peninsula. This promenade provides sweeping views of Charleston Harbor, Fort Sumter, the convergence of the Ashley and Cooper Rivers and the Atlantic Ocean beyond. Awakening couldn't be more romantic. **NOW**

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Your Style, Your Palette

— By Zachary R. Urquhart

Home improvement can be an unavoidable hassle. When a garbage disposal goes out or you have a leaky faucet costing you money, you take action. Sometimes, though, home improvement can mean fixing up an old piece of furniture or giving a decorative coat of paint to your accent pieces. Here are some tips for sprucing up your house this summer.

Finding Your Canvas

• *Use your own furniture.* Fixing up your house does not have to mean buying all new things. Your old couch can get new padding or a new cover, either from a professional or as a do-it-yourself project. A worn tabletop might be sitting on a solid foundation or vice versa. You can incorporate some of the parts of an old piece to make something unique and new.

• *There are simple bathroom solutions.* Replacing faucets and towel hangers is a relatively inexpensive way to give your bathroom a facelift. And if your marble tub is starting to seem outdated, consider replacing only the sides with sleek wood painted to match your cabinets. It is an easy way to get a very different look without too much effort.

Looking Outside Your Home

• *Drive slowly and look both ways.* One of the best ways to find furniture ripe for redoing is just by driving through neighborhoods the day before trash collection. People often have old furniture they just need to get rid of, and they will stick it by the curb to be taken by their garbage service. If you want a piece for aesthetics alone, a cursory once-over can determine if someone else's trash really could be your treasure. If you are using something that needs to bear weight, like a dining table, check all joints and tighten all screws before you even load it in your car.

- *Be safe, not scared.* Getting things online might make you a little anxious, but it can be a great way to start a project. If a seller is too vague with details, or they will not send ample photos, beware. Try to have someone go with you for added safety and avoid making plans to pick something up at night in a remote location. When things are free or too cheap, it might be a sign that the item needs more work than you want to put into it.



Painting Like a Pro

- *Pick the right paint.* Once you have cut, remade and sanded the perfect piece, a good coat of paint is the perfect final touch. Based on what you are covering, you might need a nicer paint to ensure a good, smooth finish. The paint experts at your local store can be invaluable when selecting the right paint for your project.

- *Chalk it up.* If you want to give a piece the fresh but distressed look that is so popular right now, there are a few things to keep in mind. Chalk paint is versatile. You can thin it or thicken it to change the look a bit. Distress the wood after painting, but before waxing, which is a step you cannot skip. One benefit is that you cannot really mess it up, since nicks and scrapes are a part of this style.

Whatever you decide to tackle this summer, take your time and be creative. Remember, these projects should be a fun way to spruce up the most important space you have — your home. **NOW**

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Zoomed In:

Brooke and Janey McGraw

By Virginia Riddle

Following many cold, early morning feedings of their show animals, these twin sisters, Brooke and Janey McGraw, Blooming Grove FFA members, competed in the 2018 Navarro Youth Expo. "It was my first year to show a steer and second time to show lambs," Brooke said.

Janey showed a steer and a goat. Fifth-graders at Blooming Grove Elementary, these 11-year-old, self-described cowgirls, were inspired by their cousins' previous competitions. "We ride horses and work cattle with our dad," Janey explained. Kasey and Wendy McGraw are the girls' parents.

"We've learned responsibility and that even when a steer gets angry, we don't give up," Brooke offered. Their future includes more shows and eventually attending Texas A&M University.



Student and employee Tanner Bedard organizes spiritwear at the Navarro College Bookstore.



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Storyteller Gwen Caldwell: 1:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. Gwen is a member of the North Forty Storytellers. She connects with listeners of all ages. For more details, call (903) 654-4810.

Kinsloe House's Derby Day on Historic Mills Place: 2:00-6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call (903) 874-5791.

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Scarborough Renaissance Festival: 2511 FM 66, Exit 399A and I-35E. Festival is set back in the time of King Henry VIII with arts, crafts, vendors, food and entertainment. For more details, call (972) 938-3247 or visit www.srfestival.com.



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Senior Circle Lunch and Learn: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Navarro Regional Hospital dining room. Contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6892.

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A Salute to Loretta Lynn & Tribute to Conway Twitty: 7:00 p.m., The Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$15-\$35. Call (903) 874-7792.

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Navarro County Retired Teachers Association meeting: 11:30 a.m., Northwest Apartments Community Center. A catered lunch will be served and incoming officers will be installed. To make confirmed reservations, contact Kathy Huffman at (903) 654-2849.

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Angels of Corsicana Troop Support Packing Day: 9:00 a.m., 1020 N. Bus. 45. Contact Jean O'Connor at (903) 851-2560 or visit the group's Facebook page.

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Eclectic Readers Book Club: 6:30 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. Call (903) 654-4810.

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Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon: Noon-1:00 p.m., Corsicana Country Club. Call (903) 874-4731.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1009 meeting: 7:00 p.m., LaPradera Restaurant. Email Roy Messick at roy.messick@gmail.com.

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Senior Circle Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m., China One. Contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6892 or email connie_beal@chs.net.

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Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic Tournament: 1:00 p.m., Corsicana Country Club. Call (903) 874-4731.

Rich Little Live!: 7:00 p.m., The

Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$40-\$50. Call (903) 874-7792.

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20th Annual Corsicana Airshow: 8:30 a.m., gates open; noon, show begins. Corsicana Municipal Airport. \$10 per person or \$20 per car. Veterans and military personnel and their families are free. Visit www.coyotesquadron.org.



The Lion King Jr.: 7:00 p.m., Dawson Auditorium, Navarro College. This musical is presented by James L. Collins Catholic School students. Tickets are \$10 when purchased from a JLCCS student or \$15 at the door. Call (903) 872-1751.

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Corsicana Odyssey: 4:30-7:30 p.m., downtown on Beaton Street. This guided walking tour is presented by the Navarro County Genealogical Society and the Liz Gillispie Genealogy Department, Corsicana Public Library. Call (903) 654-4808.

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Corsicana Newcomers' Club: 11:00 a.m., Kinsloe House. A spring style show will be presented by Uniquely Yours and Pink Peony. Lunch,

including beverages and dessert, will be served for \$15. Contact Annie Avery at (714) 345-6707.

June

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Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-in: 8:00-11:30 a.m., Mid-Way Regional Airport. The event will include classic airplanes and fighters, helicopter rides, CAF vintage airplane rides, Midlothian Classic Wheels, Gold Wing Road Riders, RC model airplanes, live music and children's activities. Breakfast tickets are \$6 for adults and children over the age of 8. Children under 8 are \$3. Parking is free. Call (972) 923-0080.

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Experience + Education = Success

— By Virginia Riddle

Daniel Hux hasn't traveled far from his roots at Cedar Creek Lake, but he has traveled far in his professional life since *CorsicanaNOW Magazine* featured him in its June 2013 issue. "I live 6.5 miles from Navarro County across the Trinity River, but I'm the president of Waterloo Mortgage LLC located in downtown Dallas," Daniel said. "I started the business in early 2017, and it's continuing to grow."

An Eagle Scout, Daniel began his higher education at Navarro College where he worked as a math tutor and residential advisor. He was honored in 2013 with a U.S. Congress Gold Congressional Award. Baylor University was his next stop, where Daniel earned his degree in economics. He began his mortgage lending career with Quicken Loans, earning production awards, prior to founding his company. "I have always been a natural with numbers, and I enjoy helping people realize the American dream of homeownership," Daniel explained.

While at Navarro College, Daniel was honored as a

homecoming prince, named Mr. Navarro College and earned some RA awards. "By volunteering to help Carole Davenport with special events at the Cook Education Center, I was able to meet and help local people with their needs. Then I would see them when I attended Corsicana's First Baptist Church," Daniel recalled. "Corsicana people really care about their town."

While in college, he traveled to a Phi Theta Kappa national convention in Orlando, Florida. "We wanted to improve the honor society," Daniel said. "I always enjoyed working with Courtney Vandiver and Margaret Alfaro in the student recruiting department, helping prospective students understand that Navarro College offers an amazing value for higher education. Students can earn an associate degree and have two years to think about what they want to do in life. They have a chance to see if a college education is right for them. Navarro College also has training in the trades."

Daniel is close to his family that still lives in the area and enjoys stopping by the college when he's in Corsicana. "I visit with professors, friends and mentors, and will still continue to volunteer at the Cook Center when they need help with an event," he said.

His advice to current and future Navarro College students is, "Know the difference between your wants and needs. I've found in my mortgage business, people have an endless number of wants and a finite amount of resources to obtain those wants." **NOW**



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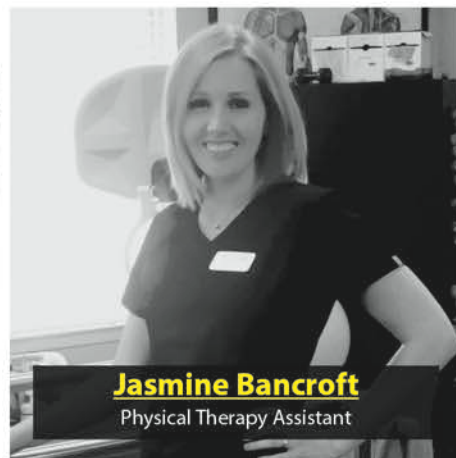
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