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Keeping the right perspective ...

Perspective, when defined by Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, simply means "a mental view or prospect." When my husband noticed a long crack in my front windshield that could only be repaired with a full replacement, my perspective at the time could only visualize the price tag for such a repair. I got upset and began to feel sorry for myself. Why do bad things happen to good people? I consider myself to be a good person, and this is a bad thing when it comes to the lack of extra funds I have for such an expenditure.

After allowing me the necessary time for a pity party (about five minutes), my husband voiced his perspective on the broken glass. He said I was blessed to have found the crack while the car was parked in the garage, and not have it shatter while driving down the highway at 70 mph. He went on to say how blessed I was to have a car to drive, even if it had a cracked window glass, and how blessed I was to have a job that allowed me to pay for the replacement. It's funny how quickly my perspective changed after hearing his. The crack isn't the end of the world, it's just a thing — a thing I can deal with when I have the right perspective.

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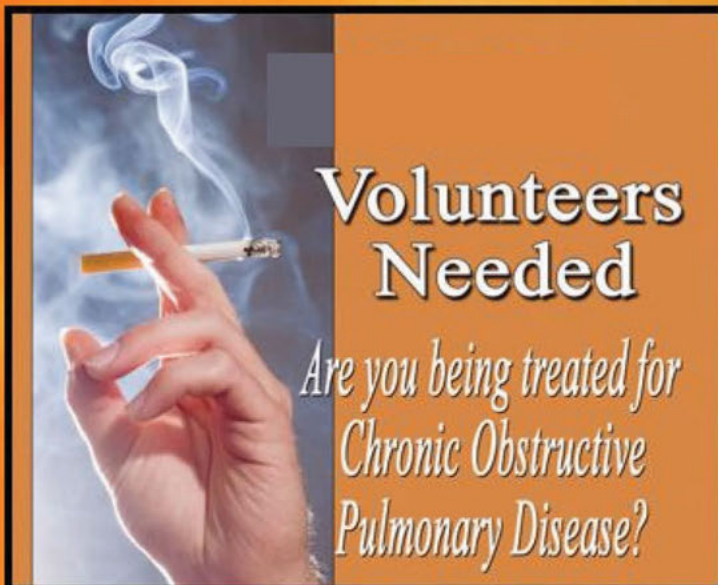
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Gone Fishin'

— By Derek Jones

There's a popular sign many fishermen display in homes, on doors or on vehicles which simply pronounces, Gone Fishin'. If one is in Ennis looking for a man named John Bess, chances are he truly has gone fishin'. John summed up his love for fishing perfectly. "The local fishing around Ennis is good, and I am out doing battle with the fish every chance I get."


John has been passionate about fishing ever since he was a little boy. "My dad took me fishing some, at first, and I really enjoyed it," John related. "After that, however, I was truly hooked and searched for any pond, puddle or ditch I could fish."

With a newfound passion in his heart, John lived and breathed fishing and took any opportunity to hone his skill. "We would fish every Sunday out at a marina and fish around the docks and piers," John shared. "It was a great way for me to grow up." Since those early years, John has never faltered from his desire to catch the biggest fish.

Sometimes, John admits, passions can get the best of people if they are not careful. He recalled, "When I was younger,



fishing was a war, and I wanted to win.” In Texas, there are many bass fishing tournaments, which take place on lakes, and this is where John liked to fight his battles. “I just wanted to win the



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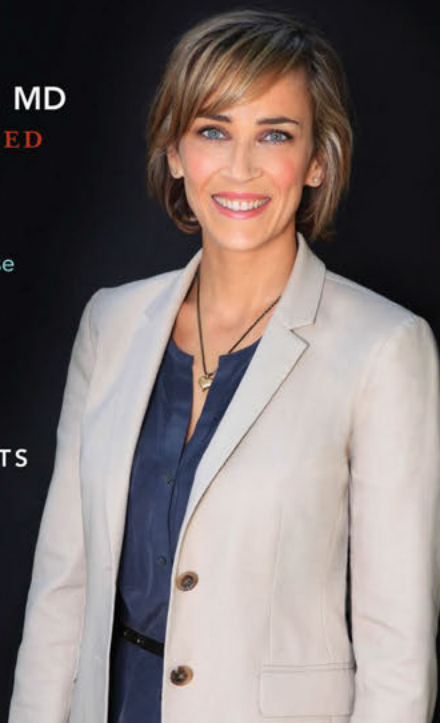
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tournament,” he recalled. “Fishing became more of a competition between me and other fishermen.”

Using his 23 years of experience in the manufacturing industry, John and his friends even began molding their own lures and bait. He laughed at the memory and confessed, “Yeah, we maybe went a little overboard.”



Tournament fishing, however, would not remain the focal point of John’s fishing. A few memorable fishing trips to Florida changed his outlook. “I learned a new process for catching large fish while in Florida, which involved using live bait rather than the traditional lures I was used to fishing with,” John explained. “I brought this new way of fishing with me to Ennis and discovered I was catching larger bass than ever before.”

This style also changed John’s view of the sport, and he found new meaning in the endeavor. “I forgot about tournaments and fishing



against others and just began to focus on the thrill of going after that one big fish.” Today, John finds peace and solitude in his fishing, and one of his favorite times to go to the lake is at night when he can fish under the stars.

John has been fishing in Ennis for more than 22 years and has, indeed, snagged some large fish. The biggest to date is a 14-pound black bass right out of the waters at J.C. Park in Ennis. He caught an 11-pound bass in Lake Clark, also in Ennis. “There is nothing like the rush you get when you feel the strike of



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a large fish on the other end of the line," John grinned. "You know what? That rush of adrenaline never goes away no matter how long you have been fishing."

Nothing can hide John's enthusiasm as he recalled reeling in the big ones. There is one thing on his mind when he heads out to the lake. "The biggest fish in the lake is the one I'm after," he shared.

No fisherman's story would be complete without a fish tale, and John is in large supply of those. According to him, one of the best times to catch fish is when bad weather rolls in, like the time he and some friends decided to take a boat out on Lake Bardwell to put out jug lines. "It was like a tsunami was rolling in and huge swells were rocking our boat. Well, a motorist on the bridge thought we were in trouble and called 911,

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With his many years of experience, John offered this advice: "You don't need to have a boat, fancy docks or expensive equipment to experience the simple pleasure of going fishing. I caught my biggest fish in the smallest lake, just standing on the shore."

John has no intention of slowing down any time soon and admits he is driven by the thought of that next great catch. "That's the exciting thing about fishing, you just never know what is there lurking below the surface of the water waiting to strike." **NOW**

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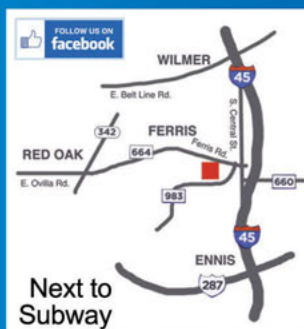


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Jake, an Ennis native, agreed. "We like this small town, especially with its small schools." Jake and Cali, a native of Pampa, Texas, met in 2006, while both



— By Virginia Riddle

STOP ALI WILLINGHAM

were undergraduate students at Texas Tech University and were playing intramural flag football. Cali graduated from Tech with both her bachelor's and master's degrees. After completing his bachelor's degree at Tech, Jake earned his master's degree at West Texas A&M University while gaining coaching experience. "We lived in Canyon, Texas, for a year, while Jake went to school there," Cali recalled.

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and Ennis — as Jake used that coaching experience professionally. By coming to Ennis ISD, Jake could coach with his father. “Some of our best memories have been made here,” Jake said. “I coached with my dad, bought this house, Witten was born, and we joined our church.”

Jake trained the Ennis Lions quarterbacks during the 2017 football season, but he’s left coaching for a



position at Ennis High School as the AVID teacher. Additionally, he’s a licensed real estate salesperson with Keller Williams Ennis Real Estate Company. Cali’s a speech pathologist for Red Oak ISD. “We’ve made these moves for Jake’s jobs, but we’re planning on Ennis being our last stop,” Cali stated.

Their home was built in 2013, but it didn’t become theirs until 2016. “Since then, we’ve been getting settled, but we do plan on putting in different flooring soon,” Cali said. Jake’s family, including extended family members, all live in the Ennis area and are frequent visitors, while Cali’s family is located from Austin to



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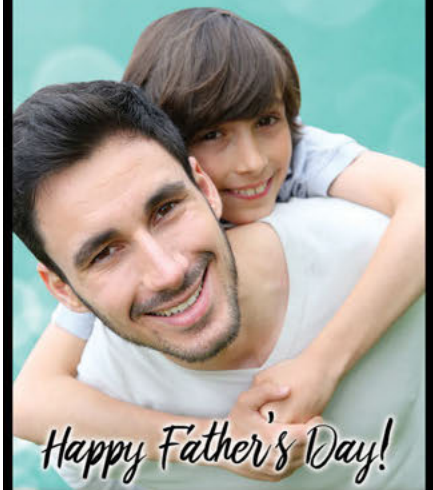
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Lubbock and on to Pampa, so Ennis is located almost centrally for them.

Jake and Cali's hobbies are like those of most young working parents. Cali used to enjoy reading, and Jake still loves watching high school and college football games. "Doing things with our kids is really our hobby now," Jake admitted. "We enjoy attending Tabernacle Baptist Church, especially the Life Group."

"Our funniest times and best memories made in this home have been found in what all the kids say and do," Cali added.

And the kids have plenty to do in this kid-friendly home. Upon entering, folks are greeted by Wimberli, who shares a colorful play area with her brother in the formal dining room. "We'll eventually make this into an office area," Cali said.

The entry hall opens into the living room/kitchen and informal dining room. A kitchen island is a handy workspace, as well as a breakfast bar. Windows open to the large backyard with the kids' playscape, trampoline, table and chairs and nooks in which they can play. The living room's focal point is a beautiful fireplace around which the family gathers. Wrigli, the family's dog, guards the household from his high sofa perch.

The master bedroom has windows that open to the backyard. The master suite is isolated from the children's wing of bedrooms. That wing's hallway serves as the family's organizer with its large chalkboard calendar that has a space for each day of the week and hooks on which to hang all needed supplies for the day. "This is our 'to go' and 'to do' space," Cali explained.

Witten's room is reflective of his namesake, Dallas Cowboys' tight end, Jason Witten. Large wooden WLW initials hang over his crib and a Jason Witten poster decorates one wall. An EHS Lions football helmet decorates a chest-of-drawers over which hangs a black-and-white photo of a football



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team of long ago. “Jake found that photo, and I had it framed for Whitten’s room,” Cali said.

At the end of the children’s hallway, Wimberli’s room is marked with a Minnie Mouse Clubhouse sign on the door. Cali bought most of the distressed furnishings online, except



for Wimberli’s bed, which was Jake’s grandmother’s bed. A magazine-styled bookshelf allows Wimberli to easily see titles to her book collection and brightens the cream and white room with the usual primary colors associated with children’s literary selections. A toy chest and chest-of-drawers completes the room. Framed in pink and white are photos of newborn Wimberli with Jake. Double closet doors open into a full walk-in closet that extends deep under the staircase to give Wimberli another play area.

After removing the staircase childproof gate, overnight guests can climb to a second story guest retreat complete with a half bath. The room is done in soothing blues and greens and has one wall of windows that look outward onto the neighborhood — a neighborhood that Jake and Cali love in a town that fits just right into this family’s future. **NOW**

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Service Above Self

— By Virginia Riddle

Setting out flags to fly proudly on the Fourth of July, delivering food and conversation to area shut-ins and giving kids a hand — these are a few ways members of Rotary Club of Ennis add to the quality of life for their neighbors. “Rotary’s purpose resonates with me,” Marcie Schanfish, president, said. “Rotary’s support gives hope to our community. Rotary’s work directly and indirectly contributes to Ennis’ overall progress.”

Rotary International, of which the Ennis club is one of more than 30,000 clubs, was founded in 1905 by a Chicago attorney, Paul Harris. Truly international, Rotary International’s 1.2 million members reside on six continents. The organization is one of the largest non-religious service organizations in the world and has virtually eliminated polio through its vaccination program.

The local club was founded by a group of business leaders in 1972 and averages 25-29 members each year. The club meets for a noon luncheon each Tuesday at First Methodist Church

of Ennis. Helping Marcie are fellow officers and chairpersons: Misty Culpepper, treasurer and immediate past president; Danna Polk-Brim, secretary; Jennifer Wartsbaugh, public relations chairperson, (with significant contribution from Greg Brown); Steve Huff, youth services chairperson; Brad Zhanel, service chairperson; and Carey Bryan, international service chairperson. Marcie added, “Jimmy Boon is the backbone of our Flag Program, which has grown to almost 1,000 American flags that are displayed every patriotic holiday. Seeing all those flags makes my heart swell with pride. Jimmy and the members of the flag program are critical to the life of our club, since the program raises significant funds for our community projects.”

Together with another fundraiser, the Polka Run held separately, but in conjunction with Ennis’ Annual Polka Festival, club members raised enough monies to donate \$50,000 in 2017 to area charities and other projects. “We sent four local students to Camp RYLA and gave five scholarships,” Marcie recalled. “We put benches in the park. We work hard to strategically and wisely donate where we can make the most impact for the good.”

Other past recipients of volunteer hours and/or funds include

the Ennis ISD Education Foundation, Greater Ennis United Way, Helping Hands of Ennis, Give a Kid a Chance, Golden Circle, the Boys and Girls Club and Boon Cancer Golf Tournament. "We help area churches, pick up trash at the Minnie McDowal Park, ring Salvation Army bells and help with downtown city events," Marcie explained.

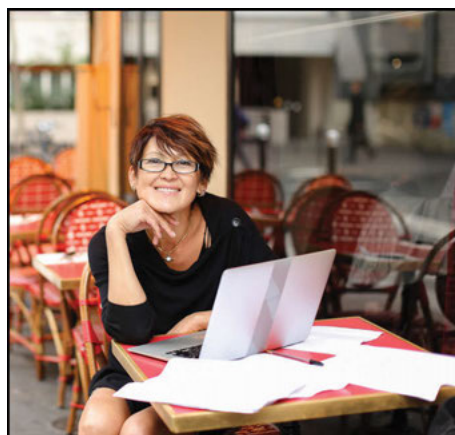
Since Hurricane Harvey struck Rockport, Texas, Ennis Rotarians have been strategizing with Rockport Rotarians to help people get back on their feet. "We are an international organization, so we are also helping bring fresh water to folks in Mexico, and paying a young, African lady's school tuition," Marcie said.

Prospective members should visit a Rotary meeting, work or live within Ennis, apply for membership and, upon receiving board approval, will be inducted. A Rotary member since 2013, Marcie said, "I get to interact in Rotary with the best and brightest business minds of this community. Lunch meetings are amazing exchanges of experience and knowledge. Every Rotarian has chosen to help others in need. Each is busy, but following the Rotary International motto, *Service Above Self*, our members put this community ahead of themselves."

A local attorney and partner of Massengill Schanfish, PLLC, Marcie's also raising five children in a blended family with her husband, Greg. Kids' sports and other activities, Rotary and church activities keep her busy. A native of Lockhart, Texas, Marcie credits her mother with instilling a need in her to "leave a place better than I found it." Marcie is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and Texas Tech University Law School.

"Raising funds for Rotary is less difficult because this is a very giving community," Marcie stated. "We celebrate Ennis' successes and our great community spirit. We are honored to serve and promote our city." **NOW**

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In the Kitchen With

SUSAN JONES

— By Lindsay L. Allen



It's a family thing for Susan Jones, who has memories of being in the kitchen with her late grandmother and mother and is now making memories with her 4- and 5-year-old daughters. Her husband also enjoys grilling for the family, especially in the summer when the girls can be poolside.

"I have lived here my whole life, and so have so many generations of my family. Oftentimes, community members will ask me for a recipe they remember from my mom or grandmother that they may have had years ago. I find it sweet that people remember things they have made and then ask for the recipes later," she said. "One of my most treasured gifts is my grandmother's recipe box." **NOW**

Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 2 bone-in chicken breast halves**
(can also use canned chicken)
- 1 tsp. olive oil**
- 2 stalks celery**
- 1 8-oz. pkg. Philadelphia cream cheese**
- 3/4 cup blue cheese dressing** (If you do not like blue cheese, double the ranch.)
- 3/4 cup ranch dressing**
- 1/3 cup hot pepper sauce**
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded**

1. Place chicken breasts in a large saucepan, cover with water; boil until cooked through, about 20 minutes. Remove from water; cool. Pull meat from bones and skin; shred meat and reserve.

2. Preheat oven to 350 F. Heat olive oil in large skillet. Stir in celery, cook until soft. Mix in the cream cheese, blue cheese dressing and ranch dressing. Cook and stir until smooth and creamy. Stir in the shredded chicken and hot sauce. Spoon mixture into

an 8x8-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with the shredded cheese.

3. Bake in preheated oven until golden and bubbly, about 30 minutes. Serve with chips, celery, carrots, etc. for dipping.

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

- 2 cups pretzels, crushed**
- 3/4 cup butter, melted**
- 3 Tbsp. white sugar**
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened**
- 1 cup white sugar**
- 1 8-oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed**
- 2 3-oz. pkgs. strawberry flavored Jell-O**
- 2 cups boiling water**
- 2 10-oz. pkgs. frozen strawberries**

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.

2. Stir together crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 Tbsp. of sugar; mix well. Press mixture into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish.

3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until set. Set aside to cool.

4. In a large mixing bowl, cream together cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Fold in whipped topping; spread mixture onto cooled crust.

5. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in still frozen strawberries; allow to set briefly. When mixture is about the consistency of egg whites, pour and spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set.

Cheddar Bay Biscuits

- 4 cups baking mix**
- 3 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded**
- 1 1/3 cups water**
- 1/2 cup melted butter**
- 1 tsp. garlic powder**
- 1/4 tsp. salt**
- 1/8 tsp. onion powder**
- 1/8 tsp. dried parsley**

1. Preheat oven to 375 F; line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a mixing bowl, combine the baking mix, cheese and water. Mix until dough is firm. Using a small scoop, place dough on the prepared pan.

3. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown.

4. Combine the melted butter, garlic powder, salt, onion powder and parsley. Brush over baked biscuits immediately upon removing from oven.

Creamy Chicken Marsala

- 4-5 garlic roasted garlic cloves
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into cubes
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 cup cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 1 10.75-oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup Marsala wine

1. Preheat oven to 400 F
2. Cover garlic cloves in olive oil; wrap in a foil packet.
3. Let the garlic bake until tender; cool until it can be peeled.
4. Heat more olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat.
5. Season the chicken with salt and pepper; add the cooled garlic cloves in the skillet. You can chop the garlic, if needed. Cook in hot oil until browned, usually 3 to 5 minutes.
6. Add onions and mushrooms to the chicken; continue cooking until the onion is translucent, usually 5 to 7 minutes.
7. Pour the soup and wine over the chicken mixture; cook until hot and the chicken is no longer pink in the middle, usually 3 to 5 minutes.
8. Serve over pasta or rice of choice.

Pineapple Casserole

- 2 20-oz. cans pineapple chunks, juice reserved
- 1 cup white sugar
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 lb. butter, melted
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 25 buttery round Ritz crackers, crumbled

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter or grease a 2-quart casserole dish.
2. In a mixing bowl, blend together 4 Tbsp. reserved pineapple juice, sugar, flour and butter.
3. Add pineapple and cheese; mix well. Pour into casserole dish. Bake for 20 minutes.
4. Reduce oven temperature to 300 F; sprinkle top with cracker crumbs; bake for 20 more minutes.

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Founded in 2005 by Michele, Training Academy 4U allows students from Ellis, Navarro and Kaufman counties to join students

who travel from the Metroplex pursuing careers in massage therapy and phlebotomy or as dental and medical assistants, medical secretaries or pharmacy techs. “We’re not restricted geographically,” Michele explained. “We’ve had a student from Arkansas attend, but most of our students are from the area. We have a 99-percent dental assistant certification pass rate and a 98-percent medical assistant certification pass rate that are evidence of the instruction the students receive here.” Four faculty members join Michele as instructors, and Lupe Beauchamp, who is bilingual English/Spanish, is the friendly receptionist/registrar/secretary.

Not only is the school providing the public with professionally trained, qualified health care providers, but it’s also changing its students’ lives. “Our greatest blessing as instructors is watching people change the course of their lives through education and training,” Michele stated.

Lupe agreed. “We’ve got an open-door policy. Many of our students are diamonds in the rough. It’s great to see them grow and gain confidence.”

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Payments for the classes can come through military veterans/GI Bill funds, grants, student loan programs, scholarships, payment plans or through most major credit cards, cash or by check. "We try to make it a smooth process for students," Michele said.

The school is regulated by the Texas Workforce Commission, Career Schools and Colleges; the Texas Department of State Health Services; the Texas Department of Rehabilitative Services; the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; and the Veterans Administration Department of Rehabilitation Services. "We just received accreditation to host international students," Michele revealed. The school holds memberships in the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals, the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention; the American and Texas Dental Assistants associations; the Dallas County Dental Assistants' Society; and the American Massage Therapy Association.

Students and staff volunteer at the Ferris Junior High School's Dental Day, with Kaufman Coalition of Health Resources, Ferris' Annual Back-to-School program, Ennis' Health Care, Ellis County's College Career and other area health fairs. Training Academy 4U has also partnered with Sandra Neal of New Century Hospice in a new scrub program. "We've got free new and used scrubs that are available to *anyone* in need," Michele offered. "Anyone can get scrubs."

Born in nearby Bristol and a Palmer High School graduate, Michele has 34 years of experience in the dental field. She attended Texas Woman's University and learned massage therapy at her own school. "I was a 15-year-old when I started working in this very building as a dental assistant," Michele recalled. "There was an upstairs dental office. I opened this school because of the shortage of dental assistants, and over the years, we've expanded the programs to include more health care careers. I want my students to be the best health care professionals possible." **NOW**

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RV There Yet?

— By Zachary R. Urquhart

You may be thinking about getting a new ride before your family heads on its ultimate adventure. Whether you just need a vehicle to get to your destination, or you are thinking of having the RV experience this year, here are some tips to keep in mind before you head to the dealership.

The Best Type for You

- *Compact vs. Roomy* — If you are just looking at getting a simple sedan, the main decision is two-door or four-door. If you have kids, a compact car with limited legroom in the back may not be the best choice. But, if you just need something to get to work and back, a compact car is often cheaper and offers better fuel efficiency.

- *Minivan vs. SUV* — If you have a big family or tend to drive a lot of people around town, you probably need

something that seats seven or eight people. While minivans are sometimes thought of as uncool, their sliding doors and lower access make them more convenient than bulkier sports-utility vehicles. If you need the space but not necessarily the seating, an SUV or even a pickup truck may be the ideal choice for you.



If the Car is More Than a Car

While alternative accommodation options like Airbnb have given travelers more choices than ever, many people still love the freedom of having a vehicle that doubles as lodging. If you are looking for the perfect RV, here are the questions you should ask:

• *Pull vs. Drive* — While there are many specific choices, the first decision to make is whether you want something that attaches to a vehicle, or if you want to buy a larger unit that is a vehicle in and of itself. Motor homes vary in size, but they are self-contained houses that sleep any number of people, while fifth wheels and bumper pulls attach to trucks, and even small cars, in some cases, and tend to be less expensive on average.



• *Fifth Wheel vs. Bumper Tow* — Fifth wheel RVs are a specific type of trailer that use a sophisticated system to hitch to the entire bed of a pickup truck. Because of their attachment method, they tend to be bigger than other towable RVs. But there are varied sizes available for those who want to tow from a bumper hitch. Some of the smallest pop-up campers can actually trail a sedan, though most RVs will still require a decent-sized truck for the towing power they afford.

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While there are no special license requirements for operating an RV, you will want to practice driving such a large vehicle before heading out on the open road for the first time. If you opted against a motor home, be sure you have all the necessary hitches, light hookups and the registration needed to tow from your vehicle. This summer could be the perfect time to take your family on the road trip of a lifetime, so be prepared and get the perfect vehicle to meet your family's needs. **NOW**



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Zoomed In: Carolyn Greer

By Sandra Strong

Looking at the smile on her face is proof that Carolyn Greer loves caring for children. She opened her home 40 years ago to supplement the family's income and give her more time with her husband, Don, and their three children. "Don, also known as Pop to the kids, and I tried to count all the children we've watched over the years," she shared. "It's well over 550!"

Carolyn admits that it's noisy most days, but that's OK with her. "Learning for little ones *is* noisy, but it's also fun," she explained. "I allow them to solve problems on their own, unless a referee is needed." Working it out allows them to grow social skills that include interactive play, problem solving and sharing with one another.



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Bang at the Lake Car Audio Show: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Bluebonnet Park, US 287 Bypass.

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Twilight Cub Scout Camp: 6:00-9:00 p.m., Ellis County Expo Center, Waxahachie. \$79 for early signup, \$89 for late signup. For more information, contact Neil Sims at (817) 271-2054.

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Survivor Trail, Surviving Cancer Together: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ellis County. Call (972) 935-9801 for topic titles, more information and directions to the church.

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Blues on Main: 3:00-10:00 p.m.,

downtown Ennis. Live music, car show, domino tournament and more. Visit www.visitennis.org for more details.

Book Signing for *Operation Caregivers/ Life with Dementia* by Alex Allred: 10:00 a.m., Isle of Watercrest Memory Care and Assisted Living. A representative from the Alzheimer's Organization will be on hand to answer questions.

14 — 17

A Wrinkle in Time: Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. For curtain times and to make reservations, visit www.EnnisPublicTheatre.com.

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The Stinky Cheese Man: Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. For curtain times and to make reservations, visit www.EnnisPublicTheatre.com.

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Ennis Freedom Fest: downtown Ennis. Event will feature the Red, White & Blue Parade and a large-scale firework show that evening at the Texas Motorplex.



July:

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The Stinky Cheese Man: Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. For curtain times and to make reservations, visit www.EnnisPublicTheatre.com.

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Survivor Trail, Surviving Cancer Together: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Cowboy Church of Ellis County. There are new topics presented at each of the meetings. Call (972) 935-9801 for topic titles, more information and directions to the church.



Ongoing:

Mondays

Sign Language Class: 4:00-5:30 p.m., Ennis Public Library, 501 W. Ennis Ave. Classes are free and available for all ages. No sign up required.

Third Mondays

Ellis County Veterans Networking Group: 6:00 p.m., Ryan's Buffet, Waxahachie. For more information, call Mike Lamb at (214) 763-0378 or visit vetsnetgrp@att.net.

Fourth Mondays

Texas Master Naturalists Indian Trails Chapter: 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Waxahachie. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the group, visit www.txmn.org/indiantrail.

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis

County meeting: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 Grand Ave.

Tuesdays

Lariat Bridge Club: 6:30 p.m., Boy Scout Cabin, 1139 Brown St., Waxahachie. For more information or

to confirm the meeting, email Shari at weatherscf@yahoo.com or call (505) 270-4017.

First Wednesdays

Bluebonnet Patches Quilt Guild meeting: 9:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 210 N. McKinney. Contact Judy Wensowitch at (972) 921-8800 or Diana Buckley at SeldomSeenQuilting@gmail.com for more information.

Thursdays

Chess: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Ennis Public Library, 501 W. Ennis Ave. Elementary age and above. No sign up required.

Ellis County Bible Study

Fellowship Satellite Class: 6:30 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Ave., Waxahachie. This is a nondenominational Bible study

class. For more information, call Lou Archibald at (214) 850-5303.

Second Thursdays

Mom's Connected meeting: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1200 Country Club Rd. Call the church office at (972) 875-3861 for more information.

Second and Fourth Fridays

Ennis Bridge Club: 1:00 p.m., Ennis Public Library, 501 W. Ennis Ave. For more information, email Judy at judytx@sbcglobal.net or call (972) 878-1035.



Saturdays

Ennis Farmers Market: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., downtown Ennis. For more information, visit EnnisTX.com/FarmersMarket or call (972) 878-4748.

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As you may have heard, the stock market has been on a wild ride lately. What's behind this volatility? And, as an investor, how concerned should you be?

Let's look at the first question. What caused the steep drop in stock prices we experienced on a few separate days?

Essentially, two main factors seem to be responsible. First, some good economic news may actually have played a significant role. A 17-year low in unemployment and solid job growth have begun to push wages upward. These developments have led to fears of rising inflation, which in turn, led to speculation that the Federal Reserve will tighten the money supply at a faster-than-expected rate. Stocks reacted negatively to these expectations of higher interest rates.

The second cause of the market volatility appears to be simply a reaction to the long bull market. While rising stock prices lead many people to continue buying more and more shares, some people actually need to sell their stocks — and this pent-up selling demand, combined with short-term profit-taking, helped contribute to the large sell-offs of recent days.

Now, as for the question of how concerned you should be about this volatility, consider these points:

- Sell-offs are nothing unusual. We've often experienced big sell-offs, but they've generally been followed with strong recoveries. Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of future results, but history has shown that patient, persistent investors have often been rewarded.

• Fundamentals are strong. While short-term market movements can be caused by a variety of factors, economic conditions and corporate earnings typically drive performance in the long term. Right now, the U.S. economy is near full employment, consumer and business sentiment has risen strongly, manufacturing and service activity is at multi-year highs, and GDP growth in 2018 appears to be on track for the best performance since 2015.

Furthermore, corporate earnings are expected to rise this year.

So, given this background, what's your next move? Here are some suggestions:

Review your situation. You may want to work with a financial professional to evaluate your portfolio to determine if it is helping you make the progress you need to eventually achieve your long-term goals.

Reassess your risk tolerance. If you were unusually upset over the loss in value of your investments during the market pullback, you may need to review your risk tolerance to determine if it's still appropriate for your investment mix. If you feel you are taking on too much risk, you may need to rebalance your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that by "playing it safe" and investing heavily in vehicles that offer greater protection of principal, but little in the way of return, you run the risk of not attaining the growth you need to reach your objectives.

Look for opportunities. A market pullback such as the one we've experienced, which occurs during a period of economic expansion and rising corporate profits, can give long-term investors a chance to add new shares at attractive prices in an environment that may be conducive to a market rally.

A sharp market pullback, such as we've seen recently, will always be big news. But if you look beyond the headlines, you can sometimes see a different picture — and one that may be brighter than you realized. **NOW**

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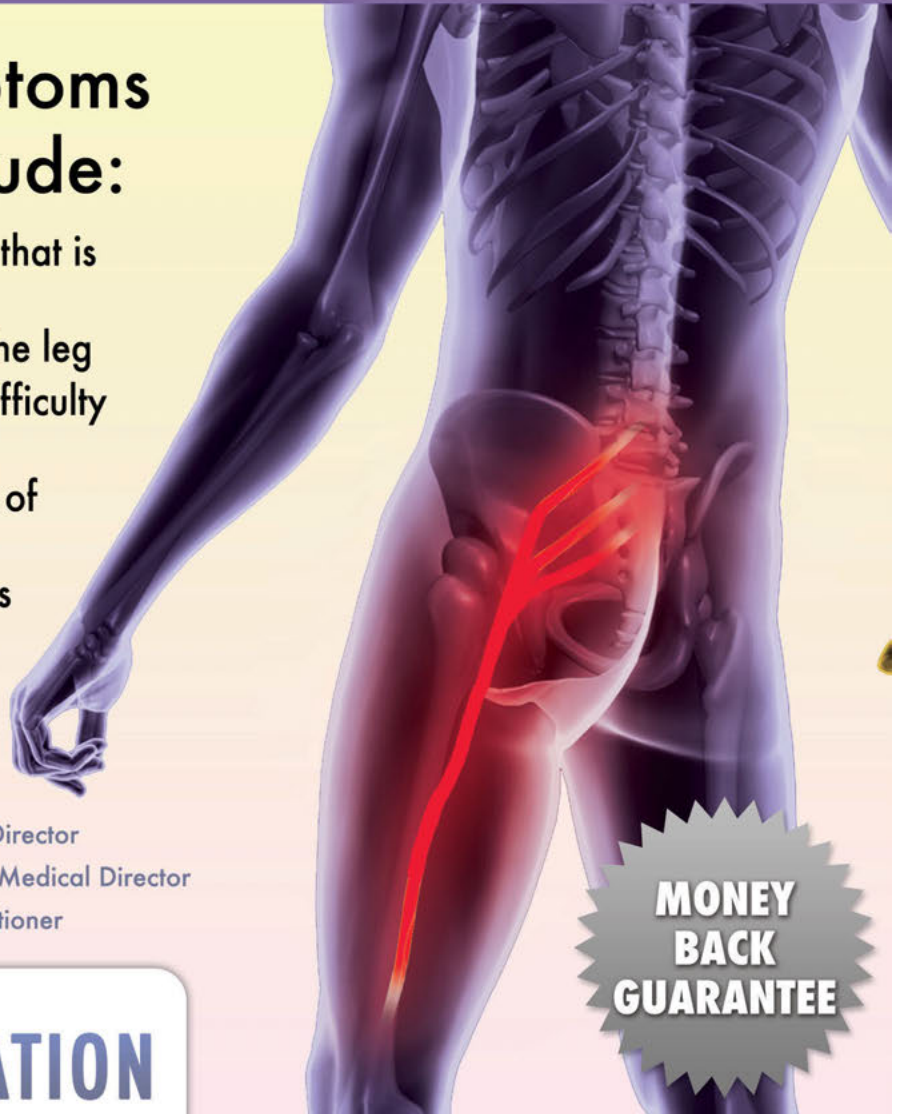
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