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EDITOR'S NOTE

Vacation time!

We just returned from a week at Galveston Island State Park. Just a couple of months ago, we spent a few days at Fort Myers, Florida. Now that might indicate that I am a beach person, but let me assure you, I am really not. That does not mean I did not enjoy the time away, and both trips included some extended family time. There are just a lot more things I would rather see than sand and water.

Of course, Galveston is a destination that every Texan seems eventually drawn to, and for good reason. Besides the beaches, it is a very historic place, and we enjoyed the time we spent in the downtown area on the Strand, including the sightseeing and unique seafood restaurants. Everyone should see the amazing Bishop's Palace and visit the tall ship ELLISA.

The trip to Fort Myers included the beach, but also trips to historic sites in the area. Some of the beaches are well known for their shells, and a couple of historic sites include museums established because of former residents Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

Something both these destinations have in common is the devastating effect that hurricanes have had over the years. Galveston Island State Park is as beautiful and modern as any in the state, but part of the reason is because the park was completely rebuilt after the damage from Hurricane Ike in 2008.

We still remember the disastrous storm, Hurricane Ian, just last year. Florida and the Fort Myers area continue to recover from the storm, but they are very resilient. It continues to be a significant tourist destination.

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Jim Wehmeier admitted the opportunity to move to Ennis was just too positive to pass up. "My wife and I had a standing joke when recruiters would call with job opportunities that would take us away from our home in Collin County. I had worked in economic development in several capacities over 23 years, and we were both happy in our community and with my position as a consultant. Regardless of what the opportunity was, she would always say something like, 'Great, if you want to move there on your own.' But when the Ennis opportunity presented itself, she changed her tune. I was surprised when she said, 'You ought to look into that one."

REACHING FORWAR

— By Bill Smith

Personal and family reasons made the idea attractive. Holly, Jim's wife, is originally from the Hillsboro area. (He was working there when they met.) Moving to Ennis would bring her that much closer to her hometown. Holly has close friends in Waxahachie and the Hillsboro area, which was another plus, and as an added motivation, the move would also put them even closer to their two adult children who lived in the downtown area of Dallas.

"It was really just an opportunity that could not be ignored," Jim recalled. "I worked with the city of Hutto while they experienced explosive growth. The largest client our consulting firm had was the city of Frisco. I spent almost three years as president of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation. I saw the growth that those cities experienced, but I could see something different about Ennis.

"Cities approach economic development in different ways, be it as a part of the Chamber of Commerce, a city department or a public-private partnership. In Ennis, we are part of the city, and I report to the city manager, Marty Nelson, with whom I have a tremendous relationship. My first interview was by video with Marty, Mayor Angie Juenemann and other staff involved with promoting the city. Everyone on that video call had an obvious passion for the city. One of my immediate thoughts was that passion can make up for a lot of insufficiencies."

However, Jim didn't see any insufficiencies. There were significant projects already underway, which he has seen come to fruition in the short time he has been here. "Freshpet is a huge asset, and it was already started. They had originally planned to complete their facility here in three phases but have not slowed down since phase one was completed. They immediately moved on with the second and third phases. They will be producing a billion dollars in product per year from one facility."

The recruiter asked if Jim would do an interview with the city in person, and he agreed. Jim and Holly made a day trip to Ennis before the interview and visited the Bluebonnet Market downtown on the recently completed Dallas Street. They loved the feel of the historic downtown. "After the interview, Marty and Mayor Angie took me for a drive around the city and showed me some of the things that were planned and even in the works, such as Sonoma Trail, Freshpet and some possible









residential developments. The city leadership knew Ennis was on the verge of really breaking loose, and they were looking for someone with experience," Jim continued.

"I saw that Ennis was starting to hit its stride. It was starting to grow at a rapid pace. People ask, 'What is driving the economic growth?' I answer that there are a number of factors. Two of those are a priority on business and a friendly atmosphere. And, sometimes, it is just the city's time."

Jim pointed out that balanced growth is important. "The three parts of economic development are commercial (including retail), residential and industrial. In Ennis, all three are growing at the same time, which is unusual for a city of our size, but very positive. My job includes managing the growth. I know we do not want a lot of industrial plants lining Interstate 45, but our industrial parks will be inviting to them. We are looking for attractive commercial facilities that will welcome people to the community. Our residential growth is significant, but we do not want it to all look the same. It will have diversity. We have an attitude of embracing the growth.

"At the same time, we want to preserve the heritage of Ennis. We are going to protect it like our firstborn. This is part of what attracts residents to Ennis. The impact of events like the Bluebonnet Trails and the Polka Festival on visitors is unbelievably significant. Holly and I were attracted to Ennis by what we saw on our day trip downtown."

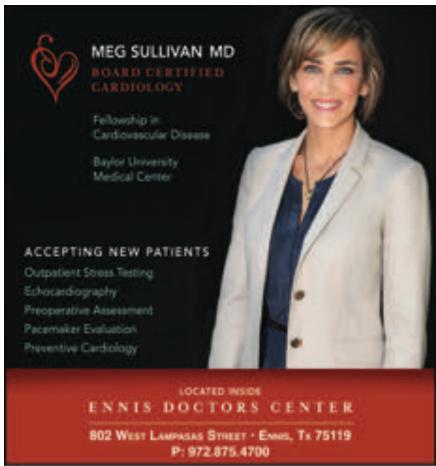
The Ennis Economic Development website has a glowing recommendation from Freshpet, encouraging other companies and individuals to locate in Ennis: "All of the representatives from Freshpet referenced why they chose the community of Ennis during

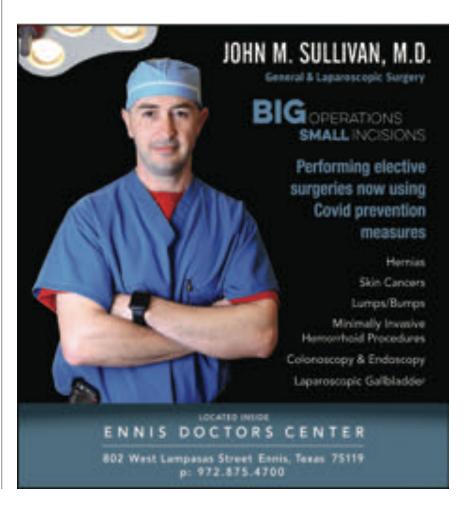




their nationwide site search, and the keywords mentioned were 'the people,' 'the plan' and 'Entrepreneurial Spirit.' After meeting with Mayor Angie Juenemann and City Manager (then Economic Development Director) Marty Nelson, along with other members of the staff and community, they felt an instant connection and began a relationship that has remained strong throughout the development process. Freshpet saw Ennis as a community, with a compelling vision and strong leadership dedicated to bringing that vision to life. They wanted to establish roots in a city that planned to grow and innovate with them. Freshpet leadership asked themselves if they would be willing to relocate some of their most valued employees to Ennis, and the answer was unanimously, 'Yes!'"

Jim is happy with the new people and businesses that come to Ennis, but he also promotes the growth and continued investment of existing companies like Ennis Steel, GAF. Schirm and others. "The more our local companies grow and expand, the deeper their roots in Ennis grow. It means they are going to be here for a long time," he said. And Jim indicated that he has the same plan — to be in Ennis for a long time. NOW









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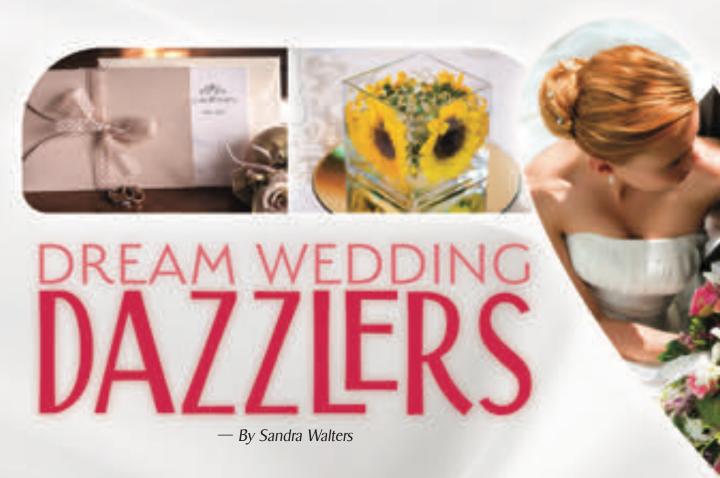
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If you're at the beginning stages, start by making wedding invitations. Create your own unique design using Canva. Use the free or paid version to develop your original wedding invitation. If you're somewhat techie, this can be exciting. First, set up a Canva account at www.canva.com. Type "invitations" in the search bar, and play around with different invitations to begin to create. Add the desired information, and after you've completed your masterpiece, make the decision to send digital invitations or printed ones. A digital invitation will cost less money because printing and postage aren't required. However, if you wish to print them through Canva, notice the savings compared to the average cost of invitations.

Wedding favors are another distinctive DIY item that can be made. Mason jars can be utilized in a variety of ways to create a unique parting gift. It's as easy as buying Mason jars and filling them with your preferred flavored popcorn, either homemade or purchased. Additionally, as a wedding favor, you might buy bath salts in bulk in colors that go well with your theme. Next, you may make candles as presents. Finally, make a sticker with your names and the date of your wedding to attach on the jars. They can be as ornate or plain as you wish.

For the simple, yet elegant centerpiece, purchase a square glass vase. Place a single flower facing outward on each side. Then, fill the vase with iridescent clear glass marbles until the flowers stand upright. You might opt to exclude the flowers and just use a vase to display the lovely, enchanting marbles that nearly resemble diamonds. Finally, set a circular mirror on a runner that highlights the center of the table. Place the vase on the mirror, and you've finished making your DIY centerpiece. You can adorn the centerpiece by putting flowers around it or adding more sparkling components.

Constructing your very own photo booth is another fun DIY project. Select a location, and make sure you know the area's



dimensions. After designating a spot, design a backdrop. It may be eccentric or refined, depending on your style. You can purchase one and hang it in the location, or use some rustic doors that exist in the reception area. Add curtains and other items to decorate the space. Decide on the type of camera and whether to add your guestbook to this area. Buy or make playful photo props, including hats, wigs, glasses, signs, masks and jewelry. Add lighting because your reception will possibly continue into the night. Your guests can take pictures with an instant camera, write a short note with marriage advice and then place the photo in a box along with the note. Encourage guests to take pictures and post them with the hashtag #meetthe__ ____ on social media. Fill in the blank with the new couple's last name.

Do your projects as soon as possible to eliminate stress. Planning a wedding can be exciting, yet overwhelming. However, it's possible to manage the stress by simply establishing a plan. This can help you make an authentic, memorable experience with family and friends. Consider your DIY ideas today and get started! NOW





Zoomed In: By Bill Smith

Miles Strunc and Kerry Gipson

Miles Strunc and Kerry Gipson have been associated with Habitat for Humanity for more than 20 years and have overseen many of the organization's projects. Habitat has built 15 homes in Ellis County over the years.

A native of Ennis and retired from EISD, Miles and his wife, Ruth, have two children and six grandchildren. He said, "I guess my greatest memory about Habitat is handing the keys to a new home to a person who has helped construct the home."

Kerry agreed. "The new owners are required to have participated in the construction of their home. Many of them never thought owning their own home was a possibility." Kerry came to Ennis in 1983. He retired from AT&T in 1989, then performed home inspections before his final retirement in 2012. He and his wife, Ophelia, have three children and four grandchildren.



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Around Town



Mikah and Tinley Lucas have lunch at The Backyard.



Christie Honza mans her doggie treats booth at Bluebonnet Market.



Becky Hogle and Snoopy enjoy the dog park.



Rebecca Jones introduces Virginia Riddle as speaker at the NARFE meeting.



Anna McCane welcomes guests to the Fnnis Bluebonnet Trails.



Hallie Bertinetti and Reece Rendon make seed bombs at Minnie McDowal Park.

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For Embrace the Journey Travel Owner Kristi Peek, travel is a way of life and has been since she was about 15 years old. "I grew up in Nashville, Arkansas, and always dreamed of traveling. When I was 15, I took my first trip by myself. It was before the internet, and I remember my parents driving me to the airport. I knew I wanted to work in the travel industry."

Kristi completed high school and college and became a schoolteacher, but the dream of travel never went away. "I met a lady in a coffee shop who was wearing a Disney T-shirt and working with a travel agency in Virginia. When I told her I wanted to work in travel, she obtained an application for me, and I went to work remotely for the agency in Virginia in 2015.

"In 2017, I opened Embrace the Journey Travel. Today, we have four employees in our office and 16 independent contractors. They are all full-time travel agents, and we all complete continuing education every week," Kristi continued.

The places to which Kristi travels and the people who own and manage the properties are considered "partners" to her. "Over the years, we have developed personal relationships with the operators of properties that we send our clients to. In April, I traveled to Hawaii with some of our team to tour properties with the property hosts and managers. Of course, that sounds like we took a vacation, but it really was a working trip. We took gifts to them because we appreciate them, and we want them to remember us. If we need to call

them to resolve an issue that one of our clients is having on their vacation, the host will be able to put a face with our name over the phone."

Kristi and her team see their clients as investors in their travel, and they take each trip very seriously. "Our clients may invest \$2,500-\$50,000 in their vacation. If they were investing that money in the stock market, they would seek professional advice," she admitted. "That is the service we offer. We want them to have the experience they dream of, and we do not want them to get burned. Having someone to call if there is a problem is a big part of the value we add when they choose us to help them plan their trip. Being able to provide that support for our client is what sets us apart, and it is why we are continually visiting our destinations and maintaining our relationships."

"OVER THE YEARS, **WE HAVE DEVELOPED** PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE OPERATORS OF PROPERTIES THAT WE SEND OUR CLIENTS TO."

Kristi estimates that she has visited more than 40 destinations. "We did not slow down our travel during the pandemic," she recalled. "Tourism is a major part of the economies of many nations around the world. When a COVID-19 test was required before re-entering the country from Mexico, I filmed the tests for our clients if they wanted to see what the test involved.

"I have experienced a lot of God's beautiful creation in my travels. Alaska and Kenya are magnificent examples. But I also love Disney as a great, safe and fun family experience," she said.

The vision statement for Embrace the Journey Travel is, "To be known for the Embrace Difference as the most soughtafter travel professionals because of their high level of professionalism, extensive experience and training and excellent customer service." Kristi added, "Our professional travel planners plan seamless journeys, rich in experience and memory making." NOW





Clarice Ennis has an obvious love for cooking, and her family and friends are glad that she does. "I started cooking when I was about a sophomore in high school, and I mostly learned from watching my mom," she said. "Mom cooked for church, family and friends, just everybody.

"She would be cooking, and I would do the 'side work' — cutting up vegetables and things like that, but I picked up cooking by watching her. She inspired me."

With a large family, there are lots of opportunities to cook. "Our family gathers after church every first Sunday. We rotate around whose home we go to. I take a dish if it is at another home, but I do just about all the cooking when it is at my house. I have lots of grandbabies, and they get all they want!" NOW

German Chocolate Cake

Cake:

Cooking spray

1 4-oz. pkg. Baker's German's Sweet Chocolate

1/2 cup water

4 eggs, separated (divided use)

2 cups flour

I tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. salt

I cup Land O'Lakes butter, softened

2 cups Imperial sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup buttermilk

Coconut-Pecan Filling and Frosting:

4 egg yolks

1 12-oz. can evaporated milk

1 1/2 tsp. vanilla

1 1/2 cups Imperial sugar

3/4 cup Land O'Lakes butter, cut into small pieces

1 7-oz. pkg. Baker's Angel Flake Coconut 1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped

1. For cake: Preheat the oven to 350 F.

2. Cover the bottom of 3 9-inch round pans with waxed paper; spray the sides with cooking spray.

3. Microwave the chocolate and water in a large microwaveable bowl on high for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until the chocolate is almost melted, stirring after 1 minute. Stir until the chocolate is completely melted.

4. In a small bowl, beat the 4 egg whites with the mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form; set aside.

5. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt.

6. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar with a mixer until light and fluffy. Add the 4 egg yolks, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition.

7. Blend in the melted chocolate and vanilla. Add the flour mixture, alternating with the

buttermilk. Beat until well blended after each addition.

- **8.** Add the egg whites. Stir gently until well blended. Pour the batter into the prepared pans.
- **9.** Bake 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Immediately run a small spatula around the cakes in pans. Cool the cakes in the pans for 15 minutes.
- **10.** Remove pans to wire racks. Cool completely.
- 11. For Coconut-Pecan Filling and Frosting: Beat the egg yolks, milk and vanilla in a large saucepan with a whisk until well blended.
- 12. Add the sugar and butter; cook on medium heat for 12 minutes, or until thickened and golden brown, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
- 13. Add the coconut and nuts; mix well. Allow to cool
- 14. Spread between the layers and on the top of the cake.

Stovetop Banana Pudding

3/4 cup sugar

1/3 cup flour

Dash of salt

3 egg yolks

2 cups milk

1/2 tsp. vanilla flavor

I box vanilla wafers

3-4 bananas

- **1.** Blend the first 6 ingredients together in a saucepan.
- 2. Cook over low-medium heat, stirring frequently, until it thickens.
- **3.** Let it stand for 10-15 minutes to cool.
- **4.** Layer the vanilla wafers and bananas in a 9x13-inch dish. Continue to layer until the dish is 3/4 full.
- 5. Pour the pudding mix over the vanilla wafers and bananas. Serve while still warm.

German Sweet Chocolate Pie

- 1 4-oz. pkg. Baker's German's Sweet Chocolate
- 1/3 cup milk (divided use)
- 4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.)**PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese**
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 cups Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed
- 1 6-oz. Honey Maid Graham Cracker **Piecrust**
- **1.** Heat the chocolate and 2 Tbsp. milk in a small pan until the chocolate is almost melted, stirring after each minute.
- **2.** When the chocolate is completely melted, add the cream cheese, sugar and remaining milk. Beat with a whisk until well blended.
- 3. Refrigerate for 10 minutes.
- 4. Stir in the Cool Whip until well blended. Spoon the mixture into the piecrust.

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1 Tbsp. chili powder

- **I.** Cover the beans in a large pot with water; soak overnight.
- 2. Boil the pork until tender.
- **3.** Brown the beef; season with Accent and taco seasoning. Drain.
- **4.** Add the beans to a large pot with the cooked pork. Cook over low heat for 45 minutes.
- **5.** Add the ground beef, sugar and chili powder.
- **6.** Simmer over low heat for an additional 15 minutes.

Meatloaf

1 1/2 lbs. ground beef

I onion, chopped

I bell pepper, chopped

I cup dried breadcrumbs

1 egg

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

1 6-oz. can tomato paste

1. Combine the ground beef, onions, bell peppers, breadcrumbs and egg in a large bowl.

- **2.** Season with salt and pepper; transfer to a loaf pan.
- **3.** Spread the tomato paste evenly over the top.
- 4. Cook at 350 F for 1 hour.

Red Beans

1 lb. red beans

2-3 smoked pork neck bones (about 2 lbs.), or salt jowls or ham

1 lb. ground beef

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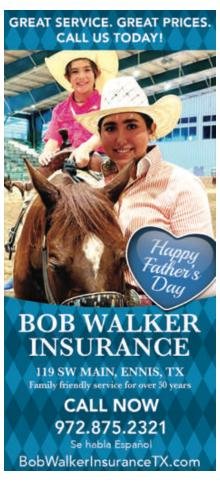








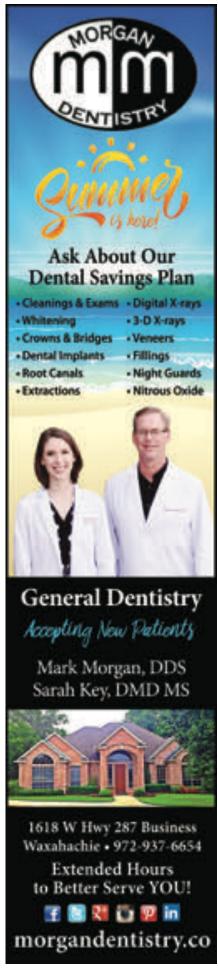


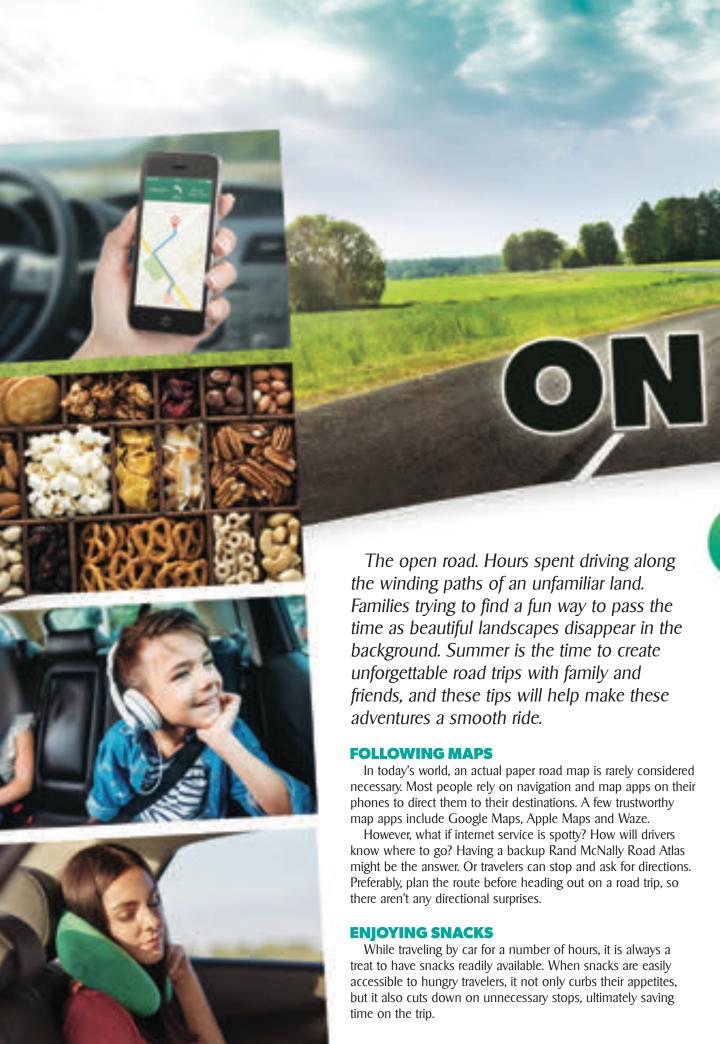














A plastic snack tackle box or plastic organizer box with dividers makes the perfect carrier for bite-size snacks. A separate snack can be added to each section: Cheez-It Baked Snack Crackers, pretzels, almonds, M&M's, raisins, chocolate-covered peanuts, Goldfish Crackers, bite-size beef jerky, SKITTLES, banana chips, etc. A small cooler of iced drinks including bottled water and juice boxes will quench the thirst of travelers.

PASSING TIME

Any road trip might begin to become monotonous as travelers journey through city after city. To pass the time, road trippers can play classic games such as I Spy, in which a traveler picks an item of a certain color, and the others must guess it correctly. The License Plate Game keeps travelers on the lookout for vehicles originating from other states. Travelers can challenge others to Name That Tune to determine what song is playing on the radio, or they can listen to an audiobook or podcast.

Tablets and phones offer free gaming apps that do not require internet access, just in case you are driving through an area with bad reception. Movies can also be downloaded to devices or viewed from DVD players in the vehicle. Just do

not forget the charger! And travelers can always just sit back and relax while reading a book or enjoying the scenery.

RESTING REQUIRED

A quick nap is an added bonus to pass the time while traveling. Children and teenagers can cozy up with their favorite pillows and blankets. Co-pilots can bring along those comfy items, too, or grab a neck pillow from the store.

Drivers can pull over and rest when tired. A rest stop, park or gas station provides the perfect place to step out of the car for a few minutes until the driver is fully awake and able to resume the trip.

PLANNING ADVENTURES

The destination is the ultimate goal of any road trip. Travelers should have at least a few things in mind to pursue once they arrive. Vacations do not have to be planned out by the minute, but it is nice to arrange a couple of places to visit — museums, restaurants, amusement parks, excursions, etc.

Of course, the destination will provide unforgettable experiences, but the road trip is an adventure in itself. Enjoy every minute of it. NOW

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- Morgan hit) 31 A sac fly collects one
- 32 Cereal grass

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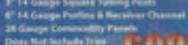


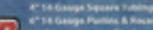
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6/6

Children's Summer Reading Program:

Karate Dance Party. 10:00-11:00 a.m., Community Center Park, 301 W. Crockett St. For more information, contact Ennis Public Library at (972) 875-5360 or email library@ennistx.gov.

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Pre-K Summer Reading Program:

Wild, Wild West Puppet Show. 10:00-11:00 a.m., Community Center Park, 301 W. Crockett St. For more information, contact Ennis Public Library at (972) 875-5360 or email library@ennistx.gov.

6/10-6/11

Blues on Main:

Presented by Unity in the Community. **Saturday: 6:00-10:00 p.m.** Enjoy food and

beverages (including adult beverages); raffles; engaging activities; and live music. Jay-B & the Zydeco Posse: 6:30 p.m.; Larry Lampkin Band: 8:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sunday brunch. Pastoral Reflections and gospel jazz artist Mark Turner: 12:10 p.m. G.W. Carver Alumni Scholarship Awards Presentation: 1:15 p.m. Call (864) 894-7227 or email uitofennis@gmail.com for more information.

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6/24

Red. White & Bike Ride:

Deck out your bike, scooter, wagon, etc., and join us for the parade through downtown Ennis and historic tree-lined neighborhoods. Awards for Best Under 6, Best Family and Most Patriotic. Free! Line up for bike parade judging: 9:30 a.m.;

Red, White and Bike Parade begins: 10:00 a.m. Contact the Ennis Welcome Center for more information at (972) 878-4748 or go to www.visitennistexas.com.

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Mondays

8 Ball Tournament at The Gameroom:

Food and drink specials all night long. \$20 entry fee. Sign in: 7:30 p.m.; tournament begins: 8:00 p.m., 807 W. Lake Bardwell Dr. For more information, visit www. ennisgameroom.com or call (469) 881-1022.

Tuesdays

Men's Brown Bag Bible Study:

Bring your Bible and a sack lunch and join other men of the community for a brief time of Bible study during the noon hour. Noon-1:00 p.m., Baylor Baptist Church, 210 N. Preston St. (Use the Knox Street entrance.) For more information, call (972) 875-2521.

Wednesdays

Ennis Host Lions Club Meeting:

Noon, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1200 Country Club Road.

First Thursdays

Sip, Shop & Stroll:

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