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EMBRACING LIFE'S CHALLENGES

The Journey of Megan Herndon, a Warrior with a Heart for Service



Megan Herndon was born with a Warrior's Heart, 7 weeks early in the waiting room of the hospital at exactly 10 am on the first day of spring. As she fought for each breath, her announcement was clear, "World, I have arrived and I will fight to make a difference in the lives of others". And so far in her young life she has lived up to that announcement, embracing life both the difficulties and blessings, embracing experiences, and sharing joy, and learning the Be, Know, and Do styles of leadership.

Re

As a young child, she wanted to be a teacher, a teacher who helped those who for whatever reason had difficulty learning or understanding. Boldly, she launched herself into experiences fostering confidence – like joining a theater group, committing 6 years to National Charity League and living in Brazil for a year as a Rotary student. Acting in front of an audience taught her that she had a voice, and although she was little, she was powerful. She learned how to channel her message. National charity League taught her how to be a leader, the power of philanthropy, and cultural integrity. A year in Brazil, representing her country and city as a Rotary student fostered bravery and honor. These few experiences, as well as many others propelled her on her journey.



Know

Tragedy struck as she began her college experience. Smartly, she paused to regroup, knowing she needed healing. She decided to follow a different path and studied to be an aesthetician to bring beauty and wellness to women who may lack self-confidence. Her message to them was be kind to your body and mind. When Covid hit and her industry shut down, she did not. Intuitively, she knew what to do and began her spiritual

journey and biblical studies.. Through this journey she was able to release the societal tension that so many were experiencing. She was moving toward her calling as a healer and teacher. Opportunity struck for her once again and she put herself through school to become a CMA and enter an environment in which she could learn from the doctors around her. Learning taught her strength to help others heal.

Do

This tiny Warrior found her home at Warrior's Heart who embraces the mantra strength through healing. Immediately Megan found her calling. The messaging by Tom Spooner, Warrior Heart Co-Founder. "There are many attributes that we all like talking about in the Be, Know and Do categories of leadership and it is good we talk about them. The real deal though is what happens, what decisions are made by our leaders when the..."rubber meets the road...what then? At those moments, true leader show how much they care. It is labeled as courage, but it means that they care more about the mission... than they do themselves...that's being spiritual. It pierces the veil between the work that we can see and the one we can't we know it is there". Service is the foundation of a warrior's heart, the mission of a brave young woman willing to do things different, to break with the ordinary, to follow a higher power to provide service to others, through a holistic approach of body, mind, and spirit. Megan is only just beginning!



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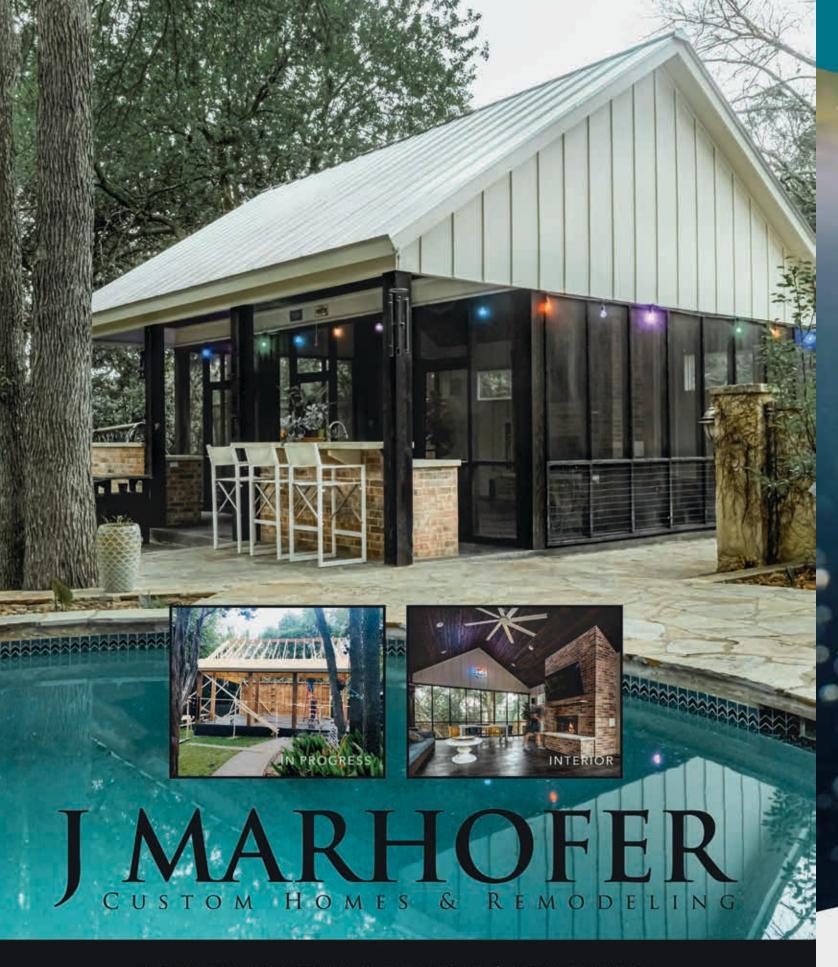














"It's important to recognize the potential impact that ordinary individuals can have on society. They have the ability to effect significant change." - Linda Ferris, Board President of Tapatio Ladies Club

The Tapatio Ladies Club (TLC) is an inspiring example of what a group of dedicated and compassionate members can achieve when they work together to serve the community. This charitable club has been in existence for over two decades, and it all started in 1996 with a small group of women who resided in Tapatio Springs Resort and its surrounding areas. They had a vision of creating a nonprofit organization to support those in need in the Kendall County area. With their exceptional leadership and enthusiasm, they established the Tapatio Ladies Club as an official 501(c) 3 charitable organization.

Current Board President Linda Ferris states, "Our aim is to invest in the lives of young individuals and families residing in the Kendall County area who need assistance." Funds are allocated to the following each year:

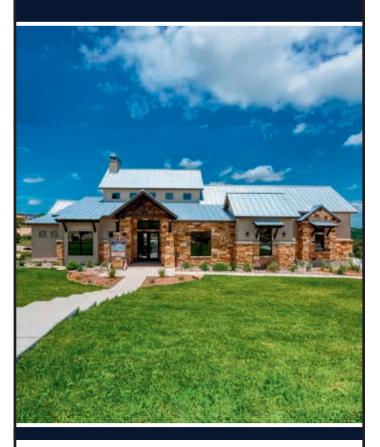
- · Providing student scholarships to deserving high school graduates
- Supporting programs of the Kendall County Women's Shelter, Hill Country Family Services, and Daily Bread Ministries
- · Assisting Kendall County schools by providing them with essential school supplies
- Supporting other community service programs.

The official mission statement instructs that the Tapatio Ladies Club is dedicated to promoting friendship and social and philanthropic activities. Our mission as a 501(c) 3 organization is to provide funding for selected organizations/causes operating in Kendall County, Texas. "Our mission has been accomplished and is continuing," states Board President Linda Ferris.

For years, this club has been a haven, bringing together women of all ages and backgrounds and fostering a unique sense of community and support. Its legacy is a reminder that while technology has its place, there is no substitute for the warmth and camaraderie that comes from spending time with like-minded individuals faceto-face. Don't miss out on connecting with others and creating lifelong friendships. Join the Tapatio Ladies Club and become part of a thriving group that brings people together to make positive contributions and bring some TLC (tender loving care) to our Hill Country community.

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Both types of annual membership offer unique benefits and advantages, so you can choose the one that best suits your specific needs and requirements.

Join as an Individual or Business Partner Member annually on our website. Don't miss out on our website's interesting information and resources. Visit https://www. tapatioladiesclub.org/ to discover more.

FUNDRAISING

At the Tapatio Ladies Club, our fundraising motto is to have fun and make a difference. We believe in raising charity funds while enjoying the process and making a real

impact. Whether through hosting exciting events or engaging in meaningful initiatives, we are committed to making a positive impact in the Kendall County community. We invite you to join us in our mission to raise funds and create better opportunities for those in need. You can donate by mailing a check payable to Tapatio Ladies Club to P.O. Box 150, Boerne, Texas 78006, or by conveniently donating online at https:// www.tapatioladiesclub.org/. Show your support for the TLC mission by setting up a one-time or monthly donation. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, your gift is tax-deductible.

Our goal is accomplished each year by ordinary hometown heroes like yourself who give to help others. At a time when money seems to be in short supply, our friends and dedicated members continue to give, which allows our organization to serve those in need annually.

SERVING TOGETHER

Life experiences have shown that even during difficult times, helping others can bring a sense of fulfillment. The famous English writer Charles Dickens once stated, "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." We hope this inspires you to support the mission of the Tapatio Ladies Club, which serves the Kendall County community. Remember that even one gift can make a significant impact on many people. Although the future is uncertain, we can still look forward to the good we can do together as we serve others.



TLC BOARD MEMBERS - VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

"Our Tapatio Ladies Board (TLC) members, like many valuable individuals in our society, are ordinary everyday people who use their talents and expertise to assist those in need in Kendall County. It's a pleasure to serve with them," states Linda Ferris, Board President.

The Board of Directors for TLC is comprised of a team of dedicated volunteers who are elected to govern and oversee the daily operations of the organization. Their responsibilities include setting the organization's mission, strategy, and goals, as well as ensuring that all practices adhere to legal and ethical standards. Additionally, the board is accountable for maintaining the organization's financial stability and sustainability.

The Tapatio Ladies Club is a charitable organization led by a Board of Directors who serve two-year terms. Their unwavering dedication and leadership are a testament to the power of collective action, making the club a beacon of hope for the community. We believe that women have a significant role to play in shaping the future of our organization, and we are always seeking female leaders to volunteer for our Board of Directors. Your voice and perspective are crucial to our success, and we invite you to step up and make a difference by joining our team of dedicated volunteers. Together, we can achieve great things and create a better future for our Kendall County community.

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TAIL WAGGING TALES: Gabe and Rusty

Unbreakable bonds of furry friendship





Hi there, folks! I'm Gabe, but my friends call me The Gabester. I'm a 6-year-old Shihtzu who loves nothing more than a good belly rub and cruising around in my golf cart, Nellie Belle. I'm pretty spoiled, I won't lie, but hey, who can resist these puppy eyes?

Let me tell you about the day I met Ryan Provenzano, my human dad. I was just a pup when my previous owner dropped me off before jetting off to Cabo. Five years later, here we are, inseparable and living our best lives.

Rusty, my BFF, is an Affenhuahua with the sweetest parents, Linda and Rick Moulton. Rusty and I are the dynamic duo of the neighborhood. We take morning walks on Wild Turkey and enjoy evening rides along the 14th hole. We're quite the sight, I must say.

Oh, and about that Boxer down the road? Let's just say we have a mutual understanding to keep our distance. No hard feelings, just different personalities.

What am I most grateful for? Well, besides the belly rubs and twice-daily walks, I'd say eating and sleeping with my owner tops the list. And those rides in the Vette? Pure bliss.

Being part of Ryan's family is a dream come true. I've got him wrapped around my paw, especially when I give him the old sad eye routine. Works like a charm every time. Life is good when you're a precious pet like me!



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THE TEXAS SUPREME

Calling all Grill Masters

BY RAMONA WERST

Ready to embark on a culinary adventure that'll turn your backyard into a pizzeria? Look no further than Ramona Werst's Texas Supreme Pizza recipe. With its emphasis on fresh ingredients and straightforward grilling techniques, this recipe promises a flavor-packed experience right in the comfort of your own home grill.

RECOMMENDED SPECIAL EQUIPMENT **AND/OR SUPPLIES**

- · Outside grill
- · Utilize four aluminum cans with holes drilled into them, creating a makeshift convection oven effect that ensures even cooking.
- · Heavy duty pizza pan (Size is depending on your grill. Place a pizza pan in your grill and close the lid. I'm using a 16" Commercial Pizza Pan, but your grill may be smaller and the lid needs to close completely.)
- Pizza Wheel, Pizza Cutter Rocker, or large sharp Knife



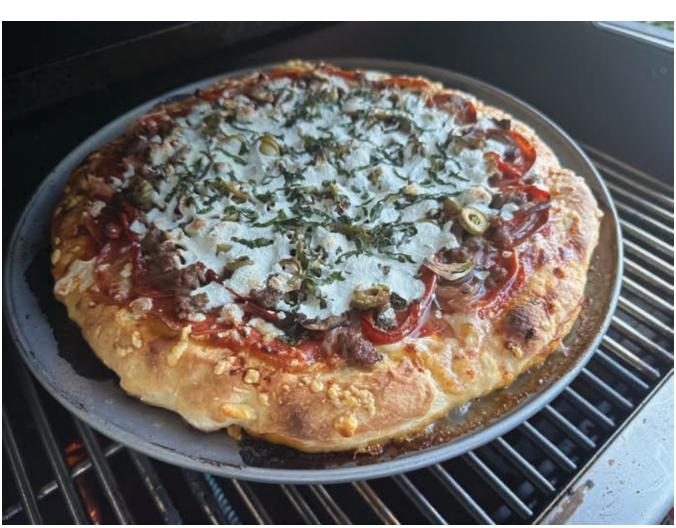
READY TO GRILL?

Step 1

Prepare your grill by setting up the aluminum cans, allowing for optimal airflow and heat circulation.

Remove pizza dough from refrigerator. Using a longer rolling pin...roll and turn, shaping the dough into a circle.... the circle can be 10-12 or up to 16" as long as the dough is not too thin. After getting it rolled out, you will then be using your fingers to stretch it and some people use their knuckles so as not to tear the dough. Try to force a thicker edge to create that coveted crispy crust.

A clean surface here helps you to stretch the dough.... has more traction to help hold the dough. Reason? The dough has a real tendency to retract itself from whatever shape you are trying to make it into...you will be constantly stretching and working the dough to the desired size...use a wooden ruler of something similar to measure. If all you



can get is a 10" pizza, that's ok. A 10" pizza on a 16" pizza pan will still be delicious.

Step 2

Sprinkle semolina flour onto your pizza pan (before setting the dough) providing a non-stick surface that ensures easy removal post-grilling. Carefully place your shaped dough on the pizza pan. You may need to reshape a little.

Step 3

Apply a thin layer of sauce, just enough to add a burst of flavor without overwhelming the palate. Only spread to the thicker part of your crust edge.

Step 4

Layer on your toppings, starting with slices of fresh mozzarella followed by your chosen meats, veggies, another thin layer of mozzarella and a sprinkle of the grated parmesan cheese. I sprinkle just a few pieces of the grated parmesan cheese on the thicker edge of the pizza. When it grills it will darken and make the crust edge look fancy.

Step 5

Fire up the grill to 400-450°F, with the center burners turned off to create indirect heat.

Place your pizza on the grill, ensuring it's balanced atop the cans and closing the lid gently to avoid any mishaps.

Close the lid carefully so you don't tip over the pizza. (You should have made sure the pan will fit and won't tip over when closing the lid before preparing the pizza)

After 10 minutes, check the bottom of the pizza for a golden-brown hue and adjust the temperature if needed to prevent burning. Continue grilling until the toppings are bubbling and the crust is beautifully browned, typically requiring an additional 5-10 minutes.

Using heat-resistant gloves or pads, carefully remove the pizza from the grill and transfer it to a cutting board.

Slice up your creation using a pizza wheel or knife, then serve with a sprinkle of extra Parmesan and (if desired) a dash of crushed red peppers for an extra kick.

Transform your backyard into a culinary haven with Ramona Werst's Texas Supreme Pizza recipe, where every slice is a testament to homemade perfection and grilled goodness.

So, make your own customized pizza on YOUR grill and be the hero of the neighborhood. It is so darn delicious. "Easy peasy," says Ramona.

INGREDIENTS:

- Semolina flour (Small amount to dust Pizza Pan.)
- Opt for ready-made pizza dough, a convenient base that's ready to be shaped and adorned with toppings.
- Fresh mozzarella is key for that gooey, melty texture that makes each bite irresistible.
- Choose Parmesan cheese in its ungrated form to ensure optimal melting and flavor distribution.
- Select your favorite pizza sauce or get creative with homemade options.
- •Don't forget your preferred toppings; from savory sausage to zesty pepperoni, vibrant bell peppers, earthy mushrooms, and briny olives, the possibilities are endless.

PREPARATION:

1. Begin by cooking and draining any sautéed toppings, such as spicy sausage or caramelized onions, to unleash their full

2. Organize your ingredients in bowls or ramekins, ready to be artfully arranged atop your pizza.



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IT'S THE TALK OF THE SPRING!

GARDENER'S CORNER

BY MEGHAN SCOTT

It's the talk of the Spring! Ask your neighbors, and check in with your gardening friends - we're all obsessed with our tomato plants! These beginner-friendly plants are a great gateway into the gardening world and here are a few tips for growing them this summer:

CHOOSING A VARIETY

Think about what you like to eat each week. Are you a salad-lover? Check out some of the cherry tomato varieties out there. Do you lean towards salsa, homemade spaghetti or pizza sauce? Grow Roma or San Marzano tomatoes to gather each week for a homemade meal. Need a sandwich or appetizer? Heirloom tomatoes grow big and juicy, perfect for a BLT or Caprese Salad.

COMPANIONS

Yes, you should share these tomatoes with companions, but also consider companion planting with plants that support them in the garden and the kitchen!

- Thyme
- Basil
- · Oregano
- Nasturtiums (edible flowers)
- Chives

FERTILIZER

Ok, I'm hungry - but tomatoes are hungry. They require Full SUN (8+ hours). Feed them a fertilizer high in Nitrogen while young. If you look at the label, you will see a number like 6-4-4. This is called the N-P-K and tells you what kind of fertilizer it is. Nitrogen is the first number. Once they are a couple of months old, feed them with Phosphorus (the second number, for example, 2-8-4) to promote blooming and fruiting. Tomatoes are also thirsty so water them in the early morning at the base of the plant (try not to wet the leaves as this will cause fungus). Remember that Liquid fertilizer = Instant food and Pelleted = Extended food.

PESTS

Tomatoes biggest pests are caterpillars. If you notice bites out of your hard-earned snacks that don't belong to you (or your neighbor), take a look under the leaves for a large green worm with a red "horn" tail. This is called a Hornworm Caterpillar. You can simply pluck it off, shake it into a cup, or call in the fire brigade to relocate it off of your plants. Fun fact - these cool animals glow in black light so it can be helpful to explore the plant at nighttime with a blacklight flashlight. In worst-case scenarios, use an OMRI- certified BT (Biological Insecticide) to spray under the leaves in the evening when the plants aren't under direct sunlight, or else it will burn the leaves. Remember that these caterpillars turn into beneficial pollinators, and BT also kills the good stuff in our environment, so use sparingly!

Happy planting!





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Summer simplicity

BY KELLY WATTS

Oh, the sweetness of summer.

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Longer days (or so it seems). This fruitful season is an opportunity to pivot and embrace the change- even if your work schedule or location remains the same. Summer can offer refreshment to your whole being when coupled with meaningful planning. With the list of suggestions below, you might be off to starting the best summer yet. Consider having a 'dessert roundtable' with your family, spouse, or even a group of friends to encourage duplicity and collaboration.

Create a Family Bucket List: Whether you're a parent or grandparent, consider creating a 'Family Summer Bucket List' where all members can collaborate their wish lists. Ideas can range from: catching fireflies, creating a veggie garden, hosting a 'Grandkid' camp, planning a 'fire & ice night' (smores & snow cones), and attending an outdoor concert. Family not around?

Consider your group of friends as your co-collaborators. Your list will look different, but you'll benefit just the same! Personalize your list according to age ranges & interests and include at least one 'bucket list' item from each member. Bonus, you'll create memories for a lifetime.

Develop a New Habit: As we're creatures of habit, why not develop a new one over the summer? From daily exercising to opting in for a Master Class in culinary arts or photography (options are endless), now is the time to devote the proposed '30 days to create a habit' mentality. Other healthy habits might include: starting your day reading your Bible or a devotional, grounding, attempting two new recipes a week, learning the rudiments of a new language, thinking positive thoughts only, learning that new skill you've been aspiring to master the past few decades or doing something out of your comfort zone.

Organize Your Home or Office: Did

you know you could transform your entire home with just 15 minutes a day? Set a timer, each and every day, and focus on one room, one drawer, or one cupboard at a time. Dump out or remove, toss & micro-organize, place back in an orderly way. Next day, move on to the next drawer, cupboard or space. You will relish in the extra boost of peace & order that comes from accomplishing this task, day in and day out. Some of the most successful people I know focus on repeated, targeted goals within 15 to 30 minutes a day. You got this! If help is needed, you know how to reach me below!

Summer...the season in between 'fresh starts' and 'bountiful harvest.' That means summer is synonymous with growth. What will develop deep roots in the lives of you, your family and your circle of friends this season of simplicity?

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6 Flemingfeld	\$1,035,000	489	4	3	3,548
10022 Sarah Place	\$1,029,893	3	5	5	4,354
10007 Ellenora Place	\$933,250	142	5	5	4,354
10036 Rebecca Place	\$902,512	3	4	4	3,689
222 Vizcaya	\$893,420	147	4	4	4,156
9042 Woodland Trace	\$875,000	442	4	3	4,900
28715 Lucille Place	\$825,000	327	5	4	3,917
124 Kingston	\$816,100	137	4	3	3,050
126 Kingston Court	\$810,000	103	4	3	3,050
102 Wildrose HI	\$800,000	47	4	3	3,520
105 Country Meadow Dr	\$790,000	28	5	4	4,091
126 Sonrisa	\$781,840	158	4	4	3,680
114 Kingston Ct	\$770,000	355	3	3	4,239
305 Hosack St	\$710,000	21	3	2	2,242
254 Preston Trail	\$679,900	19	4	3	2,566
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You've built a successful career, bought a nice house and car and your long-term investments are in good shape. Now what? If you live near the water, buying a boat could be the perfect lifestyle enhancement. But take a beat before you head to the dealership. Most boats aren't trivial purchases - they often come with strings attached, so buying on impulse could be a costly mistake. Whether you're still daydreaming or already shopping, consider these tips to ensure a new boat won't sink your financial plan.

1. Think it through. Be honest about how often you'll really use a boat and whether it's worth the costs. For many owners, boats provide years of happy memories. Others overestimate how much free time they'll have to enjoy their purchase. Choosing the right boat for your lifestyle, whether it's a pontoon boat for recreational use or a luxury yacht for entertaining, can also have a major impact on how, when and where you'll use it. Also, remember that the resale value may be impacted by the boat's depreciation over time. Once you've considered those factors, research reputable manufacturers and dealers to ensure you're making a high-quality purchase.

- 2. Calculate the costs. The boat's sticker price is just the beginning. You'll need to factor in additional costs and responsibilities of ownership, like insurance, storage, towing, cleaning and recurring maintenance. And will you operate and maintain the vessel yourself or hire someone else to? With all those expenses in mind, you might decide to occasionally rent a boat instead.
- 3. Analyze your finances. How much boat can you afford? A general rule of thumb is that your total monthly debt service (mortgage, car payments, student loans, credit cards, etc.) shouldn't exceed 40% of your gross monthly income. If a boat payment would push you over that limit, you'd be wise to scale back. And don't forget to consider the down payment. Most lenders require 10-20% up front, so you'll need to decide where that money will come from and whether you're comfortable spending it.
- 4. Compare financing options. Most boat dealers offer financing, but you can choose your own lender. Some banks may offer a lower interest rate, which could knock thousands off your total cost, or discounts on interest rates for existing customers. Working with a familiar bank can also provide the convenience

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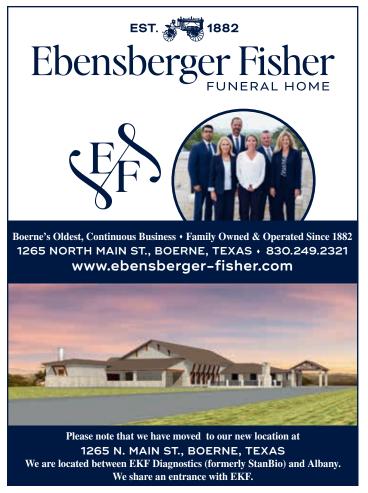
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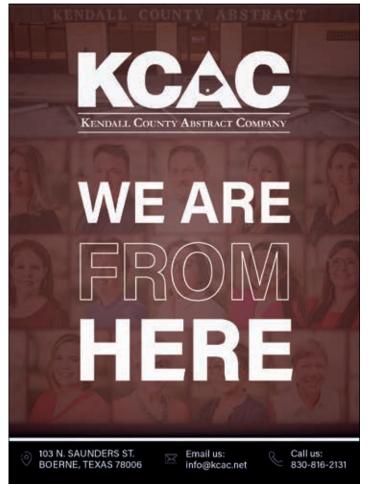
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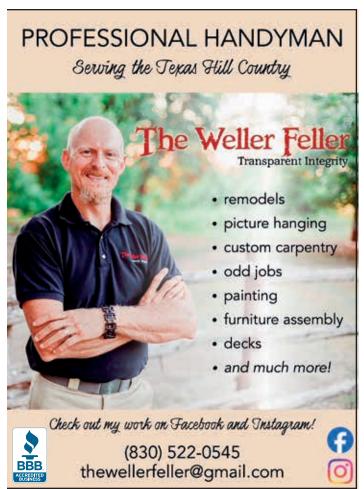
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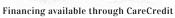
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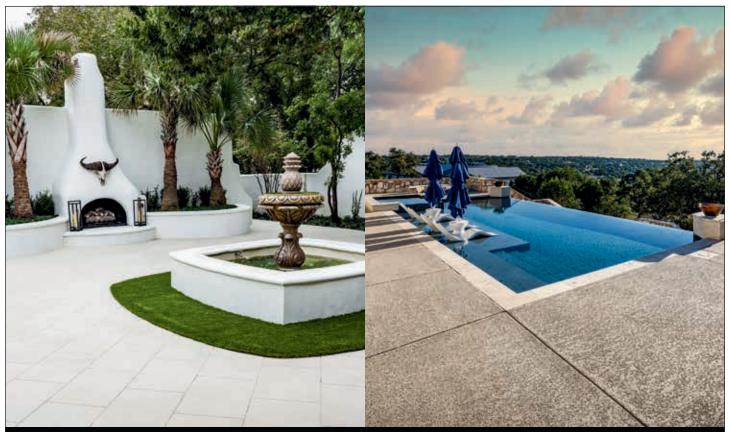
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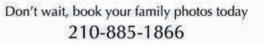
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