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Her greatest accomplishment came in 1921 in France when she became the first Black licensed pilot in the world. Check out *Queen Bess Soared* on our website to learn more about this aviation pioneer.

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Lovers love Valentine's Day. So do creditors.

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JOHN GRAEVE
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Sweet Memories

My grandfather (Erwin Kresta) had a farm in El Campo with an orchard of orange and tangerine trees that were so productive he let people come and pick fresh fruits [Everybody’s Beeswax, December 2024].

Next to that he had over 50 beehives, and the bees would visit the fruit trees daily—fruit-infused natural honey.

What I’d give to have some of Grandpa Kresta’s honey.

Ron Faldik
Bryan Texas Utilities
Bryan

A Step in the Right Direction

I’m new to going to a lease with my husband, and after reading this, I will be sure to pack a compass [The Lease of Our Concerns, November 2024].

Rosie Strode
Tri-County EC
Cresson

Y2K in Hindsight

I remember very well in 1999 the news media blowing the whole Y2K issue completely out of proportion [Black-Eyed Peace, December 2024]. This was nothing less than fearmongering brought on by the computer industry to get everyone to purchase billions of dollars’ worth of new computers.

Glenn Arthur Rebber
Heart of Texas EC
Valley Mills

You’ve given people like myself a huge compliment, and I’m glad you are so blissfully unknowing. I was one of thousands of software engineers working obscene hours ahead of the new year to keep the world running smoothly when the calendar flipped to the year 2000.

It was not a “supposed” glitch but very, very real.

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IT'S HIP TO BE A SQUARE

BY SAMANTHA BRYANT
PHOTOS BY DAVE SHAFER

IT'S MID-JUNE, and the dance floor is hopping. Groups of eight dancers—two on each side of an imaginary square—turn, twirl, walk in time, and move in and out of a kaleidoscope of formations, skirts swirling and boots shuffling. A booming voice gives instructions over a loudspeaker: “Do-si-do, now promenade.”

One pair moves faster than the others in their square. Michael and Caroline Knight turn together and then Caroline takes an extra twirl before they start interweaving with the other three pairs.

“It’s style,” Caroline says. “It just makes it more fun. Like you can do dry, just do the moves as they are, but when you get really confident and you kind of have a muscle memory of what the moves feel like, then you start adding more spins and flair, and it just makes it fun.”

Among 272 dancers at the Brazos County Expo Complex in Bryan, Caroline, 26, and Michael, 33,



The passionate square dance community makes room for new ideas to grow a grand tradition

are among the youngest on the floor one night at the Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival. The couple, customers of Bryan Texas Utilities, met while square dancing and, after attending the same club for six years, dated then eventually married in December 2024. They say the social aspect of square dancing—the state folk dance of Texas—is one reason they do it.

“It’s like two-stepping in that you kind of have a community and that you find friends doing it,” Caroline says, “but it’s more of a community because you’re not dancing with one person, you’re dancing with seven other people.”

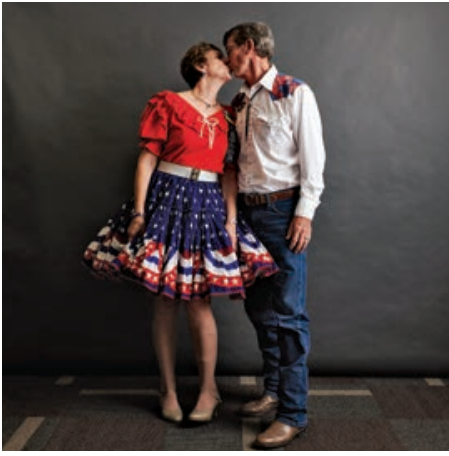
Square dancing is not a spectator sport nor is it a competition—it’s about having fun and developing friendships, all in time to music. And as some dancers are aging out, a

passionate corps—and even some younger folks—are getting the word out about the physical, mental and social benefits of a pastime that’s still finding its rhythm.

The 450 attendees at the four-day state festival are just some of the 2,500 square dancers who belong to more than 100 clubs across the state. That’s a lot of dancers—but a lot fewer than there used to be.

OPPOSITE The swirl of skirts and smiles that is square dancing at the Brazos County Expo Complex in Bryan.

ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Portraits of lifelong friends Mary Whitaker, Lewis Chumbley and Janet Arnold. Andrew and Elizabeth Chu. Jeff and Karen Nelson go for a spin.



“You have to leave your troubles at the door because there’s not room for your troubles and concentrating on the dance.”

“Back in the ’70s and ’80s, the state dances would have 7,000 or 8,000 people at them, and the national dances would have 30,000 to 40,000,” says Matthew Whiteacre, former president of the statewide square dance organization. “It’s down to 10% of that now.

“So in 50 years, we’ve lost 90% of our dancers.”

Whiteacre, a BTU customer, set the theme of the state festival in June: To Boldly Dance ... Into the Future, which allowed for an element of science fiction and some conversation about the trajectory of square dancing.

The clubs sustain a tradition of modern Western square dancing, which has its roots in dances, like the French quadrille, that came over with European settlers to the American colonies but has evolved over the years as it



spread and mixed with other dance traditions, according to *Smithsonian Magazine*.

A component of square dancing that sets it apart from most other forms is the caller, a person who says, sings or chants the set of moves, known as calls, for dancers to follow. Callers can sing along with the song lyrics and sometimes use humor and rhymes as they guide the dancers. It can take years to master.

“I have to interweave the calls in with the lyrics, which that’s a skill all in itself,” says Scott Bennett, who has been a caller for over 40 years. “That’s the thing that keeps me attracted to square dancing all these years—it forces me to use lots of different aspects of entertainment.”

Historically, square dancing is done to traditional country songs that feature fiddles and banjos. And while folks still dance to that music, some callers, like Bennett, call to a mix of genres—classic rock, jazz and pop—anything with the right beat. Bennett says one of the more popular songs in recent years was *Call Me Maybe* by Carly Rae Jepsen.

“I’d put that on, and young folks would just be jumping through the ceiling they were so excited,” Bennett says.

OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Portraits of Dolores and Bill Rowland, Karen and Jeff Nelson, 14-year-olds Arianna and Ezra, Ramona and Billy Grimsley, Gary and Claudia Lester, and Karen Gatherer.

ABOVE Caller Vernon Jones of Springtown.

SQUARE DANCE 101

ANGEL: A higher-level dancer who helps beginners.

CALL: A set of moves that dancers perform when the announcer—the caller—says its name.

CALLER: The person who guides the dance by speaking or singing out the moves.

CORNER: The person on the other side of you who is not your partner (on your right if dancing the woman’s part, left if dancing the man’s).

CUER: The person guiding a round dance by telling dancers what steps to do.

PATTER: Calls that are spoken or chanted instead of sung.

ROUND DANCE: A choreographed ballroom dance for couples in which dancers follow a cuer and rotate around the dance floor.

TIP: A set of two square dances, generally consisting of a patter call followed by a singing call.

YELLOW ROCK: A hug between square dancers, particularly corners.

Dozens of calls are standardized through an international organization known as Callerlab. While some calls are fairly intuitive for dancers—such as circle left or forward and back—others have to be taught, such as flutterwheel, slip the clutch and box the gnat.

Most dancers take lessons and go through Callerlab's Mainstream program, says John Kephart, president of the Texas State Callers' Association. At this level, dancers learn 68 calls, but some have variations, equating to more than 130 total moves.

It sounds intimidating and may well stop some prospective participants, but any dancer will tell you to try it anyway, even if you have two left feet.

"If you can walk, you can square dance," says Caroline Knight, who lives in Bryan and is a member of the Brazos Barn Dancers. "I've seen young kids—6, 7—that know how to dance really well. And then there's people that are in their 90s that still dance."

The activity provides exercise—a two-hour dance can equate to more than 5,000 steps and burns potentially hundreds of calories. Studies even show the dancing may stave off dementia. Jimette Smith started dancing around 1975, and she said another mental benefit is stress relief.

"In square dance, a caller can call anything to any music," Smith says. "You have to listen—you can't anticipate—because he can call anything. So you have to leave your troubles at the door because there's not room for your troubles and concentrating on the dance."

For 30 years, Smith owned a square dance apparel shop, Rhythm Creations, in Houston. She designed and sold the multicolored dresses, skirts, blouses and frilly petticoats that are worn during dances. Men typically wear long-sleeved Western shirts and bolo ties.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are square dance clubs in other countries, including Japan and Germany, but all the calls are done in English.
- The 75th National Square Dance Convention will be held in Waco in 2026, 20 years after the convention was last held in Texas—in San Antonio in 2006.
- There are camping square dance clubs.
- Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, hosted square dances on the White House lawn while he was in office.
- You can find a square dance club that offers classes in your area by visiting squaredancetx.com.



ABOVE Sue Blanchard twirls.

OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Portraits of Nora Creed-McClaskey, 11-year-old Lexi LeBlanc and grandmother Lea Ann McGee, 12-year-old best friends Caroline Einkauf and Meg Rhinehart, Tim and Tam Austin, Jan Albers, and Linda and Don Prendercast.

In recent years, some clubs have relaxed the dress code requirements—one of several ways square dance clubs are trying to attract more participants, including updating music and programs, while preserving the traditions and community that have attracted so many.

Square dancing in clubs became popular after World War II, according to the International Encyclopedia of Dance, but participation has declined in recent years as dancers age out and young people enjoy a plethora of options for socializing and burning calories. The pandemic also dealt a blow as dancers dropped out while clubs paused their activities.

Some clubs have incorporated a Callerlab program called Social Square Dancing, released in 2021. It has a shorter training period to appeal to new dancers. The organization also is pushing to streamline some of its other programs.

In an age when people can feel more isolated than ever, the community and connection square dancing provides are enticing new participants. The family-friendly nature of the activity—there's no drinking or smoking allowed—enables multigenerational participation.

"Everybody here is part of what we call our square dance family," says Claudia Lester. She and her husband, Gary, found a community of unmatched camaraderie when they started dancing 15 years ago.

Some clubs are seeing an increase in numbers. Audrey Mansell, former president of the North Texas Square and Round Dance Association and a Tri-County Electric Cooperative member, said they've seen growth in their 26 clubs for the first time in 13 years, which she attributes to members intentionally inviting friends to join and adopting a relaxed dress code.

Ben Vinson, a freshman at Texas A&M University, danced in high school with the H-Town Squares, a club for teens and young adults in Houston geared toward homeschooled students. The club boasts 110 dancers, making it one of the largest in the state.

Vinson says the friendships he forged made the challenge



of learning the complicated moves worth his while.

“I do it mainly for the fellowship,” he says, “but it’s still a cool skill to have.”

Caroline Knight also got into square dancing as a teenager when friends invited her to join them, though at first she was skeptical.

“I thought it was going to be super folky and corny, and I was like, ‘I don’t know if I’ll like it, but I want to hang out with you so I’ll give it a try,’” Knight says. “And it is so much fun, especially when you’re dancing with people that are really excited about it.”

Once a dancer is hooked, they may be in for life. Charles Spoon, president of the Lubbock Area Square and Round Dance Federation, encourages anyone who’s curious about

square dancing to try it. The 81-year-old is on the dance floor about 150 nights out of the year and went to his first dance when his then-girlfriend Ellen, now his wife, asked him to give it a shot.

“She said, ‘Just try it one time. If you don’t like it, you don’t have to go,’ and I said, ‘OK,’” says Spoon, a member of South Plains Electric Cooperative. “So I tried it. That was back in 1968.

“And I’m still doing it.” ■

TCP Watch the video on our website and discover how square dancing is great exercise and an easy way to make new friends.



A New Yorker in Paris captured Texas
and the West in an iconic statue

A Cowboy's Distinctive Trail

BY CHRIS BURROWS

There's a 15-foot-tall, 100-year-old mystery on the campus of the University of North Texas in Denton. In a tree-shaded area near the general academic building, a regal bronze sculpture of artist Diego Velázquez on horseback overlooks students and staff as they go about their days.

New Yorker Constance Whitney Warren sculpted Velázquez, a 17th-century painter, when she was living in Paris after World War I. The family of billionaire Harlan Crow donated the piece to UNT in 1994.

Nobody seems to know why.

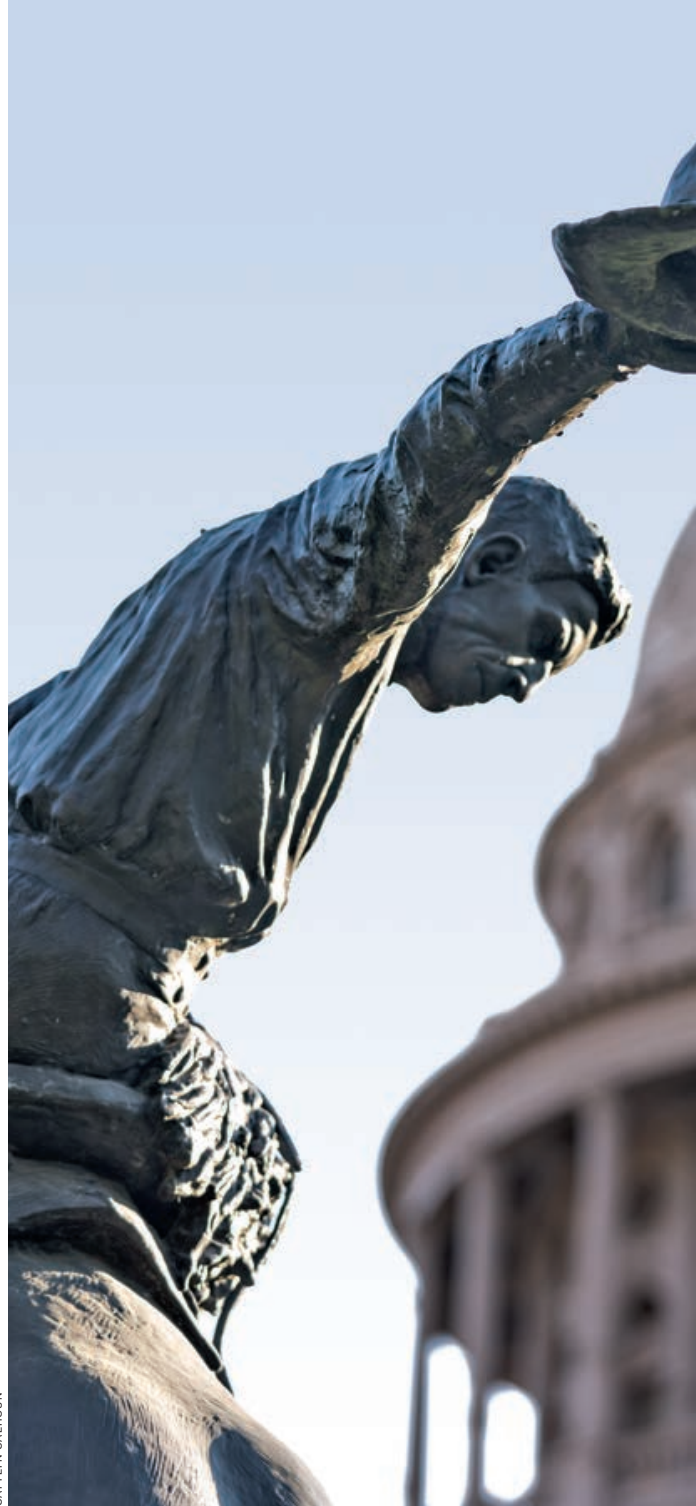
"I do not have the answers," says Holly Hutzell, art registrar for the university. "We do not have a record as to why the donor gifted it to UNT. Nor do we know why the artist depicted the Spanish master on horseback."

But 200 miles north and south of Denton, up and down Interstate 35, iconic Western statues by Warren on the grounds of the capitols of Texas and Oklahoma need no explaining. Both bronzes depict life-size wooly-chapped cowboys astride broncos rearing back over cactuses. Along the path of the former Chisholm Trail, these century-old works could not be more at home. Right?

It was 100 years ago—January 19, 1925—that *The Austin Statesman* reported several thousand Austinites, visitors and lawmakers gathered at the Capitol and watched as two men dressed in cowboy garb pulled a white sheet from the newly christened Texas Cowboy Monument—a "tribute to the rough and romantic riders of the range," reads a weather-worn plaque at its base.

It was the day before Texas' first female governor, Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson, was sworn into office, and crowds were swarming in anticipation.

"There is not another place where the statue of a cowboy can with such fitness and such propriety be placed," said a representative of the sculptor's family, Charles Cason, at the unveiling. "Texas was the cowboy's home, and the very name



CAVLYN CALHOUN

'cowboy' brings to every American's mind the name of Texas with all her glorious traditions and romance of the endless ranges."

Warren was born in 1888 to an affluent New York family, and despite a weeklong honeymoon through the American West after her marriage to a French count, in 1912, there's no evidence that she ever set foot in Texas.

"At an early age, she gained a fascination for the West from stories told by her father of his experiences as a mining engineer on the frontier," writes *An Encyclopedia of Women Artists of the American West*. Warren moved to France after the honeymoon, and when World War I broke out, she chauffeured English officers.

After the war, she poured herself into sculpture, executing



COURTESY CATTLE RAISERS MUSEUM

LEFT The Texas Cowboy Monument has overlooked the southwest corner of the Capitol grounds for 100 years.

ABOVE The dedication of Constance Whitney Warren's bronze statue January 19, 1925.

No one has done more to unravel the mystery of Warren than Sullivan, former professor of art history at UNT and later dean of Texas Christian University's College of Fine Arts.

Cowboy No. 2 was shipped to New York from Paris several months before the dedication in Austin.

It wasn't long before Oklahoma decided it needed a Warren bronco. Its Tribute to Range Riders, installed in 1928, was that capitol's first art piece.

Warren and the count divorced in 1922, she returned to the U.S. a few years later and in 1930, she committed herself to Craig House, a discreet asylum in upstate New York. Almost nothing is known of Warren's later years. She died in 1948.

After UNT received the Velázquez piece in the 1990s, Sullivan went to work solving its mysteries.

He made contact with some members of Warren's family in Massachusetts, and during the course of his research that formed the basis of a 3,000-word article published by the *Gilcrease Journal* in 2015, he discovered that a sculpture of Velázquez by French artist Emmanuel Frémiet was installed at the Louvre from 1893 to 1933, likely inspiring Warren's Velázquez in Denton.

Sullivan's research brought much-deserved detail to Warren's life. She was among few female sculptors of the early 20th century with the skills, means or ambition to produce art that typified the American frontier. She was a pioneer accepted by pioneers of another sort.

"Warren deserves greater recognition for her work," Sullivan wrote, "and for her willingness to follow her imagination into a male-oriented and male-dominated arena largely unexplored at the time by female artists." ■

some 100 pieces—mostly horses—between 1920 and 1930.

"A sharp observer of anatomy and a vigorous modeler, she was at her best with figures in violent action," Stuart Preston of *The New York Times* wrote in 1953.

Among those works was Warren's Cowboy No. 2, sculpted in 1921. It was exhibited at the 1923 Paris Salon, a premier annual art exhibition, and missed a bronze medal by two votes, instead claiming an honorable mention.

"This was prestigious recognition for an American woman artist," wrote the late Scott Sullivan. "The Cowboy was praised in the French press and highly popular in Paris. Cason told Gov. [Pat] Neff that the artist wished to donate the bronze to a western state. The governor agreed to accept it on behalf of Texas."



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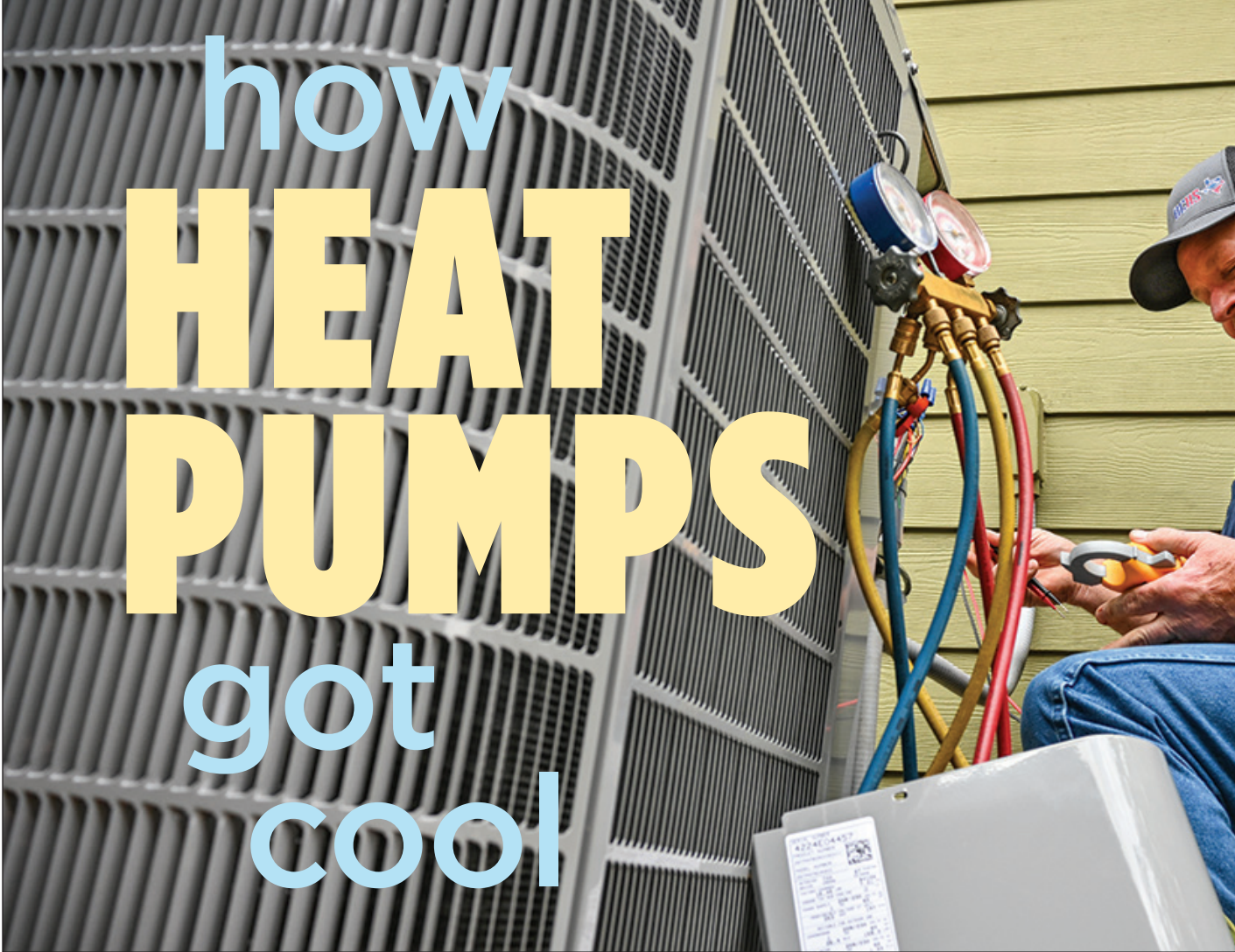
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Story by Sharon Jayson • Photos by Sarah Beal

THE TYPICAL heating and air conditioning systems in Central Texas homes now have competition. Despite the name, a heat pump — more specifically, an air-source heat pump — can warm a house in winter and cool it in summer. Proponents tout the technology for its money-saving energy efficiency.

A growing number of homebuilders and buyers in the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative service area, across Texas and throughout the southern U.S., are choosing air-source — or air-to-air — heat pumps, either connected to ductwork throughout the house, or “mini-split” systems for smaller spaces. These systems heat and cool through a single unit rather than separate air conditioning and heating components and use 50% less electricity on average.

Although savings vary by system and home size, homeowners could potentially save an average of \$670 annually on electric bills with a whole-home heat pump rather than a conventional heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, according to the

National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Air-source heat pumps use 32% less electricity for cooling, depending on the size of the house and the temperature outside. In winter, they can reduce electricity use for heating by as much as 75%, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

There are different types of heat pumps, including geothermal systems that transfer heat between a home and the ground or a nearby water source. Those systems are more expensive to install and require underground pipes.

Air-source heat pumps work by transferring heat using a refrigerant that absorbs and releases heat as it cycles through the system. In winter, the pump extracts heat from outside air — even when it is cold — and transfers it inside to warm the home. The refrigerant absorbs heat energy from the cold air, and a compressor and heat exchanger release it indoors.

To cool a home in summer, the process reverses. The heat pump absorbs heat from the indoor air using the refrigerant and transfers it outside, cooling the home. The process is similar to a conventional air conditioner, but is typically more energy-efficient. The systems can dehumidify too, making indoor air feel cooler on humid days.

The smaller ductless mini-split is suited for single rooms, workshops, very small homes or additions.

In the Bluebonnet region, more builders are opting for heat pumps instead of traditional heating systems powered by electricity or natural gas.

“We’ve seen a couple of our builders in the last two to three years switch strictly to heat pumps. Some that were strictly using propane for heating are venturing out,” said Steve Honeycutt, co-owner and co-founder of Honeycutt Air Conditioning in Bellville, which serves Bluebonnet members in Austin, Colorado, Fayette and Washington

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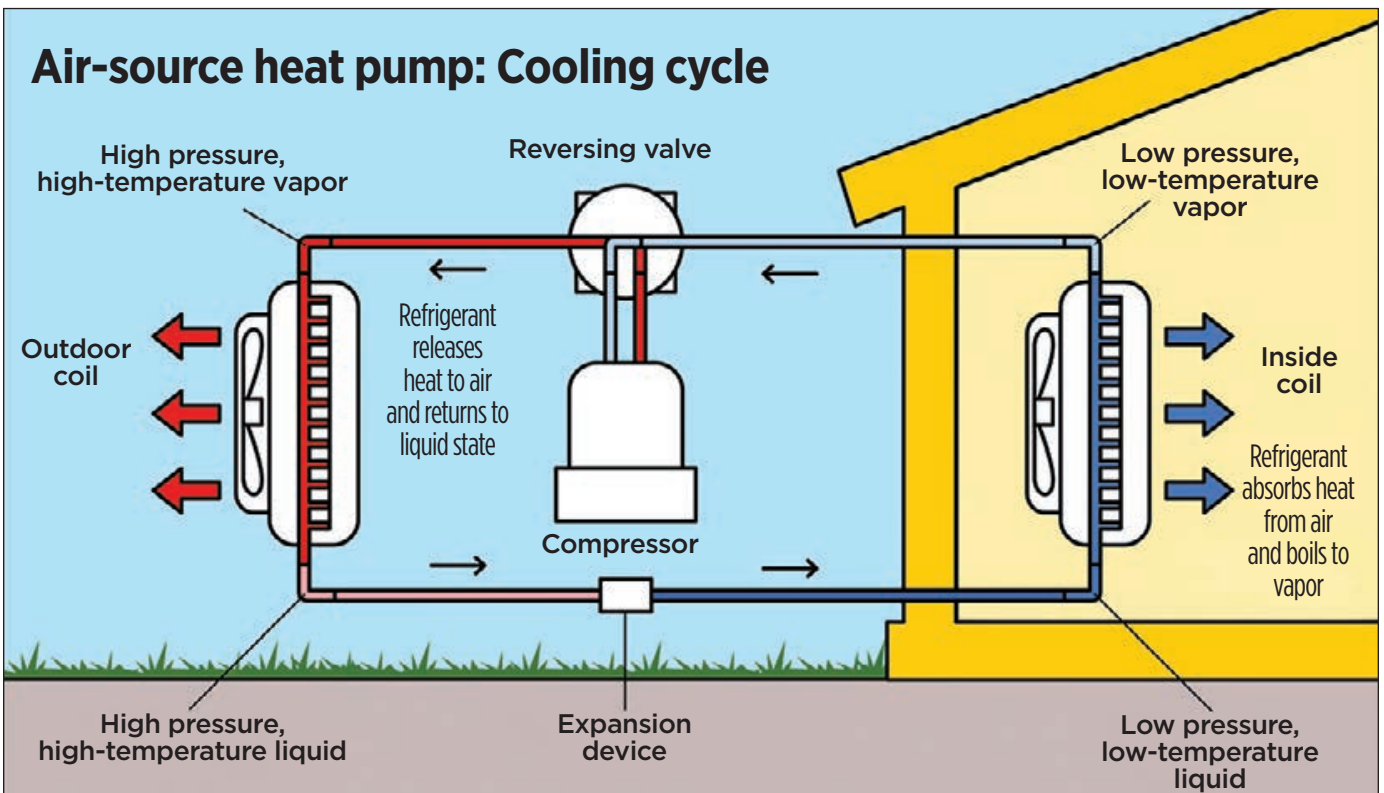
Left: Logan Middaugh adjusts the thermostat on his family's heat pump system. Air-source heat pumps use 32% less electricity for cooling, depending on the size of the house and the temperature outside.



Far left: James Harkins installs the outdoor unit of a heat pump system at a home near Elgin. Heat pump systems, which look similar to conventional HVAC systems from the outside, work by transferring heat rather than generating it, making them an energy-efficient option for heating and cooling.

Left: Anthony Gomez, a Bluebonnet member in Creek, as well as the service manager at Strand Brothers, installed his own 4-ton heat pump system at his home. Gomez has noticed substantial savings with his system. *Joe Stafford photo*

Air-source heat pump: Cooling cycle



Air-source heat pumps work by transferring heat using a refrigerant that absorbs and releases heat as it cycles through the system. In the summer, heat pumps work like air conditioners by extracting heat from your home and releasing it outside. During colder months, they draw heat from the outdoor air and transfer it indoors. *Shutterstock illustration*

Eric Middaugh of Lexington shows the indoor unit of his heat pump system, located in the attic of his newly constructed 2,750-square-foot home.



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counties. “Consumers themselves are asking about it.”

The average cost to buy and install a heat pump system that can heat and cool a new 2,500-square-foot home is approximately \$18,000, Honeycutt said. In his service region, this is only about \$1,000 more than the cost of buying and installing a conventional HVAC system.

“Air-conditioning equipment has gotten expensive in the last 10 to 15 years,” he said. Between increases in supply costs, Environmental Protection Agency regulations on HVAC systems, foam-insulated homes — which require specialized tools — and advancements in technology, the cost of a traditional system has gone up significantly, Honeycutt said.

“Heat pumps are way more cost-effective than propane heating, especially in areas without natural gas,” said Anthony Gomez, a Bluebonnet member in Cedar Creek, as well as service manager at Austin-based Strand Brothers, a plumbing and HVAC company that operates in Bastrop, Caldwell, Travis and Williamson counties.

The cost of an air-source heat pump system depends on its size and number of units needed. Other factors that affect the price are the home’s square footage, ceiling height, number of stories, insulation levels and types and the heat pump’s energy-efficiency ratings. If the pump includes special features such as higher-rated air filters or variable-speed motors to improve efficiency, that increases the cost.

One family in the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative service area recently opted for heat pumps to cool and warm their new 2,750-square-foot home near Lexington. Eric and Meredith Middaugh and their three children — Logan, 15; Landry, 13; and Lincoln, 7 — moved into the house last August.

They moved from a larger home in Coupland in Williamson County. It also had an air-source heat pump. That convinced him of the technology’s efficiency. “I knew from experience that heat pumps are more energy-efficient and would be a great choice for our new home,” he said.

The family’s new house is equipped with two air-source heat pumps: a 2-ton unit for the bedrooms and a 3-ton unit for the common areas.

“I’ve been really impressed with how well the systems work, especially in the summer,” he said. “Our Bluebonnet electric bill for cooling was just \$150 a month, even during the hottest part of the year.” In comparison, the average monthly Bluebonnet electric bill for a home that size in the summer is \$215. Bluebonnet has one of the lowest electric rates in the state.

As of December, the family’s heating costs were low. “Our bills have run about \$175 a month, which is much lower than what I



Steve Honeycutt, co-owner and co-founder of Honeycutt Air Conditioning in Bellville, said the average cost to buy and install a heat pump system that can both heat and cool a new 2,500-square-foot home is about \$18,000.

The process of installing an air-source heat pump system is relatively straightforward, Honeycutt said. He recommends that consumers speak directly with their HVAC installer to understand the system, ensure it meets their needs and choose the most cost-effective option.

Heat pump systems typically include a backup heating option, often referred to as a “heat strip.” These coil-like elements within the system generate heat when electricity flows through them. The heat pump system’s fan blows air across the strip, distributing heat throughout the home. “When the temperature gets below freezing — about the low 20s — that’s when heat pumps stop being efficient and auxiliary backup systems and heat strips kick in,” Gomez said.

A backup heat strip would probably not be needed very often in Central Texas. “They’re only designed to kick in at certain low temperatures,” Gomez said. The strips can also serve as a backup heating source if a heat pump is not functioning, he added. If it does kick in, it’s not cheap: The strip can use up to five times more electricity per

expected for a home of this size,” Middaugh said.

Despite the new wave of interest, heat pumps have been around since the mid-1800s. For more than a century, they were used mostly for large-scale and industrial heating. The technology to both heat and cool a home was available in the 1970s, but technological advances now make them increasingly popular options for new homes or retrofitting all or part of existing homes.

James Harkins, owner of Elgin-based ACHS Inc., handled the installation of the Middaughs’ heat pumps. If a homeowner has an electricity-powered furnace, he recommends replacing it with an air-source heat pump. “Within two to three years, they pay for themselves,” Harkins said.

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Side by side: Heat pumps or traditional cooling/heating systems

Both systems can keep your home comfortable year-round. Which is right for you?

Air-source heat pump system

HOW IT WORKS

A single unit that works by moving heat in different directions. To cool, it absorbs heat from indoor air using a refrigerant, then transfers it outside. To heat, it pulls warm air from outside, even on cold days. It easily switches between heating and cooling by changing the direction of the refrigerant's flow.

EFFICIENCY

Can reduce heating costs by up to 75% because it transfers heat instead of generating it. If temperatures drop significantly below freezing (typically in the 20s), a heat pump typically switches to an auxiliary or backup energy source, such as heat strips, to generate heat – but that uses much more electricity.

COST

Typically costs 10%-15% more up front, but will reduce electricity bills over time. Prices for a new system vary widely – from \$6,000 to as high as \$25,000, including installation, for a 2,500-square-foot house in Central Texas. System costs vary based on county, size and number of units, features, warranties and maintenance packages. Rebates and tax incentives may be available. Installation costs vary based on system size, design/construction of house, pump brand and efficiency rating. If replacing an existing HVAC system, using existing ductwork can save \$1,000 to \$5,000, unless upgrades or additions are needed.

NEW HOME VS. EXISTING HOME

Ideal for new homes with energy-efficient designs. Retrofitting a heat pump system into an existing home may require upgrades or additions to ductwork, adding to the cost. Ductless mini-split systems, which heat smaller areas such as individual rooms, may be a more cost-efficient solution.

LIFESPAN & MAINTENANCE

Can last 10 to 15 years with regular, semiannual maintenance by a qualified installer with heat-pump system experience to clean filters, check refrigerant levels and inspect components.

AVAILABILITY

Widely available and growing in popularity, but increased demand may lead to installation delays in some areas. Availability will vary by unit size.

HVAC system

HOW IT WORKS

Two systems: an air conditioner to cool the home, a furnace to heat it. The air conditioner uses refrigerant to absorb indoor heat and transfer it outdoors. Electric or gas furnaces generate heat to warm air being pushed into the home.

EFFICIENCY

Two systems typically use more electricity and/or natural gas. Electricity-powered furnaces are less efficient than heat pumps, but they maintain warmth better when temperatures drop into the 20s.

COST

Often lower upfront costs, ranging from \$3,900 and \$10,000 on average for a 2,500-square-foot Central Texas home. Operating costs can be higher due to inefficiency of systems; cooling costs more comparable to heat pumps with similar efficiency ratings, heating costs typically higher due to price/consumption of natural gas or electricity. Rebates or incentives may be available for high-efficiency furnaces or air conditioners.

NEW HOME VS. EXISTING HOME

Easier to install in existing homes with ductwork already in place. Adding or repairing ducts can increase costs, especially in older homes. Some homeowners install two systems – a traditional air conditioning unit for summer, a heat pump for winter. Some also opt for a traditional furnace for use when temperatures drop below freezing.

LIFESPAN & MAINTENANCE

Furnaces typically last 15 to 20 years; central air conditioners last 10 to 15 years, on average, in Central Texas. HVAC also needs twice yearly maintenance by experienced technicians for air conditioner in warm months and furnace for cold months.

AVAILABILITY

Readily available with a broad range of sizes and efficiency levels. Installation and repair services are widely accessible due to systems' long-standing market presence.

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, Consumer Reports, ENERGY STAR, Home Advisor, Strand Brothers, Carrier

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hour than the heat pump alone.

In Texas, especially in rural areas where homeowners rely on electricity or propane to heat and cool homes, heat pump systems have become a standard option for new homes in the last few years.

Adam Hernandez is a co-founder of HDZ Builders in Chappell Hill. The custom home and residential construction company serves customers including Bluebonnet members in Austin, Colorado and Washington counties. He is a believer in heat pumps.

"In my opinion, the heat pump is a better system," he said. "Unlike natural gas or propane heating systems, heat pumps do not produce condensation that can freeze in winter."

One system that both heats and cools a home is also simpler mechanically. An air-source heat pump should have twice-yearly maintenance checks, much like traditional HVAC systems. That maintenance includes cleaning coils and checking that auxiliary heat systems are working properly, Gomez said.

What do heat pumps look like? "You'd never be able to tell from the outside of a home whether it is a heat pump or a conventional HVAC system," Honeycutt said.



The Middaugh family spends time together in the kitchen of their new home, equipped with a heat pump system. From left, Meredith and Eric Middaugh and their three children: Lincoln, 7; Landry, 13; and Logan, 16.

"They look the same."

Inside the home, however, they look different. A conventional HVAC system has two parts: a furnace for heating and a coil for cooling, typically housed in more square-shaped units. The heat pump's simpler system is a single, more horizontal and compact unit that takes up slightly less space. Like the HVAC system, it is usually installed in an attic or closet.

Eric Middaugh believes his home's

combination of spray foam insulation and heat-pump technology will create an efficient system. By sealing air leaks and eliminating the need for natural gas or propane, the setup should not only save money by reducing electricity use but also offer a more environmentally friendly heating and cooling solution — one that he expects will attract more consumers to heat pumps. ■

— Alyssa Meinke contributed to this story

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BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC

Cooperative and the Lower Colorado River Authority recently provided three grants to volunteer fire departments in the cooperative's service area as part of LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program. Bluebonnet is one of LCRA's wholesale electric customers and partners with LCRA to support its members and communities. The next round of applications will be accepted in July. Get more information about this program and a link to an application, when it is available, at lcra.org/cdpp.

TOP PHOTO: A \$17,710 grant to the Blue Volunteer Fire Department will be used to purchase a new emergency generator and fuel tank. This grant, along with \$4,428 in matching funds from the department, will help the department provide safe shelter for people in the community during emergencies and ensure their trucks are ready during extreme weather. Pictured, from left, are Kate Ramzinski, LCRA regional affairs representative; Sherry Murphy, Bluebonnet's Giddings-area community representative; Russell Jurk, Bluebonnet Board member; Ward Taylor, assistant fire chief; Margaret D. 'Meg' Voelter and Matthew L. 'Matt' Arthur, LCRA board members; Rick Isaacks, fire chief; and Dan Brunner, captain.



MIDDLE PHOTO: A \$18,123 grant to the Meyersville Volunteer Fire Department will be used to install a new generator at its fire station, enabling the department to serve as a temporary shelter and helping it keep communication systems online during power outages. The grant, along with \$5,036 in matching funds from the department, will help it maintain essential fire and rescue services in the Meyersville area. Pictured, from left, are Kyle Merten, Bluebonnet's Brenham-area community representative; Robert Mikeska, Bluebonnet Board secretary/treasurer; Margaret D. 'Meg' Voelter, LCRA board member; Josh Roman, treasurer and firefighter; John Burluson III, fire chief; and Kate Ramzinski, LCRA regional affairs representative.



BOTTOM PHOTO: A \$23,819 grant to the Prairie Hill-Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department will be used to purchase its first set of battery-operated vehicle-extrication tools. This grant, combined with \$5,955 in matching funds from the department, will equip firefighters with new rechargeable tools, allowing them to quickly and efficiently reach people trapped in vehicles. Pictured, from

left, are Kyle Merten, Bluebonnet's Brenham-area community representative; Robert Mikeska, Bluebonnet Board secretary/treasurer; Margaret D. 'Meg' Voelter, LCRA board member; Doyle Dahmann, fire chief; Douglas Zwiener, deputy fire chief and chief financial officer; Ron Arnold, firefighter; and Kate Ramzinski, LCRA regional affairs representative.





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The U.S. Department of Energy recommends using the warm setting (120 degrees) on your water heater during the winter months. Plus, consider washing clothes in cold water.

TURN DOWN THE THERMOSTAT

You can save about 3% on your electric bill for every degree you drop the temperature.

SWITCH THE DIRECTION CEILING FANS TURN

If your fan has the capability, make the blades turn clockwise. This pulls cool air toward the ceiling and pushes warm air down.

UPGRADE YOUR FIREPLACE

Add an insert or replace your fireplace with an energy-efficient model.

LET THE SUN IN

Allow natural warmth in through the windows, especially south-facing windows.

USE SPACE HEATERS SELECTIVELY

You can save electricity by heating only the room you are in.

WEAR WARM CLOTHES

It may seem obvious, but putting on an extra sweater and adding wool socks with your slippers will let you lower your thermostat temperature.

LIMIT THE USE OF EXHAUST FANS

They suck out all the indoor air your heater has worked so hard to warm.

ELIMINATE DRAFTS

Cold winter air can sneak in around windows, doors and even electrical outlets. Weather stripping, insulation and insulated curtains can help keep warm air in.

SACRED STONE OF THE SOUTHWEST IS ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION



Centuries ago, Persians, Tibetans and Mayans considered turquoise a gemstone of the heavens, believing the striking blue stones were sacred pieces of sky. Today, the rarest and most valuable turquoise is found in the American Southwest— but the future of the blue beauty is unclear.

On a recent trip to Tucson, we spoke with fourth generation turquoise traders who explained that less than five percent of turquoise mined worldwide can be set into jewelry and only about twenty mines in the Southwest supply gem-quality turquoise. Once a thriving industry, many Southwest mines have run dry and are now closed.

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History to a Tea

Reenactors go to great lengths to share the important story of buffalo soldiers

BY MARTHA DEERING • PHOTO BY KENNY BRAUN

IT WAS A tight squeeze for Michael Brown, wedging his large frame into a small picnic table for a children's tea party at Mother Neff State Park, outside Waco. Donning a plastic necklace over his uniform and handling tiny cups, dainty canapés and tea cakes, he charmed the socks off the children and parents clustered around the tables at an annual park event.

As a buffalo soldier reenactor, these experiences bring him joy.

About 150 years earlier, in 1866, Congress created six all-Black Army regiments—later consolidated to four—that became known as the buffalo soldiers. Their main charge was to support the nation's westward expansion, build roads and other infrastructure, protect settlers,

and guard postal routes throughout the Southwest and Great Plains.

That expansion often put the soldiers, some posted at forts in Texas, in direct violent conflict with the Native American tribes whose lands were being seized.

Originally commanded by white officers, the buffalo soldiers, numbering more than 40,000 in total, often faced extreme racism over 85 years of service. The last Black regiment was disbanded in 1951.

Differing accounts explain the buffalo soldier name. One is that Native Americans called the soldiers that because of their fierce fighting. Another is that Native people thought the soldiers' dark hair resembled buffalo fur. Still another says the name came from the buffalo-hide

coats the troops wore in cold weather.

The buffalo soldiers persevered through extreme weather; infectious diseases with little access to treatment; and rough, unfamiliar terrain. But in many cases, it was the first opportunity for formerly enslaved men (and at least one woman) to work as professional soldiers and be paid the same \$13 monthly salary that white soldiers received.

All these years later, reenactors like Brown keep the important story of the buffalo soldiers alive. The all-volunteer Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers Association in San Antonio to which he belongs provides speakers for youth groups, schools, churches, trail rides and other historical events.

"Each of our 40 active members portrays one of the original soldiers from the 19th century," Brown says. "All are Army and Air Force veterans."

Brown was deployed with the Army 2005–06 in Afghanistan. As a buffalo soldier, he represents Sgt. Thomas Boyne, who received the Medal of Honor—the U.S. armed forces' highest distinction—in 1882. All told, 18 African American soldiers earned a Medal of Honor during the American Indian Wars.

Brown, pictured left, who serves on the board for the group of reenactors, wears an 1874 Army field campaign uniform with a dark blue wool sack coat and sky-blue woolen pants, heavy enough to make a brave man melt into a puddle in the heat of a Texas summer.

It's worth the work for him.

"I especially love the educational portion of the program," Brown says. "We explain to the audience how the soldiers' past was tied into slavery and the honor of becoming the first professional soldiers. And for me, it's all about the kids."

The reenactors tell a broader story of what life was like on the frontier in Texas. While theirs is a serious mission, they make learning fun, including occasionally sitting down with a group of children to share tiny cups of tea. ■

Easy Breads

Making cowboys and firefighters right at home (dessert lovers too)

BY VIANNEY RODRIGUEZ, FOOD EDITOR

Pan de campo, aka camp bread or cowboy bread, originated with the vaqueros of South Texas. My abuelita made it in a cast-iron skillet and enjoyed it with a steaming cup of coffee. It's a flatbread that resembles a thicker, flatter biscuit with a crispy outside and soft, chewy interior.



Pan de Campo With Strawberry Butter

STRAWBERRY BUTTER

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
2 tablespoons powdered sugar
½ cup diced strawberries

PAN DE CAMPO

2 cups flour, plus more for dusting
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons salt
10 tablespoons solid vegetable shortening, divided use
¾ cup milk

1. STRAWBERRY BUTTER In a medium bowl, beat butter with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy.

2. Add powdered sugar and mix until well combined. Stir in strawberries. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour or overnight before serving.

3. PAN DE CAMPO Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt.

4. Add 8 tablespoons shortening and use a pastry cutter or two forks to cut the shortening into the flour until the mixture resembles pea-sized coarse crumbs. Add milk, stirring just until dough forms.

5. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead gently until dough comes together to form a ball. Using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough into a ½-inch-thick circle.

6. Grease a 10-inch skillet with remaining 2 tablespoons shortening, then place in oven for 5 minutes to heat through. Remove from oven, carefully place dough into skillet and return to oven. Bake 10 minutes, then flip bread and bake an additional 5 minutes.

7. Slice and serve topped with strawberry butter.

SERVES 8

TCP Follow Vianney Rodriguez as she cooks in *Cocina Gris* at sweetlifebake.com, where she features a recipe for Banana Bread with Cajeta Cream Cheese Frosting.



Firehouse Rolls

DENNIS BAUM
GRAYSON-COLLIN EC

When Baum was a cook at a fire station, he made these soft, fluffy rolls, which have a rich, buttery taste, daily for the crew. This easy recipe comes together quickly, delivering rolls baked to golden perfection that pair well with any dish.

1 packet active dry yeast (0.25 ounces)
1 cup warm water, roughly 110 degrees
2½ tablespoons sugar
2½ cups flour, plus more for dusting
½ teaspoon salt
1½ tablespoons solid vegetable shortening

1. Coat an 8-inch round pan with cooking spray or butter.
2. In a large bowl, whisk yeast in warm water. Let the mixture stand 5 minutes. Add sugar, flour, salt and shortening, stirring until well combined.
3. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead about 1 minute. Divide and form into 12 balls. Place into prepared pan and cover with a towel.
4. Place in a warm area and allow to rise about 1 hour. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
5. Bake 20 minutes or until tops are lightly browned.

MAKES 1 DOZEN ROLLS

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\$500 WINNER

Crusty No-Yeast Bread

CINDY HANDY
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This is perfect for new bakers. It's quick and easy, requiring no rising time or fancy techniques. Made with simple ingredients, this bread delivers a satisfying, golden crust with a soft, flavorful interior. Whether you're short on time or just starting out, this no-yeast option ensures delicious, homemade bread in no time!

1½ cups water
2 teaspoons distilled white vinegar
4 cups flour, plus more for dusting
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 tablespoon (⅓ stick) butter, softened

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a small bowl, stir together water and vinegar. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, salt, sugar, baking powder and baking soda. Add vinegar mixture to dry ingredients and stir to mix well.
3. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead about 1 minute, sprinkling additional flour on the surface as needed to prevent sticking.
4. Shape the dough into an oval loaf. Place it on the prepared baking sheet and cut 3 diagonal slits across the top of loaf.
5. Bake 30–35 minutes. Remove from oven and brush with butter. Allow to cool 5 minutes, then slice and serve warm.

SERVES 4

TCP \$500 Recipe Contest

MAKE IT SPICY DUE FEBRUARY 10

We're turning up the heat in our July issue, and we need your help. Send us your tastiest spicy recipes for a chance to win \$500. Enter by February 10.

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Chocolate Orange Butter Bread

RITA HUIE
UNITED COOPERATIVE SERVICES

This delightful treat brings together the rich, velvety taste of chocolate with the bright, citrusy notes of orange. The buttery texture makes each bite soft and indulgent, perfect for breakfast or dessert. This is a must-try for those who love the classic combination of chocolate and citrus.

- ½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened, plus more for greasing the pan
- 2½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- ¼ cup dark cocoa powder
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- ¾ cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon orange extract



- 2 tablespoons orange juice concentrate, undiluted
- 2 tablespoons orange liqueur or 2 additional tablespoons orange juice concentrate
- Orange marmalade, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a loaf pan with butter.
2. In a large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, orange zest, cocoa powder and brown sugar.
3. In a medium bowl, stir together egg, buttermilk, orange extract, orange juice concentrate, liqueur and ½ cup butter until smooth.
4. Make a well in dry ingredients, add wet ingredients and stir well. The batter will be thick.
5. Spread the batter into prepared loaf pan. Bake 35–40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
6. Remove pan from oven and allow to cool 15 minutes. Run a knife around edges of bread, and carefully remove from pan.
7. Slice and serve with orange marmalade.

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Tripping Through Time

Travel through the decades at the Jack Sisemore RV Museum

BY CHET GARNER

THE FIRST CROSS-COUNTRY “road trip” by car happened in 1903, and since then, Americans have been obsessed with the freedom and adventure of the open road. Near the center of America’s Mother Road (aka Route 66) is a museum that captures many of the ways we’ve traveled that road in style.

I pulled up to the drab aluminum building on the south side of Amarillo and had no idea I was about to enter a time portal. Inside the 18,000-square-foot Jack Sisemore RV Museum sit dozens of vintage recreational vehicles and trailers looking like they just rolled off the showroom floor. Classic motorcycles, cars and even boats add to the intrigue.

RV dealer Jack Sisemore and his son Trent, who loved hunting down and restoring old trailers, started the collection over 25 years ago. When they ran out of room in their driveways, they decided to open a museum. Each vehicle is displayed with memorabilia, old advertisements and an explanation of what makes each model unique, such as the 1935 Torpedo—the first Airstream.

I roamed through 30-foot-long coaches and peeked inside chrome pods that looked more like spaceships than RVs. Every trailer offered a look at the technology and style of the era, with plenty of linoleum and shag carpet to spare.

The museum, closed for the season but reopening in March, boasts rare specimens of the first Fleetwood and Itasca motor homes, and every turn revealed more treasures, such as the 1948 Flxible bus driven by Robin Williams in the 2006 movie *RV*.

While wandering through the museum, part of me yearned for the days before phones or GPS, when the road ahead was truly a mystery yet to unfold. But then I remembered that I would never have found a hidden gem like this one without the help of the all-knowing internet. ■

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Lubbock [11–16] Les Misérables, (806) 792-8339, buddyhollyhall.org

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Bellville Chocolate Walk, (979) 865-3407, bellville.com

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Brenham Sweet Dreams: Mandy Barnett Sings Patsy Cline, (979) 337-7240, thebarnhillcenter.com

Fredericksburg [14–16, 21–23, 28–March 2] Peter and the Starcatcher, (830) 997-3588, fbgtc.org

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Ennis Czech Music Festival, (972) 878-4748, ennisczechmusicfestival.com

Lampasas Wild West Casino Night, (512) 556-5172, lampasaschamber.org

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Fredericksburg Sabrina Adrian, fredericksburgmusicclub.com

Pearland Lunar New Year Festival, (832) 788-8776, facebook.com/pearlandchinese

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Bandera [20–22] Cowboy Mardi Gras, (830) 796-4849, banderacowboycapital.com

Port Aransas [20–23] Whooping Crane Festival, (361) 749-5919, portaransas.org

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Laredo [21-22] Jalapeño Festival, (956) 722-0589, jalapenofestival.org

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Granbury Jazz Fest, (817) 578-5585, granburyjazzfest.com

Port Arthur Rotary Taste of Gumbo & More, (409) 985-7822, visitportarthurtx.com

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Corsicana The Barricade Boys: London's West End, (903) 874-7792, corsicanapalace.com

San Marcos Mardi Gras Martinis, (512) 392-4295, heritagesanmarcos.org

Weatherford [27-28] Cheese 101, (940) 682-4856, clarkgardens.org

Brownsville [27-March 1] Charro Days, (956) 542-4245, charrodaysfiesta.com

MARCH

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Bandera [3-9] Texas Wool Week, texaswoolweek.com

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Beaumont Taste of the Triangle, (409) 782-5514, thetastebmt.com

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Fulton [6-9] Oysterfest, (361) 463-9955, fultonoysterfest.org

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Corpus Christi Camo & Country, (361) 883-5500, amissionofmercy.org

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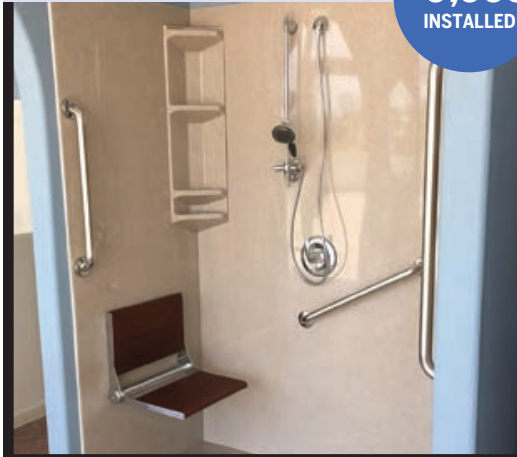


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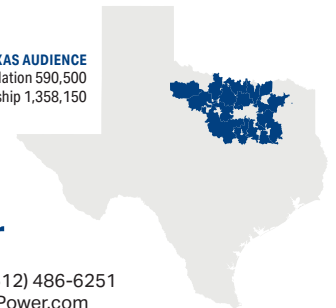
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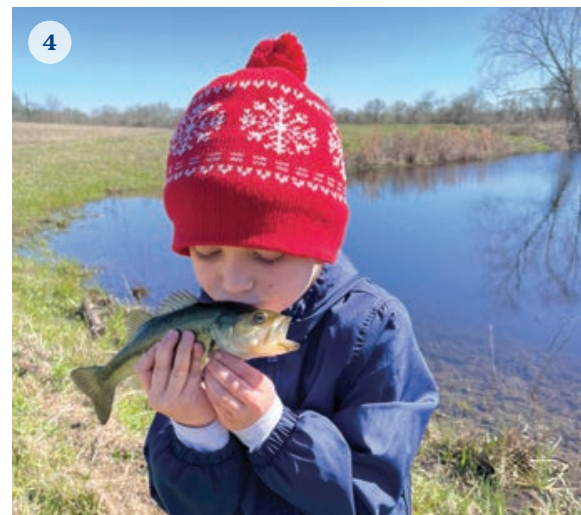
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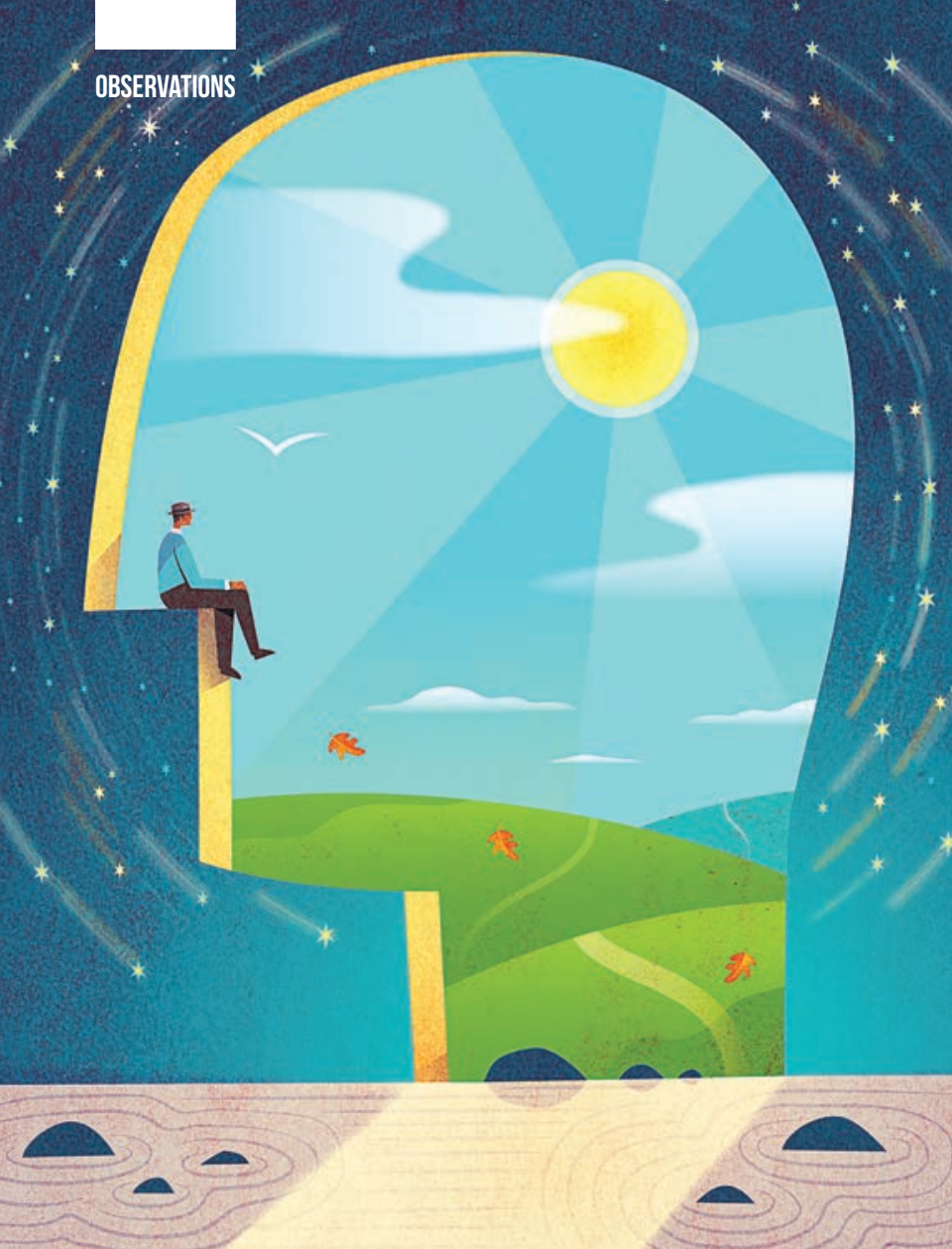
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Peace of Mind

Setting a course for hope and serenity amid Alzheimer's anguish

BY MARK TROTH
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THERE WAS NO doubt that my friends, colleagues and family members had noticed a marked difference in me—yet they remained mostly silent, perhaps out of courtesy.

Repeating myself frequently in conversations, asking questions that had already been answered just minutes prior, frustrations with recalling people's names and number sequences (phone, addresses, passwords)—all signals of early-onset dementia. Regardless of what was noticeable or not to others, I knew I was not the same.

I was referred to a neurologist who specializes in cognitive disorders and went through myriad memory-related tests in addition to MRI diagnostics. I'm 69 and over three years into the initial diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment,

confirmed as Alzheimer's disease.

There have recently been exciting research breakthroughs on the Alzheimer's front. Among them is a new drug being administered via infusion therapy. It has been proven in clinical trials to slow the disease's decline by breaking up the protein amyloid plaque build-up in the nerve cells. That build-up is responsible for brain dysfunction.

It isn't a cure but could add precious months of mental clarity to affected patients.

I was fortunate to qualify for the treatment after genetic testing and other requirements. My physicians, nurses and patient support group are a blessing to me and my wife.

Of course, as hopeful as I am for the potential to slow my cognitive decline and enjoy more quality time with my family, it is difficult to ignore the challenges they will soon endure.

I recently engaged a psychologist to help me cope better with the future. The initial sessions have proven highly educational and gratifying. I am positively in a better place now.

My doctor's advice is both simple and profound. His leading and listening skills allow me to reach deeper within and come to a quiet peace with regards to my future.

My prior mindset had been: It's the elephant in the room—heavy and ever present. But my doctor has me laser focused now on living for life and not for death.

Yes, I must surely take care of my family affairs so as to not place additional burden on my spouse and children. But most importantly my doctor implores me to strive for hope and peace of mind for whatever future I have.

Acceptance of this diagnosis and a renewed "living for life" mentality is my new North Star, guiding me home. Not so much for personal gratification but for serenity with my faith, family and friends. I have been blessed. ■



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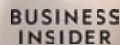
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Alarming fact: More than 48 million Americans hear so poorly that their quality of life significantly suffers as a result.

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