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805 Bristol Park	Bristol Park Phase 2	\$839,900	5	3.1	4,892	4/0/4	No
830 Kenwood Trail	Lewis Pork Estates	\$845,000	5	4.1	4,339	4/0/4	No
2365 hendrix Avenue	Creekside Estates	\$865,000	5	5	5,016	4/0/4	No
805 Kenwood Trail	Lowis Park Estates	\$875,000	-4	3.1	3,872	3/0/3	No
402 Terry	Brockdale Estates	\$887,067	- 4	4.1	4,605	3/0/3	No
830 Bentwater Drive	Bristol Park Phase 1	\$899,000	4	4.1	4,495	4/0/4	No
821 Parchman Place	Bristol	\$899,000	5	4	5,132	3/0/3	No
240 Notalie Court	Lewis Park Estates	\$899,000	- 4	3.1	3,872	3/0/3	No
2035 Chatfield Lane	Claremont Spgs #2	\$919,000	5	5.1	6,011	10/0/10	Yeı
755 Kenwood Trail	Lowis Park Estates	\$935,000	5	4.1	5,577	4/0/4	No



publisher's note



Spring is in swing!

I'm looking forward to finally being able to grill outside without wearing a jacket. I'm looking forward to staying outside with the kiddos, even after the sun goes down. Even more than that, I'm looking forward to our next family vacation – Disney World.

I'm not sure who's more excited, my wife and I or our daughters Nora and Paige. Truth be told, I haven't been to mouse country since I was my daughter's age (four), so I am equally excited to see if Disney still has the same effect on my daughter as it had on me.

I've spent a lot of time recently talking with my colleagues about the Disney "Experience." Some of you have probably read the book, "The Experience," based on the I.C.A.R.E. model. It lists out five principles: Impression, Connection, Attitude, Response, and Exceptionals, and it's about converting customers to ambassadors who share their story with others.

I truly believe our magazine embodies many of these principles. Impressions – your stories we share. Connection – connecting residents with other residents as well as our cast of Class A Grade business partners. Attitude – capturing the vibe of the community. Response – you write, we listen. Exceptionals – the great families, kids, pets, etc. we have the privilege of featuring in the magazine. So here's to you, Lucas! Thank you for the continued EXPERIENCE. Looking forward to many more to come.

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By Kathrin Esposito, Lucas resident



Who: Founders Day

What: The Legacy 4-H Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction Where: Lucas Community Park, 665 Country Club (next to Lucas City Hall) When: Saturday, April 14, 2018, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Why: Celebrate the community and where it all began!

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The Legacy 4-H Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction is a tradition at the Lucas Founders Day Celebration.

4-H is a non-profit youth organization that provides experiences where youth learn by doing. Kids complete projects in areas like Food & Nutrition, Public Speaking, Sewing, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, Livestock and more.

Legacy 4-H is the local club based in Lucas with over 40 members and is open to youth 5 - 19 years old. Proceeds from the Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction will go to help fund projects for Legacy 4-H members right here in Lucas.

Support Legacy 4-H by:

- · Competing in the Chili Cook-Off. It's free to enter and is open to individuals, companies, restaurants and clubs. The categories are Hot To Trot, Texas Chili, Faux Chili, and Way Out & Wild, and prizes will be awarded! It's a great way for local restaurants to advertise.
- · Donate a Silent Auction Item. Items can be gift cards, homemade items or merchandise of any value. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to advertise, as you can display your logo in the Silent Auction Tent.
- · Come support us on Founders Day by tasting all the great chili and bidding on the silent auction items.

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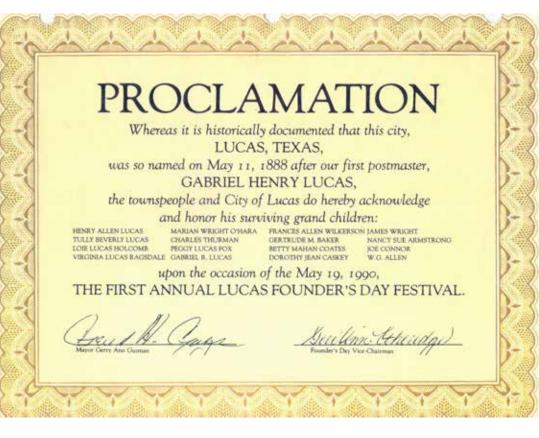
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Our Town's Namesake: Gabriel Lucas

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In light of April's inclusion of Founders Day, rather than feature just any family on the cover this month, we thought it only fitting to feature THE family, paying homage to the man himself, our city's name sake, Gabriel Lucas, son of Peter Lucas.

Thanks in part to Lucas resident and councilwoman Debbie Fisher's six part series, 'History of Lucas,' we've had a chance to learn a bit more about our city's roots, dating all the way back to 1836.

It should come as no surprise that Lucas, Texas was founded by farmers, who had the foresight to establish a rural community with large lots and a country lifestyle, offering plenty of room for horses, livestock and kids to roam freely.

Settlement of Lucas really began with the people who were granted 3rd class headrights (i.e. 640 acres for a married man and his family, and 320 acres for a single man). These headrights required the grantor to live on, cultivate and improve the land.

Back then, the average taxable value of land per acre was 68 cents. In 1850 it was 75 cents. Fast-forward to today, the average has gone up just slightly...haha, now over \$60,000 per acre, with no sign of coming down.

Known for its winding tree-lined country roads and wooded areas, it's easy to forget that you are only 10 minutes from a major thoroughfare like U.S. Highway 75 and all of the different shopping and retail our neighboring cities, like Allen, Fairview and McKinney, have to offer.

A city of just 12.6 square miles, Lucas has seen explosive growth. The population has more than doubled since 2000. What was a town of just over 3,000 is now approaching 8,000.



In speaking to residents, both new and old, when asked, "Why did you move to Lucas?", there seems to be a common thread..."We wanted more space."

Lucas' country roads and woods are some of the prettiest you will see in Texas. A walk down Shady Lane or a horseback ride on the 25.5 long Trinity Trails provides a welcome respite from the Texas summer heat for hikers, joggers, nature lovers, photographers and trail riders. This multi-purpose trail offers a relaxing way to get close to nature without a long drive. On a weekend day, you'll find scout troops, hikers immersed in nature, people on horseback and families out for the day, enjoying the trail.

Then, of course, there are the excellent schools, which is another reason why people are moving here. Lovejoy, Wylie, Plano, Allen, McKinney and Princeton are the six ISDs within the city limits. You also have Lucas Christian Academy and several other private schools. And there's home schooling in the area, too.

Hunting, fishing and wildlife are alive and well, Lucas. The sounds of shotguns can still be heard during dove season, almost as if they are walking through your yard. You can often find kiddos from the neighborhood fishing in our creeks or down at Lake Lavon. And if it's animals you're after, don't worry since we've got plenty to offer: snakes, bobcats, coyotes and raptors, just to name a few. Something for everyone as they say!

But before Lucas was Lucas, it was known by several other names. Forest Grove, Texas. Winningkoff, Texas. Willow Spring, Texas, and Lazy Neck, Texas. All of these are familiar names, which are now used to identity streets, subdivisions and schools.

I remember when my family and I first moved here. When we closed on our home, the survey abstract had names like Boles, Thompson, Snider, Spurgeon and Fitzhugh on it. Knowing nothing (other than they were names), I now understand they were the family names of some of the very first residents who settled here.

Each day, numerous cities and neighborhoods across America continue to struggle as a result of economic change, diminish-

ing resources, demographic shifts and political complexities. In many neighborhoods, social bonds among neighbors are under stress, and in many communities, a sense of community is severely lacking.

I'm so pleased to be able to say, for the most part, this is not true about Lucas. While we are not immune to the challenges that come with growth, whether you are for or against it, one thing is certainly true: we live in a community that cares. It's a community where borrowing a cup of sugar from your next-door neighbor actually still happens. It's a place where we, as a community, will rally around our fellow friends and neighbors when it's needed the most. It takes a village, and Lucas really is just that. No doubt we are all proud to call Lucas our home.

On a slightly humorous note...after scouring the Interweb, you'll be excited to know that Lucas ranks quite high on several lists, according to bestplaces.net.

#1 out of 8 Where to live to avoid a natural disaster. #4 out of 10 The best cities for Thanksgiving. #8 out of 16 Best cities for teleworking. #9 out of 50 Best-rested cities. #9 out of 50 Most romantic cities for Boomers.

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lawn & garden By N2 Staff Writer, Elizabeth McCabe

Is Tweety Bird welcome in your yard?

Do you long to hear the chirping of birds each morning and see colorful varieties of feathered friends flocking to your backyard? If so, make your backyard bird-friendly. With a few simple steps, your backyard can become a hotspot for birds:

Invest In A Bird Bath

One of the sweetest sights you can see is watching a bird take a dip. Why not invest in a bird bath for the occasion? Bird baths come in a variety of shapes and sizes so you can find the one that is right for your needs. Be sure to change the water every three days in warm weather to ward off mosquitoes from breeding. In cooler climates, use a heater in the winter months.

Buy A Bird Feeder

If you feed them, the birds will come! When food is scarce, bird feeders can provide supplemental food. Choose a feeder with drainage holes and with no sharp edges or points. Consider keeping seed dry by adding a plastic dome.

Select Native Plants

To make your backyard bird-friendly, choose native plants that will thrive in your yard. Select plants that will produce bird-friendly foods, such as nuts, berries, seeds and nectar. Consult with a plant professional (horticulturist) to seek out appropriate plants for your area.

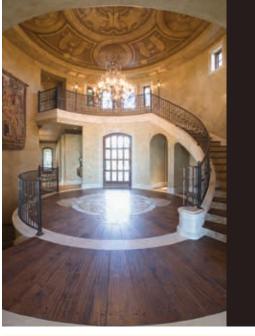
Don't "Dead-Head" Plants

Resist the urge to dead-head plants. Think of your feathered friends, who can eye these seedheads as a source of food, especially in fall and winter when food may be limited.

Leave The Insecticide On The Shelf

While people might be tempted to purge creepy crawlers from their yard, think about insects from a bird's perspective. Insects support growing baby birds as a source of protein and fats. Insects are highly sought after by the bird population and not viewed as burdensome pests.

Make your yard bird-friendly. You and your feathered friends will be glad that you did!



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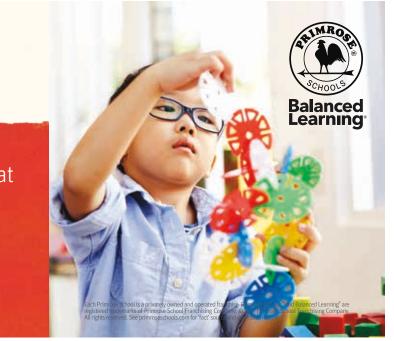
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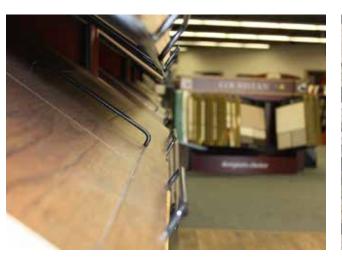
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Peggy Ginsberg is a vivacious businesswoman, mother, friend and community contributor. She heads up S&H Flooring, a business that she launched nine years ago. Over those years, she has built it up through repeat business, referrals and reputation.

Her path to partnership in the flooring business started when Peggy worked in multifamily residential management. She worked for Post Properties and other high-end property owners, and she often supervised new builds and renovations. This inevitably brought her into projects with flooring companies. That's how she met John Stacy, who owns S&H Flooring in Dallas. She began working with him directly, overseeing flooring, tile and countertop projects in multifamily, residential and commercial applications.

Motherhood and a move to Fairview put Peggy's career on hold – a hiatus of sorts. Her son, Cooper, came home to





Fairview and has been in Lovejoy ISD since he began kindergarten in 2006. When her family endured a divorce, Peggy moved to the Allen side of Lovejoy ISD in the lovely, tightly-knit Stacy Ridge Community. She also renewed her career at the time.

"There was an Allen flooring store in the Stacy Furniture building that was going out of business," she explained. "They approached John Stacy (no relation to the furniture family) to open a satellite store. This had not been effective before, but John knew that I lived in this area. He offered me a partnership to take it on and start. Me! He knew that I was looking to get back into the business, this was my community, and I could start from zero."

Even though S&H Flooring is in the Stacy Furniture building, they aren't affiliated with the furniture store. Through "blood, sweat and tears," Peggy and one employee began the arduous work of building a store, a base of clientele and strong relationships. "I put the word out in neighborhoods, schools, and my church," Peggy recalled. "Between the two of us, we covered the store seven days a week. I let all of my friends know that I was starting this store. We made sure to provide the best customer service and ask for referrals as we finished jobs. We were Allen's best kept secret."

Well, the secret is out! S&H Flooring is the largest independent stocking dealer in North Texas. And, no, that doesn't mean they have a lot of socks. They have a lot of flooring, tile and hard surface products on hand. "It means we can provide next day service," said Peggy. "That's a big advantage for realtors, real estate investors, or anyone that needs to complete a project quickly. We're an independent retailer that rivals Nebraska Furniture, ProSource, Lumber Liquidators, and big box stores on price. We exceed them in customer service and selection."

Peggy's team includes their very own installers. She can control the quality of the work, scheduling and labor warranties. She also will liaison with manufacturers on warranties, and her crew can handle unexpected issues on install. For example, they take the extra step of performing moisture tests before the installation of wood to reveal any possible moisture issues that could cause long-term damage.

Referral and repeat business is now very strong. It has given S&H Flooring in Allen even more





resources. Peggy said, "Now our company has grown with levels of management to help maintain customer service and high customer satisfaction. We have installation crew team managers and quality control supervisors. It's all about skilled technicians who can do even more complicated things like putting patterned carpet on curving staircases or convert stairs from carpet to wood."

An added benefit to utilizing Peggy's services is that she understands local homeowners and what they're trying to do with their homes. She works closely with many local designers and understands trends. She can pass that on to customers who aren't enlisting their own designers.

All the work really comes down to creating and maintaining great relationships. "With me, personally, as an owner and resident, I'm very invested in making sure we stay a community," Peggy shared. "You're going to a trusted neighbor, not just a retailer. I'll make sure you're getting the right price and the best service. I love what I do; I love people; and I love getting invested in what their unique situation is, and figuring out how I can help. I have six degrees of separation with almost every customer." In fact, with son Cooper now in 10th grade, Peggy estimates that she has done flooring for many of his teachers and administrators.

Beyond the Lucas borders, Peggy and her team serve clients in McKinney, Plano, Frisco, Fairview, Princeton, Melissa, Anna, Murphy and Parker. They were also instrumental in assisting with recovery from tornadoes in Wylie a few years ago, offering immediate help.

Chances are you know Peggy, or you've at least seen her smiling face out and about. She's a great person to know for flooring, tiling, countertops and connections. Stop in and say "hi," even if you don't need S&H services...yet!



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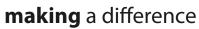
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That's exactly what the young men set out to do one Sunday evening, in the private dining room at Rick's Chophouse, better known as Rick's 110.

How difficult can it be to exercise proper manners and etiquette when dining? From pulling out one's chair to the simple pleasantries of "please" and "thank you," we often take for granted the little things when, in actuality, they are really a big deal and the foundation for so much more than eating.

Thanks in part to Rick Wells and his incredible staff, 30 young men from the Fairview and Lucas community

gathered for a comprehensive course on "etiquette."

In full disclaimer, this was no ordinary etiquette course. Led by Chophouse server and key employee, Brenda Geraghty, this was a class that would have, no doubt, benefited even some adults.

Complete with a PowerPoint presentation and all, this two-hour event was no joke.

Brenda walked these young men through a comprehensive course that not only focused on manners and etiquette, but also hygiene, dress, acceptable behavior, language, and how to navigate a five-course meal, utilizing the proper cutlery.



To find a Chapter near you, to start a new chapter, and/or to find out all the other details of YMSL, please visit the YMSL National Website: www.ymslnational.org



Young Men's Service League is a non-profit organization that initiates and encourages young men and their mothers to pursue philanthropic involvement in their community and provides an opportunity to enhance mother/son relationships.

Young Men's Service League, Inc has a National Board of Directors that governs and promotes the expansion of YMSL Chapters throughout the United States to allow young men and their mothers to assist, serve, and support those who are in need in their communities.

YMSL members have served over 100,000 community service hours since the organization was formed in 2001.

The original YMSL chapter is located in Plano and was founded by Pam and Julie Rosener who envisioned an organization that would allow mothers and their high school-aged sons to work together in support of those in need within the community. They recruited other interested mothers who shared their vision and turned that dream into the reality that is now YMSL.

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Community Awareness: No Place Like Home

By Treasured Vessels Foundation

Did you know Texas ranks number 2 in the nation for sex trafficking? Did you know there are 79,000 minors and youth victims of sex trafficking in Texas right now? In Dallas, 400 underage girls are trafficked each night. Yes, it is happening right here in our own backyard, and the traffickers do not discriminate with whom they target.

So, when a girl is rescued, where does she go?

She is placed in juvenile detention.

Why?

Currently, there are ZERO beds available in North Texas for girls who have been rescued from domestic sex trafficking. Most caregivers and parents are ill-equipped to help their child when they return home. The trauma they endured while they were in captivity is so extreme that most girls need a long-term, after-care program that will help them heal and recover.

We are on track to break ground before May and have our first intake by the end of 2018. We are currently raising the final \$300,000 to ensure that we hire the most skilled and qualified counselors and staff who will directly impact each girl's recovery process with excellence.

We are excited to host a benefit concert called "No Place Like Home" feature ing Emerald City Band on May 10th at the Allen Event Center. We are also proud to have our very own "Friday Night School" featuring Lovejoy staff opening the concert! Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and our opening band will start at 6:00 p.m.

Each ticket purchased will get us one step closer to opening our doors and ending this vicious cycle of sexual exploitation of minors in North Texas. You can purchase your tickets on the Treasured Vessels Foundation website at www.treasuredvesselsfoundation.org/events/ or through Ticketmaster.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for the concert, you can contact Raema at raema@treasuredvesselsfoundation.org.

We look forward to seeing you on May 10th! Bring your friends, and let's dance the night away for a good cause!





That is where Treasured Vessels Foundation has a mission and passion to help fill this great need. We are building a secure community of homes for girls ages 11-17 who have been recovered from domestic sex trafficking. Our program will be 18-36 months; all of our staff will be trauma-informed, and we will focus on a holistic approach. Our desire is to equip and empower each girl to rewrite their story and place the power back in their hands.





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utism may not be what we think it is. Jennifer and Brett Philips became all too familiar with this notion after watching their talkative, happy, sociable 2-year-old daughter regress into a severe form of nonverbal autism within a few short weeks of a common childhood illness. With a degree in child development and a background in education, Jennifer knew the signs of autism and understood what their family was now facing - but something wasn't quite adding up.

her illness, Jennifer wondered if there may be a connection, and if so, was there a treatment out there that could help make it better? That was when the Philips family hit the ground running in search of answers for their daughter. They read hours upon hours of research, and had multiple doctor appointments, until one day they crossed paths with a fellow autism parent who was also looking for answers within research. This parent believed that there was more than just genetics behind autism's rising prevalence.

Given that their daughter's regression coincided closely with John Rodakis, founder of N of One: Autism Research Foundation was

primed to lead this effort with a background in molecular biology and an MBA from Harvard. Like the Philips family, John had an unwavering resolve to find answers for his affected son after witnessing his son's autism symptoms all but disappear during a course of commonly prescribed antibiotics. The Philips and Rodakis families had a common goal - to change the conversation on autism and push for a broader approach to research that went beyond genetics.

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Since the inception of N of One, there has been an increasing amount of support for the foundation's efforts from families looking for answers. The

Philips family was happy to join their ranks. Decades of research and millions of dollars spent have not delivered meaningful answers for a growing list of families. N of One's goal was to seed the most promising research and to deliver the most meaningful results in the most efficient and timely manner possible.

> "There is an incredible story of hope and success to be had for our kids if the right research would be funded," says Mandy Zuerker. "I believe that N of One is the organization to lead those efforts."

In the last four years, the grassroots efforts and fundraising for N of One have not only led to groundbreaking trials at reputable institutions such as Johns Hopkins, UC San Diego School of Medicine, and Baylor College of Medicine, but they have led to RESULTS! Visit their website for more information: www.NofOne.org.

"Our goal is to find answers and meaningful treatments within our lifetime for those affected by autism," said John Rodakis. "With the staggering increase that we are seeing in autism, there is really no time to waste."

Enter, lemonade stand for autism research.

On a hot day in June, a group of autism moms and their kids decided it was time to take action in their local community and do what they could to advance the research their children critically needed. What better way to spread awareness on a hot summer day in Texas than to host a lemonade stand!?

"Our local group of moms felt like a lemonade stand would be an excellent way not only to include our affected children in our efforts but also their unaffected siblings," said Jennifer Philips. "As the idea (and excitement) grew, the event went virtual, gained the hashtag #makeastandforautism and raised several hundred dollars for research. It was really impactful for the kids to see their efforts making such a difference. We are hoping that the movement will continue to grow and we plan on hosting several more lemonade stands in 2018!"

The story of autism, for so many, is not always the "feel good" story that everyone wants to read about, but it is efforts like these that are "turning lemons into lemonade" and providing hope for families in our community and around the world.

So the next time that you drive by a lemonade stand in the area, stop by and get a cup of hope – it could be an opportunity to help advance research for some very deserving children!

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precious pets By **Emma Davis**, Lucas resident and Precious Pets writer

the life of a

Mack is our 1 ½-year-old French Bulldog. He is short, stocky, and brindle; however, it's those trademark Frenchie ears that are what define him! He joined the family in September of 2016, after the death of our previous dog, and we have loved him ever since! Within the first few months of owning him, we celebrated many milestones, such as his first Christmas and even his first snow day. Although Mack is very loved, there were some challenges while raising him.

Like any puppy, Mack loved to chew on anything he could get his paws on, like shoes or even paper! However, he began to chew on the corners of walls, which was very frustrating to us. We even had to reapply the drywall and paint over where he had chewed





on it. Also, Mack was very hard to potty train due to the fact that our lawn is not gated. He went to the bathroom in the house for a while, but he is better now. Frenchies are typically very hard to train due to their stubborn nature, but Mack's cute personality and even cuter face helped us get over those very rough training days!



Since we began owning him, Mack has been spending a lot of time with his best doggie friend, Winnie, a boxer. Mack and Winnie love to run around the yard, play near the pool, and eat tons of treats! They also love to bark at the squirrel in the yard. Winnie and Mack help keep each other in shape, for sure!

Overall, Mack is a very calm dog in nature, despite the fact that he was very spunky as a puppy. When he was younger, he used to know he was in trouble and run around the house so he wouldn't get caught. Today, some of Mack's favorite things to do are to play in the yard, go on long walks, and, of course, belly rubs and treats! Mack is a real people-pleaser and loves to spend time and cuddle with us. We sure are blessed to get to call Mack our dog!



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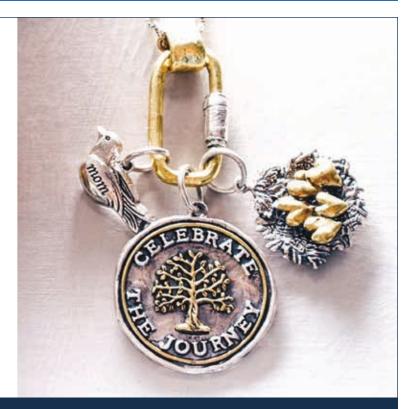
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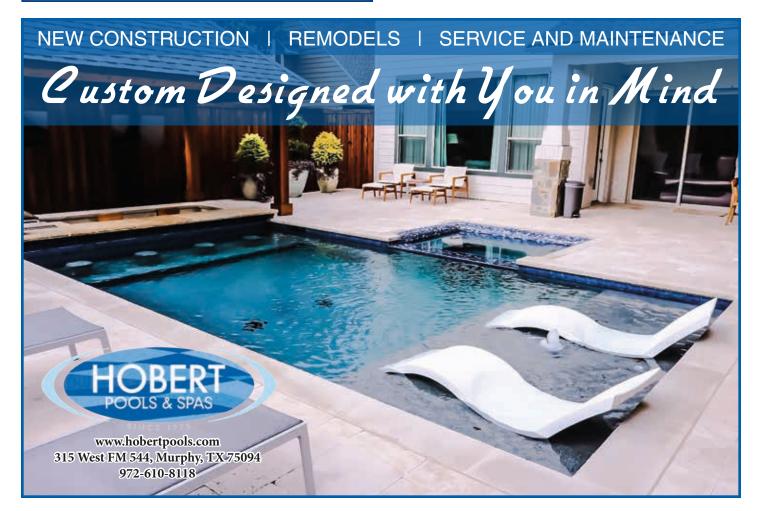
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TEQUILA Did someone say...TEQUILA! **DonIulio** What: Tequila & Food Pairing/Tasting Where: Private Residence, 805 Bristol Park Drive, Lucas When: Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Why: Proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to Treasured Vessels Foundation. Our goal is to donate a minimum of \$1,000 from the evening's event. Join us pre Cinco de Mayo as we explore the eighth wonder Considered by many as one of the best, Don Julio will have its U.S. brand ambassador on hand to take us through the



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Blackmore offered incredible insight to not only how the spirits are made, but also how they are best enjoyed.

He took the time to answer questions from newcomers and experts alike - and sometimes, the questions became very detailed.

I think the question that everyone really wanted to know was, "Do you personally prefer Glenmorangie on the rocks or neat...Is there a right or wrong way to drink it?"

Blackmore replied, "I have it both ways, depending upon my mood. Glenmorangie Original has a lot of fruity, floral notes from the distillation process and vanilla and coconut notes from the American white

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There's always more to learn, I guess. Hope to see you there on April 28!



aroundtours Let's Celebrate Lucas Founders **Day!**

The following information originally appeared in the City of Lucas March 2018 newsletter. Digital versions of the newsletters are posted on the City of Lucas website: https://www.lucastexas.us/newsletters/

> ounders Day is just around the corner! The date has been set for April 14 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Lucas Community Park located next to City Hall at 665 Country Club Road. Our fresh new spring approach will focus on beautification of our City, sustainable landscape practices, water conservation, and litter abatement.

> Whether you are new to Lucas or a long time resident, mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of family fun!

PARKING

Founders Day attendance has grown over the years, and one of our biggest challenges has been the limited parking available at City Hall. The safety of our residents is always paramount as we plan community events.

With that in mind, we are pleased to announce that this year the City of Lucas is partnering with Lovejoy ISD to provide shuttle bus service from Willow Springs Middle School to the Community Park. Shuttle service will run from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and residents can park at the school and hop a ride over for the afternoon.

Parking at City Hall will be

limited to handicapped or individuals needing a little more assistance, City staff, elected officials, public safety vehicles, and vendors. Parking Permits will be issued in advance and will be required to park at City Hall.

ENTERTAINMENT

Activities and entertainment this year will include a mix of Lucas favorites in addition to some fun and educational items. You can watch the Lucas Parade, stop by the Cowboy Church Chuck

Wagon Cooking, and visit the Stick Horse Rodeo and Pony Hops Rodeo.

There will be several displays such as the Historical Display in the Community Center, the Collin County Sheriff's Office patrol car display, and the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center Display. You can also stop by the Collin County Animal Services Adoption Trailer, the CoServ Gas Display & Demo, and the parking area for vintage cars, trucks, and tractors.

The kids have lots of fun activities as well, including bounce houses, a pony ride, a photo booth, a petting zoo, face painting, and a balloon twister. Best of all! There will be FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, chips, brownies and drinks. The event will also include live music by Carly Reign.

PARADE

The parade line-up begins at 11:00 a.m.; judging begins at 11:30 a.m.; and the Parade begins at noon to officially kick off Founders Day. Prior to the start of the parade, the City Council will judge parade participants and hand out ribbons to the winners for various categories. Recipients will be able to display their ribbons as they follow the parade route.

It's sure to be a fun time! Come out and celebrate the city we love on April 14th!



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Young Musicians: Jammin' with the **Brothers**

By Shelby Brooks, Lucas resident and edito

t Wylie High School, brothers Kaleb and Ryan Perez are involved in the high school pop band, Tempo. Kaleb (16) plays the guitar, and Ryan (14) plays the bass guitar. They also have two younger brothers, Zach (7) and Jackson (5).

Kaleb is the leader of the group, the first to pick up music. He played the video game, "Rock Band," a lot when he was a kid and really enjoyed playing the plastic guitar. His dad eventually bought him a real guitar and signed him up for lessons.

He took about a month or two of lessons to get the basics down. He remembers being surprised at how hard real guitar was to play and how painful it was on his hands at first. But he also thought, "This is awesome!"

Those early days were the foundation for his passion for music. Instead of taking lessons, he taught himself how to play. Now his favorite class in school is the time he gets to spend playing in the band Tempo.

He's always practicing his music, especially since Tempo has a big performance at the end of the school year. Playing in a full hour-and-a-half show in front of a couple hundred people is one of the best experiences for Kaleb, like playing in a real band.

"My favorite thing about Tempo is when we perform Christmas songs to the kids at the elementary school," says Kaleb. "I always make sure to bring a few guitar picks to give to the children."

In terms of musical influences, he listens mostly to alternative rock artists, especially Green Day. According to Alternative Press, a new documentary (produced by Spotify) called Green Day: The Early Years is in the works.

Ryan got his start with music because of his oldest brother. He saw how much fun Kaleb was having, and it inspired him to learn an instrument. He never took official lessons, but he learned everything he knows from Kaleb.

"My brother is my biggest inspiration," says Ryan. "He's the reason I started and why I tried out in the first place. Everyone is very nice and supportive; they are all just as enthusiastic about music."

In school, Ryan's favorite subject is math, but music comes in close behind. He has enjoyed playing ever since he started, and he would love to be able to do something with music after high school.

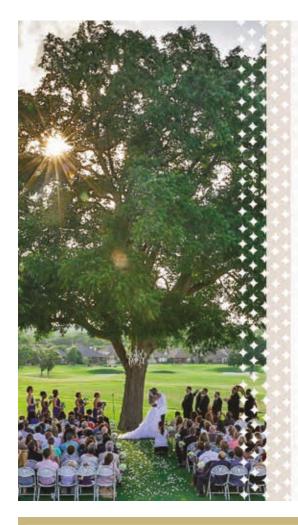
If you get a chance, check out the Perez brothers in the Tempo band on May 4 and 5. Rock on, pirates!



The band is quoted as saying, "Trying to get a gig was the hardest thing in the world." Despite their initial challenges with finding gigs, they persevered and never gave up. Kaleb notes that almost all of his favorite songs are by Green Day.

Besides music, Kaleb also made the Plano East Hockey Team. After high school, Kaleb plans to go on to college and then get a job that lets him be creative, either in music or sports.

His brother Ryan has a knack for hockey as well. He currently plays on the Plano East Junior Varsity Hockey Team. He also auditioned on the bass guitar for Tempo and made it his freshman year.





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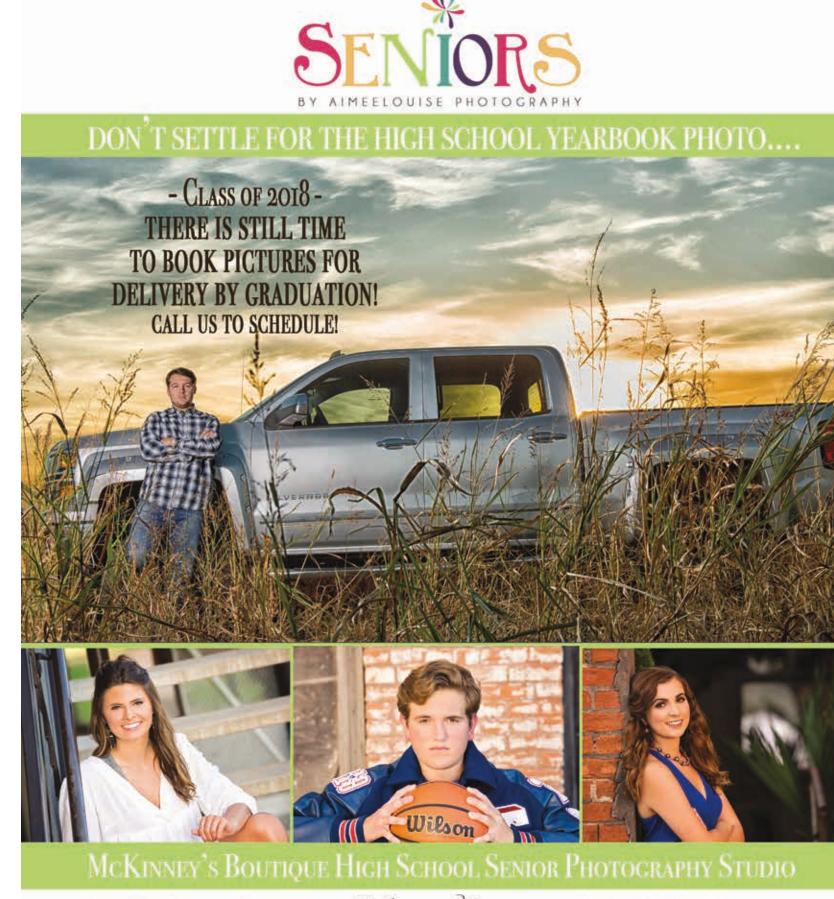


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