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# Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

**R**aising Cane's Chicken Fingers has been named a Star Award winner in the Waxahachie Sun's recognition of local businesses.

Owned by Todd Graves, the Waxahachie restaurant is located at 1600 Dallas Highway, with hours from 10 a.m.-midnight daily.

Kyle Watters, managing partner for the Waxahachie location, says the restaurant is unique due to one fact: "We focus on one thing, and do one thing well, serve the best chicken finger meals possible. #ONELOVE."

That love has been taken and combined with a fun place for the crew to work, with the combination resulting in excellent service to the community, and something that customers can tangibly experience when they walk through the doors.

"At Raising Cane's, you get an exceptionally high-quality product served quickly and conveniently," Graves said. "We can do this because we offer a limited menu. The specialized systems developed by Raising Cane's allow us to maintain a level of quality unmatched in the industry. Our commitment to this concept will not allow us to compromise our quality, cut corners or clutter our menu with new products that do not fit our core menu offering."

As an international franchise, Raising Cane's goal is to grow restaurants all



over the world and be the brand for quality chicken finger meals, a great crew, cool culture, and active community involvement.

In Waxahachie, Raising Cane's has been involved in the community since the start. It assists local schools by supporting student groups and athletics and partners with city events. The restaurant has helped with pet welfare causes, supported youth in an active lifestyle, been a member of the chamber of commerce and found additional ways to partner with the community.

"This is a growing area with so much opportunity," Watters said. "We knew Raising Cane's would be welcome and we could help by sponsoring and partnering with so many groups in the area."

There's something going on all the time with the community's response to the

restaurant and the resulting involvement.

"The community has been fantastic," Watters said. "We love our busy game days, hosting fundraisers and providing fresh hot chicken! Our crew is amazing here and are the heart of our business." There are definite rewards to having one's own business, he said, not the least of which is having one's family involved.

"Our family helps with our efforts in the community at events, as well as meetings and fun planned for our crew," Watters said. "We are all family! You work hard but you have fun too. It is a balance. Focus on one thing – and do it well."

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Personalized service that caters to the customers and puts them first forms the foundation for the shop's success. "Our staff makes us better than any other shop," owner Waz said. "We started the business because we realized Waxahachie needed something better. We chose Ellis County because Ellis County was missing a great smoke shop."

Smokes N' Edibles is open seven days

a week, with hours from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

"Clients can always expect nothing short of perfection," Waz said. "We value our clients."

As a show of its appreciation, the shop always provides a special perk for its customers when it holds one of its huge sales: "We give out free food" for all to enjoy.

The family-owned business deeply appreciates all the support it's received since opening its doors.

"The community loves us, as we too love them," Waz said. "Without them, we wouldn't be here."

While there are always challenges with owning and operating a small business, Waz said it's simply a matter of remaining steadfast and moving forward.

"Always believe in yourself," he said. "Never forget it takes time, and with time comes patience."

With a second location in Red Oak, the business is here to stay.

"Our future plans is for Smokes N' Edibles to stick around and keep Ellis County as our best friend," Waz said. For more information about Smokes N' Edibles, call 214-980-1623 or follow the shop on its social media channels: On Snapchat, search [smokesnediblez](#) and on Instagram, search [smokesnediblestx](#).





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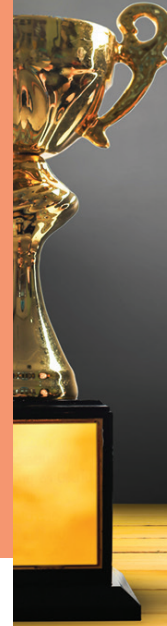
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At Imagine Nation, we don't consider ourselves childhood educators. It's the children who educate us. We take each child's perspective as part of the foundation we build our programs upon. Our curriculum doesn't just instruct. It enriches the potential that is already inside your

child.

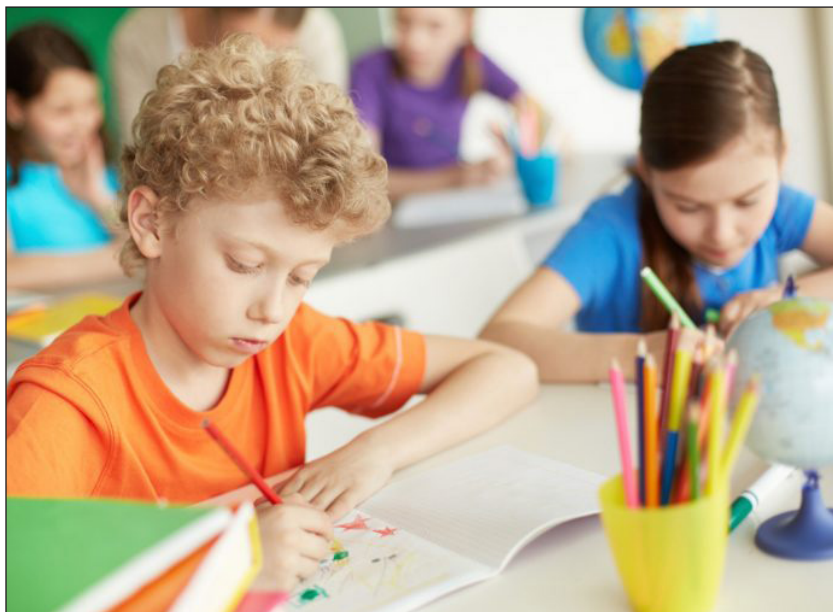
Our mission is to provide a personalized early learning experience focused on the developmental needs of each child, stressing educational, social and emotional skills with an emphasis on creativity, and informed by our faith in God.

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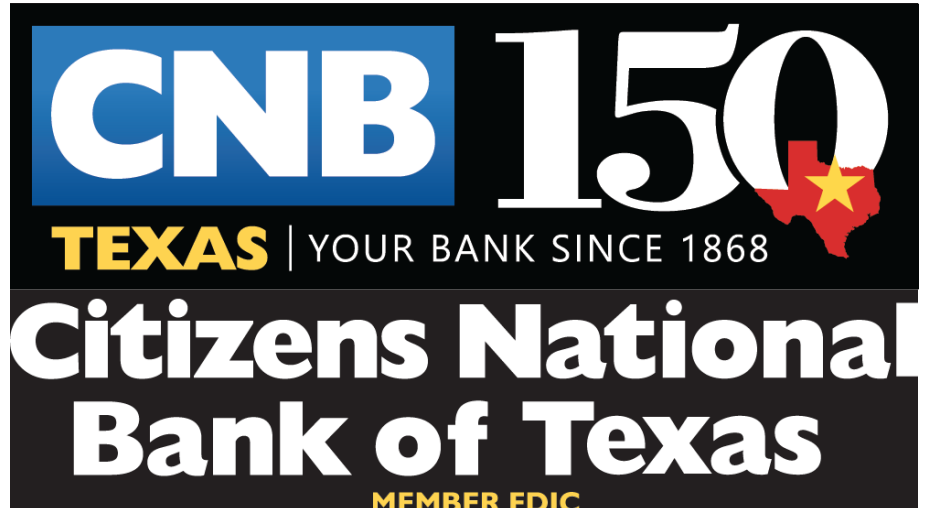
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"We offer skilled services, along with personal care attendant services," owner Jake Hibbard-Vineyard said. "We are a small, nurse-owned agency. We started our business because, over the next 20 years, there will be a significant need for our very large, aging population. Our goal is to keep people safe in their own homes for as long as possible."

Vineyard Home Health opened in May 2020, and while opening a healthcare business in the middle of a global pandemic was tough, Hibbard-Vineyard said the com-

munity showed its support "through phone calls, writing articles, sharing our Facebook page, and attending our virtual ribbon cutting put on by the chamber of commerce." He said he chose to open his business in Ellis County because he lives here as does his entire team.

"We shop at the same grocery stores, go to the same churches, and eat at the same restaurants as our patients," he said. "The Vineyard family in Waxahachie is known for auto parts. As our family has transitioned into the healthcare field, those from the auto parts field have been our biggest supporters."

Vineyard Home Health cares for many patients in rural areas, Hibbard-Vineyard said, noting that he grew up in Kerens and will

open a second office there later this year as a way to give back to that community. The company is also working toward contracting with different insurance companies.

"Our customers can expect that we're invested in their care plan," he said. "We are a team that communicates with your doctors, therapist, and nurses. What we say to every aging person is, 'You are still relevant!'"

Hibbard-Vineyard encourages others looking to have their own business to get involved with healthcare but in a hands-on manner.

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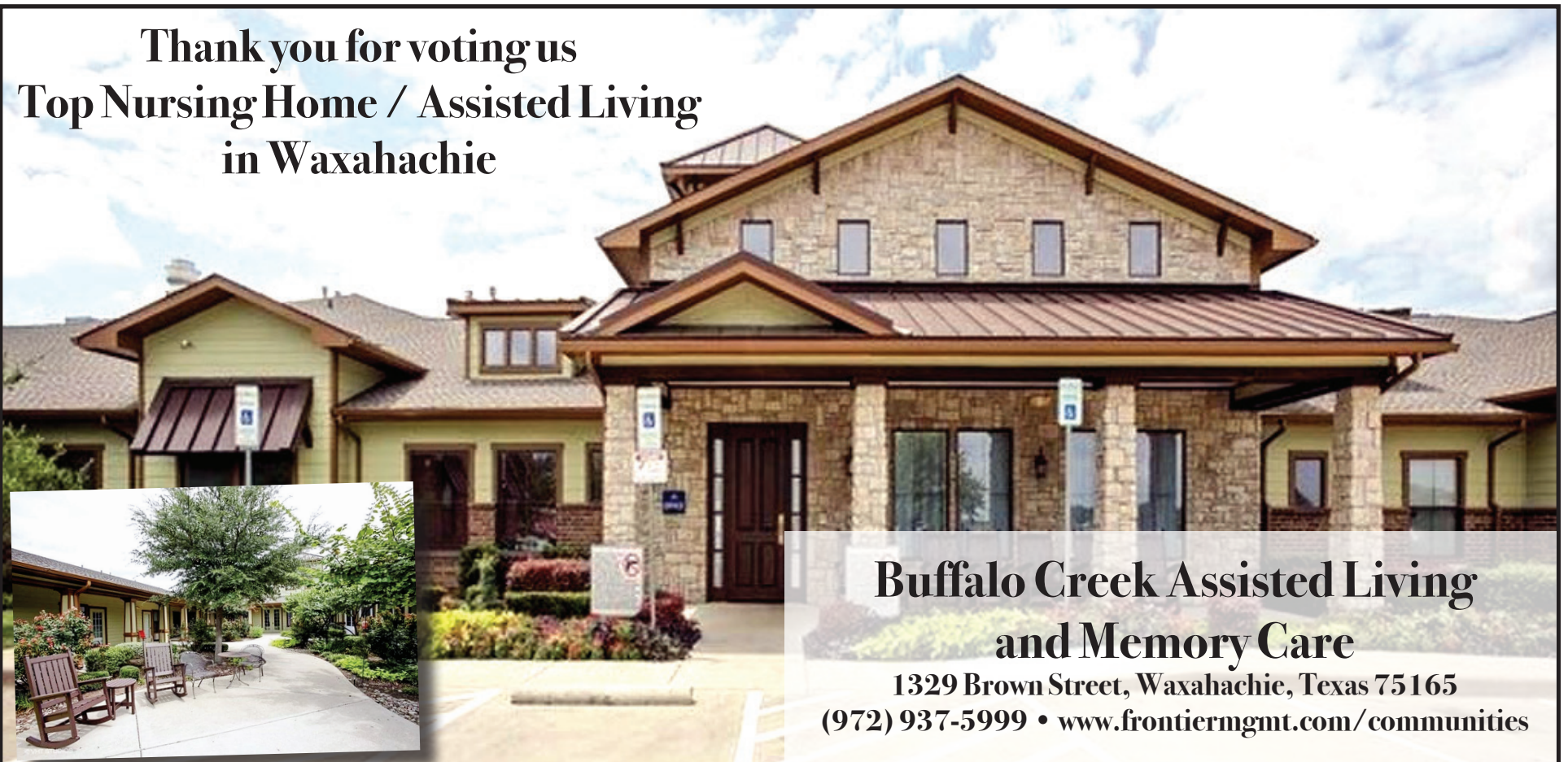
# Buffalo Creek Assisted Living and Memory Care

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**S**ynergy Roofing is locally owned and operated by Steven and Shelley Raney, who are lifelong residents of Waxahachie. The Raney family has deep roots in Ellis County and is committed to protecting a proven reputation with hundreds of satisfied customers in this area since they began Synergy Roofing in 2009.

Steven's parents owned a family furniture business in Waxahachie for 45 years. Steven developed his work ethic and business integrity from his hard-working parents and his time spent in the family business. With more than 20 years of roofing experience, and along with Shelley's vast business background, they understand the value of integrity and personalized customer service.

From residential to commercial, Synergy Roofing has your roofing needs covered. Whether you need a new roof or repairs to your existing roof, the vast company knowledge and experience in the roofing industry, of more than 50 years combined, allows them to work with you to find the best roofing solution.

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Since opening her own business, SOS Tax Bookkeeping and Associates owner Frances Stuart has sought to provide her clients with the expertise they need. "I am not your average tax accounting business," Stuart said. "My firm closes gaps, and we understand business. My customers know that I handle myself with vigorous resolve and with a knowledge of tax code and running businesses." It's that acumen that saw SOS Tax Bookkeeping and Associates named as a Star Award winner in the Waxahachie Sun's recognition program. The business started when Stuart recognized her own worth: "I got tired of my boss making 60% of my worth, while I made 40% of my worth."

Located at 613 Ferris Ave., Suite 108, Waxahachie, services are provided by appointment only from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

"Our objective is to help make your business more efficient and more profitable," Stuart said. "We do so by providing small business consulting and advisory assistance to assist you in solving problems that you have when you have limited resources and or expertise with which to do it yourself or when you need an objective viewpoint."

Stuart also believes in giving back to the community and is serving as the president of the Ellis County Homeless Coalition. "I have mentored single moms to learn my trade and go into business for them-

selves," she said. "I am also working with investors who believe in affordable housing."

Stuart wouldn't be anywhere else: "I found this gem called Waxahachie and I love my city. I have raised my boys here." "It's not easy, it takes time," she said of following that path. "You have to work hard, and on the bad days you will have SOS as the support. You'll have the rewards of being your own boss and the freedom of your own schedule."

For her own plans, Stuart says she'll keep growing her business and looks to launch a tax prep school.

"I trust in God," she said. "He has blessed me abundantly and he never fails."

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