

Election: Ballots are due on May 16

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 Position 3: Larry Sickles
 Position 5: Bret J. Davis
 Perrydale School District Board of Directors
 Position 2: Trina Comerford
 Position 3: Daniel Jones
 Position 5: No candidate filed
 Polk County Fire District No. 1
 Position 1: Dennis Kings
 Position 2: Freeman Stutzman
 Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection District
 Position 1: David Gwinner
 Position 3: Kenneth Gardner
 Position 5: Rod Watson
 Ash Creek Water Control District
 Positions 1, 5, 7, 8, and 9: no candidates filed
 Position 3: Madeline Fisher
 Buell Red Prairie Water District
 Positions 1, 2 and 3: No candidates filed
 Rock Creek Water Control

District
 Director 4: Jim Neal
 Dallas Cemetery District
 Director 1: Michael J. Bollman
 Director 2: Mary L. Gardner
 Director 4: Violet Starks-Fetters
 Fir Crest Cemetery District
 Director 4: James Warren; Terry Gibson
 Hilltop Cemetery District
 Director 4: Raymond Godfrey; Michael Powers
 Pedee Cemetery District
 Position 1: Ted Osgood
 Position 2: Daniel Russell
 Salt Creek Cemetery District
 Director 4: Albert Ratzlaff; Tim Buhler
 Measure 27-124: Polk County facilities maintenance improvements bond for 10 years and \$10 million
 Measure 27-125: Southwest Polk Rural Fire Protection District bond for 15 years and \$5 million.



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Unobtainium fruit syrups and shrubs mix well with lime seltzer or any clear alcohol such as gin or vodka.

Bringing the world to Dallas

By Jolene Guzman
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Jeff VanElverdinghe's engineering career took him all over the world, where he experienced varieties of local cuisine.

"Every place I've gone, there's been something there that I absolutely loved, and when I come home I can't have it anymore," VanElverdinghe said.

About 17 years ago, he put the scientific method to use on something other than engineering to cure that disappointment.

"I also love to cook, so I figured out how to make things from all around the world," he said.

His first recipe was for a banana ketchup — or "unketchup" as VanElverdinghe calls it to avoid running afoul of a federal law that prohibits products containing no tomatoes from being called ketchup.

He wasn't selling commercially, but did test recipes on friends, giving them samples that they would share.

"Their friends would say 'Hey, this great. Can I buy it?' They would say 'You can't. It's unobtainium.'"

The joke, a play on a word used to describe something that's non-existent or nearly impossible to acquire, gave VanElverdinghe's eventual business its name. Now he's a full-season vendor at Dallas' Polk County Bounty Market and Salem's Saturday Market.

Perfect Pairing

When choosing your "unketchup," VanElverdinghe suggests the following pairings:

- Apple — pork and chicken sausages.
- Banana — spicy chicken.
- Blueberry — smoked foods, such as salmon, duck and cheese.
- Cranberry — turkey or mild chicken.
- Plum and sweet cherry — pork.



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Unobtainium started with a banana unketchup recipe.

Shrubs — a product VanElverdinghe describes as the "sports drink of the 1800s" — can be enjoyed the same way or with clear alcohol, such as vodka or gin.

"What I've tried to do is make so you get the taste of fruit right up front, followed by flavors that spread out across your tongue and lights up all your taste buds," he said.

"Unketchups" come in flavors such as apple, banana, blueberry, plum and pumpkin.

"Any of the unketchups are an all-purpose sauce. You can use them to baste, glaze and marinade," VanElverdinghe said. "They all go good with fried food, like spring rolls and eggs rolls, and pan fried noodles, stir fried veggies and roasted root vegetables."

He said if you are feeling creative, you can use them

on desserts, as well.

VanElverdinghe, who makes all his products in a commissary kitchen in Portland, tries to put out a new product each month. His next is a pineapple unketchup that he said pairs wonderfully with salmon.

In addition to farmers markets, VanElverdinghe sells to food service, including West Valley Taphouse for use on their menu items and retail outlets in the Portland and Salem areas.

At one place in Salem, Scuba & Travel, Inc., he's trying to alleviate other travelers of feeling the same culinary letdown he had when returning from overseas.

"That sounds funny, but when people go out on dive trips, they run into things like banana ketchup," he said.

For more information: unketchup.com.

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Lindsey Horton, Sales & Marketing Director for Independent Living

You asked. We're answering. Garden Homes at Dallas Retirement Village are on display.

By Lindsey Horton, Sales & Marketing Director

Craftsman quality. Beautifully landscaped. Stunning views. It's no wonder Garden Homes are a popular choice at Dallas Retirement Village. But there's still some curiosity out there so I thought I'd address some of the most commonly asked questions.

Q: What does a Garden Home physically look like?
A: All of our single-level Garden Homes are step-free both inside and out. They also feature nine-foot ceilings, wide hallways, a great room with gas fireplace, a fully equipped kitchen with breakfast bar, two or three bedrooms, a patio with an optional covered porch, ample storage space and a garage. Some even come complete with a sunroom!

Q: How is living in a Garden Home different from staying in my own home?
A: It's not just different — in many ways, it's better. That's because the lifestyle you'll enjoy at Dallas Retirement Village is maintenance free. Gone are the worries of house and lawn upkeep. Instead, you're free to enjoy your time as you see fit. Spend your day simply enjoying your lovely home or take advantage of one of our many resort-style amenities, including two dining venues, a movie theater and library in our brand-new Lodge Clubhouse. We also offer a fitness center, various health and wellness programs, gardening areas, community outings, scheduled transportation and so much more.

Q: What do current residents like best about their Garden Home?
A: There's no better way to answer this question than with a direct quote from one of the Garden Home residents. In Darlene Peters' own words, "I couldn't be happier with my Garden Home at Dallas Retirement Village. Knowing everything is taken care of inside and out, I have no worries. It is true peace of mind for myself and my family. In my 10 years of living here, I haven't regretted a day."

Q: Garden Home living just might be for me but I'd like to see one for myself. How can I do that?
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