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*Pass the patriotism and the potatoes, please ...*

Does anyone else find it poetically apropos that in November we remember the Pilgrims, whose courage forged this country, as well as honor the veterans, whose courage preserves it? This year, I find myself particularly grateful for my upbringing by a career military father. Though I can't say younger me always appreciated his lessons in patriotism, those lessons shaped and still guide my life in positive ways. I was acutely aware of his continued influence as I waited to enter Globe Life Park in Arlington not long ago.

I was still outside the park when our national anthem began. The first few notes, even ever-so faint, evoked a Pavlovian response: I immediately fell silent (not easy for me), stood statue-like and practically threw my hand over my heart. I wasn't the only one. Ninety-nine percent of those around me, even those who were checking bags or taking tickets, did the same. Apparently, my dad wasn't the only one who taught lasting lessons.

This Thanksgiving as I gather with friends and family to express gratitude for the many blessings of life, I will speak of appreciation for freedom, for brave Americans who fight for that freedom and particularly for my father who fought for it and taught me to value it. No doubt, too many potatoes will follow that heaping serving of patriotism.

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# LIVING A LEGACY OF SERVICE

— By Sally Fuller

*Matt Green's family tree boasts 100-year-old military roots, going back to his great-grandfather who pulled on an olive drab wool overcoat and trousers to charge into battle during World War I. While the 48-year-old Army drill sergeant exchanged his fatigues for firefighter's bunker gear, Matt's two sons, Keeton (20) and Kolton (18), have taken up the mantle as they pursue military careers in the Army's elite Special Operations.*

Matt and his sons are living a legacy of service that extends to five generations. His great-grandfather, Charles Deen, served in the Army during WWI. Both of his grandfathers, Thomas Sadler and Elmer "Rusty" Green, were assigned to Navy aircraft carriers in the Pacific Theater during World War II. His father, Terry, was in the Army National Guard during the Vietnam War, and Matt's service began in the 1990 Gulf War.

With so much military history in their blood, it was no surprise to Matt when both his sons volunteered for the Army. "I think they've always felt it ... They've always seen me wearing uniforms," he said, but added, "It was something they wanted to do."

Keeton recently earned induction into the Army's Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR). SOAR supports all armed forces special operations groups from Green Berets to Rangers to Navy Seals. Not to be outdone by his big brother, Kolton, who recently graduated from basic training, will next attend Airborne School on his way to Rangers Select School.

"They're already heroes to me," Matt said of his sons. "I miss them, and it's scary, especially in the jobs they chose. The reality of war isn't just getting wounded or even killed, but the emotional and mental damage it can do. There are so many things that can happen."

As an Army medic, Matt saw his share of those things. After completing his medic training at 19, he deployed overseas. "I got called up to go to the Gulf War. My unit was sent to Frankfurt, Germany, to backfill for those who were being sent to the theater in the Gulf area," he explained.

In Germany, Matt worked in a former Nazi hospital, caring for those wounded on the front lines. "I'll never forget, in the hospital entryway, you'd walk in the front door and in every corner there were swastikas. They'd been painted over numerous times, but you could still see them bleeding through."








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Matt said he was proud to be helping the wounded and doing his part for his country. "It made you grow up fast," he said. After nine months overseas, Matt came back to Texas and was recruited to drill sergeant school, which he described as "basic training times 10."

"You are it," he said of the weight of responsibility he felt as a drill sergeant. "You are the first one those privates see. You are the one who teaches them how to be a soldier. You have the opportunity to make a significant impact on a young person's life. A lot of them can't even wash their socks, and you're going to hand them a loaded weapon," he said, shaking his head.

As a drill sergeant, Matt was "it" for more than 3,000 recruits. "I don't remember any of their names, but over the years, I've wondered how many of them didn't make it home," he said solemnly. "Hopefully, all of them did, but I honestly wouldn't want to know. I just prefer to think they all deployed and came home. It's just much easier."

As a boy, Matt liked playing in his dad's old uniforms and boots. "I'd put that stuff on and play Army man," he shared. "I always felt like I had an obligation, not a need but an obligation, to serve," he said, and his post-Army life is still one of service to his community.

After earning a degree in education from Baylor University, Matt now works full-time as a firefighter/paramedic with the Dallas Fire Department, as well as a part-time Ovilla firefighter. He said his family legacy of service "absolutely influenced" his decisions to serve his country and his community.







Even a cursory survey of Matt's home reveals a sense of reverence for the sacrifice of military service. Awards, certificates and framed photos of soldiers cover the walls and tabletops. Matt has a trunk full of mementos and letters he received from schoolchildren while he was deployed, revealing a softer side underneath the drill sergeant veneer. Two prized possessions are flags commemorating his great-grandfather's and grandfather's military service.

A self-described "old school guy," complete with a picture of John Wayne on his back porch, Matt modeled himself to some degree after his maternal grandfather, WWII Navy Veteran Thomas Sadler. "Everyone referred to my granddad as a true Texas gentleman, and I tried to kind of pattern myself as much as I could after him. He was the nicest man in the world, but he would not put up with nonsense. He just was a real man," Matt said.

Matt's daughter, Harlie (8), is smart, artistic and the obvious apple of her dad's eye. Will she someday follow her brothers into the military? "I don't know, but I'll support whatever she decides. I just want her to not let anybody ever tell her she can't do something because she's a girl. Sure she can!" Matt declared.

The military's discipline coupled with his grandfather's mentoring helped shape Matt's life view: "Be truthful and live your life with honor and integrity. Life's not easy. You're going to have ups and downs, but if you do that then you won't compromise your word or yourself. I hope my kids will live that way. Be matter-of-fact. Your yes is yes, your no is no and stand by what you say."

Matt recently began looking into reenlisting in the Army Reserves. "If I'm not too old, and they'll take me, I may do it," he said, smiling. After a century of service, Matt's family military roots still hold strong. **NOW**

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# A Season to Remember

At Home With Tony and Heather Hare

— By Derek Jones

Every year, as cool breezes begin to sweep through North Ellis County and the first leaves begin to drop from branches, Heather Hare jumps into action, decorating her home in anticipation of her favorite time of year — fall. Heather's daughter, Kourtney, explained her mom's love of the season, "My mom gets so crazy with decorating, she has to be placed on a decorating budget every year."

"Yes, that's true," Heather laughed. As with previous years, this fall Heather and her family worked together to transform their home into an autumn paradise.

Heather and her husband, Tony, have been married since 1995. They bought their first home in Red Oak in 1998. "With the birth of our third daughter, Kourtney, we realized the need for a larger space," Tony said. "In 2005, we had this home built."





Their three girls, Kaitlyn, Kassidy and Kourtney, have grown up here. The family of five also shares the home with four Dachshunds. Heather said, "We wanted small dogs, so they could live inside and share the house with us. No one is ever lonely around here."

On the front lawn, large, welcoming trees greet visitors. "When we built this house, it had the largest backyard in the community," Heather stated. "My desire was to put in a swimming pool," she said, and then laughing, added, "It just hasn't happened yet."

Instead of a pool, in the backyard stands a peach tree that provides fruit for the whole family to enjoy. "In the past, we have done a little gardening, but as the girls got older and became busier, it just slipped by the wayside," Heather shared.

With three active girls, the Hares are a busy family. Their oldest daughter, Kaitlyn, just graduated high school, while Kassidy and Kourtney still attend Life School in Red Oak. Tony owns The Martial Arts Experience where he teaches karate. All three girls just earned their black belts and help their dad instruct students when time permits. Kassidy, wearing a knee brace, explained, "In the last few seconds of my black belt test, I injured my knee, but I hung in there just long enough to earn my belt."

With four black belts in the family, the Hares are not only busy, they're tough. As busy as everyone is, the kitchen serves as the focal point of the home. "The kitchen is central to everything, so I can be in here cooking and still be involved in what's going on in other parts of the house," Heather said.

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vibrancy and cheer of the home's hub. Kaitlyn added to her mom's sentiments regarding the kitchen. "Yeah, many times we just all stand around the island and talk and eat."

Heather has always held a special place in her heart for the fall season. Over the years, her passion for decorating her home for the arrival of her favorite time of year has only intensified. She explained the origin of her love. "I was born in Minnesota and lived many years in Upstate New York," she said, pausing for a moment before

she continued. "I love Texas and Red Oak, but I sure miss the fall colors." As a result, beginning in September, Heather brings the colors she misses to her home and her family.

For Heather, decorating for the season requires many pumpkins. Kaitlyn laughed, "My mom has a serious pumpkin problem." Kassidy and Kourtney nodded their heads in agreement.

"Every year, I would take the girls to the pumpkin patch at the Methodist church for pictures," Heather said. "It was like a tradition until a few years ago when we just got so busy and were unable to go."

In the true spirit of the holidays, Heather decided to bring the pumpkin patch to her family. "Now, I put a pumpkin patch in our front yard, and I have even been thinking about putting one in the backyard, as well," she added. "Basically, I put pumpkin stuff everywhere."

Decorating for the season isn't just mom's passion but is a way for the whole family to participate in doing something together. Heather made it

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a point to involve the couple's three daughters in crafts from a young age. "You know, having three little girls in the house, I needed a way to keep them busy," she said. Kaitlyn smiled in agreement with her mom and quipped, "Hot glue is our best friend."

The family's love affair with fall doesn't end with decorating. Every year, the Hare family hosts an event called, Kick or Treat for the karate students. It's one of Heather's favorite traditions.

"I make all kinds of fall and Halloween treats for the kids," she shared. "We open up the backyard and let the kids participate in fun activities." The party, however, is not just for the students but also for the entire family. "It is just a fun way for everyone to get together and enjoy the fall weather."

Heather realizes her passion for fall decorating over Christmas makes her a bit of an outlier. "I like decorating for Christmas, too," she explained, "but, when I decorate for fall, I can enjoy it for three months, where with Christmas it is much shorter."

Kaitlyn smiled as she looked over to her mom, "Yeah, we take the fall decorations down, and one hour later, we are putting up the Christmas decorations." The Hare family has created memorable autumn traditions in their home, ensuring that as their girls continue to grow, fall will always be a season to remember. **NOW**



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# Fun in the Clouds

— By Shannon Adams and Joy Horn

Kim Stanford and Emily North have always shared a special teacher-student bond. As her second and fourth grade teacher, Kim found Emily's happy-go-lucky personality charming and a pleasure to have in class. "She was funny even when she was a kid — the kind of person people just like to be around. She was clever, sarcastic and already her own personality at such a young age," Kim remembered. Emily, who is currently attending Texas A&M in Kingsville, felt she and Kim just clicked.

During fourth grade, Kim shared a story with Emily about Kim and her husband skydiving. Emily asked Kim if she would go skydiving with her when she graduated from high school. "In fourth grade the only thing I could ride was a roller coaster, and I just wanted to do something more exhilarating," Emily said.

Kim agreed, and though they only saw each other occasionally after Emily moved on to fifth grade, there was

never a doubt that they would make good on their promise. In fact, Emily began working on another mission of her own. "I knew I would have to get top 25 in my class, so when I graduated I could pick Mrs. Stanford as my Star Teacher," Emily said. The Star Teacher Award, in which the top graduating seniors get to honor their most influential educator, rarely is bestowed on a teacher as distant as fourth grade. It was, as Kim said, "a big deal" to be chosen.

In the spring of Emily's senior year, the two began making firm plans for their adventure. "We saw each other at H-E-B," Kim laughed, "and we said, 'So, when are we going to do this?' And that's kind of how it happened." A few short months later, she and Emily began making their way 10,000 feet up in a small, bumpy plane.

Though Kim had been skydiving before, she was nervous during the ascent, but remembers Emily as full of energy and excitement. "Before we went, I actually read the waiver," Kim admitted. "It was long and a little scary, but it was funny because when I asked Emily if she had read it, she said no. She just signed it."

Emily seemed to have no fear as she prepared to jump and stepped easily out of the plane onto the tiny waiting platform. "It was freezing up there and so windy, but I had so much



excitement pumping through my body,” Emily said. “When I looked back at Mrs. Stanford, she looked like she was going to throw up,” she added lightheartedly.

Though Kim was scared at that point, she never backed down but watched as Emily took the first dive. “Before she jumped, I said, ‘I love you, Emily!’ because I thought that might be the last thing she heard before she died!” Kim exclaimed.

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As her second and fourth grade teacher, Kim found Emily’s happy-go-lucky personality charming and a pleasure to have in class.

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After they made it safely to the ground, they went to lunch together before reminiscing and touring the old elementary school where Kim taught Emily. “Our story is unique,” Kim acknowledged, “but the commitment to our students’ lives after they graduate is not. There are a ton of teachers here in Red Oak who have that same commitment. Teachers make long-term commitments to their students all the time — whether it’s going to baseball games or attending graduation, that kind of promise is just who teachers are.”

Although her experience with Emily is one she will always remember, she doesn’t have any plans to make jumping from an airplane a tradition. “Emily wants to go skydiving every year on her birthday,” Kim laughed, “but I don’t think I’m up for that. I’m a lot older than I used to be!” Emily need not worry, however. Continuing in the spirit of dedication, Kim promised that she will always be there — to watch. **NOW**



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## *In the Kitchen With*

### SHANNON SAWYER

— By Sally Fuller

Family and fun are what inspire Shannon Sawyer's down-home cooking. "I want my kids to be around family as much as they possibly can, and eating is just another reason to have everyone together," she said. "Cooking is fun and soothing. With family recipes, it makes me feel a bit closer to those who gave me the recipes."

Cooking for her husband and two young boys, one she describes as "extremely picky," Shannon has perfected the art of quick and tasty. "If it's going to be complicated, I'll find something else," she said. "With two small boys and a husband in school, I can't spend too much time getting meals together. I start with things I know they'll eat and just wing it from there!" **NOW**

### Nana's Swedish Meatballs

28 saltine crackers, crumbled  
2 eggs  
1 cup milk  
1 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1 tsp. minced onion  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
2 lbs. lean ground beef  
3-4 pkgs. brown gravy mix  
Egg noodles or rice, to taste

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, crumble saltine crackers until fine.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs

and milk. Pour egg/milk mixture over crackers; let stand 3 minutes.

3. Add nutmeg, onion, salt, pepper and ground beef to cracker mixture. Using your hands, mix well.

4. Roll meat into large walnut-size balls; place in a 13x9-inch cake pan. Bake for 20 minutes.

5. While meatballs bake, prepare brown gravy per packet directions.

6. After meatballs bake 20 minutes, remove from oven. Drain grease from pan; add gravy to pan. Return meatballs and gravy to oven for 20-30 more minutes.

7. Serve over egg noodles or rice.

### Grandma's Waldorf Salad

1/2 to 1 cup mayonnaise  
Milk, to taste  
1 small bag mini marshmallows  
1/2 cup chopped nuts (your choice)  
1 apple, diced  
1 small pkg. grapes, sliced  
1 stalk celery, diced

1. In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise and enough milk to form a thick, creamy, slightly pourable dressing; set aside.

2. Place all remaining ingredients in a large bowl; toss with dressing. Chill before serving.

### Holiday Fluffy Pumpkin Dip

1 5-oz. pkg. sugar-free instant vanilla pudding  
1 15-oz. can solid pumpkin  
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
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Graham crackers or fruit for dipping

1. Mix pudding, pumpkin and spice in a large bowl. Fold in whipped cream.

2. Chill for at least two hours before serving with graham crackers or fruit.



## Mom's Peanut Butter Fudge

- 2 sticks butter**
- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips**
- 12 oz. chunky peanut butter**
- 1 lb. powdered sugar**

1. In a microwave safe bowl, heat butter, chocolate chips and peanut butter on high for about 2 minutes, until soft enough to stir easily. Stir to combine.
2. Fold in powdered sugar. Stir until mixed well. Spread into a greased or sprayed 9x13-inch pan.
3. Refrigerate for at least one hour. Cut into small squares.

## Aunt Cyndy's Corn Casserole

- 1 stick butter**
- 1 pkg. Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix**
- 1/2 cup sour cream**
- 1 can cream style corn**
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained**

1. Preheat oven to 375 F Melt butter in the bottom of an 8x8-inch baking dish.
2. Place corn muffin mix, sour cream, cream style corn and whole kernel corn in baking dish; stir until well blended.
3. Bake for 1 hour, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean and edges are browned.
4. **Variation:** For an easy, tasty main dish, follow directions above and add 1 lb. of ground beef or sausage browned with 1 chopped onion. Bake in a larger pan.

## Nana's Homemade Sugar Cookies

- 2 cups flour**
- 2 tsp. baking powder**
- 1/2 tsp. salt**
- 3/4 cup sugar**
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil**
- 2 eggs, beaten**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**

1. Preheat oven to 350 F In a medium bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt.
2. In a separate large bowl, mix sugar and oil. When well mixed, stir in beaten eggs and vanilla. Mix very well.
3. Slowly stir flour mixture into sugar mixture until well blended. Chill dough 1-2 hours.
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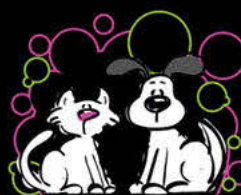
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The DDS<sup>®</sup> Dentures+Implant Solutions<sup>®</sup> of Waxahachie opened in January 2017, a move that Dustin said has proven to be a “fantastic” fit for the company. “Our motto as a company is to ‘Delight the Patient.’ That means that no matter what, we’re going to delight the patient, and doing that means having more



of a feeling of community. I think Waxahachie fits us as a company very, very well."

DDS® Dentures+Implant Solutions® in Waxahachie added a second doctor this July when Dr. Dimple McNamara joined Dr. Deo Pun, who has been at the Waxahachie location since its inception. A second doctor allows DDS® to better fulfill its commitment to community outreach that is part of DDS®'s core training.


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— By Mark P. Starrett

Combined, the words “Athens” and “Greece” conjure up visions of ancient ruins and wall-to-wall tourists — all of them frantically trying to take selfie pictures in front of temples of the gods. Scores more scour the Plaka, a neighborhood that sits in the shadow of the Acropolis, looking for bargains and trinkets for friends and relatives at home. A relaxed vacation it is not.

If you really want to soak up true Greek sun, sand and life, then look no further than Voula, Greece, a southern suburb only 10 miles from Athens’ center city, but a million miles away from the frantic pace. You can reach Voula easily by hailing a taxi or using the Beats App from Athens International Airport. The 20- to 30-minute ride is enjoyable.

The picturesque town’s charm will engulf you soon after arriving. Voula is separated by Parko Ethnikis Antistaseos, a green space with a playground for children to run and plenty of shady trees to help fight the sun’s rays. The park runs southwest from Iridos Street to the Saronic Gulf.

Close to the park is the town center, a place where Greek gentlemen and women sit in the early morning, drinking coffee, enjoying a smoke and having fun conversation with their friends. Small children run around, playing hide-and-seek, riding skateboards or playfully kicking a soccer ball around.

The town center has many wonderful restaurants. They all

serve authentic Greek food, such as gyros, moussaka, and kebab. Away from the trappings of Athens, the cost of the meal is very reasonable.

The Greek people are very gregarious and friendly. It is common for a Greek to see a child and call out “*ὄμορφο παιδί*” — beautiful child. The older Greeks love to ask if they can kiss your child on the head and hold their hands.

Voula resides on the coast and looks out over the Saronic Gulf. The views of the water are relaxing and refreshing as you stroll along the seawall. Any day, you can catch Greeks sunning themselves or enjoying the cool water at the many secluded beaches dotting the shoreline.

Kavouri Beach is a top location for family members due to the safe water and the open space of the beach. There are plenty of parking spaces around the coast, but it can get overcrowded on the weekends. Kavouri Beach is easily accessible via public buses, a car or a nice, moderate walk. The beach is an excellent choice for swimming, sunbathing or playing beach games, such as volleyball. It has nice facilities and plenty of cafés located right by the sea.

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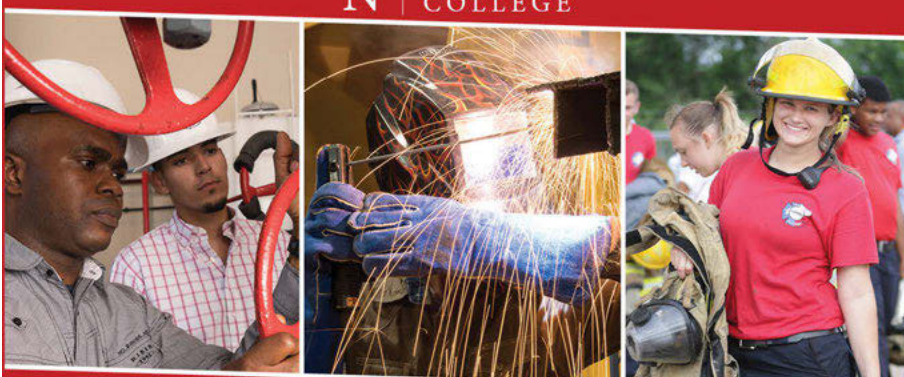
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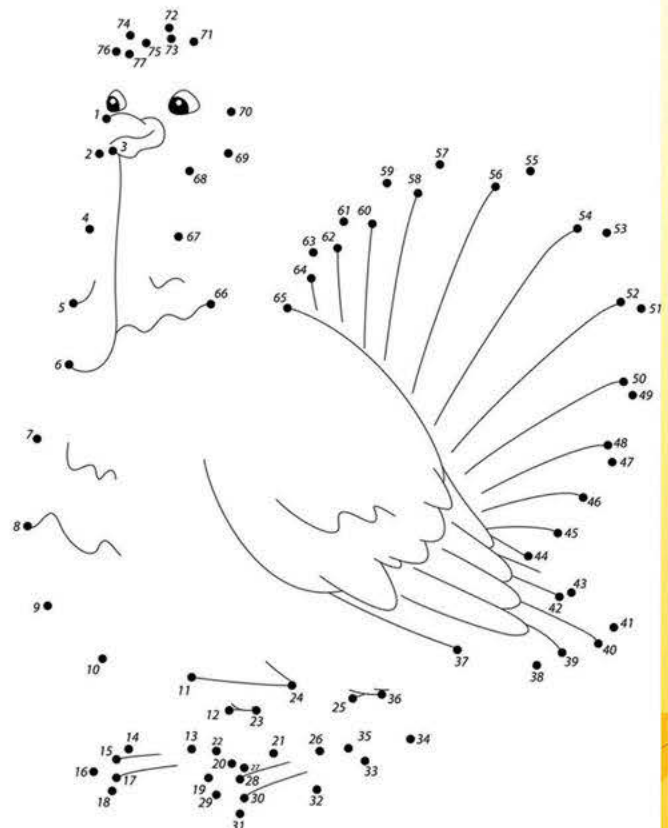
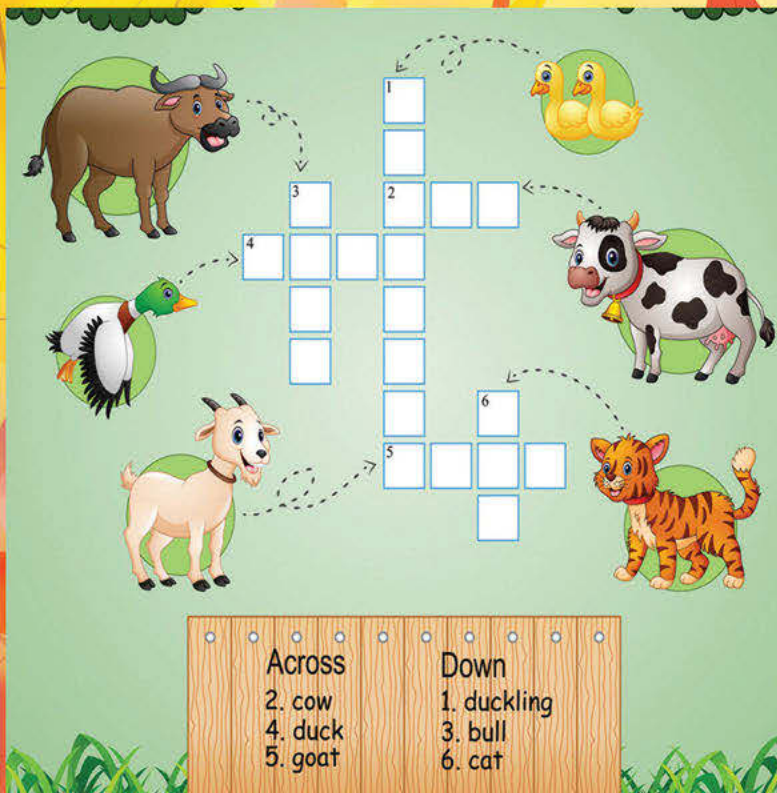
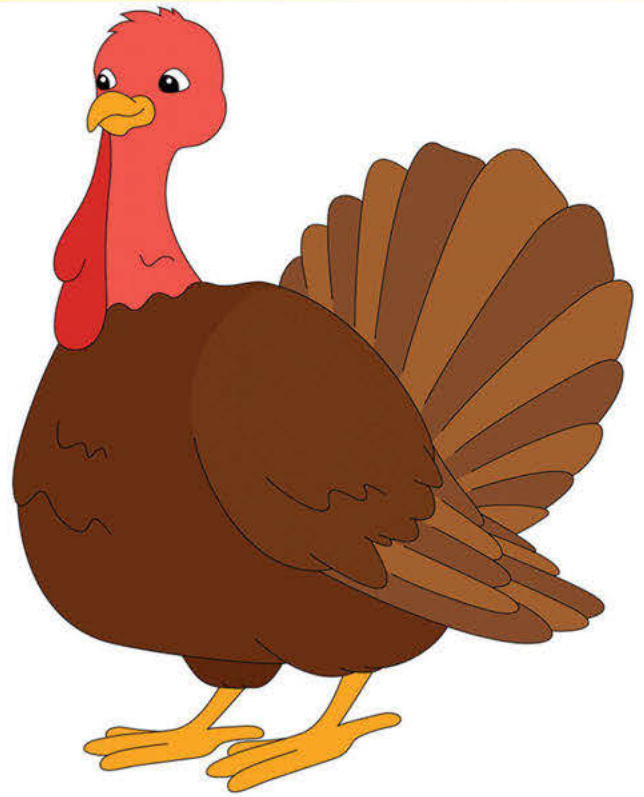


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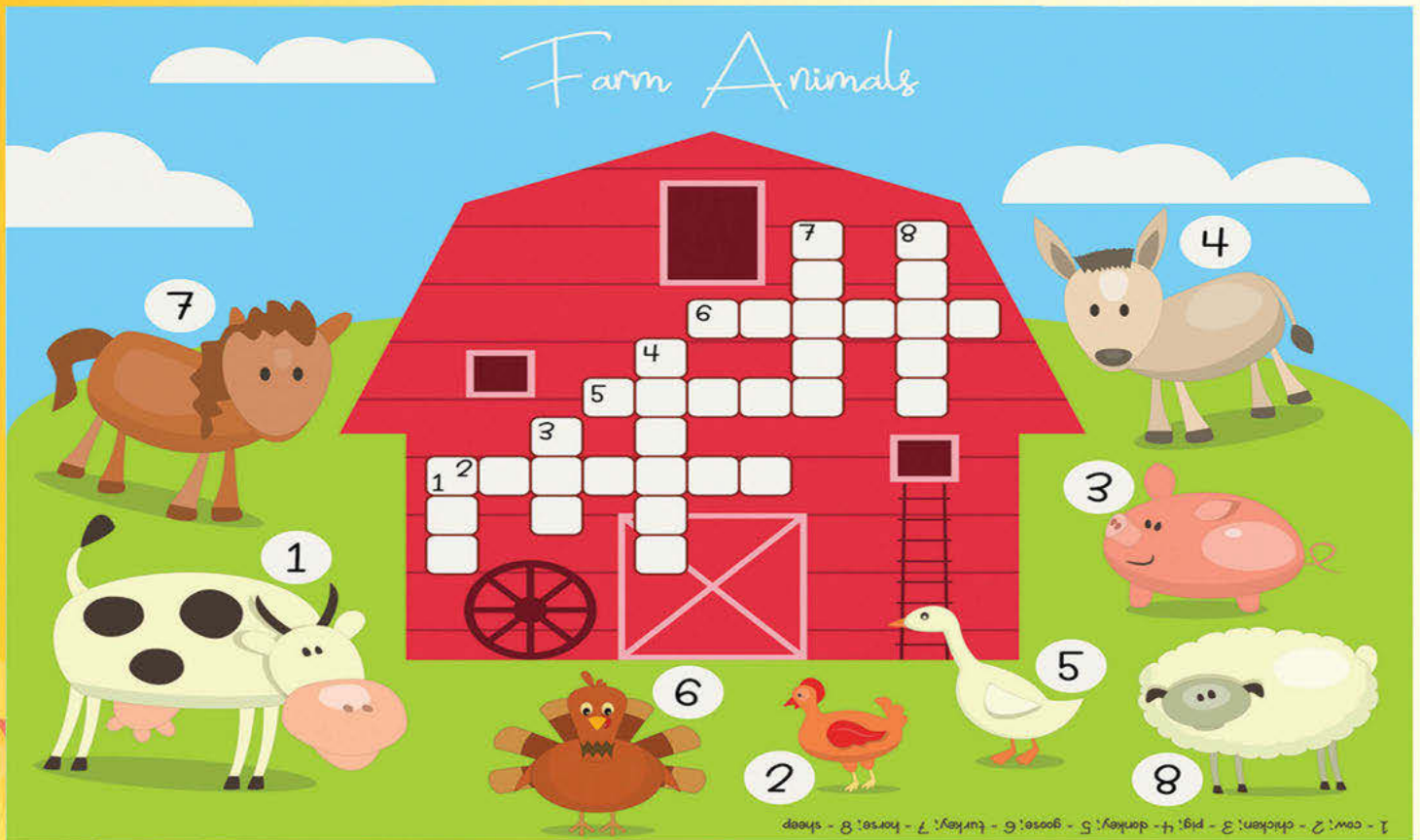
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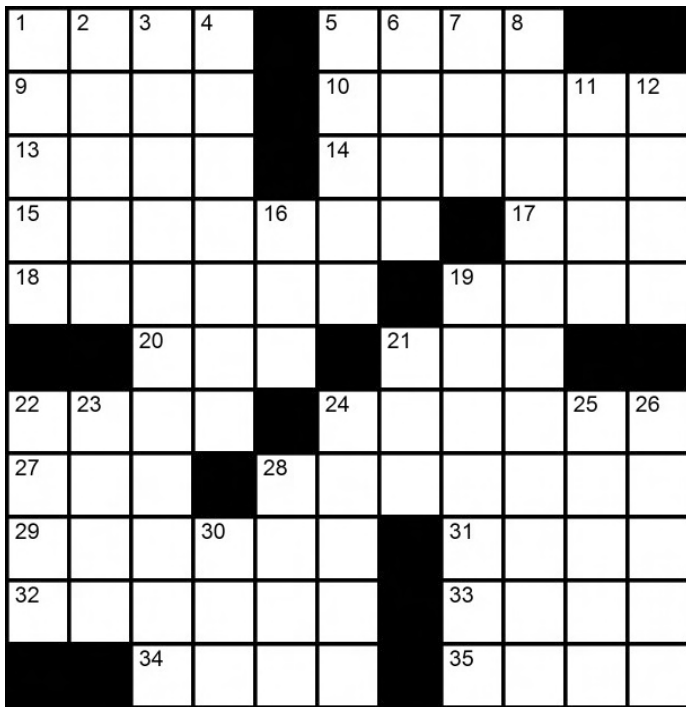
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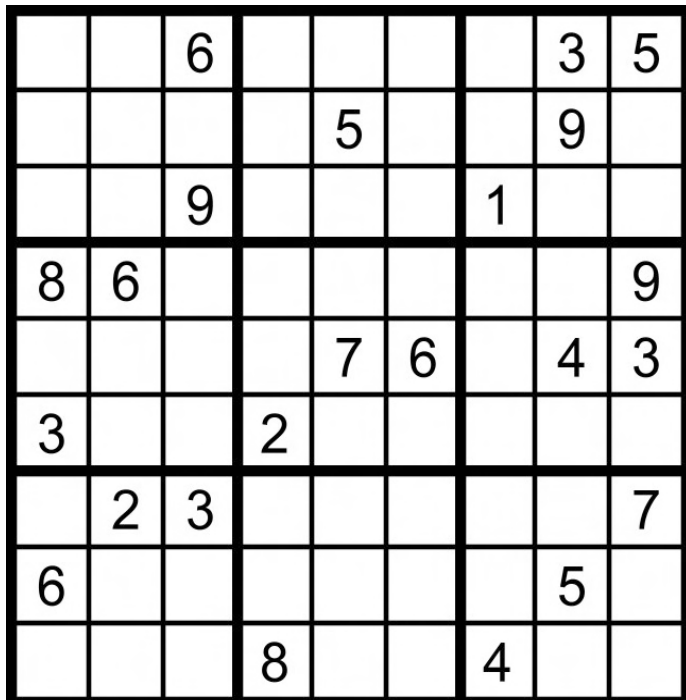
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- 5 Rush job letters
- 9 It replaced the franc
- 10 Make over
- 13 Image of a deity
- 14 Kind of recording
- 15 Maidenhair trees
- 17 Confucians' path
- 18 Fanciful idea
- 19 Plug
- 20 Wager
- 21 Photo, briefly
- 22 Astound
- 24 Operated by hand
- 27 Boston Bruins great
- 28 Graceful antelope
- 29 Official count
- 31 Narrative of heroic exploits
- 32 Stick to
- 33 Ollie's mate
- 34 Some butters
- 35 Long fish

## Down

- 1 Prevail
- 2 Pertaining to sound reproduction
- 3 Prime cooking spot
- 4 "The Hobbit" author
- 5 Burning of another's property
- 6 Hardens
- 7 Angelus prayer
- 8 Tiny piece of atmospheric pollutant
- 11 Coarsely ground foodstuff
- 12 Table-top game
- 16 Obtained
- 19 Smoothness
- 21 La --- (South American capital)
- 22 Short stocking
- 23 Woody plant
- 24 Sail poles
- 25 Like pond scum
- 26 Tilts or slants
- 28 Southernmost Mariana island
- 30 Mineral spring

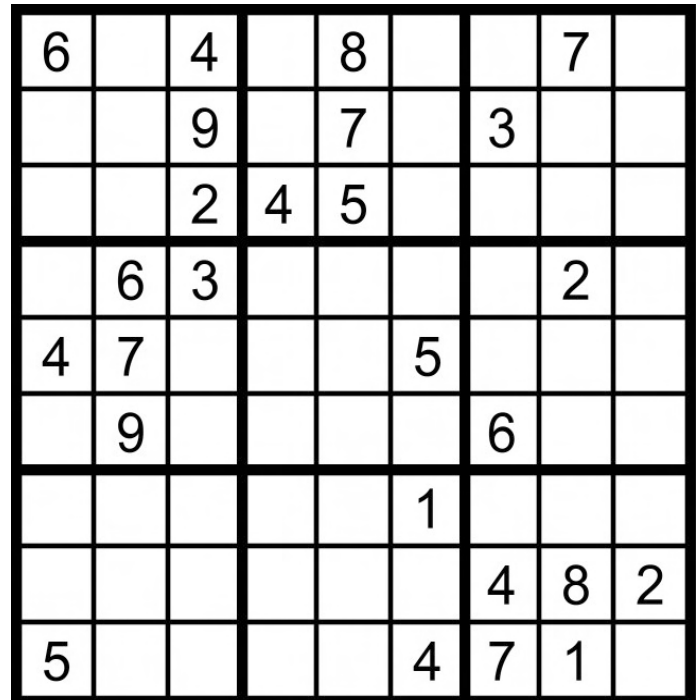
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## Zoomed In: Reggie Carr

By Sally Fuller

Associate Pastor Reggie Carr recently helped organize a "Free Garage Sale" at Red Oak's Journey of Faith Baptist Church, an idea he borrowed from another local church that held a similar event a few years back. "I told the pastor about it, and he said, 'Yes, let's do that!'" Reggie shared.

The church's free sale is merely "the tip of the iceberg" in the church's ministry, Reggie said. "We're a small church with a big, big heart," Reggie said, noting the church's active involvement in churches as far away as Zambia, Africa.

As a former Ovilla Police Officer, Reggie said he's seen the "gracious spirit" of North Ellis County from different perspectives. "There's such a hometown atmosphere here," he observed, "and everybody helping everybody."



Off to the State Fair! Red Oak residents Patrick and Mindy Nelson, along with their son, Raylan, and daughter, Koltyn, are all set for a day of family fun as the winners of the North Ellis CountyNOW State Fair of Texas ticket contest!



Ferris Citizens Police Academy alumni volunteer Tim Silurik downs around after handing out popcorn during National Night Out.



Sisters Sophia and Julia Hamdani are treated to an up-close look inside an Ovilla firetruck.



Emma Sanden, Braylon Voigtlander and Kaylee Voigtlander (and Boo!) wait for Pumpkin Patch visitors in Red Oak.





Maggie Pruett and Alexa and Ava Garcia hit pause on their fun just long enough to pose for a picture at Watkins Park in Red Oak.



Dr. Haresh Boghara of CareFirst Primary accepts a ROACC membership plaque from past Chamber Chairperson Willie Johnson at a recent ribbon cutting.



Glenn Heights Police Cpl. T. Chaney and resident Marc Nicholas enjoy seeing friends and neighbors at National Night Out.

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November

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Southwest Autism Parent/Educator Group: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Acorn Academy, 101 Live Oak, Red Oak. Support Group for those who deal with children with autism. RSVP required three days prior. For information, contact Donna Knight at (972) 617-4658 or donna.knight@redoakisd.org.

Senior Citizen Lunch: 10:30 a.m., Red Oak High School, 220 S. Hwy. 342, Red Oak. Red Oak area senior citizens (60-plus) are invited to a free lunch and performance by ROISD students.

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Red, White and You Hiring Event: 1:00-4:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle Dr., Midlothian. Hiring fair connecting veterans, service members and their spouses to employers. Free and open to public. Register at dfwjjobs.com/rwy2018.

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Veteran's Day 5K and Fun Run: 8:00-11:00 a.m., Heritage Community Park, 400 E. Bear Creek Rd., Glenn Heights. To register, go to [www.glennheightstx.gov](http://www.glennheightstx.gov). To share the name of a veteran to recognize, email [ghce@glennheightstx.gov](mailto:ghce@glennheightstx.gov). There will be an awards ceremony at 10:15 a.m.



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December

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Christmas in Red Oak: Noon-3:00 p.m., Watkins Park, Red Oak. The Christmas parade will proceed west on Main Street and end at Watkins Park. Festivities include Santa, a hayride, inflatables, food, vendors and more. For information, email [lmcglathlin@redoaktx.org](mailto:lmcglathlin@redoaktx.org).

Ongoing:

Tuesdays

Ferris Public Library Game Day: 3:30-5:30 p.m., 301 E. 10th St., Ferris. Young people 7-17 can play PS4 and Wii in the library's meeting room. For information, call (972) 544-3699.

Writing for Enjoyment Group meeting: 12:30-1:30 p.m. For meeting location and more information, call (469) 383-5365 or email [joanpomero@att.net](mailto:joanpomero@att.net).

Second Tuesdays

342 Network Group: 7:30 a.m., Denny's, I-35E Service Rd., Red Oak. Networking group for all area business owners. RSVP to Melton McKown, (214) 244-2829.



Wednesdays

Red Oak Library Toddler Story Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m., Free Crafts, story time and learning games for children 18 mo.-5 yrs. and their parents. Call the library, (469) 218-1230, for more information on all library events.

Thursdays

SYNERGY: 11:30 a.m., Sparacello's Deli, 600 Methodist St., Suite 3120, Red Oak. A time for business owners to network. Everyone welcome.

Third Saturdays

Ferris Trade Days: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 101 S. Main St., Ferris. For more information, call Tina Miller at (817) 992-9204.

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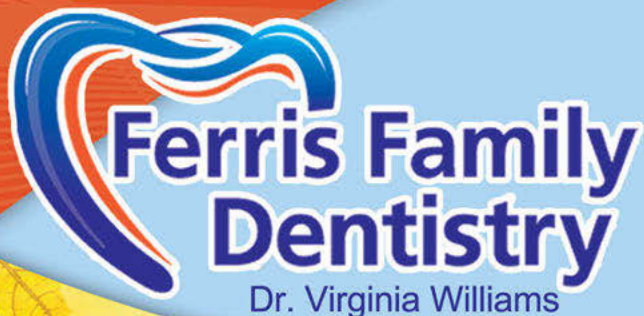
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