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*Well, hello, Burleson!*

As the Eagles say in one of their hit songs, I'm the new kid in town. Well, sort of. While I am new to the position of community editor of *BurlesonNOW Magazine*, I am familiar with the fine folks of Burleson, having written about you for the past couple of years as a freelance writer for this same magazine.

I'm a big Eagles fan. You'll learn that and more about me as we move forward.

Suffice to say, you impressed me, or I would not be in this new position. I look forward to writing even more about you and getting to know you even better in the coming years. Burleson is growing with each passing day, and with it are amazing stories begging to be told.

You can count on me always being ready to share feel-good opportunities and stories that will bring a smile to hearts. Nothing makes me feel better than knowing something we published made someone just a little bit happier, or brightened someone's day a little bit more.

As we enter a new year, excitement fills the air. Together, let's put that excitement into our magazine. Perhaps your New Year's resolution makes a fantastic story. Maybe this is the year you reach a previously elusive goal, or achieve a milestone.

Did your child or grandchild do something remarkable? Did your favorite team win a championship? I want to know. I want to share this unforgettable moment with you. Whatever it is, I look forward to us telling the story together.

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Blair's father passed away from cancer in 2013. She had been a photographer, with her shots sometimes inspiring his work, and vice versa. "Neither one of us ever had art lessons," she said. "He built houses. I decorate them."

Though George's profession was as a house builder, art was his passion. His work can be seen throughout the Fort Worth area, including on traffic light boxes in the area of Lancaster and Beach, along with numerous offices.

A portrait photographer and an interior decorator, 35-year-old Blair just started painting as a hobby. After only a few years, she has already found her niche. Among her favorite original works, all abstract, are one of Bonnie and Clyde, a Sergeant Pepper's collage featuring people from her life, Val Kilmer as Doc Holliday from the movie, *Tombstone*, and a *Pulp Fiction* dance scene featuring Princess Leia and Han Solo from *Star Wars*. One of her favorite works is of her sons, 12-year-old Maesen, and 10-year-old Jaxen, with a living room from *The Simpsons* as the backdrop.

Some of her paintings have political or social commentary themes. She worked on some of these paintings before the subject matters even became hot button topics — for example, transgender bathrooms and Donald Trump before he became president. One painting of which she's especially proud is of a North Korean girl with duct tape where her mouth should be. It portrays a message of someone longing to speak, but unable to, leaving the viewer to determine if the girl is

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frustrated or has accepted her role in that society. "You can say so much with the eyes, and everyone's are different," Blair said. "I call it big-eye art. The eyes are the most important things to paint. They tell what is being felt. If they don't seem to go with the face, I'll change the entire painting."

Blair learned much by simply watching her parents create. Her mother is also an artist and a retired school teacher. "I'd watch mom and dad paint together, and it was inspiring," she said.

"I took mom and dad in when the cancer hit the point of no return," she continued. "But even in that short time, he'd wake up in the middle of the night and work until he got it done. He was so devoted to his art, right up until the end."

In fact, her father left some unfinished paintings when he died. It took some time, but she completed some of them. "My mom encouraged me, but I couldn't. It wasn't until I saw mom painting a small fairytale piece for my baby niece, Ava Rose, that I tried to finish one, and it turned out so great," Blair said. She kept going until finally she was ready to finish a train painting of her father's, as well as a self-portrait of him. "Mom has the coveted self-portrait. It was hard. I was trying to pull too much personal feeling, but it turned out good, and she's so proud of it."

Blair went to school with a focus on film, and with many friends and family living in Los Angeles, she visits Hollywood annually. She has met a few celebrities and has a couple of friends in the industry. She has even painted







some of them. However, she paints for her generation scenes from childhood movies, legendary or iconic characters or musicians, etc. Her list includes the late Kurt Cobain, lead singer of Nirvana, and Michelle Pfeiffer in *Scarface*.

Blair indicated that her children, particularly Maesen, are also showing artistic tendencies. "Maesen's actually done a couple of paintings with me," she said. "He's good. They're both musicians, and my dad was a musician, also."

Though it is certainly on her radar, Blair has not featured her work in a show yet. "It's definitely evolved enough for a stronger commentary on it," she said. "Dad was so good at knowing how to price his art." At this point, she has mostly only shown her work to people she knows. It can also be seen on Facebook and Instagram.

Among Blair's favorite things to do is travel. She uses her travels for inspiration, as do many artists. "You learn from your travels," she said. "I like to live as the locals do, so when I'm in New York City, I take the subway."

First and foremost, Blair prides herself on being a mom. She lives every day to its fullest, and has a simple motto: "Make sure I'm happy and my kids are happy at bedtime."

She aims for that motto to guide her through the rest of her life, as will always honoring her father with her talent. "There's so much to enjoy in life. I create my own choices, and I want to live by those choices," she said. "I want to create art, happy art, not just for myself, but for others, inspiring them to enjoy everybody and everything they have." **NOW**



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# BREAKING THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

— By Rick Mauch

*The world can be a scary place for someone who doesn't speak the language of the land in which they live. Likewise, for someone who's in need of more education. That is where Barbara Yoder comes in. She has a passion for helping people develop skills to succeed in the world through English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency classes in Johnson, Hood, Somerville and Erath counties. "I've had interest in this a long time," said Barbara, who administrates the programs in those counties. The classes are for ages 17 and up. Those under age 19 must have parental permission.*







In all, Barbara said there are about 750 students enrolled in the four counties. The largest contingent is in Johnson County. "Not that there's any more need — it's just a larger county," she said.

Barbara started English as a Second Language (ESL) and High School Equivalency (GED) classes at Joshua United Methodist Church this past April. Other classes are at the Burleson Public Library, First United Methodist Church in Granbury, Stephenville High School, Glen Rose Tech Center, Alvarado ISD Administration Building, Venus High School and at the old Fulton School in Cleburne. "The language of the land is English. There are all kinds of barriers if you can't speak it," she said.

Barbara knows this firsthand. She spent nearly three decades in the manufacturing industry, working with many Hispanics and second language learners. She retired from that industry 14 years ago, but she hardly stopped working. Only now she is doing the work she loves the most, and with her help, lives are being changed. "I learned that there is a large Hispanic population that needed to assimilate," she said. "Wouldn't it be great if they could speak and not rely on their children to communicate?"

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Barbara Yoder poses with fellow teachers Kyndra Christopher (left) and Amanda Dubois (right).

mom, dad or even a judge ordered them to go, according to Barbara, they almost always learn to appreciate the education on their own. "We talk about their goals," she said.

In all, the GED program featured 58 graduates over the four counties last year. Often, these students go on to attend college. "A young man wants to go to dental school and started at Texas Academy of Dental Assisting. Another lady is going to electrician's school at Texas State Technical College. We've had a lot go on to vocational school and a lot go into the military," Barbara said. "We have a wide range of ages. One lady is 62, and another is in her 50s."

Elizabeth Washington is a former student who went through both ESL and GED classes 10 years ago. She is now an aide in the Granbury ESL program and said she owes a great debt of gratitude to Barbara. "It's made such a difference in my life. When you cannot express yourself, it's very hard," she said. "I was able to get my GED and go to Hill College to get my associate degree. I'm so happy. My life has changed so





much. Barbara was the first person I met when I came to the ESL classes. Sometimes, I didn't think I could do it anymore, but she kept pushing me and told me I could. I'm so grateful for her."

Jennifer Cranford teaches ESL in Burleson. She said that Barbara's passion shows in every aspect of her work. She also finds time to volunteer with Court Appointed Special Advocates, Johnson County Family Crisis Center, Zonta and the Christian Women's Job Corps. "Barbara has a huge heart. She's willing to do whatever it takes, whenever it takes, to get the job done," Jennifer said. "She is always glad to spend time with students. Even if she has other things to do, she always makes time for students."

Barbara's desire to help doesn't stop with adults. For example, she reads books to children at Christmas with the Advisory Committee for Adult Ed. "This promotes lifelong learning, and each child receives a book to read at home," she explained. And while she isn't a designated teacher, she often fills in to teach when the opportunity presents itself.

"I get great joy in their happiness, hearing about their families, even their grandkids," Barbara said of her students. "I see them at the store, different places. They want to tell me what they're doing, and I love listening. They've had a great impact on my life, too. Everybody has 24 hours in a day. What you do with it is up to you." **NOW**

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— By Melissa Rawlins

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"I set up independently, so I could tell my clients what they need to hear, including which plan is good, better and best," James said. "It's best to have an independent benefits specialist



to take care of you. Seniors, for example, really need a lot of help because everything is so complicated. I know the insurance terms and the legal terms as a Medicare Benefit Specialist. From A-D, and A-N in the Medicare Supplement, I can guide, help and assist them through the enrollment and the whole process."

Tailoring insurance solutions to each person's needs, James considers his client's situation first, and then searches for the right plan. "There are so many avenues to consider, maybe dependent on the kind of drugs they're on," he said.

Because he is local, James is familiar with our local providers, hospitals and doctors. He also appreciates the friendships he develops as he makes house calls for clients, or a potential client, to learn how to best serve them.

"I tell every new client to avoid enrolling in a plan through the mail, online or over the phone because that cheats you out of your most valuable asset, which is someone local whom you can visit or who will come see you," James said. "I love making it easy on somebody."



Running his business by the Golden Rule — taught by his parents while they raised him in Crowley — James earns commissions from the insurance companies he represents. “I will never charge anything to help service a person,” he said.

James managed his business over the last 40 years from downtown Fort Worth and Bedford, until traffic increased. Last March, he moved his office to Burleson’s B&G Plaza and couldn’t be happier.

## Tailoring insurance solutions to each person’s needs, James considers his client’s situation first, and then searches for the right plan.

Active in his church, James gives back to his home community in many ways. His family also operates a foundation called The Jackson Project, assisting children with Leukodystrophy-Krabbe. James and his wife, Tammy, were already donating to the effort to eradicate the rare disease when a boy in their own family contracted it. “Every Memorial Day weekend, we have a big soccer tournament out in Southlake,” he said. “In 2018, we raised more than \$60,000, to help families of any children who get that disease.”

Helping people is the key driver in James’ life. He encourages clients to reach out to him any time, day or night and even weekends. “Communication is very important. I gave up mind reading a long time ago. If I can, I will deal with what’s making you unhappy,” James said. “I try to eliminate the worry.”

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Hughes Husky Robotics team member Tanner Coy poses with his trophy for winning the project portion about removing space debris.

## Zoomed In: The Podraza Family

By Rick Mauch

Santa Claus has nothing on the Podraza family. When it comes to holiday vehicles, it's hard not to notice their Jeep Wrangler coming. Liz Podraza, with daughter, Rily, in the back seat, takes the holiday spirit with her everywhere she goes — literally. The Podraza family vehicle is completely decked out in festive Christmas decorations, including lights. "We're just trying to be festive," Liz said. "This is the first year we've actually done it, and it's brought a lot of smiles. We definitely enjoy it."

Rily enjoys riding around and seeing the responses from those they pass by. There's one response, however, she has not seen. "We haven't been pulled over by the police, yet," she said with a smile. "But, I bet they like it, too."



Shanna Stewart calls bingo at Dalton's Corner, where people who love him like to call him StuMan or simply The Caller.



Several caring individuals work together on the Kickit fundraiser that benefits the family and life of Pam Masters.



The Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce celebrates the ribbon cutting of the new Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids.





Kelsea Locke, BurlesonNOW ad rep and hubby, Bob, show off their new baby boy, Harvey Wayne.



Michael Fletcher, Chelsea Thompson, Benjamin Bachman and Graham Henry celebrate the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders fundraiser at Modeana Ranch.



Nancy Sillers, Christy Milam, Mica Puryear and Stacie Roberts celebrate the holidays at Villagio Resorts.

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## *In the Kitchen With* RAYMOND HENDERSON

— By Lindsay L. Allen



Raymond Henderson was cooking at the age of 6 with his mother as his teacher, and by the age of 12, he was cooking full meals for his family. “My first meals were breakfast,” Raymond said. “When my wife and I married, I taught her how to cook, although she always joked that I was the one who needed practice.”

His mom first taught him how to make biscuits and cornbread, and over time, he grew to love making good tasting, but simple, desserts. Over the years, Raymond has prepared many meals for the Masonic Lodge, Square Dancing Club and for fundraisers at the Crowley Senior Center, where he and his late wife, Virginia, fellowshiped for more than 15 years. **NOW**

### Spiced Apples

**8 lbs. apples**  
**1/2 cup apple cider vinegar**  
**2 cups water**  
**1 1/2 cups brown sugar**  
**1/2 cup honey**  
**2 Tbsp. cinnamon**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**1 Tbsp. vanilla**  
**1/2 tsp. ground cloves**  
**1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg**  
**2 lemons, zested and juiced**

1. Wash, peel and core the apples; cut into cubes.
2. Bring the apples, vinegar and water to a boil. Simmer until they are soft; drain and let cool.
3. Puree apples in a blender or food processor until smooth. Add the mix back to the stockpot.
4. Add the brown sugar, honey, cinnamon, salt, vanilla, cloves, nutmeg and lemons to the stockpot; simmer on low until all the liquid is absorbed and the mixture is reduced by half, about 30 minutes.

### Poppie's King Ranch Chicken

**6 boneless chicken breasts**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**1/2 tsp. pepper**  
**1 bell pepper, chopped**  
**1/2 cup onion, chopped**  
**1 10.5-oz. can Ro-Tel tomatoes**  
**2 10.5-oz. cans cream of chicken and/or cream of mushroom soup**  
**1 pkg. Williams Chili mix**  
**1 bag flour or corn tortillas**  
**2 cups cheddar cheese or fiesta blend cheese**  
**3 Tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped**

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Boil chicken breasts with salt and pepper. When done cooking, let cool and cut into bite-size chunks; set aside.
2. In a medium skillet, sauté the bell pepper and onion until tender. Add Ro-Tel; cook on medium heat for 10 minutes.
3. Add the soup and Williams Chili mix to the bell pepper, onions and Ro-Tel; let simmer for 10 more minutes, while simultaneously heating up tortillas.



4. Spoon some of the mixture on the bottom of a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Layer the tortillas, chicken, Ro-Tel mixture and then cheese. Continue the layers, and top with cheese.

5. Bake for 30 minutes; top with cilantro.

## Veggie Stir Fry

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
1 onion, sliced  
6 carrots, thinly sliced  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 head cabbage, shredded  
2-3 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar  
2 Tbsp. water  
1 head broccoli, chopped (discard main stem)  
6 button mushrooms or 1 portobello mushroom, thinly sliced  
1 tsp. soy sauce  
Salt, to taste  
Pepper, to taste  
Rice, for serving, to taste

1. Heat vegetable oil in a skillet on medium heat. Stir in onions and carrots; sauté for a few minutes. Add garlic and cabbage, stirring and sautéing for an additional 3 minutes.

2. Add apple cider vinegar and water. Let simmer 2-3 minutes. Add broccoli and mushrooms; let simmer and stir for about 3-4 minutes.

3. Add soy sauce, salt and pepper. Serve over hot rice.

## Sugar Free Cake Cookies

1 15.25-oz. box sugar free cake mix  
3/4 cup water  
1 cup quick oats  
Chocolate chips, to taste  
Raisins, to taste  
Nuts, to taste

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Prepare the cake mix as directed on the box; Add water.

2. Mix in quick oats, chocolate chips, raisins and nuts, as desired. Mix with a spoon, not a mixer.

3. Drop the dough by the teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet.

4. Bake for 9-12 minutes; transfer to a cooling rack.

## Snickerdoodle Cookies

1 15.25-oz. box white or vanilla cake mix  
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1 egg  
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1 tsp. cinnamon

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**1 piece of bacon per jalapeño**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F
2. Wash and cut the jalapeños in half, lengthwise; deseed them and scrape out the membrane.
3. Soften the cream cheese. Stuff each pepper with cream cheese. Wrap a slice of bacon around the pepper.
4. Cover a cookie sheet with foil and spray with cooking spray.
5. Cook for 45 minutes, or until the bacon is done.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F
2. Mix the cake mix, butter and egg together.
3. Mix the sugar and cinnamon together in a separate bowl.
4. Roll the dough into 1-inch balls; roll in the sugar/cinnamon mixture.
5. Place 3 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet; bake 12-14 minutes.

## Vanilla Wafer Cake

**2 sticks butter**  
**1/2 tsp. salt**

**2 cups sugar**  
**6 eggs**  
**12 oz. vanilla wafers, crushed**  
**1/2 cup milk**  
**7 oz. Baker's Angle Flake Coconut**  
**1 cup pecans, chopped**

1. Preheat oven to 300 F
2. Cream the butter, salt and sugar; add eggs, one at a time.
3. Add the crushed vanilla wafers to the egg mixture, followed by the milk. Gently fold in coconut and pecans.
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Tunica, also known for resorts and seven casinos, is home to the RiverPark & Museum. An interactive environment, the entire family can enjoy the two-story building next to the river. Inside, learn about Mississippi, including the origin of teddy bears. Experience a diving bell or enjoy the peaceful aquarium. On one side of the museum, rocking chairs line the sidewalk, looking over the river where barges and ferries still run. In addition, trails fill the park, where young and old can explore nature.

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When visiting Mississippi, be sure to spend time in Jackson. This city alone can fill days with fun. The zoo houses almost 400 animals from more than 200 species. With multiple museums, find something interesting for every family member, from the Civil Rights Museum to the Sports Hall of Fame and many history museums.

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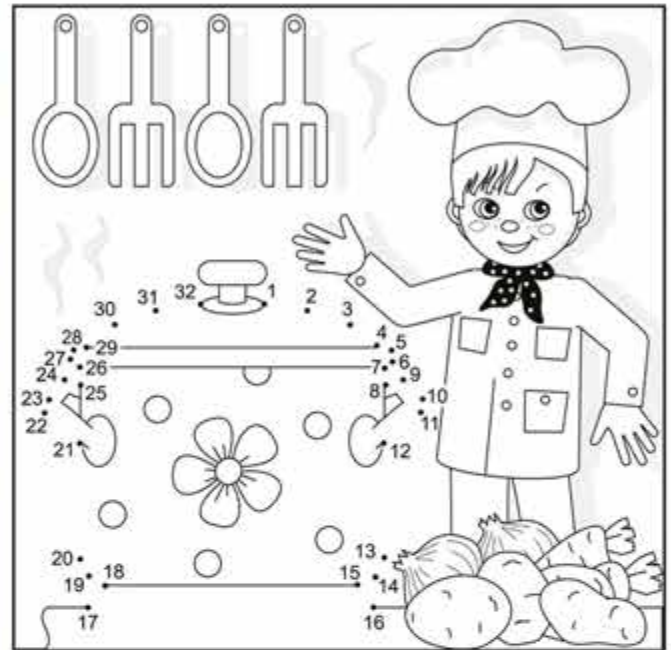
Help the spaceship fly to the Moon and then return to the Earth.



ANSWER:



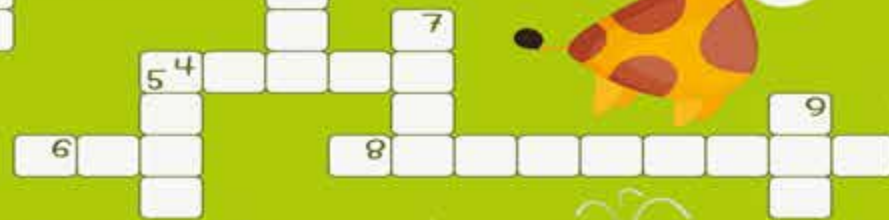
Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then, color the picture!



ANSWER:



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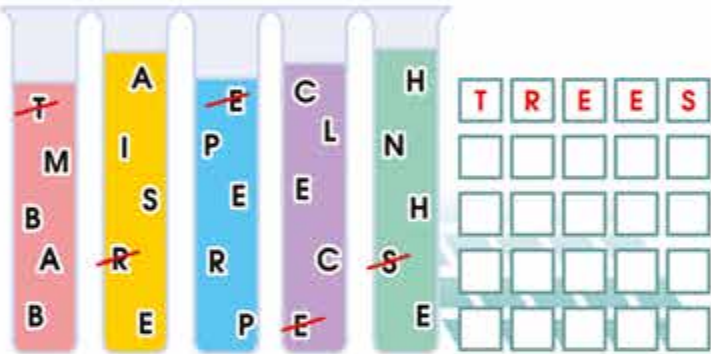
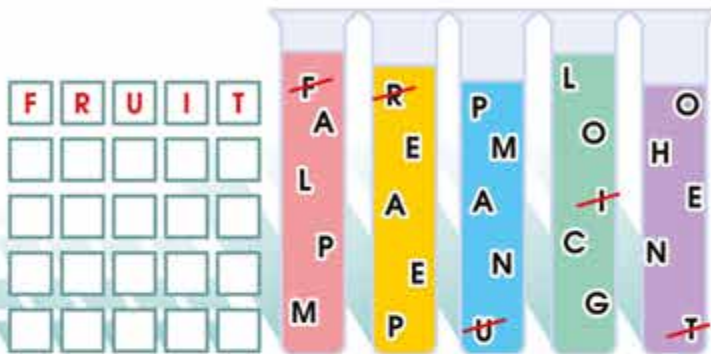
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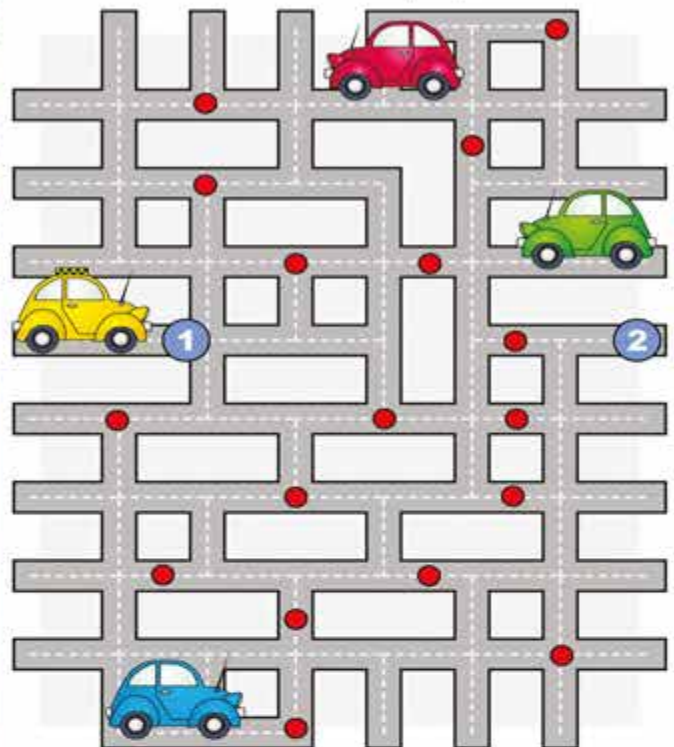
Take a letter from every test tube and make a word!  
Every letter can be used only once.



ANSWER:

1) FRUIT, APPLE, LEMON, PEACH, MANGO.  
2) TREES, MAPLE, BIRCH, ASPEN, BEECH.

Help the taxi car to get from the point 1 to the point 2.  
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ANSWER:



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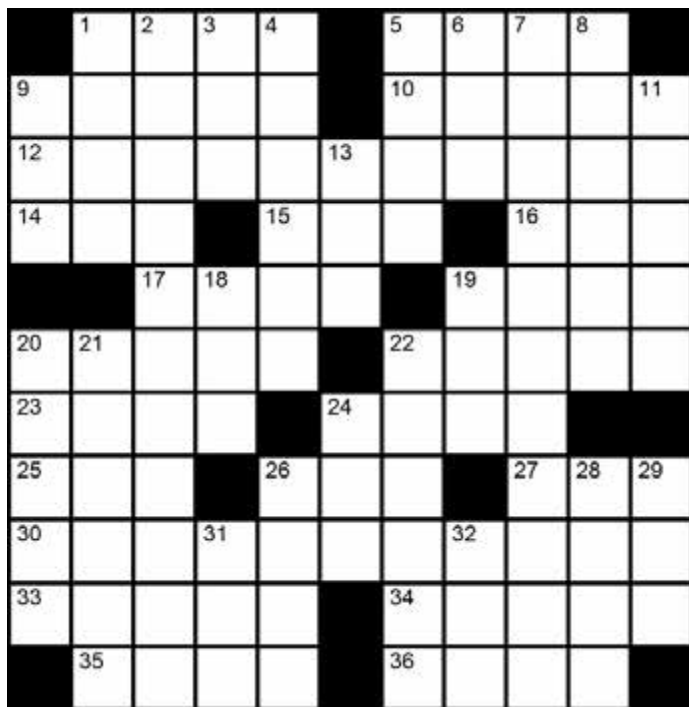


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## Across

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- 5 Garage sale warning
- 9 What Rhett didn't give
- 10 Ate sumptuously
- 12 Alphabet start
- 14 Cost-of-living measure
- 15 Electrically charged particle
- 16 Med. care choice
- 17 Mint with Retsyn
- 19 Shed tears
- 20 Magnitude
- 22 They might swing
- 23 Detest
- 24 Top of the mouth
- 25 Large flightless bird
- 26 Crossroads of America
- 27 1918 pandemic
- 30 Flight science
- 33 Have a conniption
- 34 Singer --- Ronstadt
- 35 Inquires
- 36 Ova

## Down

- 1 Take --- (try the pool)
- 2 Exaggerated representations
- 3 Pinafore's letters
- 4 Complete
- 5 Yemeni seaport
- 6 Act as a model
- 7 Looming
- 8 Sounded
- 9 Dolphins org.
- 11 Falls
- 13 Auction offering
- 18 Catastrophic occurrence
- 19 Solicit
- 20 Bundle of stalks
- 21 Image recorder
- 22 Space vehicle
- 24 Retrovirus material
- 26 Press fluids
- 28 Some TV screens
- 29 This publication is based in part of it
- 31 Bourbon flavoring
- 32 Welding method

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					2			3
	5					1		
8								
	7		2		6			
		1	3		4		8	
		9						4
6	1					8	9	
3		4		9			7	5

Medium

				1	8	3		7
				9			1	8
			6					9
	3					5	9	
		1						
2	7				3			
1	4						6	
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**12/31 — 1/26**

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**1/4, 1/11,  
1/18, 1/25**

### **Rotary Club**

#### **Morning meeting:**

7:00 a.m., Hill College  
Burleson, 130 E. Renfro St.  
[rotaryclubburleson@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclubburleson@gmail.com).

**1/7, 1/14,  
1/21, 1/28**

### **Burleson**

#### **Toastmasters Club:**

Participants focus on public speaking and improved communication verbally. Visitors can simply observe if they

wish. 6:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce Bldg. (south entrance), 1044 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. (817) 919-3243.

**1/8**

#### **BRiCk Pool Play Date:**

\$2 per child, and adults are free. 10:00 a.m.-noon, 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. (817) 426-9106.

#### **Business After Hours:**

The Burleson Recreation Center (the BRiCk) is hosting this networking event for Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce members. 5:30-7:00 p.m., 550 N.W. Summercrest Blvd. (817) 426-9600

[email mlindsey@burleson.org](mailto:email mlindsey@burleson.org).

**1/8, 1/15,  
1/22, 1/29**

#### **Kiwanis Club of Burleson:**

Noon, Golden Corral, 301 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. (817) 426-1676.

#### **Burleson Rotary Club**

##### **Mid-Day meeting:**

Noon, Antonio's Mexican Restaurant, 344 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. [www.middayrotary.org](http://www.middayrotary.org).

**1/9**

#### **Learn How to**

##### **Bullet Journal:**

Get in on the latest craze in planners. Participants need to bring their own notebook or journal. Other supplies will

be provided. 6:00-7:30 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 S.W. Johnson Ave. (817) 426-9210.

**1/9, 1/23**

#### **Burleson Lions Club:**

11:45 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 590 N.E. McAlister Rd. [mail@burlesonlions.org](mailto:mail@burlesonlions.org).

**1/10**

#### **Burleson American Legion Post:**

Meeting is open to the public with questions about veteran benefits or about helping area youth. Scholarships are also given to high school seniors going to college. 6:00 p.m., community room of the Burleson Police Department, 1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. (817) 357-2158 [gunrunner937058@yahoo.com](mailto:gunrunner937058@yahoo.com).



**1/12**

#### **Dog Tales at the Library:**

A free reading program to help children keep up and practice their reading skills. Natasha is a registered therapy dog and she

will be with her handler at all times. Registration is required.

10:00 a.m.-noon,  
Burleson Public Library,  
248 S.W. Johnson Ave.  
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**1/14**

#### **How to Finance your Small Business:**

Ken Byrd, business advisor, of McLennan Small Business Development Center, teaches this free class. Registration is required. 6:00-7:30 p.m., Burleson Public Library, S.W. Johnson Ave., (817) 426-9211.

**1/15**

#### **Heart & Soul Writers:**

A Christian writers group designed to encourage and support each other in their works. 7:00-9:00 p.m., Alsbury Baptist Church, 500 N.E. Alsbury Blvd., (817) 269-9066 [lisabell@bylisabell.com](mailto:lisabell@bylisabell.com).

**1/15 — 1/16**

#### **Chisholm Challenge:**

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**1/16**

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### State of the City:

The Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce will present the state of the city at its winter quarterly meeting.  
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

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1/23

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### Monthly Creative Journal meeting:

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6:00-8:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 S.W. Johnson Ave.  
(817) 426-9212.

1/31 — 2/2

### Legally Blonde:

Burleson High School Theatre Department will perform the musical made famous on

Broadway. 7:00 p.m., \$8 advance, \$10 at the door, Burleson High School, 100 Elk Dr., (817) 245-0000.

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### Sparkler Crowd Pleasers Contest:

The drill team for Centennial High School will host. 8:00 a.m., \$12 adults, \$5 senior citizens and children 5-12, children under 5 are free, Centennial High School, 201 S. Hurst Rd. [dellison@bisdmail.net](mailto:dellison@bisdmail.net).

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12	F	I	R	S	T	13	L	E	T	T	E	R
14	C	P	I	15	I	O	N	16	H	M	O	
17	C	E	R	T	18	W	E	E	P			
20	S	C	A	L	E	22	M	O	O	D	S	
23	H	A	T	E	24	R	O	O	F			
25	E	M	U	26	I	N	D	27	F	L	U	
30	A	E	R	O	N	A	U	T	I	C	S	
33	F	R	E	A	K	34	L	I	N	D	A	
35	A	S	K	S	36	E	G	G	S			

Easy

1	9	6	5	4	3	7	2	8
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8	3	2	1	7	9	4	5	6
4	7	5	2	8	6	9	3	1
9	6	1	3	5	4	2	8	7
5	8	9	6	2	7	3	1	4
6	1	7	4	3	5	8	9	2
3	2	4	8	9	1	6	7	5

Medium

6	9	5	2	1	8	3	4	7
4	2	3	7	9	5	6	1	8
7	1	8	6	3	4	2	5	9
8	3	6	4	7	1	5	9	2
9	5	1	8	2	6	7	3	4
2	7	4	9	5	3	1	8	6
1	4	7	5	8	2	9	6	3
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