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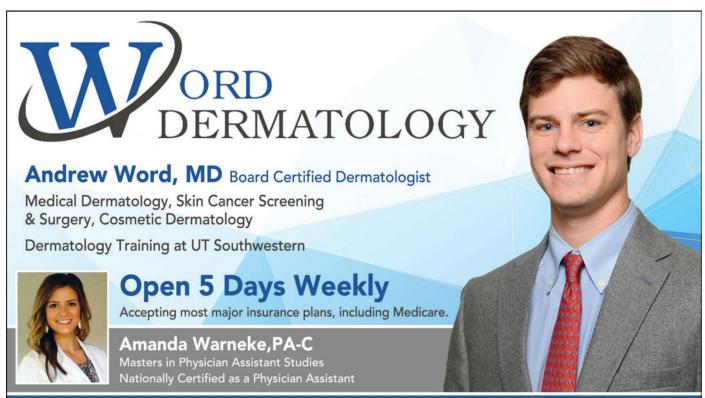
Jer Giles captures Ferris' past in his murals

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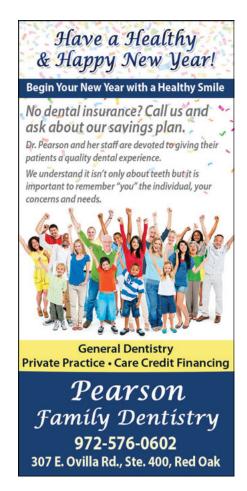
Spinning through vacuous space at roughly 67,000 miles per hour, the Earth begins a new orbit around the sun every January I. In the nanosecond between one solar year and the next, that quasi-magical instant between 11:59:59 p.m., December 31 and 12:00:00 a.m., January I, the Milky Way silently shouts, "Do over!" and — voila! — everything seems new.

Whether your beliefs on the origins of the universe run to the Big Bang Theory, Creationism or something akin to Terry Pratchett's Discworld, the wonder that a Cosmic Reset Button is woven into the very fabric of our universe is something to celebrate. For many, the celebration means watching a giant crystal ball drop as colorful confetti rains down on a million-plus revelers in New York City's Times Square. For others, a midnight mass or other solemn ceremony marks the moment. Regardless of how we observe the onset of the New Year, we all seem to long for a fresh start as our yearlong ride around the sun comes to an end.

Ahead of us are 365 days chockablock full of promise and possibility! So, let's push the reset button and start 2019 with an unsullied outlook that anticipates good days ahead and with a heightened sense of adventure that propels us to explore nature, contemplate the cosmos and connect with each other. Traveling in a dark vacuum works for our planet, but we are tribal creatures, and life is better in community, especially this community.

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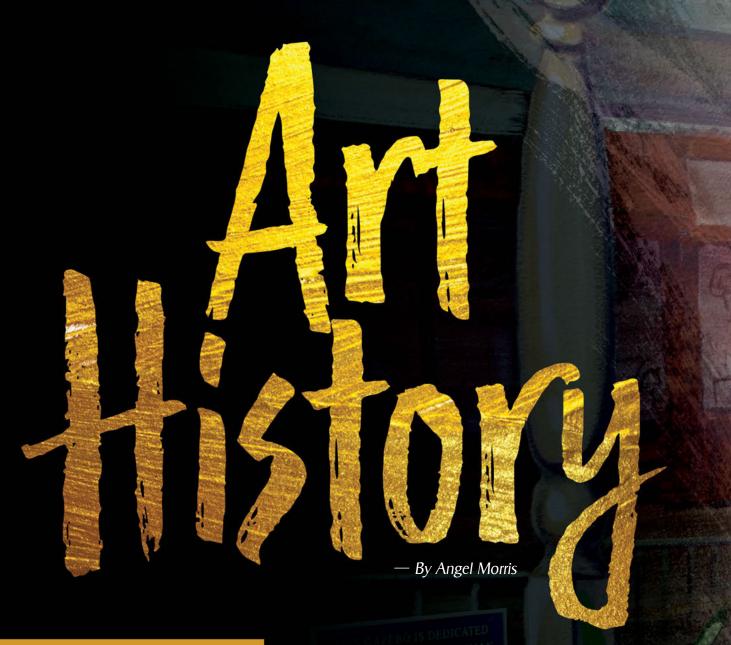


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The Ferris Public Library is home to more than just written works of art. Thanks to area artist Jer Giles, the library's walls also showcase some impressive murals. The paintings, which reflect some of the city's history, are just a few of many originals created by Jer, a renowned scenic artist.

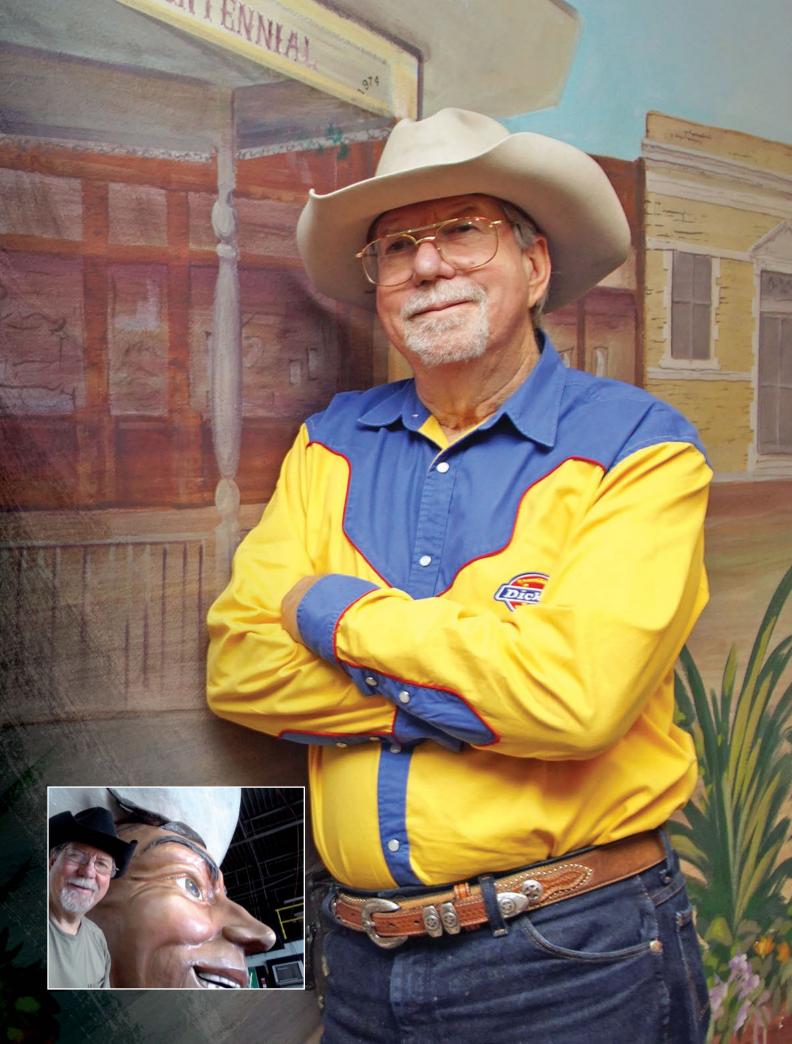
"After the Ferris Public Library settled into our new facility in 2012, the library board and staff discussed what we wanted for the interior of the building. Board member Christi Farish suggested Jer Giles," Ferris Librarian Kathy Harrington said. "We then looked at his work and decided he was exactly what we wanted."

Jer visited the library and developed a proposal for murals in the library's foyer entry, Kid's Place and Genealogy Section. "We were pleased with his concept drawings and the price, so Mr. Giles began working on the murals in November of 2013," Kathy recalled.

The work joins an impressive portfolio by Jer, who, in 1973, earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatrical Design and Production from The University of Texas at Austin, after growing up in Alabama and discovering theater art in high school. It was also in the '70s when Jer met his would-be wife, Patricia, who was the wardrobe supervisor for a stage production on which Jer was designing the set.

"It was love at first sight," Patricia said, and Jer confirmed. "Since then, for almost 50 years, we have been a team. I would sit and read to him, while he painted his incredible murals."

Through the years, Jer built a name for himself as an artist with sets he created for national stage productions, movies and TV. He and Patricia eventually moved to Lancaster, Texas, and Jer began painting restaurants, offices and homes. "From the mid- to late-1970s, I was a professional scenic artist and three shows I've painted have been on Broadway," Jer noted of Carol Channing's revival of *Hello, Dolly!*, Cathy Rigby's *Peter Pan* and James Earl Jones' one-man show, *Paul Robeson*. "I like to say, 'I used to paint opera sets. Now I paint opera sets inside people's homes."









For more than 30 years, Jer has successfully run his own mural art business, creating custom work in private homes, public schools and buildings, as well as painting sets for large corporate events. During the commission of his Ferris library murals, Jer gained a faithful Ferris following. "After he had finished with this part of the project, he was again commissioned to extend the project to include additional walls in the main area, two unique tables and a shadow box for our groundbreaking shovel, which he mounted in the foyer," Kathy noted.

Before Ferris library patrons were introduced to Jer's murals, they may have unknowingly witnessed his talent. Texas State Fair goers have seen Jer's work since the mid-1990s, when he began sprucing up the famous face of Big Tex.

For decades, Jer had been employed by the fair to touch up scenery along the midway. In 1996, he was asked to give Tex a 50th birthday makeover, and he called on skills learned applying makeup in the theater to enhance the larger-than-life figure's features. "It was challenging to add depth to something made of fiberglass," Jer explained, but it was accomplished by adding dark colors for shadows and contours.

Over time, Jer added knuckles and fingernails to Tex' hands, and even aged the figure with appropriate wrinkles and graying of hair. Jer also created ostrich boots — including 20,000 handpainted stitches — for the fashionable fair fixture. The realism was even more impressive given Jer only has vision in one eye after shooting himself with a BB gun when he was a child. "It was disappointing in 2012 when I learned that Big Tex had burned and only

his sleeves and hands remained," Jer recalled. "I had painted every square inch of Tex with care! I respected that Tex was an icon."

Fortunately for Ferris, visitors can still see Jer's custom work right here in town. His 15-part mural encompasses more than 100 feet of library walls. Greeting patrons is the mural titled, The City That Bricked the World, showing famed local mules carting bricks into town.

Historically, Ferris has been called "The Brick Capitol of the Nation," as it was home to six brick plants in the early 1900s, four of which operated into the 1950s, utilizing the city's vast availability of clay, according to historical website Texasescapes.com. "People in Ferris are taking active measures to preserve the city's history, while remaining a vibrant community," Jer said. "The murals are a reflection of that, and they give the community something to take pride in."

The project was funded by the late Virginia Duff, a lifelong Ferris resident. Elected in 1950, Virginia served as Ellis County representative to the House of Representatives of the Texas Legislature. During her 12-year tenure, she introduced a bill creating the Denton State School, as well as a bill requiring vehicles to stop when approaching school buses loading or unloading children. A nod to Virginia's achievement is featured in the library mural.

After about two months of work, the library murals were unveiled in a community reception where Jer was recognized. "There's a lot of stuff wrong in the world, so it's nice to be part of positive things. Some artists can't work with others around, but I love having people watch me. It was fun sharing my techniques and having people tell me about the city of Ferris as I painted," Jer recollected.

"Mr. Giles went above and beyond his contract. The Ferris Public Library looks fantastic!" Kathy enthused. "I encourage people to come see for themselves how Ferris' history and future are featured in Jer's murals." NOW

Editor's Note: For those wishing to view Jer's murals, the library is located at 301 E. 10th St. and is open from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday and is closed Sundays and Mondays.





# Felisha is one of those lucky people who can fill their lives with jobs they love.

Her love of "curious objects," as she affectionately names her finds, began early. She was a collector who brought home seashells, rocks, fireflies and even a Buffalo nickel on one memorable occasion. "I love finding things," she said. "I love old things. I'm a vintage person."

For a brief while, she gave up her dream of being a historian in favor of what she was told would provide a more stable income — dentistry. Before long, however, her heart won out, and she returned to school. The leap of faith paid off, and now Felisha does what she loves — figuring out why things are special.







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In 2016, she found two whippens (pieces of a piano) in a box in the Cedar Hill museum's storage room. They were labeled with the place and piano they were taken from: Berchtesgaden, Germany — the location of Adolf Hitler's "Eagle's Nest." These were gifted to the museum from the collection of a local man who had fought in World War II, and who had been among the Allied forces who stormed into the mountain home toward the end of the war. But a label isn't enough.

"Now I have to verify that these are actually authentic," Felisha explained. "I have to work with other historians, especially those who specialize in World War II history. I've seen photographs of the piano in the palace after it was bombed, but now I'm trying to locate the actual piano and see if it even still exists. I'm also meeting with a piano expert to date the whippens and see if they are from the right time period.

"Stories are circulating that some pianos owned by key members of Hitler's cabinet still survive and have been donated to some museums, specifically, the University of Wales in [the United Kingdom]," she said.



Since any one project can take months or even years to complete, historians often have multiple projects going on at once. Felisha's favorite project is closer to home. "According to my aunt, who is in her 90s, my family owned a brothel here in Dallas above a restaurant called the Sunshine Café," she laughed. "And apparently, they were raided regularly by the Texas Rangers, but my grandmother said my uncle would just pay them off!"

Felisha has seen historical documents verifying the existence of both the Sunshine Café and the brothel itself. "It's my favorite, because not only is it a part of my family, but because I have yet to locate a photograph." It's a continuing mystery she is eager to unravel.



Felisha is one of those lucky people who can fill their lives with jobs they love. She authenticates artifacts. She is a history professor for both Tarrant County Community Colleges and Dallas Community Colleges. She has a special interest in transatlantic history pertaining to the slave trade in America and even participates in archeological digs. And she works tirelessly for the Cedar Hill Museum of History, where she designs exhibits, writes grants, trains employees and develops educational programs. She is especially excited that the museum will soon be sharing a space with Cedar Hill's new library, projected to be completed sometime in 2020.

"We're in the process of reorganization, and I've been brought on to lead the museum to a successful transition. We'll design new exhibits and our archive will become more dynamic and robust, which will provide better service to the community," she said, obviously exuberant about her role in the project.

"A museum is the story of us, of America," Felisha said. "But if the things that make us who we are, are hidden and forgotten, how can we tell those stories?" Felisha's passion never dies as she continues to tell the stories of us. NOW



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Driggers & Decker in Red Oak opened the doors to its 7,600-square-foot, full-service, state-of-the-art facility in March 2017. In 2018, an Ellis County residents' poll named them Best Funeral Home in Ellis County for 2017, an honor attributable in part to Gregg's almost 30 years of experience as a funeral director. "I was a licensed funeral director by the time I was 20," he said, noting he'd been interested in the funeral industry from a young age. "What I love about this business is being able to take care of a family in their time of need. Funeral directors have a servant's heart. We're called into this," Gregg emphasized.

The caring spirit of the Driggers family extends beyond Gregg. His daughter, Ashleigh Decker, inherited her dad's heart for service and now works alongside him as a licensed funeral director and coowner of the family business.

Before taking the leap of faith to start their family business, Gregg and Ashleigh both worked for corporate funeral homes. For Ashleigh, having worked in a corporate setting helps her appreciate the family touch and personalization she and her father are able to offer customers. "When you come here, you're dealing with the owners. Everyone you come in contact with here is, in some way, family," she said. "We want people to leave here satisfied that they were in control of the process and that they got to personalize their choices," she added.

Gregg echoed Ashleigh's sentiments. "At the end of the day, it's what the family wants. We say yes to a lot of things other funeral homes say no to," he said.

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# **Around Town**



# Zoomed In:

By Sally Fuller

# James and Carys Dutton

Army veteran James Dutton and daughter, Carys, brave a frosty morning to run in the city of Glenn Heights' Annual Veterans Memorial 5K Run. "It was a fun day and the cold made it a little more challenging," James said. Currently an Army reservist, James will retire next month with almost 27 years of service and more than a half-dozen deployments.

James and Carys have run in several 5Ks. On this cold day, Carys took first place in her age bracket, competing against an all-boy field. "At the end of the day, it's all about the adventure, and we have a lot of fun doing it," James said of their shared enthusiasm for running.



James Wade helps spread cheer from behind the counter of the Ovilla post office.



Summer Little carries a giant stocking for her daughter, Kennedy, who won the prize at the Christmas in Red Oak celebration.



Riley Fifield, Kaylee Curfman and Ryan Pickard of ROHS FFA display the award they won at the FFA State Leadership Development contest at Sam Houston State University.



Training Academy 4 U are one of the many participating in the Lights of Ennis Parade.



Ferris High School transforms their campus into Whoville complete with the Grinch and Cindy Loo, played by Bobby and Jessica Orozco.



Glenn Heights Finance Coordinator Tiffany McDaniel and Sean Kelly of GHFD warm up with a cup of coffee at a recent city event.



Brandon Wilcher of Glenn Heights uses a computer at the Red Oak Public Library to print some documents for work.





Innovation and tradition come together like cinnamon and sugar in Natalie Crabb's kitchen, as the working wife and mom blends her family's weekly meal prepping of healthy, low-carb, calorie-conscious creations with time-honored recipes passed down from her mother and grandmother. "I inherited some awesome, tasty recipes from my Grandma Jean and my mother, Michelle Hillery. They're by no means low-cal, but they're totally worth it," Natalie declared with a laugh.

While eating healthy and passing on family tradition underlie Natalie's love of cooking, her real motivation is something else. "My inspiration for cooking comes ultimately from making people happy. When I'm able to create a meal, side dish or dessert that people enjoy and talk about, it makes my heart happy," she said warmly. Now

#### Cauliflower "Potato" Salad

#### Salad:

I medium-large cauliflower head 1/2 cup red onion, chopped 1/2 yellow bell pepper, chopped I cup celery, chopped 3 boiled medium eggs, chopped

Dressing:

1/2 cup Greek yogurt1/4 cup, plus 1 Tbsp. light mayonnaise2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

I tsp. garlic, minced Salt and pepper, to taste

#### Toppings:

1/2 tsp. ground paprika 2 slices prosciutto, chopped 1 tsp. chives, chopped Fresh dill, chopped

**1.** For salad: Cut cauliflower into florets; remove stem.

**2.** Bring approximately 2 cups of water to boil in a large pot. Place cauliflower in a

steamer basket in the bottom of the pot. Cover and steam until cauliflower florets are fork-tender (6-8 minutes).

- **3.** Place steamed cauliflower in a bowl; add remaining salad ingredients. Set aside.
- **4.** For dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients.
- **5.** Pour dressing over salad; mix until well combined.
- **6.** Top with paprika, prosciutto, chives and dill.

## **Pumpkin Chiffon Pie**

3 egg volks

I cup sugar (divided use)

1 1/4 cups pumpkin

1/2 cup milk

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. ginger

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

I tsp. unflavored gelatin

1/4 cup cold water

3 egg whites, beaten stiff I pie shell, baked

1. Combine egg yolks, 1/2 cup sugar,

pumpkin, milk and spices. Cook in double boiler until thick.

- **2.** Soak gelatin in water for 5 minutes. Add pumpkin mixture; mix and let cool.
- **3.** When thickened, add remaining sugar; fold in stiffly beaten egg whites.
- 4. Pour in pie shell; refrigerate.

#### **Carrot Cake**

#### Cake:

2 cups flour

2 cups sugar

2 tsp. baking soda

2 tsp. cinnamon

I tsp. salt

1 1/2 cups vegetable oil

4 eggs

3 cups carrot, grated

1/2 cup nuts of choice, chopped luice of one lemon

#### Icing:

1 stick margarine, softened 32 oz. cream cheese, softened 1 box powdered sugar 1 3 1/2-oz. can coconut 1/2 cup nuts of choice, chopped 1 tsp. vanilla Milk, enough to make creamy

- **1.** For cake: Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour three round cake pans.
- **2.** Sift all dry ingredients together. Add oil, eggs, carrot, nuts and lemon juice; mix well.
- **3.** Pour batter into prepared pans; bake 50 minutes.
- **4.** For icing: Mix all ingredients until creamy and spreadable. Spread on cooled cakes.

# Slow Cooker Three-Bean Turkey Chili

#### Chili:

1.3 lb. (20 oz.) 99% lean ground turkey breast

I small onion, chopped

1 28-oz. can diced tomatoes, drained

1 16-oz. can tomato sauce

1 4.5-oz. can chopped green chilies

1 15-oz. can chickpeas, drained

1 15.5-oz. can black beans, drained

1 15.5-oz. can small red beans, drained

2 Tbsp. chili powder

1 tsp. cumin

#### Toppings:

1/2 cup red onion, chopped 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped Shredded cheese (optional) Avocado (optional) Sour cream (optional)



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**1.** Brown turkey and onion in a medium skillet over medium-high heat until cooked through. Transfer to slow cooker with all other ingredients (except toppings). Mix well.

**2.** Cook on high 6 to 8 hours or low 10 to 12 hours. Add toppings as desired.

#### **Baked Sweet Potato Fries**

I-2 lbs. sweet potatoesI-2 Tbsp. olive oilSalt and pepper, to taste

- I. Preheat oven to 425 F.
- **2.** Peel and cut sweet potatoes into even fry-shaped pieces. (Peeling them is optional.) Toss in oil, salt and pepper. Arrange in a single layer on a baking sheet.
- **3.** Bake until the part touching the baking sheet is browned (approximately 20 minutes). Flip fries and bake until crisp (approximately 10 minutes).

## Healthy Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps

Sauce:

6 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 Tbsp. honey

2 Tbsp. water

1 Tbsp. ginger, finely chopped

1 Tbsp. rice vinegar

1 Tbsp. chili paste

luice of 2 limes

I tsp. cornstarch



#### Chicken:

1 Tbsp. olive oil or sesame oil 1 lb. lean ground chicken 1/4 cup lightly salted cashews, coarsely chopped 3 green onions, thinly sliced 6 lettuce leaves, for wrapping

Toppings:

Cilantro, finely chopped (optional) Lightly salted cashews, coarsely chopped (optional)

- I carrot, shredded or finely sliced (optional)
- **1.** For sauce: Place all ingredients in a small, glass bowl; whisk to combine. Set aside.
- **2.** For chicken: Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add ground chicken; break up any large lumps. Cook, stirring occasionally, until browned.
- **3.** Add cashews; cook, stirring, for 1-2 minutes. Add the sauce; cook for 1-2 minutes more. Stir in green onions.
- **4.** Remove from heat; scoop chicken mixture into lettuce leaves. Top with chopped cilantro, cashews and shredded carrots, if desired; serve.

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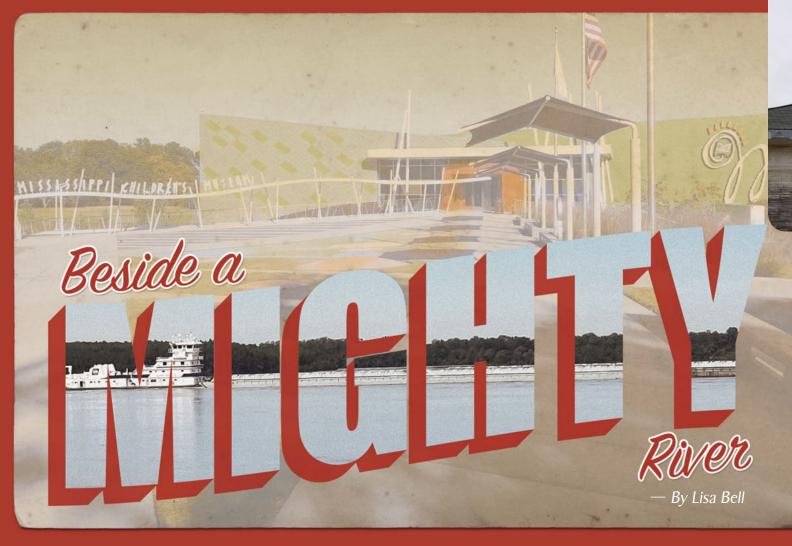
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The Mississippi River borders its state, but the river isn't all you see traveling through Mississippi. From beaches in the south to cities and beautiful countryside, visitors can enjoy a variety of sites. With relatively mild winters, even the early months of the year can be a perfect time to visit.

At the Gulf Coast, beaches and waterparks offer water fun for most of the year. When temperatures cool down, there are still opportunities to play golf or fish. From an oceanside dock or out on a chartered boat, one can enjoy catching more than 200 varieties of fish.

Mississippi is well known for the origination of blues music, but many other genres also grew from the blues of long ago. One of the best features in the state is the Mississippi Blues Trail. Throughout the state, guests can visit the birthplaces of legendary musical icons and learn about the way they lived and their early influences.

Take in dozens of the markers in Southaven at the Tanger Outlet Mall or a single marker in other towns along the way. Stop at amazing museums, such as the Gateway to the Blues located in Tunica, Mississippi.



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.

Much of the state remains untouched. With numerous state parks, outdoor enthusiasts can hike, camp and even hunt and fish in some of them. Nearby recreation areas provide a variety of entertainment. In Canton, MS, visit Mississippi Petrified Forest, an unforgettable step back in time.

Many farms in Mississippi open to the public during different seasons. Picking fruits or visiting a pumpkin patch create wonderful memories. Cedar Hill Farm in Hernando is one of the best known, but others in



the state offer a similar experience. With hayrides and barrel trains, children and parents create memories that last a lifetime.

The historical town of Hernando features an old-fashioned town square with festivals and events throughout the year. The home and ranch of Jerry Lee Lewis still exist near this small town. Be sure to arrange a tour in advance to see this music legend's home. Another site worth visiting in Hernando is a historic landmark commemorating the Mississippi Freedom Trail. For history buffs, following this trail makes a memorable trip.

Throughout the state, many battlefields remind visitors of a war no one wants repeated. Vicksburg houses one of these, commemorating a key turning point in the Civil War. Driving through with an interactive audio brings history to life in these locations.

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.

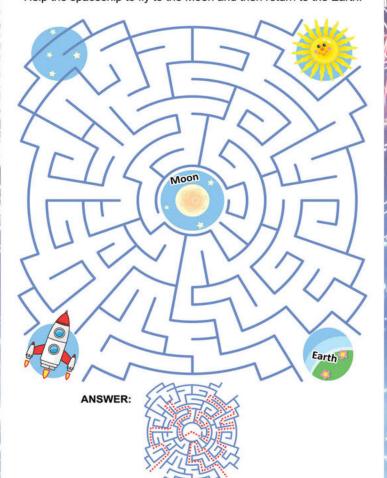
Be sure to take the kids to the Mississippi Children's Museum. A richly interactive space, children learn without realizing it. Next door, the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science also offers great interaction, multiple aquariums and dozens of nature trails, as well as a rainforest maze.

Wherever you travel in Mississippi, prepare for adventure, fun and interactive history lessons. Follow trails or select a few places to focus your travels. Whether for a few days or weeks, Mississippi delivers a great way to spend quality time as a family.

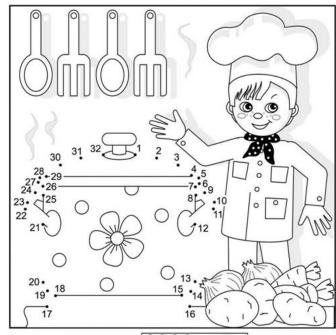




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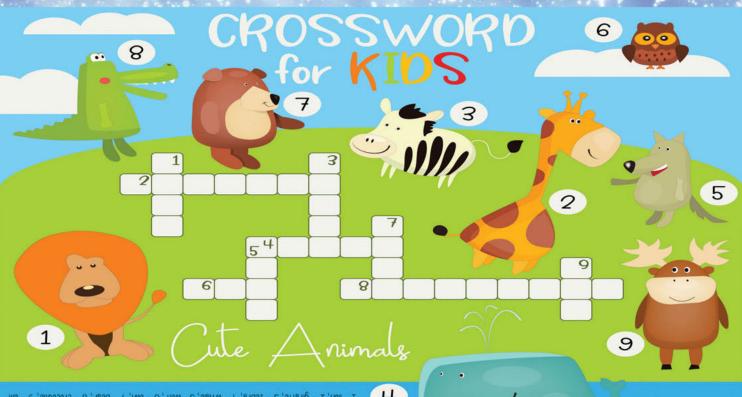


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ANSWER:





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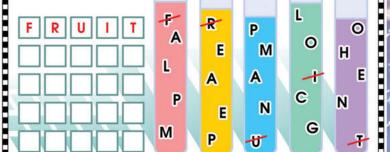
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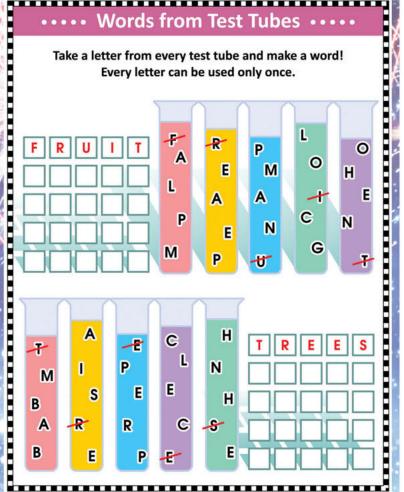
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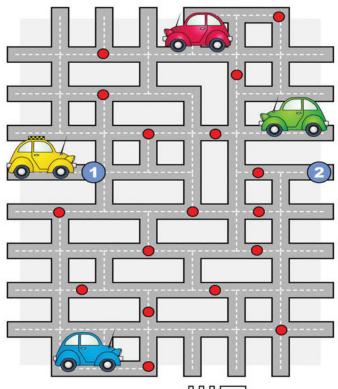
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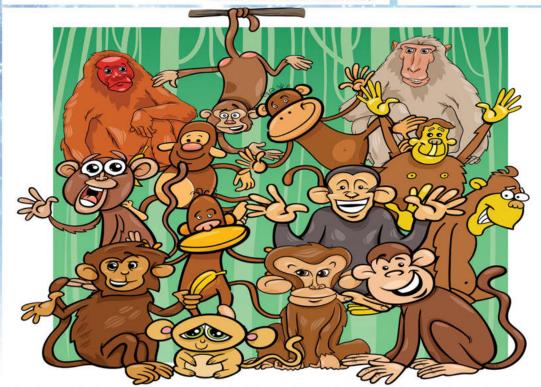


2) TREES, MAPLE, BIRCH, ASPEN, BEECH. ANSWER: 1) FRUIT, APPLE, LEMON, PEACH, MANGO. Help the taxi car to get from the point 1 to the point 2. Avoid red circles that indicate super high traffic.



ANSWER:





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# **Crossword Puzzle**

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#### Across

- 1 Continuous dull pain
- 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

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- 31 Bourbon flavoring
- 32 Welding method

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# Sudoku Puzzle

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Solutions on page 36





# 1/14, 1/21

### Homeless Census Volunteer Training:

Citizens interested in finding and helping those experiencing homelessness in Ellis County are invited to join the Local Homeless Coalition as they conduct the annual Point in Time Count. Learn how safely to be part of the solution. 6:00 p.m., Waxahachie Police Department, Community Room, 630 Farley St., Waxahachie. (469) 383-3164.



# 1/19

# Red Oak High School Shotgun Team competition:

Support the ROHS Shotgun Team at the SCTP Tournament Competition, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Ellis County Sportsman's Club, 479 W. Sterrett Rd., Waxahachie. To contribute to the event or team scholarship fund, contact Brooks Humphreys, bookert9627@att.net.

#### Scarborough Renaissance Festival:

Auditions for volunteer actors and performers for the upcoming season. 9:00 a.m.-noon; 1:30p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Auditions are by appointment only and must be scheduled by 1/15 by emailing SAPA@Srfestival.com.

## 1/21

#### Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration:

Delivering a message about learning from the past and moving toward a positive future, this event has expanded to include lunch and volunteer opportunities at various pre-arranged locations in Midlothian. 10:00 a.m., One Church, 2122 N. Hwy. 67. Register at www.discoveronechurch.org.

# 1/24

## Let's Get Warm Giveaway:

Anyone experiencing homelessness in Ellis County is invited for hot meals, fellowship, gifts (blankets, coats, etc.), basic financial counseling and resources provided by the Local Homeless Coalition in Ellis County. 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., 1264 N I-35E, Waxahachie. (918) 351-3678.

# Mondays

# Ellis County Republicans:

7:00 p.m., Ellis County GOP Headquarters, 610 Water St., Waxahachie. (972) 923-9383.

# Second Mondays

Ellis County Veterans Networking: Dinner and guest speaker. 6:00 p.m., IHOP, Waxahachie. (469) 258-7424.

# Third Mondays

#### Red Oak Book Club:

Adults age 21 and older. 6:30-8:00 p.m., Red Oak Public Library, 200 Lakeview Dr. (469) 218-1230 or redoakbookclub@gmail.com.

# Tuesdays

# Red Oak Library Toddler Story Time:

Free Crafts, story time and learning games for children 18 mo.-5 yrs. and their parents. 10:00-11:00 a.m., 200 Lakeview Dr. (469) 218-1230.

# Ferris Public Library Game Day:

Young people 7 to 17 can play PS4 and Wii in the library's meeting room. 3:30-5:30 p.m., 301 E. 10th St. (972) 544-3699.

# Writing for Enjoyment Group meeting:

12:30-1:30 p.m. (469) 383-5365 or joanpomeroy@att.net.

# Second Tuesdays

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE):

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (972) 775-2463 or rjcarey I @gmail.com.

# Tuesdays and Thursdays

# North Ellis Co. Outreach assistance:

Assistance is for those living within the 75154 and 75125 zip codes or within the Red Oak and Ferris ISD boundaries. *Ferris* location: 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 205 S. Main St., Ferris. *Red Oak* location: *Monday-Friday*, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 404 S. State Hwy. 342, Red Oak. (972) 617-7261.

# Wednesdays

## Ferris Public Library Story Time:

Pre-school children and their caregivers are invited for stories. 11:00 a.m., 301 E. 10th St. (972) 544-3699.

# Wednesdays and Thursdays

# Red Oak Senior Citizens Group:

Join other seniors for games and activities. Light breakfast provided both days. Lunch provided Thursdays; \$2 per week membership fee. 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 207 W. Red Oak Rd. (972) 571-0632.



# 1/11 - 1/12

9 To 5 The Musical, presented by the Red Oak High School Theater.

1/11, 7:00 p.m.; 1/12, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., ROHS Performing Arts Center, 220 S. Hwy. 342, (972) 617-2941. For tickets, redoakhs.seatyourself.biz.

# Third Thursdays

#### **Ferris Lions Club:**

6:30 p.m., Scout House in Mutz Park, 514 S. Mabel St. (972) 842-2136.

# **Fridays**

#### Ellis County Democrats Coffee and Talk:

8:00 a.m.-noon, Democrat HQ, 215 E. Main St., Waxahachie. (972)937-9039.

# Second Saturdays

Texas Civil Defense monthly drill:

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 101 Live Oak St., Red Oak. LTC Tim O'Connor. (214) 868-0082.

# Third Saturdays

## Ferris Trade Days:

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 101 S. Main St. (817) 992-9204.

# Ferris Police Department's Coffee with a Cop:

Spend time visiting with your local police officers. Get to know them and express your concerns. 8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m., 1-45 Donuts, 502 E. 8th St. (972) 544-2233.

#### **Self-Defense Class:**

9:00-11:00 a.m., 301 Locust Dr., Oak Leaf, mandatory RSVP. (972) 617-2660.

# Sundays

#### **Alcoholics**

## **Anonymous meeting:**

5:00 p.m., Midway Baptist Church, 4511 FM 660, Ferris. Michael Peeples (830) 928-4177 or mikepeeples@outlook.com.

# Third Sundays

Matthew 7:7 Riders Motorcycle Ministry:

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# Crossword Sudoku Solutions

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### Easy

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#### Medium

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