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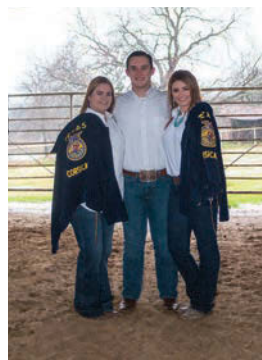
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Welcome to Midwinter!

For my fellow folks who love the out-of-doors, I can sympathize with your withdrawal pains during this month when a roaring fire in the fire pit is about the only way to stay comfy sitting outside. Traditionally, I combat claustrophobic walls by heading to New Mexico's ski slopes. Last year's drive proved that there are a lot of my fellow Texans joining me. Lots of vehicles with Texas plates had full ski racks. If joining me, remember to give yourselves a day to acclimate to the higher altitudes before stressing your lungs and hearts. That day of relaxation is always a great reading day for me, as I gaze over the beauty of Santa Fe or Red River slopes. Here's hoping for safe travels and fun times making memories.

One of my westward routes takes me through Lubbock. I remember as an Elvis and Buddy Holly fan (pre-Beatles era) the day the music died in February 1959. The plane carrying Buddy, Ritchie Valens and "The Big Bopper" crashed with all lost. I love playing and singing to Buddy's songs. What a legacy this native Lubbock son left.

If you can't get away, enjoy our occasional warm days with a walk in the park or a tour of Lake Richland Chambers to watch our winter bird guests. My bird feeders attract so many beautiful diners who are very entertaining, and my dog, Jazzy, loves his walks through our beautiful Community Park.

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It's National Children's Dental Health Month!



For National Children's Dental Health Month, I thought I'd share some information on a topic that many parents struggle with. Are thumb-sucking and pacifier habits harmful for a child's teeth? The short answer is yes. These habits may result in long-term problems.

As a parent and a pediatric dentist, I see various oral habits, but the most common of them all is thumb-sucking. Most kids suck their thumbs

because it's soothing and is most prevalent during times of hunger, fatigue, stress, sleep, teething, and shyness. In fact, some children are seen upon ultrasound sucking their thumbs.

The intensity and frequency of the thumb-sucking habit, as well as the pattern of jaw growth, determine whether dental problems will develop. The American Dental Association recommends breaking the thumb-sucking habit before your child's permanent teeth come in. If left uncorrected, thumb-sucking can result in reshaping of the jawbone (narrow upper jaw), flaring of the upper front teeth, poor tongue placement, speech issues, overbite and open bite, and airway issues.

It is important to know that a thumb-sucking habit will typically stop on its own, and that, ideally, it will stop before the permanent teeth erupt. Once the permanent first molars erupt, usually around age 6, there can be changes to the direction of the growth of the jaws. If your child cannot stop by age 4, I recommend a few things:

Talk to your child. Explain what you're worried about. Kids respond better when they know why they are being told "no."

Enforce thumb-sucking limits. Giving up the thumb all at once isn't easy for a child. It is OK to suck his or her thumb in bed,

but not anywhere else. The goal is to have the habit taper off on its own.

Provide a replacement coping skill. Like adults, kids find it hard to break habits if they don't have an alternative way of coping. Consider letting your child have a "lovey" or "fidget" to squeeze when they're anxious.

Help your child recognize the habit. Remind your child when you see them doing it. Not all kids are conscious that they are sucking their thumbs, especially when they're bored or tired. Pointing it out can help them become more self-aware.

Keep in mind that change is not easy and may require lots of patience, which sometimes is easier said than done. If the thumb habit is still present at age 6, enlist your dentist's help. There may be some orthodontic issues developing, so I recommend a consultation to find the most appropriate method for addressing the problem and reversing the dental effects.

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— By Virginia Riddle

Future Farmers of America is a strong organization in Navarro County. However, it's still a remarkable achievement to have three members — Carley Casbeer, Ashley Howard and Ty Tidwell — to achieve National FFA's highest honor, the American FFA Degree. "FFA has grown us into leaders and prepared us for the future," Carley said.

It's a rigorous road traveled. Candidates must have earned their State FFA Degree, hold active membership for the past three years, demonstrate leadership abilities, perform community service, participate in and graduate from a secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and help lead an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. High school graduation with outstanding scholastic achievement is also required. Candidates apply with the approval of their state FFA association. All applications are reviewed by National FFA staff and the National FFA Board of Directors.

Carley, Ashley and Ty traveled as honored guests to the 91st National FFA Convention and Expo held in Indianapolis, Indiana, last October. In a special ceremony, they each received

a certificate and their American FFA Degree key. For Carley, the experience contained two important firsts. Accompanied by her parents, Monty and Davelyn Casbeer, and her paternal grandmother, it was her first time to fly and attend a national convention. "It was cold, but we explored the city," she recalled. "The convention was so much bigger than state conventions. President Trump came to address the group, so there were Secret Service agents and snipers."

"Getting to be a part of an organization where we all zip up our blue corduroy jackets makes me feel proud to be a part of it," Ashley remarked. "This was my first national convention, but I've attended three state conventions." Ashley was accompanied by her parents, Jonathan and Beth Howard, and her brother, who's a current member of Corsicana's FFA. "Our ag teacher, Miranda Johnson, attended the convention," Ashley added. She and her family enjoyed trying different foods and seeing the Indy racetrack, where she "kissed the bricks."

It was Ty's second national convention, and he attended with his Tarleton State University group with his mother joining them. "I work for Tarleton as a welding lab assistant," Ty explained. His parents are Chuck and Melanie Tidwell. "I was able to judge part of the convention's quiz and range competitions," Ty recalled. "We had our Tarleton bus, so we toured the city."

The three honorees are experienced and knowledgeable in agriculture-related subjects, and they agree their framed



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certificates will be great additions to their résumés and help their future endeavors. As a high school freshman FFA member, Carley started showing hogs, steers, heifers and goats at the Youth Expo and competed in the food contests. "My ag teacher, Brittney Skinner-Womack, urged me to make FFA a priority, even though I was focusing on cheerleading and softball," Carley said. She served as the Corsicana FFA's historian, parliamentarian, on the officer team and, during her senior year, she was on the state nominating committee. As an area representative, she got to interview Ty for this award! Carley's working at an ag co-op in College Station, while attending Texas A&M University as an ag science major with a goal of becoming an ag teacher.

A freshman when she joined Corsicana FFA, Ashley served her chapter as sentinel, vice president and president, graduating from CHS in 2017. "Ms. Johnson helped push me to be my 110-percent best version possible." Ashley showed market hogs and a steer. She also competed in public speaking, leadership development and career development events in FFA. She was in the National Honor Society and the Calicos Dance Drill Team. A junior agriculture education major at Tarleton State University, Ashley was encouraged by her professor, Dr. David Frazier, to apply for this honor. "When he looked at my FFA record book, he told me it was very possible for me to receive the award," Ashley remembered. She worked with Dr. Frazier and Ms. Johnson to meet all the requirements. Ashley's now a Tarleton Alumni Collegiate FFA Organization member and officer.





Building and showing two trailers and showing lambs and goats at Youth Expo were Ty's choices in FFA. His college experience pushed him to complete the award's requirements. "Instead of cutting up, I had to be serious. Only 1 percent of FFA members achieve this level," Ty explained. "We have to graduate and commit to an agricultural career. The national board wants to see how we're using the knowledge and experience gained professionally. Through FFA, I've made so many connections. It led me to Tarleton, from which I graduated in 2018. His goal is a career as a county extension agent. "I want to be with the farmers and ranchers of my county," he said.

FFA will always stay with these three outstanding members. "It's the late nights in the welding shops with all the guys that I'll remember," Ty said. "I got to know them on a different level. Other memories include competing at all the livestock shows and interviewing with strangers successfully, while running for office. It's given me a sense of confidence to be able to explain something well."

Carley cites the late nights caring for animals in the barn as some of her best times in FFA. "I know I have ag teachers I can call on any time for help and advice," she said. Ms. Johnson kept choosing me for speaking events even though I was super shy. Now, I can speak in front of groups easily. Showing my animals has taught me time management."

The honorees thank all those involved in helping them achieve this award: Ms. Skinner-Womack, Ms. Johnson, Mark Vitters, Monica Patrick, Michelle Sammons and their parents. Ty summarized, "FFA creates students who love ag and can tell about it. It's so much more than sows, plows and cows!" **NOW**



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Patricia Daniels is the sixth-grade counselor at Collins Intermediate School. She knows firsthand what it feels like to worry about things in life that are out of one's control. "I found myself always worrying about my hair, my skin color and my height and weight," Patricia shared, recalling the years of adolescence all too well. "I didn't want the girls at Collins to ever feel that way."

In an effort to achieve her goal of keeping girls from looking down on themselves because of what someone might say and do or because of things they cannot control, she teamed up with Stephanie Howell to bring something to the campus that would affirm the girls in a positive manner. "We wanted to do something special that would raise the girls' self-esteem, instead of allowing them to walk in a state where they didn't feel good enough," Patricia said. Stephanie moved on from Collins to Corsicana ISD administration, but her heart for the young female students lives on in what they were able to bring to fruition before the school year started.

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As the school year ended last year, their idea soon came to life during the short weeks of summer. Kindness Rocks was an idea that grew to encompass the girls' bathrooms. "Yes, it may sound crazy or unnecessary," Patricia explained, "but this is the one place they run to if they are angry or have had their feelings hurt. Our goal with Kindness Rocks was to provide positive affirmation when something negative comes their way."

Desiree Abreu, the artist and local business owner who transformed the bathroom into something the girls at Collins can be proud of, worked diligently alongside her husband, campus police officer Justino Abreu, during the summer, adding positive artwork to the walls and outer sides of the stall doors using stencils and a bright imagination. "She also felt a positive vibe would be a good thing," Patricia added. "I had a few quotes in mind, but Desiree came up with the remaining ones that completed the overall project."

Phrases like, "Beautiful girl, you will do amazing things!" are stenciled boldly, making them easy to see and read. The hope in the beginning was that the girls would go in the bathroom one way and come out feeling differently. "Girls have a tough time feeling beautiful, strong and invincible," Patricia stated. "These bathrooms promote positivity and show them that kindness in any form really does matter. My prayer is if they walk in any of the four bathrooms, the words will remind them to kickstart the positive feelings they have within themselves, about themselves."





Sixth-graders Jazmine Newsome and Audrey Libal are just two of many female students who have found the bathrooms to be exactly what Patricia and Stephanie hoped they would be. Jazmine remembers walking into the bathroom after a test. "I was sad because I missed a question on the test," Jazmine stated. "I asked to go to the restroom. I read the words on the wall and went back to class happy."

Audrey recalls the time early in the school year when she was talking to a fellow student. "She cut me off in midsentence. She didn't allow me to finish my thought," Audrey said, remembering how invisible it made her feel at the time. "The wall art in the bathroom reminded me that I have more than one friend, and that my thoughts and feelings do matter." Both girls agreed — the bathroom at Collins is preparing them for middle school.

Patricia's hope is that the words on the wall will not be forgotten once they move on to junior high. "I don't want them to ever forget how special they are," she said. "We are all different, but we are all special!" said Patricia, who is looking forward to bringing the same positivity to the boy's bathrooms in the near future.

Principal Scott Doring couldn't agree more. He, too, believes in offering a positive atmosphere to all Collins Intermediate School students. "The positive messages in the bathrooms idea is an excellent way to boost our young ladies' self-esteem," he said, "and hopefully the messages will brighten their days." **NOW**

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Sean Schultz was the winner of the TecX knife donated by Owen Hardware. Sean says, "I always enjoy reading *CorsicanaNOW* and want to thank Mr. Owen for the knife. I can't believe I won. The magazine is a good read. I love the stories and the ads. I will continue to play the scavenger hunt."



Erin Moebius, a Corsicana native, is excited to win the \$50 gift certificate from La Décor Antiques and More. Erin says, "I love *CorsicanaNOW* and the new scavenger hunt game. I can't wait for it each month to see who is in it. It is like a yearbook to me. I can keep up with people I have known all my life. Thank you, Carolyn Yates and La Décor. I am so excited to win. I never win anything!"



CorsicanaNOW presented a \$100 Visa card to Brenda Russell of Corsicana, a winner in the January Scavenger Hunt! Brenda says, "I enjoy and look forward to the magazine each month. The game is fun ... you should try it! I was so surprised when they called. Thank you, *CorsicanaNOW*!"

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Successful in Kerens, Royce expanded the business to Waco in 2016. His sons, Coy and Chad, serve as general managers, along with a team of seven to eight employees at each location. “Treating customers with respect and providing them an honest and fair experience is very important to us. Our parts and service center creates a full-service shop, which means we can do all your maintenance from overhauling your tractor to an easy oil change,” Chad, Kerens’ manager, said. “Our mechanics have the hands-on training needed to take care of all your maintenance work. They will take time to explain what’s needed to get you out of the shop and back in the yard or field.”

A loaner program allows customers to keep working if more time is needed for repairs, and the company prides itself on

providing exemplary service, quality equipment and all types of implements for any job. Our professional staff works to get you high-quality, long-lasting equipment that you, the customer, deserve," Coy, manager in Waco, noted.

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The finance department offers options for purchases. "We take time to answer your questions and go over everything with you one step at a time," Royce explained. Payment for services may be made in cash, or by check and major credit and debit cards, and quotes are available on trades.

With two locations, Pineco has extended its service to Navarro, Henderson, Freestone, Ellis, Bell, McLennan, Johnson, Hill, Falls, Coryell, Bosque and Bell counties, which covers about 21 communities. "We're proud supporters of the VFW and are members of the Waco and Kerens chambers of commerce," Royce said. "We enjoy participating in community events, such as the Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival and the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo. We also partner with school districts, fire departments and public departments to ensure they get the best landscaping equipment they need at a great price."

As in all business, there are challenges. "We face the same challenges as the agriculture business in general, especially with the weather," Royce said. "The good news is we understand how these challenges affect our customers, because we're affected, too. We're in this business together!"

There's always the other side to that story — the joys. "We're able to interact with our neighbors and build relationships with them on a personal level," Chad added.

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Zoomed In: Paul Lewis

By Virginia Riddle

Paul Lewis, a native of Corsicana and proud class of 1982 Corsicana High School graduate, enjoys greeting folks as they stroll through Compassionate Corsicana's Compassionate Resale Store, which recently opened on Beaton Street. "People are nice and friendly in Corsicana," Paul offered. "This is a wonderful town. Proceeds from this store go into local charities. Tim Wiseman, a longtime friend, gave me this opportunity to serve."

Service and family are what Paul is all about. He is the pianist and organist for Greater Love Chapel and plays and sings at other churches. He's been a professional caregiver for 11 years, but relaxing times find him with wife, Shannette; daughter, Arielle; and sons, Earnest and Erik, shopping or traveling to concerts together.



Laura Capehart presents a Chamber plaque to Shana Stein and her husband, Zane, during their ribbon cutting ceremony for Shana's new law office opening.



Brandon Ford explains to guests at the Pearce Museum the use of weapons during the Civil War.



CHS Calicos help serve at the Senior Circle's Diamond in the Sky Gala.



The Navarro College cheerleaders kick the Small Business Revolution opening celebration into high gear.



Shannon Cerka and Shawn Spencer help host Square Root's open house.



Corsicana Art League members remember one of their own, Donna Ingham, with an exhibit of her work.



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In the Kitchen With

KIM GORDON

— By Virginia Riddle



A new face graces the offices of the Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce. Kim Gordon and her husband, Jim, moved to this county nearly three years ago with their acquisition of 10 acres. “I was raised in Dallas, but I love the country. We have a daughter at Midwestern State University and another daughter who is married and living in Midlothian,” Kim explained. “Family is very important to us.”

During the holidays, Kim was busy making the sweet treats her family enjoys. She admitted, “My family never knows what I’ll bring to family dinners, but I like making my grandmother’s Poppy Seed Cake, and my mom’s Cow Chips recipe is so awesome.” Like many families, Kim enjoys treasured moments of eating and remembering yesteryear. **NOW**

Cheesy Potato Casserole

Cooking spray

- 1 32-oz. pkg. frozen shredded potatoes
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded, or more to taste
- 4 Tbsp. butter, melted (divided use)
- 1 10-oz. can cream of chicken soup
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 cups corn flakes

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Prepare a 9x13-inch casserole dish with cooking spray.
2. Pour the frozen shredded potatoes into a large microwavable mixing bowl. Microwave for 2-3 minutes to thaw the potatoes; remove from microwave.
3. Add sour cream, cheddar cheese, 2 Tbsp. of butter, cream of chicken soup, salt and pepper; mix well with a wooden spoon.
4. Crumble the corn flakes in a food processor or blender. (Or you can put the corn

flakes into a gallon-size bag, and roll over the bag with a rolling pin or meat tenderizer.)

5. In a small bowl, mix the crumbled corn flakes with the remaining butter; stir well.

6. Spread the potato/cheese mixture into the prepared pan; cover with the corn flake crumb mixture.

7. Cover the pan with tin foil; bake for 45 minutes.

Poppy Seed Bundt Cake

Cooking spray

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 tsp. poppy seeds, or more to taste

1. Preheat the oven to 325 F. Prepare a Bundt cake pan with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, oil, sour cream and sugar; mix until smooth.

3. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add the poppy seeds; mix well.

4. Pour the batter into the pan; bake for 1 hour, or until a toothpick inserted into the cake's center comes out clean.

Mom's Cow Chip Cookies

4 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 cup Crisco, melted
1 cup butter, melted
2 cups brown sugar
2 cups granulated sugar
4 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
2 cups oats
2 cups corn flakes
2 cups coconut, shredded
2 cups pecans, chopped
2 6-oz. pkgs. semi-sweet chocolate morsels or chips
Cooking spray

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a bowl, mix the flour, baking soda and salt; set aside.
2. In a small bowl, mix the Crisco with the butter; in a larger bowl, mix both sugars. Pour the Crisco mixture over the sugars; beat well.
3. Add the eggs and vanilla; mix well. Add the flour mixture; beat well.
4. Add the oats, corn flakes, coconut, pecans and chocolate; mix well with a wooden spoon.
5. On cookie sheets prepared with cooking spray, use 1/4 cup of cookie dough to create each cookie (six cookies per sheet); bake for 15 minutes.

Slow Cooker Cowboy Potato Casserole

6 medium red potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. pepper
1 medium onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef, browned and drained
1 16-oz. can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 14-oz. can diced tomatoes with green chilies, undrained
1/4 cup water
4 oz. shredded cheese, or more to taste

1. Add the potatoes, salt and pepper to a slow cooker. Add the onion and garlic; then add the beef, beans and tomatoes; pour water over all ingredients.
2. Cover; cook on low for 7-8 hours; sprinkle on cheese during the last 15 minutes. Re-cover for remaining time; serve.

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Poppy Seed
Bundt Cake

Marinated Cucumber, Onion and Tomato Salad

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper, coarsely ground
- 3 cucumbers, peeled and sliced to 1/4-inch thickness
- 3 tomatoes, cut into small wedges
- 1 onion, sliced and separated into rings

1. In a large bowl, whisk the water, vinegar, oil, sugar, salt and pepper together until the mixture is smooth.
2. Add the cucumbers, tomatoes and onion; stir to coat the vegetables well.
3. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap; refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

Paprika Chicken With Mushrooms

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 1 tsp. paprika

- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 1 pinch garlic powder
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 onion, sliced into thin rings
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced

1. Pound chicken breasts to 1/2-inch thickness. Sprinkle both sides of each chicken breast liberally with paprika, salt, pepper, and garlic powder.
2. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Arrange chicken breasts in the pan. Cover; cook for 10 minutes. Turn the chicken breasts over; layer the thinly sliced onions and mushrooms on top of the chicken. Cover; cook for 10 more minutes.
3. Remove the lid; mix the onions and mushrooms into the butter sauce. Reduce heat to low; cook uncovered for 5 minutes.

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— By Melissa Rawlins

Lift your glass for a toast: To life! And give three cheers for destiny — a concept Americans hardly discuss anymore. Since accomplishing our manifest destiny, we tour distant places on a roundtrip ticket, sure that our final destination is home sweet home.

Yet, there is a spot on this planet that has been and will be home to countless generations. And its doors are open to visitors year-round. Israel's heartland, otherwise known as Samaria and Judea, has welcomed intrepid travelers ever since Abraham left Ur Kašdim (commonly translated as Ur of the Chaldees) for Canaan. But the 40-mile-wide swath of land, with Jerusalem in its center, is especially popular now that agritourism is trendy.

Participating in farm activities while touring this part of the Middle East provides a balanced approach to travel. Seasonally, there are grapes to prune in the winter and harvest in the summer — when figs are also easy to find — and olives to pick in the fall. Organic olive orchards, planted near vineyards equidistant between the Dead Sea and Jerusalem, experience pure sunshine throughout the year.

One reputable organization that has developed relationships with multiple local farmers is HaYovel.com, based in the United States. Since Israel's Hebrew-speaking populace rests every

Saturday, and prepares for the Sabbath on Fridays, agritourists only work a few days per week and then give their bodies a rest while investigating various aspects of the region's art, archaeology and appetite.

Health nuts can smell, taste and hear the story of the Saboneto family of organic soaps after driving northeast of Jerusalem to Kochav HaShachar. Foodies will be fascinated by the cuisine throughout Israel. Small cafés with spicy, healthy meats and vegetables are usually ensconced near museums, synagogues, marketplaces and gas stations.

In Jerusalem, larger restaurants like Ima's cater to tourists visiting Israel's center of government, the Knesset. Throughout the day, kiosks pressing juices from fresh pomegranates make a nice alternative to the ubiquitous coffee break. And it's always a treat to start mornings with a visit to the *shuk* (fresh market) in Jerusalem, where cheeses and candies unlike any other are bought in the thousands by people who plan to share them in their own restaurants or homes.

Afternoons and evenings are perfect times to visit the wineries that are popping up throughout the country. Sixteen years ago, Samaria and Judea had only a few small vineyards serving individual families. Now, more than 350 acres are planted with fruitful vines, and a million bottles of wine are produced annually. This is partly because volunteer agritourists are empowering the wine industry's growth. Psagot Winery, close to Beit El (Bethel) northwest of Jerusalem, is a modern gem boasting wide-open views of rock-studded mountains.



Kabir Winery, farther north in Elon Moreh, feels a bit more "ancient." Maybe that is because its vintner, Eliav Hillel, is also a scribe. Nearby, the settlement of Itamar, established in 1984, is at the forefront of Israel's organic agriculture.

Forty miles north, you can wine and dine in Tiberias, where a 10th-century crusader castle now hosts a nightclub. Not far up the shore of the Sea of Galilee, viewing fine and modern art in Ginosar's Museum of the Galilee can precede an invigorating swim in the harp-shaped lake. A little farther north, Capernaum provides history buffs an abundance of beautiful ruins to study. And the beaches of Ein Gev invite families and individuals to simply chill.

No matter how much you enjoy traveling independently, you'll glean more of the depth and breadth of Israel's nature, history and culture by traveling with a guide who lives in the land. Michael Bar-Neder (annbn@012.net.il) specializes in guiding mentally and physically challenged people, as well as families, on tours of biblical Israel. Maayan Usva Cohen (pathsofisrael@gmail.com) guides both on contemporary political issues and in the biblical landscapes of Judea and Samaria, and can also take you on off-road adventures in her jeep. Ask for recommendations when you start planning your trip to the heartland of Israel with the Shomron Regional Council at www.tourshomron.org.il.

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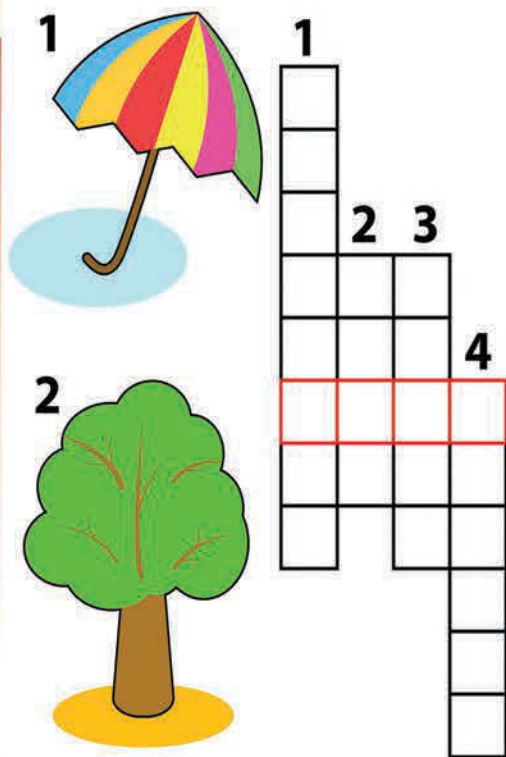
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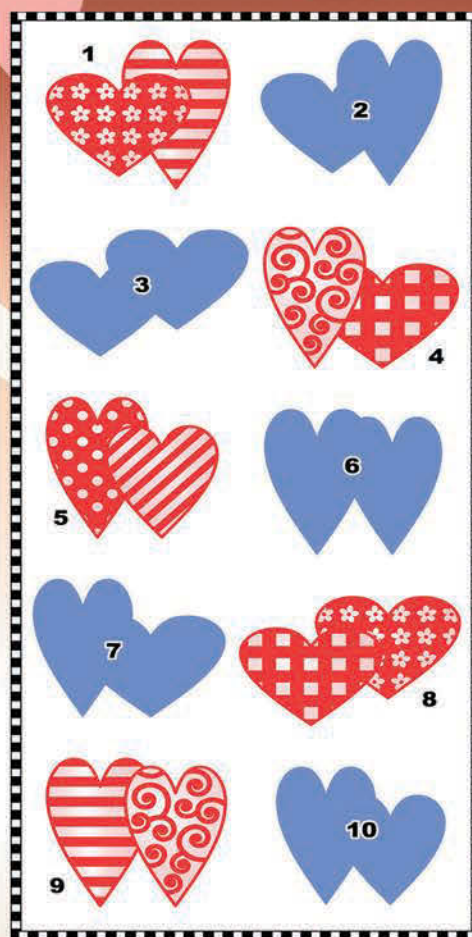


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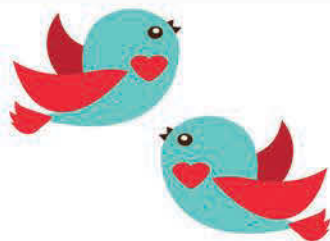
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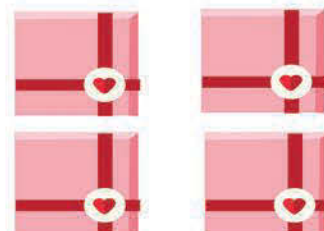
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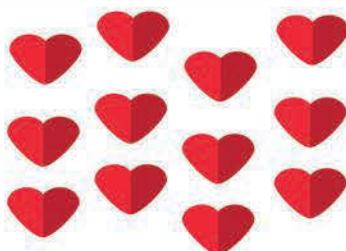
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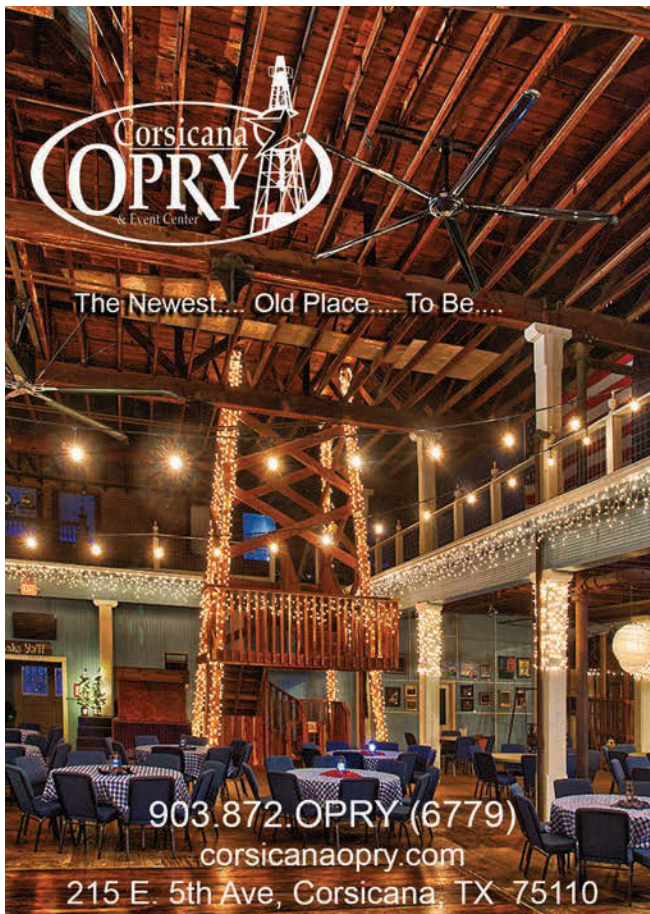
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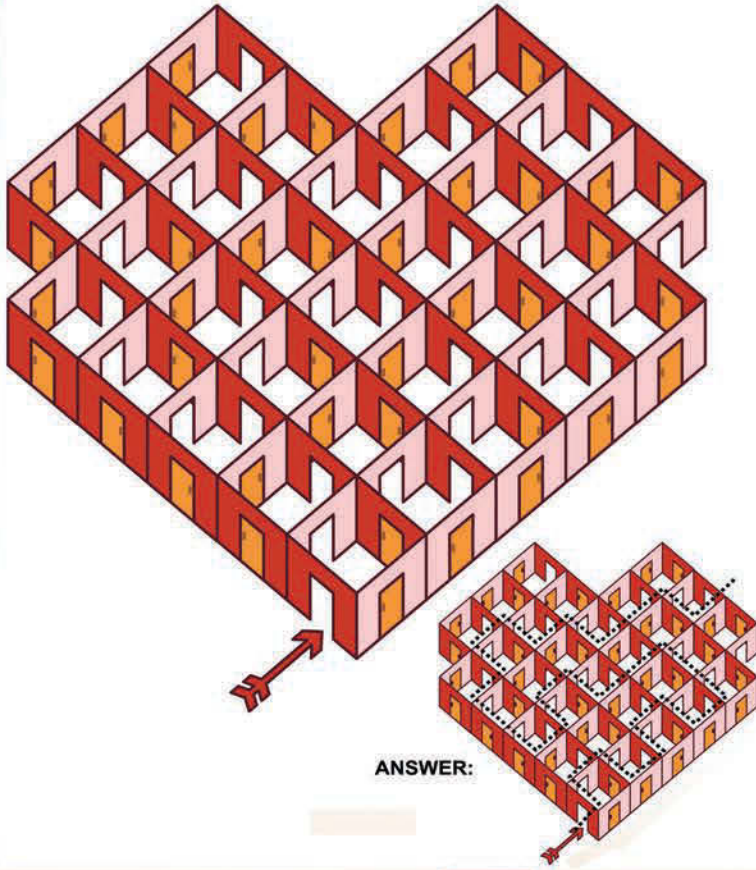
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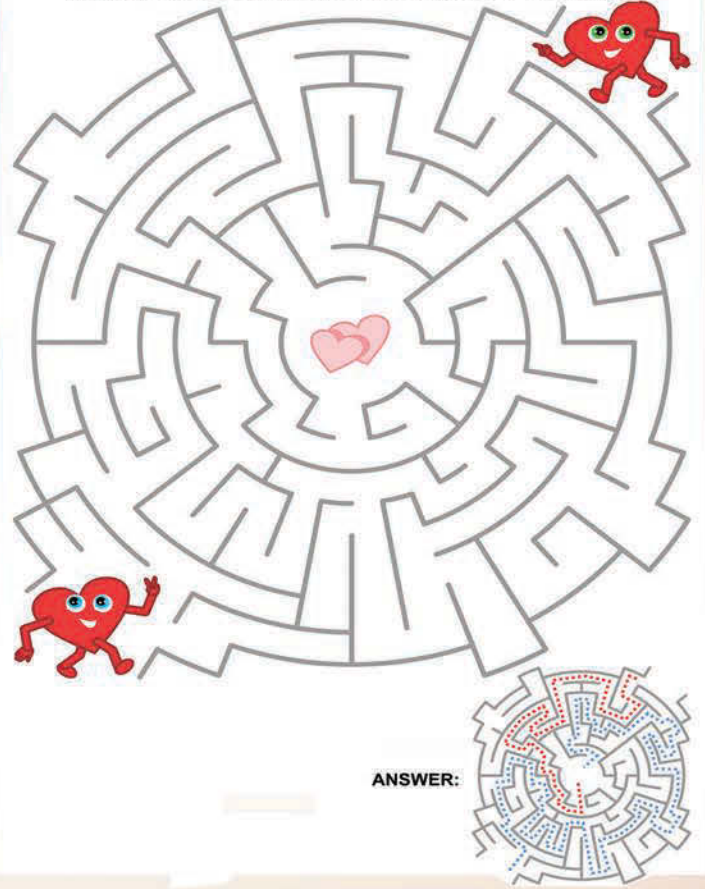
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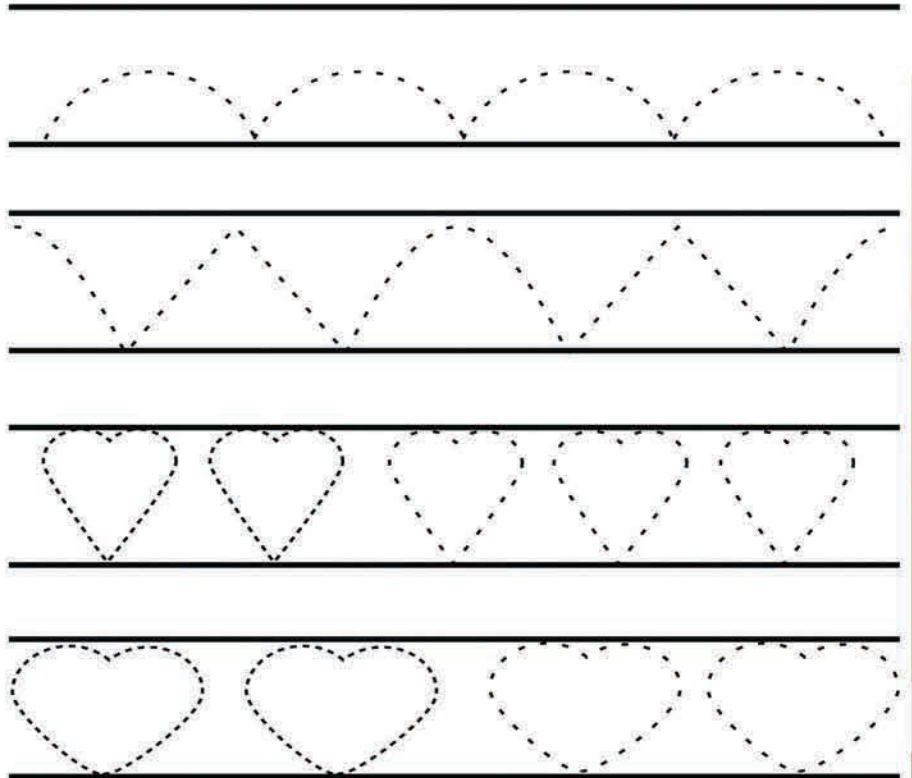
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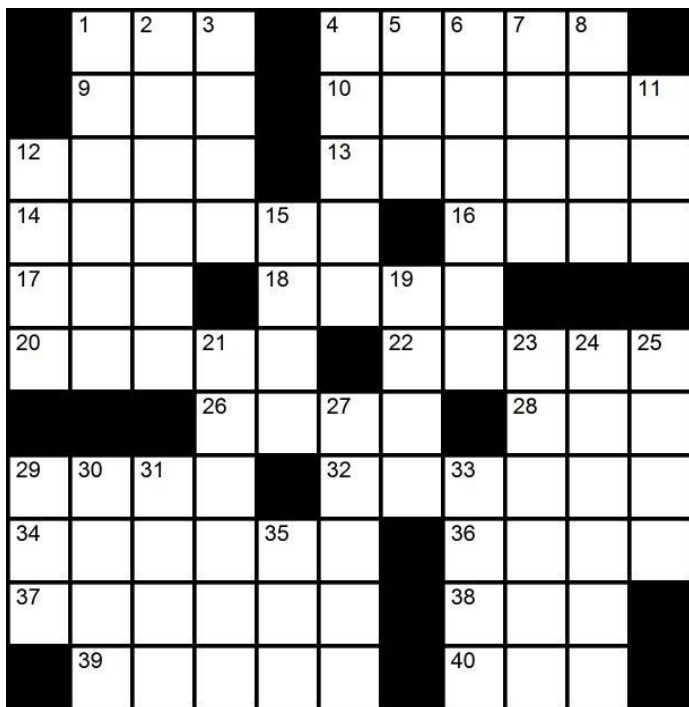
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- 39 Prolonged blockade
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- 2 Blessed Mother
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- 11 Snockered
- 12 Where to find swinger Michelle Wie
- 15 Songwriter --- Perkins
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Medium

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FEBRUARY

2/1 — 2/12

Navarro College's Faculty Art Show:

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Pearce
Museum at Navarro College.
www.pearcemuseum.com.

2/4

The Piecemaker's Quilt Guild of Corsicana:

The program includes a Bargello
Quilt demonstration. 9:30 a.m.,
refreshments; 10:00 a.m., business
meeting; Westhill Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall.
www.corsicanaquiltguild.com.

2/6

Eureka, Mildred, Navarro and Richland Chambers Lake Crime Watch luncheon and meeting:

Pastor Bill Manney of Eureka UMC
will present a program on rock
polishing. 1:00 p.m., Mildred United
Methodist Church. pk2@aimail.net.

2/7

Silver Screen

Movie Club presentation:

This is a free social club for 55
and older individuals. SSMC
members enjoy a movie, coffee
and fellowship, all for a can good
or food offering donation to the
local food pantry. 8:00-11:00 a.m.,
Schulman's Movie Bowl Grill.
www.facebook.com/SSMCCorsicana.

Sip and Paint Party:

Come and create the latest

Pinterest art trend of acrylic pouring.
All supplies are furnished, along
with pizza and wine. Sponsored by
the Corsicana Art League. Cost is
\$35 at the door. 6:00-8:00 p.m.,
100 W. 3rd. Space is limited, so
RSVP at 65gladys53@gmail.com.

Mo Pitney:

Tickets are \$35 and 45. 7:30 p.m.,
The Palace Theatre.
(903) 874-7792,
www.corsicanapalace.com.

2/8

Navarro County Retired Teachers meeting:

9:45 a.m., Northwest Apartments
Community Center. pk2@aimail.net.

2/9

Angels of Corsicana Troop Support packing:

9:00 a.m., 1020 N. Business 145.
Jean O'Connor, (903) 851-2560.

CAF Coyote Squadron meeting and lunch:

10:30 a.m., Coyote Hanger,
Corsicana Municipal Airport. Dan
Summerall, (903) 467-7170.

Navarro College Foundation's Dancing For Our Stars:

6:00-11:00 p.m., Cook Center.
(903) 875-7591.

2/12

John Zanders

Holocaust Survivor:

Seating is limited, but free. Noon-

1:30 p.m., The Cook Education
Center. RSVP to
faye.davis@navarrocollege.edu.

Skywarn Advanced Storm Spotting:

Free Admission. 5:30 p.m., The
Palace Theatre (903) 874-7792,
www.corsicanapalace.com.

2/14

Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce Gold & Silver Awards Luncheon:

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cook Center.
(903) 874-4731.

2/15

Connie Smith:

Tickets are \$30, 40, 50. 7:30 p.m.,
The Palace Theatre. (903) 874-7792,
www.corsicanapalace.com.

2/16

Navarro Fiber Friends:

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Corsicana
Senior Citizens Center. Visit the
group's Facebook page.

2/19

Vietnam Veterans of America,

Chapter 1009 meeting:

7:00 p.m., La Pradera Restaurant. Roy
Messick, roy.messick@gmail.com.

Through 2/23

Little Shop of Horrors:

Times vary, Warehouse Living

Arts Center. Visit
www.warehouselivingartscenter.com
for dates and times.

2/28

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Newcomers' Club:

Lunch is \$15. 11:00 a.m.,
Kinsloe House Annie Avery,
(714) 345-6707.

The Quebe Sisters:

Tickets are \$20, 25, 30. 7:30 p.m.,
The Palace Theatre.
(903) 874-7792,
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Second and Fourth Tuesdays

Corsicana Rainbow Girls/ Pledge Group meeting:

Girls from ages 7-20 are welcome
to join. 6:30 p.m., Corsicana
Masonic Lodge. 201 N. 15th St.
Donna Dean, (903) 879-4305,
ddean4545@hotmail.com.

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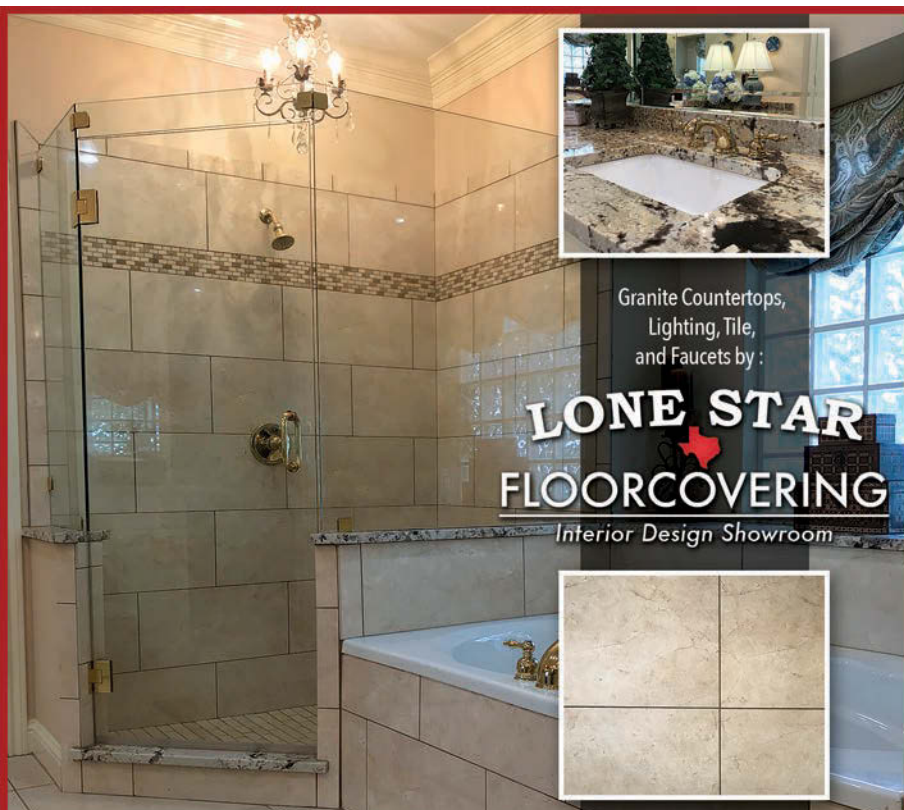
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6	8	2	9	4	3	7	5	1
3	5	4	7	2	1	9	8	6
7	1	9	5	6	8	3	2	4
8	7	6	3	1	2	4	9	5
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