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The trees are budding, bringing promises of summer shade and the fruit and pecans I so cherish during the summer and fall months. I'm always ready for the warmer and longer days that Daylight Saving Time brings this month. March brings the spring vernal equinox, which means an average of 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night.

For our Navarro County residents, this month brings the excitement of the Youth Expo. Please support our kids, who have worked so hard on their projects. Thanks go to the businesses and individuals who fund these kids' dreams and to the families, school staff and county extension agents who mentor these young farmers in their various endeavors.

And as the school year starts winding down, there will be musical performances in the air. My career as a professional musician all began with a wonderful music program in Waco ISD and was furthered at Baylor University. I was privileged to perform this year as an alumna with the current Baylor A Cappella Choir, of which I was a four-year member during undergraduate days. What a treat it was to experience a weekend with young musicians just beginning their musical journey!

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Judi Randall

Judi Randall is celebrating 55 years of service with H&R Block this year. Judi started her career with Block in San Diego, California as a receptionist for two years during the tax season.

When her husband Kent and she moved to Dallas, she worked in the Dallas offices as a receptionist and then as the bookkeeper for the northern half of Texas.

Judi and her husband moved to Purdon and she began working in the Corsicana office preparing tax returns in 1975.

Judi has been in business with her sons, John Bishop and Rusty Randall for some 20 plus years. All three of them are Enrolled Agents, which means they are enrolled to practice before IRS. She is very proud of her sons following her in the business.

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Judi truly enjoys her work. She has earned many awards within the Block family. A highlight of her career is the fact that she and her sons were selected Franchisee of the Year in the multi-group in 2014. She was also invited to travel to Washington, D.C. with other franchisees and Corporate staff to meet with Senators and others discussing ID theft and fraud issues. She actually met Tom Cotton, Senator of Arkansas; Paul Ryan, House Speaker; Shadow Senator Michael Brown of Washington, D.C. and John Boozman, Senator of Arkansas. Judi has served on the Satellite Council several times and the Franchise Leadership Council for three years. She has taught tax classes and served as MC on serveral franchise conventions.

Final note: Every year she has to address Block franchisee business plan and in answering the question, what is your exit strategy? Her answer: In a coffin.



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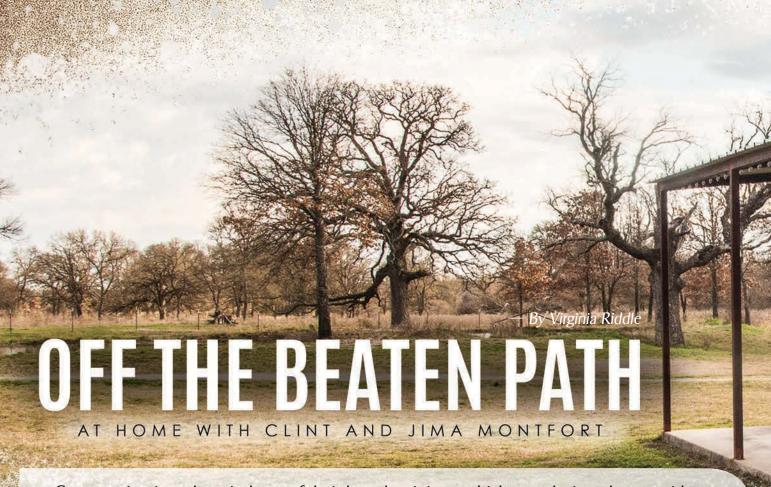
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Cows gazing into the windows of their barndominium, which was designed to provide a full view of the surrounding land, surprised Clint and Jima Montfort and their two children, Graycie (11) and Cole (9), after they first moved into their home. It was built on land that's been in Clint's family for generations. "Shrubs and flower beds had no chance of surviving around the house until we got fences built, and the cattle were moved across the pasture," lima recalled.

"Waking up to the cows looking in was an interesting experience," Clint agreed. "Both Jima and I grew up in ranching families. The town of Montfort, named for my family, still shows up on some maps north of Chatfield. Nothing's left now, but farming at one time supported a Montfort gin," Clint recalled. "This portion of Navarro County is unique in that there are pretty large land parcels that haven't been broken up."

A native of Llano, Texas, Jima met Clint, who grew up in Dallas and Navarro County and graduated from Corsicana High School, while they were both students at Texas A&M University. Married for 14 years, the couple moved to Corsicana 12 years ago. "I love the simplicity of our rural lifestyle," Jima stated. "We can't see any neighbors, so the peace and solitude are welcome after a week of work." During busy school days, Jima is the Corsicana Middle School's eighth-grade counselor, and she volunteers with 4-H, YMCA Soccer and the Navarro County Child Advocacy Board. She enjoys reading; baking; jogging with the family dog, Millie, along their network of private roads; and chasing after kids. "I grew up a rancher, not a gardener, so I've taken on gardening as a new hobby the last

two years. My grandfather had a garden. He's either loving this or shaking his head in heaven at my efforts."

Clint manages operations for Acoustical Control and serves as president of the Corsicana YMCA Soccer Board, a member of the Corsicana UMC's Staff-Parish Relations Committee and as a reader at CISD's Fannin Elementary. He enjoys hunting, fishing, welding, woodworking and doing "typical ranching things." Clint and Jima honeymooned in Rome, celebrated their 10th anniversary in Spain and enjoy dinner and movie dates. With the kids, they ski every winter at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and enjoy trips to the Texas Hill Country. Jima has plans to celebrate her 40th birthday with friends and family while rafting the Grand Canyon.

Built in 2014, the family's home is equal in square footage to the attached workshop/indoor play area. With a zipline and trampoline, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding and four-wheeling available to the kids, there's always something to do outside. "The kids can explore, get dirty, grow and advance, and we don't worry," Clint said. "It's fun when their friends come out and have so much freedom. When needed, the shop









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"Clint did most of the work on our home," Jima said proudly. "It was very labor intensive for him." Wood upcycled from fences in Corsicana became wood paneling. "We planed, power-washed and painted some of the wood, so each room is a little different," Jima said. With the multipurpose great room open to the kitchen/ dining area, high ceilings and surround windows, the 1,200-square-foot home seems spacious. Blankets stored in a galvanized tub and a built-in bookcase beside Clint's recliner provide utilitarian comfort. Family photos are hung at the front door. "This one is of my mother and her Reserve Grand Champion steer at the Fort Worth Fat Stockshow in 1974. It hung in my grandfather's office," she recalled.

Clint built the dining room table and benches. "The end chairs are part of a dining set that's been in the family for generations," he said. The table is set with napkin holders Jima created out of Cole's old Wrangler jean pockets. She admittedly hates wasting anything she can creatively upcycle.

The kitchen cabinetry was bought, but Clint fashioned the island where lima loves to bake cookies. "The stainlesssteel countertops are functional," Clint offered. He pointed to two straightline, parallel "interesting" patterns of indentation in the island's top. "I was hammering in nails from below," he recalled. "Luckily, they didn't go through all the way."





The bedrooms open to the great room and sport sliding barn doors, maximizing space usage. Clint and Jima's master shows their "very strong agricultural heritage." Hats that once were worn by their farming and ranching grandfathers, bearing the struggles with the land, animals and weather, are hung over the bed. "The hats symbolize each of their personalities," Jima said. Tin used in the walls and ceilings was upcycled from old barns.

Graycie, a Collins Intermediate School fifth-grader, has a room fit for a tomboy princess. A painting created by Clint's grandmother hangs on her wall. Headbands and hair clips colorfully fill her vanity drawer. "She makes and sells these at vendor fairs to raise money for the Callier Center for Communication Disorders at The University of Texas at Dallas for families who need assistance purchasing hearing aids for their child," Clint remarked. "It's Graycie's charity called Super Ears for Super Kids." She enjoys playing volleyball and basketball, 4-H food and fashion show competitions and cuddling with Moe, the family's feline.

A third-grader at Bowie Elementary School, Cole plays soccer, shoots trap and skeet on the Navarro County 4-H Shotgun Team and participates in UIL creative writing. "Cole's always creating and doing anything 'boy," Jima said. His bedroom features Clint-created, built-in bookshelves and desk and lots of soccer and running medals.

This spring brings the bluebonnets Jima has been cultivating. Raising kids and cattle well is paramount to this couple. "The kids are just old enough to enjoy their independence," Clint said. "We're lucky to be able to enjoy seeing them grow up here." NOW



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The winner of season tickets to Warehouse Living Arts was Larry Jones. Pictured is wife, Brittany, with James from WLA. Brittany says, "This was our first time to try this, and we won! We love it! It really causes you to search the ads, and you realize what Corsicana has to offer. We love being able to keep up with what is going on in Corsicana through NOW Magazines. Can't wait to see the plays at the Warehouse. Never been there before, either. Thank you NOW Magazines and Warehouse Living Arts!"



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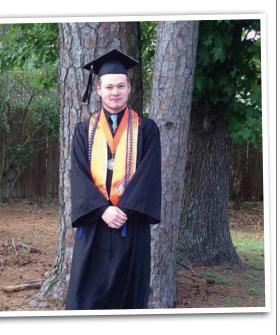
The Hull family has been involved with the Warehouse Living Arts Center and the Corsicana community since moving to the area in 1984. "We enjoyed the live plays and all the opportunities to make a difference in our community. We helped out as often as we could throughout the years, even serving on the WLAC Board for six years," Frank said. "After her passing, I wanted to do something in her memory and as a thank you to the community, so I founded the Hull Creative Arts Foundation."

The Foundation gives back to the community that Frank and Patricia called home for so many years by awarding annual scholarships to deserving individuals who excel in the area of creative arts, while also leaving a legacy of giving. "As parents, we felt the Warehouse had a strong influence on the positive development of our daughter's confidence. She took acting lessons and was in plays. This training and experience helped make her the successful person she is today," Frank explained. "We [the family] hoped the foundation would help other children in the same way through the introduction of the creative arts and theater."

The Hull Creative Arts Foundation's mission is threefold — award higher-education scholarships for area high school seniors, help youth appreciate the role the creative arts plays in their lives and assist aspiring youth to develop their skills and talents in the creative arts. "Our mission helps to nurture the next super stars in business, science, education, entertainment and life," Frank added.

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Scholarship awardees are many and date back to 2014. Recipients that first year were Hailey Herrin, Noah McBryde and John Zellar. Cody James, Caitlin Pohland, Alexandra Nelson and Kevin Beldin were the recipients in 2015. The next year, 2016, saw Miguel Pimentael, Olivia Zellar, Annan Kirk, Samantha McGee and Jodie Tipson celebrated. while Cody Littleton, Marcus Speed and Halle Braswell were honored in 2017 The most recent year, 2018, saw two scholarships awarded to Alex Arnett and Iain Kirk.

HCAF keeps in contact with the school districts in Navarro County. They formed an advisory board of creative arts teachers, all from the county, to assist in helping with the schools' creative arts programs. "We also work closely with the Navarro College theater and fine arts departments." Frank said. "We offer financial help for students attending the WLAC, Outside the Lines and other partners, with classes they could not afford. We also provide financial assistance to local children's plays."

Two of the first recipients, Hailey Herren and John Zellar, look back with thanksgiving for what the HCAF Scholarship has meant to them. "To qualify for the scholarship, I had to put a portfolio together of all my work from high school and the WLAC, and I had to get several letters of recommendation," Hailey said. "This scholarship is a wonderful opportunity to show kids that what they are doing in the creative arts matters. I would not trade one minute of this crazy roller coaster for anything else."

The scholarship helped Hailey purchase a computer that runs the different programs that she, as a designer, needs in order to do her job successfully. "I am sad this journey of college is about





to come to an end, but I'm overjoyed that I will soon be able to work in the theater with new people who have the same passions I do."

John's sentiments are basically the same as Hailey's. The scholarship meant financial security and stability that helped him focus on his academic career while at college. "It was a blessing to receive the scholarship," he shared. "I am extremely grateful to Mr. Hull and the scholarship committee for the investments they continue to make in the arts and the continuing impact they are making with students in Navarro County."

Halle Braswell, one of the more recent scholarship recipients, still remembers how honored she felt when her name was called. "Not only was the scholarship a financial blessing, the HCAF has continued to support me beyond the finances," Halle stated. "Mr. Hull has stayed in communication with me, as he encourages me to continue to strive toward my goals. Winning this scholarship has encouraged me to keep pursuing my love for dance, along with my academics."

To apply for the scholarship, students must show a love of the arts while in high school. It's up to the advisory board to pick the deserving recipients based on their applications, essays and teacher and community recommendation letters. Needless to say, it's not an easy task for Frank and his board — Russell Hudson, Dr. Linda Timmerman, Julie Mitchell, Anna Paul, Joanna Fritz, Marsha Douglass, Lynda Green, Virginia Riddle, Cran Dodds and Charles Dunnahoe. "Once you are a Hull Scholarship recipient," Halle said, "you are part of a group of Navarro County advocates for the arts. This continues long after your scholarship period has passed." NOW

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we do, the crew realizes that even happy moves are stressful to the customer, so we try to lessen the stress."

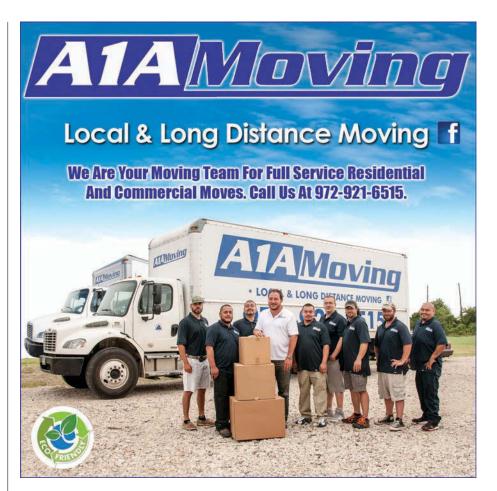
With AIA Moving, the customer's belongings are the only load on the truck, and the customer decides the schedule of pickup and delivery of those belongings. "We have worked jobs in inclement weather, but we will pull off the road if it gets too hazardous to drive safely," Frank said. "The same crew that packs will unload and unpack, if the customer wants that level of service. We unhook appliances and re-hook them at the other end of the move. We give free quotes that will not increase unless the customer changes a variable." Most customers who wish for a full-service move are businesses and homeowners.

"We work to build rapport and a positive relationship with each customer and strive for a high level of performance."

The rapid growth in the Waxahachie and Midlothian areas has added the need for a fleet of four trucks with multiple crews. "A I A Moving can handle whatever the needs of our customers may be," Frank added, stating that movers are a luxury, since individuals can always pack and move themselves. "Our crew of eight is experienced, and they love what they do."

Not all moves are stress-free. The crew handles emergency moves that might be necessitated by abusive relationships, floods, roof damage, hoarders or eviction of the owner. "We also offer temporary, on-site storage for customers who need a few weeks or so before they can locate and/or occupy a new residence," Frank said.

Loading belongings onto the truck is very much like fitting jigsaw pieces together, and the moving industry offers many challenges. However, Frank and his crew at A1A Moving handle every situation professionally. "We know we are dealing with an intimate part of a customer's life," Frank shared. "We want them to be able to breathe a sigh of relief and be completely satisfied at the end of the day." NOW





### **Around Town**





By Virginia Riddle

A move to co-pastor an area church brought Marc Smith and his wife, Sharla, and their seven children to live in Navarro County 16 years ago. Life on their acreage makes animals — sheep, dogs and cats — a hobby for Marc, but he also serves at the Corsicana Animal Shelter. "I enjoy the interaction with people and animals," he said. "This is a very rewarding experience."

One of Marc's longest shelter friends is Cleo, once a homeless stray. "Cleo's a female Lab mix who's extremely friendly and loving," Marc explained. "She's been here the longest and is about  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  years old. The shelter's hugely successful at re-homing animals." Marc would love to see Cleo find her "fur-ever" home.



Faith Holt presents the MLK scholarship to Logan Ponder, CHS senior.



Connie Beal welcomes Vicki Arnett, Navarro Regional Hospital's physical therapy director, as a speaker to Senior Circle.



Corsicana's First State Bank ribbon cutting brings smiles to everyone.



Coyote Squadron members serve up smiles, pancakes and history.



Lianne Thompson and Margie Taylor, Corsicana Art League members, celebrate a successful Paint Out show.



Louise Killion, Mark Hill and Charles Killion take a break for lunch at the Senior Circle Bowlerama.



Members of the Navarro College Chorale perform at the college's MLK, Jr. Breakfast.



Suzanne Plyer, Emily Lawhon and Heidi Carmichael welcome folks to the Old Lumberyard.





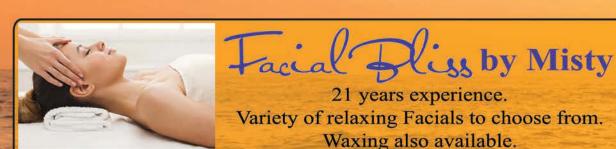


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A Corsicana resident for 12 years, Laura Marroquin loves collecting regional cookbooks from the states, from east to west, through which she's traveled and lived with her parents, sometimes for as long as a year. She's had the opportunity to meet folks and experience new cooking tastes and styles. "I especially like sharing my cookbooks with anyone who also appreciates the historical and cultural significance of the recipes," Laura remarked.

She received certification in cooking and catering from the Stratford Career Institute, but many of her recipes reflect her ethnic heritage. "My Czech-American mother is my cooking partner and inspiration," Laura said. "And my dad's family has deep Hispanic roots." Laura has passed on this advice she's received from cooks around the country: "Travel light, and eat well!" NOW

### Roasted Apples and Sweet Potatoes

Makes 4 servings.

- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 2 Tbsp. light brown sugar
- I tsp. orange zest
- 3 lbs. sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch slices

#### 1 tsp. kosher salt 1/2 tsp. coarsely ground pepper

- **I.** Preheat oven to 400 F. In a large zip-top plastic freezer bag, stir the butter, sugar and orange zest together.
- **2.** Add the cubed sweet potatoes and sliced apples. Seal the bag; toss to coat.
- **3.** In a lightly greased aluminum foil-lined 15x 10-inch jelly-roll pan, single layer the coated potato mixture; sprinkle with salt and pepper.

**4.** Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until potatoes and apples are tender and lightly browned.

### Czech Pancakes (Palačinky)

Batter:

I cup all-purpose flour I/4 tsp. salt 2 eggs I Tbsp. sugar 2 cups milk

Vegetable oil or cooking spray, as needed

Filling

Fruit jams or preserves, to taste

Toppings:

Fresh fruit, to taste
Whipped cream, to taste
Ice cream, to taste
Powdered sugar and/or cocoa powder,
to taste

**1.** In a bowl, mix the flour and salt. In another bowl, whisk the eggs, sugar and milk.

- **2.** Slowly add the wet ingredients into the flour mixture; mix until very smooth.
- 3. Lightly grease a nonstick griddle or skillet with oil or cooking spray; when the surface is hot, use a ladle to pour in a thin layer of batter.
- 4. Cook for approximately 2 minutes; flip pancake with a spatula to cook the other side for an additional 1-2 minutes.
- **5.** Slide the pancake onto a plate; top with a layer of jam or preserves.
- **6.** Roll the pancake; add desired toppings.

#### **Buttermilk Baked Chicken** Serves 4.

Flour, salt and pepper, as needed

- 1 3-lb. pkg. chicken fryer parts or breasts
- 1 pt. buttermilk (divided use)
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 10 3/4-oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- Rice, prepared according to package instructions
- 1. In a large plastic bag, mix desired amounts of flour, salt and pepper for coating.
- 2. In another bowl, dip chicken parts in buttermilk. Add the dipped chicken parts to the flour-filled bag; shake to coat.
- **3.** In a skillet, melt butter. Brown the chicken; remove and drain. Transfer to a 3-qt. baking dish; bake at 350 F for 45 minutes.
- 4. In a bowl, mix the soup and one soup can of buttermilk; pour mixture over the chicken; bake for 30 minutes longer at 350 F. Serve with rice.

### **Chicken Breasts in Poblano** Sauce au Gratin (Pechugas en Salsa de Poblano Gratinadas)

3 whole chicken breasts, about 12 oz. each, skinned, deboned

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste I large poblano pepper, remove seeds,

stem and membranes 1/4 cup milk

4 Tbsp. butter (divided use)

1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour

I cup thick cream

Cooking spray

6 Tbsp. cheddar cheese, grated

- 1. Cut each chicken breast in half, flatten slightly; sprinkle with salt and pepper; refrigerate for 20 minutes.
- 2. In a blender, puree the poblano pepper with the milk.
- **3.** In a small saucepan, melt 2 Tbsp butter. Add flour; stir until smooth. Add the pepper puree; stir. Add the cream; stir constantly over low heat until the mixture boils and



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thickens. Remove mixture from heat; add salt. (Note: The sauce can be made up to 6 hours in advance and reheated over low heat before use.)

- **4.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a skillet, melt the remaining butter; add chicken breasts; sauté for 2 minutes on each side.
- **5.** Transfer chicken to a lightly greased small baking dish; cover with the poblano sauce. Top with cheese; bake for 10 minutes.

#### **Olive Cheese Puffs**

- I cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 3 Tbsp. softened butter
- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 1/3 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 32 medium stuffed olives, drained and dried between paper towels
- **1.** In a large bowl, blend together the cheddar cheese and butter.
- **2.** Add the flour, paprika, Worcestershire sauce and cayenne pepper; mix well.
- **3.** Knead the dough; divide into 32 pieces. Wrap an olive in each of the dough pieces.
- **4.** Place each piece on an ungreased cookie sheet; bake for 10-15 minutes at 400 F. Serve warm.



#### Czech Sauerkraut

2 14-oz. cans sauerkraut 1-2 tsp. caraway seeds, to taste (optional) 1 large onion, finely chopped Vegetable oil, as needed 1 Tbsp. flour

- 1-2 tsp. sugar (optional)
- **I.** Drain sauerkraut. In a saucepan, add the sauerkraut, caraway seeds and enough water to cover; cook on low for 20-30 minutes.
- **2.** In a skillet, sauté the onion in a small amount of oil until lightly browned.

- **3.** Add the flour and sugar; cook 5 minutes until slightly thickened.
- **4.** Remove the onion mixture from heat; add it to the sauerkraut. Cook for 5 minutes longer over low heat.

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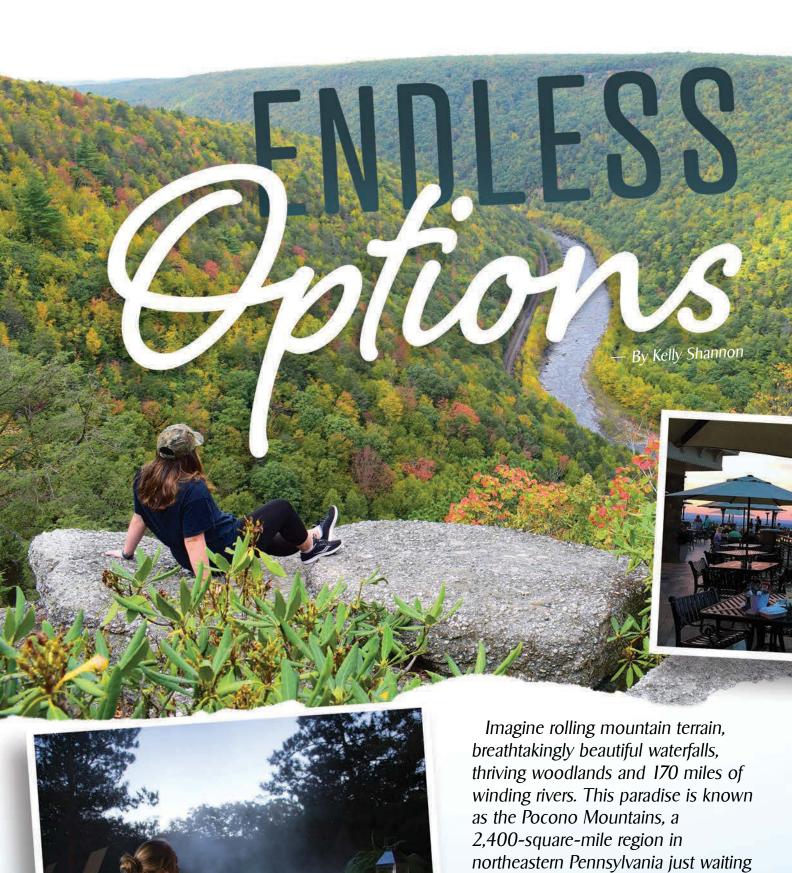
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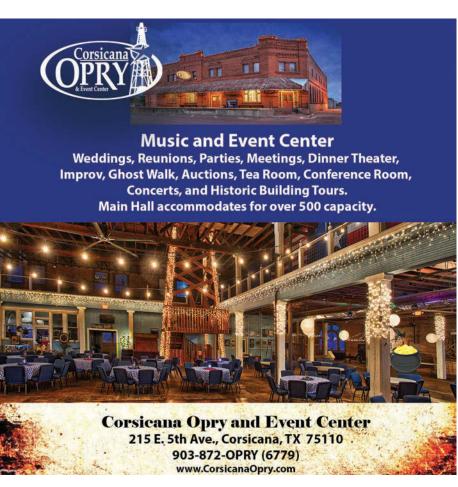
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Natural scenic beauty; fun-filled, year-round activities; and luxurious accommodations make the Pocono Mountains the perfect place for a romantic stay. The region has become a haven of world-class, luxury spas incorporating breathtaking, natural surroundings. Romantics indulge in decadent amenities,

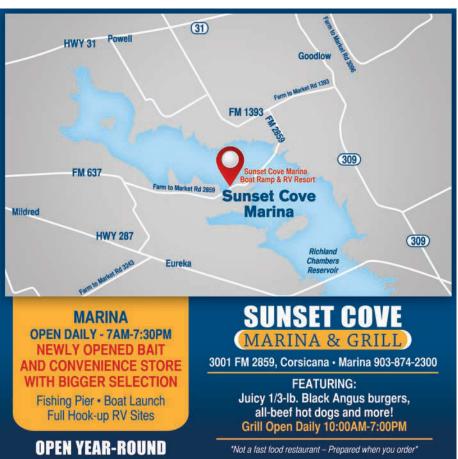


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such as saunas, massage tables, logburning fireplaces and whirlpool baths.

Accommodations are as varied as the Poconos' landscape. Consider a bedand-breakfast atop a mountain peak overlooking one of the Poconos' many quiet coves, or an inn nestled among rolling hills and scenic mountains. Alternatively, visitors can stay in a historic, downtown boutique hotel that caters to romance with its vintage charm and warm hospitality.

The past decade has transformed the region into a family-friendly destination. Endless entertainment is provided, whether it be in the form of indoor water parks, arcades, adventure parks, NASCAR races, scenic train rides, festivals, ski/snowboard lessons, snow tubing or a resort with daily activities tailored to children. Options are endless, and families return time and time again.

The Poconos' bountiful nature makes the destination shine. There are nine states and two national parks, more than 261 miles for hiking and biking, dozens of majestic waterfalls, rivers for whitewater rafting, more than 35 golf courses and lakes for boating, fishing and jet skiing. Even just driving around, visitors can catch grand scenic overlooks.

Winters offer guests the opportunity to ski or snowboard 163 ski trails, snow tube (including galactic tubing and family-style tubing), snowmobile and even snowshoe their way through snowy wonderlands.

The family will love the Pocono Mountains' miles of snowmobile trails in the winter and its wonderful selection of family-friendly resorts, motels, cottages and condos just steps away from the many lakes in the summer.

The region's water park resorts welcome families to splash and stay in any season, as they are always 84 degrees. Full-service hotels and resorts serve up extensive amenities and make for a well-appointed home base while exploring. A variety of campgrounds can be found along the rivers, lakes or in the woods.



Foodies will have a field day at a variety of restaurants around the region. Find upscale French flair at the Delmonico Room at the Hotel Fauchere, or at the French Manor Inn & Spa. End the family-fun day at Kalahari's indoor water park with a juicy burger and a milkshake — topped with a donut at B-Lux Grill & Bar. Share a sunset toast with your travel buddy at The Dock on the third largest lake in the state, Lake Wallenpaupack.

While exploring the quaint downtowns, visitors find unique cafés, bakeries, ice cream parlors and coffee shops. The local breweries and wineries offer some of the tastiest beverages on the East Coast.

The Poconos' year-round cultural tours and art exhibitions, abundant antiquing, brand-name shopping and full calendar of festivals showcase the heritage, music and food of the Pocono Mountains. If you are considering a vacation to this region, the friendly professionals who manage the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau are happy to help.

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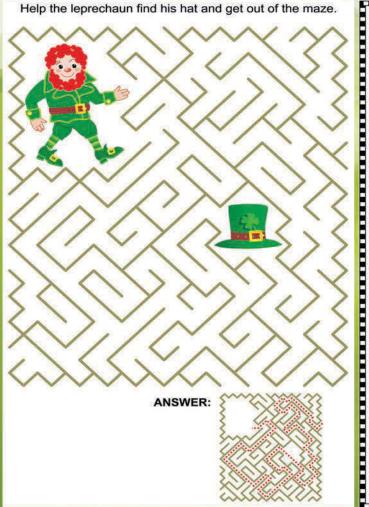
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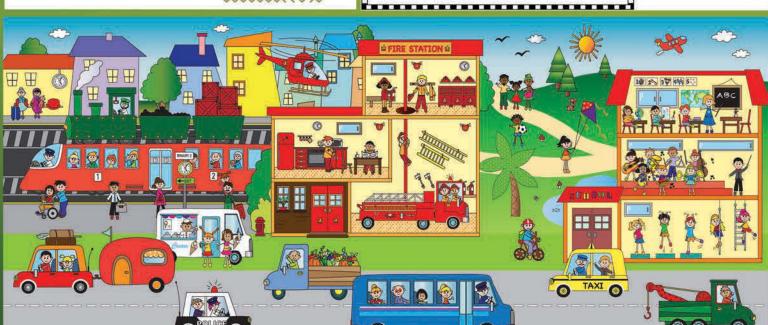


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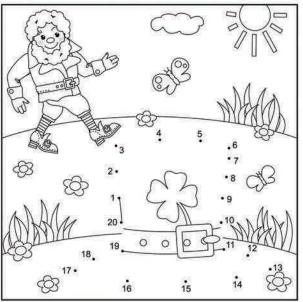






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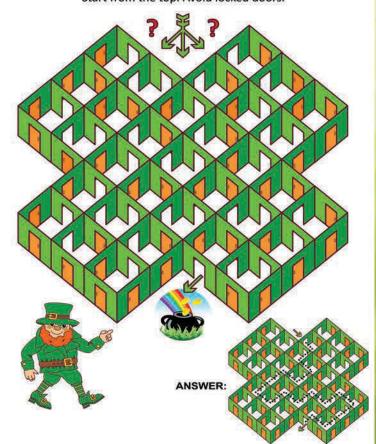
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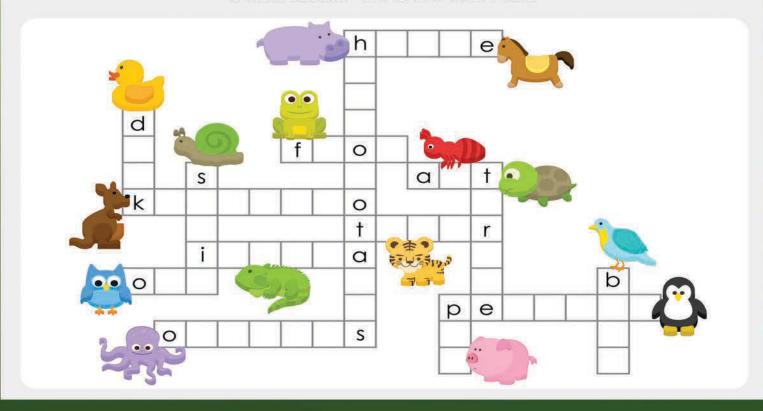
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#### Acros

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- 4 Short change?
- 7 Iraq war casus belli
- 10 Presidential advisory grp.
- 11 "Figured it out!"
- 12 Weeding implement
- 13 Diamonds
- 14 Actor --- Gibson
- 15 Admiration
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- 17 Built
- 19 Party, south of the border
- 21 Blades
- 22 Drop by unannounced
- 24 Transfer legally
- 27 Cover completely
- 31 Drafted
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- 35 El operator
- 36 Highest mountain in Crete
- 37 Repetitive behavior condition, for short
- 38 Atmosphere
- 39 Crackpot
- 40 Might
- 41 Statute
- 42 Navigational aid

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- 1 Smell
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- 4 Woke up
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- 8 Lawn-care buy
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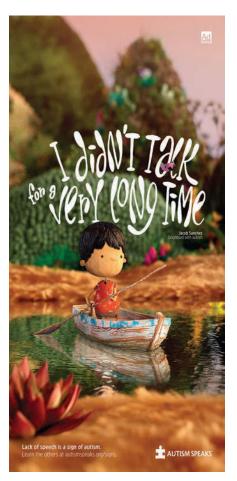
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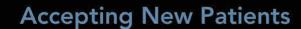




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# Piecemakers' Quilt Guild of Corsicana Meeting:

The public is welcome. 9:30 a.m., Westhill Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Visit www.pqgcorsicana.com.

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# Pot Luck Luncheon and Meeting:

Hosted by the Eureka, Mildred, Navarro and Richland Chambers Lake Crime Watch. Kurt Knauth, an area first responder, will be the speaker. 1:00 p.m., Eureka UMC. Email Patty Knauth at pk2@airmail.net.

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# Silver Screen Movie Club Presentation:

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#### Navarro County Retired Teachers Association Meeting:

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#### Angels of Corsicana Troop Support Packing Day:

All ages are welcome. 9:00 a.m., 1020 North Business I-45. To leave the name of a deployed military

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# Pancake Breakfast and Fly In:

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#### Mimosas at the Market:

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#### Eclectic Readers Book Club:

6:30 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. Summer in Sonoma by Robyn Carr will be discussed. The club is open to ages 18 and over. 6:30 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. Call (903) 654-4810.

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# Navarro County Christian Singles Worship Service:

7:00-8:00 p.m., Corsicana Opry. Visit www.corsicanaopry.com.

#### Spring Break Movie Time:

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#### **Navarro Fiber Friends:**

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luck dish and a fiber or sewing project for show and tell. All ages and crafters, especially needle and fiber arts enthusiasts, are welcome. 10:00 a.m., Corsicana Senior Citizens Center. Join the group's Facebook page.

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Fun contests, door prizes and auction items on which to spend casino winnings. Proceeds fund Hull Creative Arts Foundation scholarships to Navarro County youth. 6:30 p.m., Corsicana Country Club. Email hullcreativearts@yahoo.com.

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#### **Senior Circle Lunch Bunch:**

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Denny's. Call (903) 654-4070.

#### **Stitch Together:**

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#### Corsicana Newcomers' Club:

Members will learn about Compassion Corsicana. 11:00 a.m., Kinsloe House. For confirmed reservations, contact Annie Avery at (714) 345-6707.

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#### The Doo Wop Project:

7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre. For information, call (903) 874-7792.

Mondays and Wednesdays

#### **Storytime:**

Enjoy a great read by a special guest. 10:30 a.m., Corsicana Public Library. Visit the library's Facebook page.

#### **Tuesdays**

# Corsicana Noon Lions Club Meeting:

Noon, Sirloin Stockade. Visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/corsicana.

# Second and Fourth Tuesdays

Corsicana Rainbow Girls Pledge Group Meeting:

Girls from ages 7-20 are welcome

to join. Leadership and public speaking skills are taught, and girls perform community service and earn scholarship opportunities — all while having fun! 6:30 p.m., Corsicana Masonic Lodge. 201 N. 15th Street, Corsicana. Contact Donna Dean at (903) 879-4305 or ddean4545@hotmail.com.

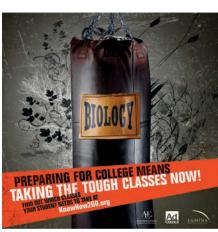
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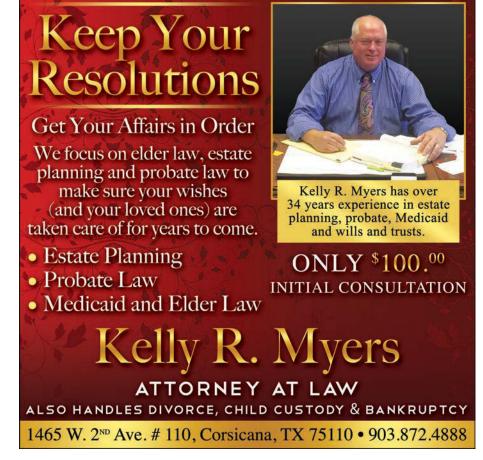
# Corsicana Rotary Club Meeting:

Noon, Corsicana Country Club. Visit www.corsicanarotary.com.

Submissions are welcome and published as space allows. Send your event details to virginia.riddle@nowmagazines.com.











# Crossword Sudoku Solutions

s	<sup>2</sup> A	3 S		<sup>4</sup> C	<sup>5</sup> T	<sup>6</sup> S		7W	8 M	9 D
10N	s	C		11 A	H	Α		ΞŦ	0	Е
13	С	Е		14 M	E	L		15 A	W	Е
16 F	I	N		17 E	R	Е	18 <sub>C</sub>	Т	Е	D
<sup>19</sup> F	1	Е	<sup>20</sup> S	Т	Α		210	Α	R	S
			<sup>22</sup> P	0	Р	23	N			
24 C	25 E	<sup>26</sup> D	Е		27 E	N	G	28 U	29 L	30 F
31 D	R	Α	W	32 N	U	Р		<sup>33</sup> S	Е	Е
34 R	1	D		35 C	Т	Α		36	D	Α
<sup>37</sup> O	С	D		<sup>38</sup> A		R		39 N	U	Т
40 M	Α	Υ		41 A	С	Т		42 G	Р	S

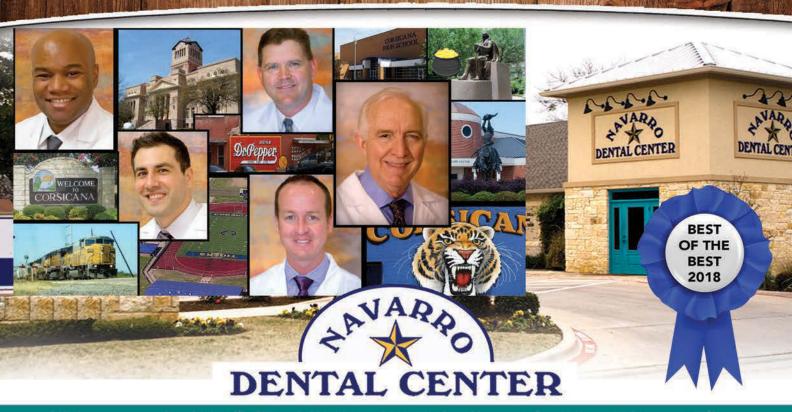
#### Easy

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

#### Medium

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

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