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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

What will April bring?

One morning several years ago, I noticed beautiful yellow flowers covering my yard. I couldn't count all the blooms, and my day instantly brightened. Ahh ... the loveliness of spring. By late afternoon, a much different scene graced my yard — dandelions all over the place, as numerous as the yellow dots of that morning. I know. Some of you Master Gardeners are sitting there laughing so hard right now. How did I get to be more than 50 years old and not realize dandelions started out as yellow flowers? I always thought dandelions were fluffy things you picked, made a wish and blew on while the adults around you got mad because you spread those nasty weeds. Frankly, they are, but they don't start out that way.

Life is a series of events that changes us. We begin as bright yellow flowers, but if we aren't careful, we can become pretty weedy ourselves. In the case of dandelions, they do what comes naturally. I suppose in some ways, so do we. But for humans, the junk of life doesn't have to bring out the worst in us. In fact, trials of life can make us stronger, helping us grow into something better than we ever imagined.

It isn't always easy to take something bad and see any good in it. Perhaps that's why I always loved Easter. In that one day, I see hope for something better and brighter — for a future of love and peace. As you travel through this month, keep your eyes on something better, and choose to find the good in all things.

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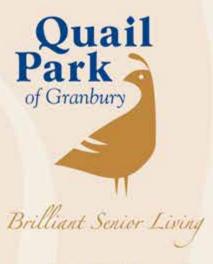
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Whether she is an artist who loves teaching or a teacher passionate about art, even Arlene Shelton, of Daniel Ninth Grade Center and Aledo Middle School, can't say for certain. Perhaps, a beautiful comingling of the two create in her a unique individual, passionate about art and education in varying, yet equal amounts. And the result shows in her classroom.

Growing up with a graphic artist as a father influenced Arlene. He also produced some commissioned art, but she admits watching her brother making crafts as a Boy Scout really got her creative juices flowing. Leatherwork and 3-D art brought out her best work, especially when she created something utilitarian. Over time she learned visual arts as well, developing her skills for ceramics, pottery, fused and stained glass, drawings and paintings in both oil and water.

"My dad had a great visual mind," she said. "He could see something in his head and create it. I'm not that way." Still, give her a photo or put a person or object in front of Arlene, and she'll produce a realistic painting. These days, many of her commissioned pieces come from mothers wanting to capture a child. But before she ever picks up a canvas or brush, she takes time for conversation about the subject's passions and dreams. She wants to know about her subject and give meaning to every stroke.

"My painting is my prayer," she said. Although Arlene started out making useful objects, she does less of that these days. Nevertheless, every piece of art she creates has meaning. "I can't create without purpose."

As she approached high school, Arlene lost touch with art. But in her junior year, she took an art class. That teacher inspired her, reigniting the passion to the extent that Arlene decided to pursue art as a career. After high school, she moved to Texas to attend the Art Institute, thinking she'd become a graphic artist like her father. But that wasn't the right fit for her. She remembered the reason she was there — a teacher who inspired her. And that led her to teaching, as well. She wanted to make a difference in the lives of students.

Texas law requires a fine arts credit to graduate, but students have choices. Some come to Arlene with a passion for visual arts. Others may choose her class over performing arts. Whatever draws them, they come away with so much more.



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Any of the visual arts requires critical thinking, a priceless skill when applied to life. "In art, students have objectives, but they must find their own path," the teacher shared. "In life, they face problems, and they don't have a guidebook telling them how to solve issues." The experiences learned during art class enable the students to face real-world challenges with different perspectives, which helps overcome trials.

Because complex problems require a different part of the brain, art actually trains the brain by pulling knowledge together from different areas. "I can't do art without math. History and science all work together during the process," Arlene said.

Set curriculum brings all of it into the classroom. While most classes are more structured, she provides a free environment where students move and discuss ideas. They also do some therapeutic art that releases anxieties. She does her best to rotate a complex project, "brain-break" abstract work, and then a fun project.

Arlene also incorporates a lot of writing in her classes. The students write a project proposal, which makes them reflect more on their art, dig deeper and think more critically and creatively. At the end, they write a reflexive piece as well, highlighting their successes, what they learned and identifying their outcomes. She gets a lot of insight from her students' writings. Faith, insecurity and potential feelings of isolation come to light, so she can address needs in the students. And after a project, they emerge as more confident individuals.

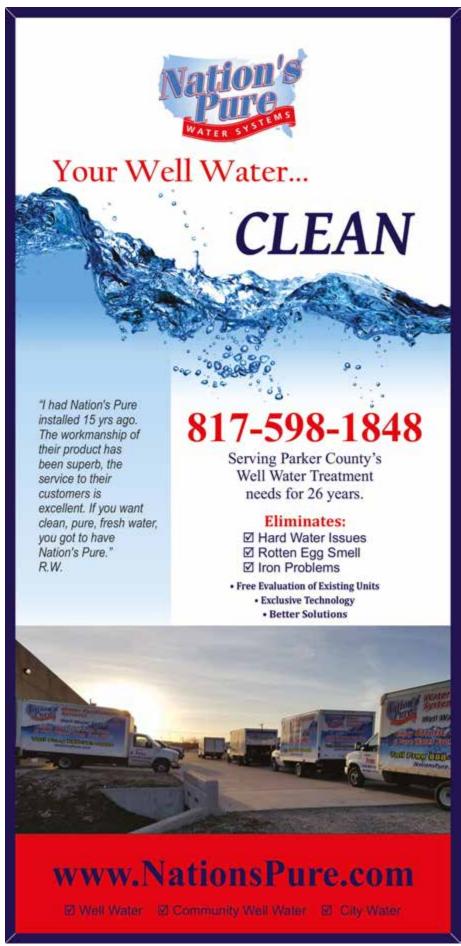




Several of Arlene's students have a true passion for art. Many come in before school, during lunch or after school to work on projects or simply enjoy the quiet atmosphere. She protects the teacher-student line but always has time to listen if one of the kids needs to talk.

Not all of her students will pursue an art career in the future, but many have. Architects, graphic artists, framers, designers and art teachers come back and let Arlene know she impacted them, along with other students who now do well in various industries because of their ability to think critically. One of her students became a nurse, working only three days a week. The other days she teaches painting classes. This former student loves taking care of people, but she also wanted time to continue with her passion for art. Although Arlene hasn't seen anyone pursue a career in art therapy, they do discuss this newer field as a possibility.

Arlene admits returning students are her greatest reward, although she is also proud of department awards for the school. In addition, the Reimagining the Four Freedoms Exhibit provided her with an outlet for bringing the passion of freedom together with art. Ironically, Arlene's mother was there when Ruby Bridges walked through protest lines in New Orleans to become the first African-American child to attend an allwhite elementary school in the South. "It always bothered her," Arlene said. Through her art and teaching, Arlene does her part to change the world. When education is art and art propels education to new levels, the students may very well catch the passion of their teacher — whether for art, teaching, learning or a combination of all. And that passion changes lives. NOW



# Family Project Py Melissa Rawlins

Robert and Julia Perez find inspiration in their journey's twists and turns. Their mutual desire to help people prompted them to create a home where people in transitional periods could dwell in peace. They found property right down the street from their house in the country, north of Hudson Oaks. "It was so exciting to watch this process happen. Details fell into place without us having to maneuver things," Julia said, "like finding the house while talking to the owner's daughter during a walk on Christmas Day three years ago." Little things like that built their trust that The Sanctuary House is meant to be.

The couple's mission is to provide short- or long-term housing, while offering a family atmosphere, support and training as needed for people aging out of foster care, widows and single mothers in transitional periods and those serving in full-time Christian ministry. Sanctuary House is the first of several that Robert and Julia envision managing. They're hoping this one will be ready in June to help a single mother while she goes through chemo treatments.

Later, prompted by their participation with HOPE Fort



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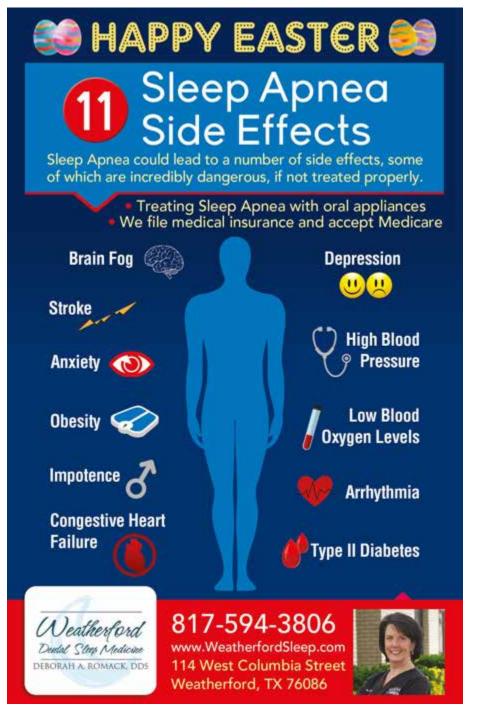




Worth Orphan Care Ministry, the family wants to operate two transitional homes for young men and women who are aging out of the foster care system. "I've been told that if every church in the state of Texas adopted just one child, we'd have no kids in foster care," Robert said.

To help make all this possible, he and Julia formed A Thousand Generations Ministry House as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit











organization in 2018. But their vision began in Julia's heart during childhood, when her family frequently hosted people in need. She recalls they helped a single mother whose husband was in an alcohol addiction, giving her a safe place to live while she got established on her own. Because of experiences like that, Julia pursued mission work in hospitality.

She set her mind to developing a retreat in Texas where people in ministry could revive. "Yet as a single girl, it looked like an overwhelming task to continue working and manage the ministry," Julia said.

Then she and Robert began talking. Next-door neighbors in Benbrook, the conversation that started in their driveways has never stopped. "When we started dating, she was considering moving to Germany or somewhere to fulfill her lifelong dream," Robert said. "I told her, 'Why can't you just do that here? I'll help you with it ... only if you marry me!""

"I did not marry him just for that," Julia said, smiling. "But I wanted to know that he was willing to do that with me."

Five years ago, they married, and Julia moved next door. Soon, they were ready for more land and a peaceful, country feeling after work. "When we landed here," Robert said, "we saw this house right down the street and knew this would be the perfect situation, so we can be part of the everyday life of the people staying in the house."

Now, Sanctuary House is the Perez family project — with guidance and labor from their volunteer general contractor, Tom Grier. Seth, 18; Andrew, 14; and Joshua, 4, love driving the Kawasaki four-wheeler down the street

to deliver tools for trimming trees or items donated for the garage sales. "Joshua will be over there trying to turn the screwdriver, while I'm taking a door off its hinges," Robert said. "The older boys help with the weed eating, mowing and clearing. We want the kids to run this in the future. That's why we're involving them from the very beginning."

The family's church also participates. Julia posted photos on A Thousand Generations Ministry House's Facebook page of the electrical day, when men from Robert's Bible study joined the Perez family in digging a trench and bringing wiring into the house from underground. In January and February, the men's group gutted the interior of the house.



Volunteers will work on The Sanctuary House through early summer. This month, their goal is to finish the exterior, including the new roof and siding. Then they will start interior work, like installing electrical, lighting, kitchen cabinets, trim, doors and sinks.

Partnering with local, community-based businesses and supply companies allows the entire community to help support the people, both young and old, whom A Thousand Generations Ministry House will help. And the Perez family will be ever-available. "We're not handing over a key to the house and saying, 'Be safe.' We're wanting to have a relationship with the people living there and encourage them in living their lives well."







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— By Lisa Bell

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After starting the cleaning business, Carl offered to add more services. They added carpet cleaning, wax and

buffing VCT, resurfacing marble slate tile and wood floors, as well as sealing grout and other surfaces like showers and countertops. Taking care of many needs, Jennifer said, "We try to listen to our customers' needs and customize services to meet those needs."

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Many of their customers have been loyal through the years and simply can't handle the physical aspects of caring for their homes. Others are busy with work and life and need help around the home. Mop Heads Cleaning also provides special occasion or deep cleanings, as well as basic or regularly scheduled appointments. They will clean before move-ins, after move-outs and following construction or remodels. Jennifer and her managers, Ashlin and Aeriel, also work with customers for customized cleaning requests.

While the majority of their business consists of residential cleaning, they have many commercial customers and are always willing to talk with businesses about their needs. They use approximately 17 people to service existing customers. All workers are insured and bonded. In addition, The Mop Heads, LLC insists on professional dress and punctuality. "When we say we're going to be there, we will be there," Jennifer stated. Using technology, they keep in touch with customers and alert them if an unexpected situation causes a delay in arrival time. Their system also sends appointment reminders in advance.

Because many customers have been with them from the beginning, The Mop Heads knows them well — what they need and expect — and provides a consistent level of service. They rely heavily on word of mouth and a good reputation, so they appreciate 99 percent of their customers saving they are dependable with high integrity levels. They work hard to maintain those characteristics.

The Mop Heads, LLC services all of Parker County and surrounding areas. They also support the community in many ways. At Christmastime, they take about 50 bags to area nursing homes and usually adopt several tags from an angel tree. In addition, they take care of their own, having a nice dinner party for their workers and a kids' Christmas party with gifts for all the children. They sometimes donate to other organizations, such as the Kangaroo football team, youth gun clubs and Decatur Claybuster Team. To honor veterans, they provide a discount.

Jennifer takes pride in working with customers to meet budgetary needs while providing great service. While some people want and need weekly cleanings, others may only need help once a month.

Before having someone clean, Jennifer and Carl recommend picking up personal belongings and clutter to avoid spending extra money. That way time spent in your home goes directly to deeper cleaning. When choosing a cleaning company, look for reliability in their reviews and references.

Having long-term customers gives The Mop Heads a great sense of pride. Contact them soon for a quote on your personal needs, whether for large or small cleaning. NOW







#### **Around Town**



Aaron Dumlao and Julia Chamberlain, newly engaged, have fun looking at wedding items.

#### Zoomed In: Jill and Robin Lyle

By Lisa Bell

Jill and Robin Lyle were married for 33 years, divorced for four-and-a-half, and then remarried for three years. "It is a powerful story of God's restorative power," Robin said. "We recently launched our ministry and website to provide biblical counseling and coaching to walk with couples in their journey of marriage." Their organization, Symphono — meaning "agreement" in Greek — helps other couples improve marriages and perhaps avoid pitfalls they have experienced. "The very first thing we both have to share is that we give God all the glory for His restoration and redemptive work in our lives, individually and together — that He united and then re-united us together as husband and wife, and as a family." They celebrate more than 36 years together this summer.



East Parker Chamber welcomes Lonestar Dry Goods to the Shops at Willow Park.



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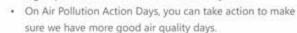
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Growing up in East Texas, Betty Mullins learned cooking from her mother and grandmother. "They were great cooks," she said. "Learning to cook was just part of growing up." These recipes come from as many as 69 years of family and friends. "When I use these recipes, it brings back many good memories."

Betty's favorite recipe is now called MiMi's Cookies. Her husband, Ken, worked on the farm for her father. "In the deal, he got me," she shared. "While courting, we sat on the old porch swing, enjoying them." After 63 years, they still sit on a porch swing, enjoying the cookies. So does her family. They make about 450 at Christmas, and everyone goes home with a gallon jar of the favorite treat. Now

#### Irene's Sweet Potatoes

#### Potatoes:

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes

1/2 cup white sugar

2 eggs

1/2 stick butter

1 tsp. vanilla

Cinnamon, to taste (optional)

#### Topping:

1 cup brown sugar

1/3 cup flour

1/3 cup butter

1 cup pecans

1 tsp. vanilla

#### **I.** For potatoes: Mix together all the ingredients; place in an oven-proof dish.

- **2.** For topping: Mix all ingredients; spread on top of potato mixture.
- **3.** Bake for 30 minutes at 350 F. (Add a few extra minutes to the bake time, if needed.)

#### Mrs. Clark's Oatmeal Cookies (aka MiMi's Cookies)

2 cups sugar

I cup shortening

2 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

 $1 \, 1/2$  cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda

I tsp. salt

1 tsp. cinnamon

3 cups oatmeal

1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped

1 12-oz. pkg. milk chocolate chips

- **I.** Cream together sugar, shortening, eggs and vanilla.
- **2.** In a separate bowl, combine the remaining ingredients.
- **3.** Mix all together (dough will be very stiff).
- **4.** Drop by cookie scoop onto a waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F for approximately 10 minutes.

#### Car's Soup

1 1/2 lbs. chicken (cooked and cut into pieces)

1 14.5-oz. can tomatoes

1 14.5-oz. can green beans

1 4-oz. can mushrooms

1 14.75-oz. can cream style corn

1 15-oz. can Ranch Style Beans With Sweet Onion

1 10.75-oz. can minestrone soup

**1.** Mix everything in a Crock-Pot; cook on high until hot and bubbly. (Use low setting for longer cooking times.)

#### Charlette's Chili

2 lbs. ground meat

I onion, chopped

1 28- to 29-oz. can tomato sauce

2 pkgs. Williams Original Chili Mix

1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel tomatoes

1 30-oz. can refried beans

1 16-oz. can pinto beans (optional)

I. Brown meat and onion: add tomato sauce. Add chili mix, Ro-Tel tomatoes and beans.

2. Cook in a Crock-Pot on high until hot and bubbly. (Use low setting for longer cooking times).

#### Virgil's Microwave **Peanut Brittle**

2 cups raw peanuts, shelled

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup white Karo syrup

1/3 tsp. salt

1 tsp. margarine

1 tsp. vanilla

I tsp. baking soda

**1.** Mix together first four ingredients; cook for 4 minutes in a microwave on high. Remove and stir. Return to microwave; cook

4 more minutes.

2. Remove from microwave; add margarine and vanilla.

3. Return to microwave: cook 2 minutes. Remove from microwave.

4. Add baking soda. Stir in quickly; pour onto buttered cookie sheet. Spread out mixture; cool and break up.

#### Paula's and Dora's Goody. **Good Cake**

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2 sticks butter

1/2 cup pecans, chopped

3 Tbsp. powdered sugar

Laver 2:

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1 cup Cool Whip

Layer 3:

4 cups cold milk

2 3-oz. pkgs. instant chocolate pudding







Layer 4 (topping):
Cool Whip, to taste
Toasted pecans, to taste
Toasted coconut, to taste

- **1.** For layer 1: Mix ingredients; press into a 13x9x2-inch pan. Bake at 300 F for 20 minutes; cool.
- **2.** For layer 2: Mix all ingredients; pour on top of cooled crust.
- **3.** For layer 3: Mix milk and pudding mix according to directions. Pour over layer 2.
- **4.** For layer 4: Top with additional Cool Whip, pecans and coconut. Place in refrigerator until ready to serve.

#### **Shirley's Frozen Fruit Salad** *Serves 8-10.*

8 oz. cream cheese
3/4 cup sugar
12 oz. frozen strawberries or peaches
1 20-oz. can pineapple tidbits
2 bananas, cut in small pieces
1 cup pecans, chopped
10 oz. frozen whipped topping

1. In a bowl, cream the cream cheese and



sugar together. Add fruits and nuts. Mix well; fold in whipped topping.

- 2. Pour into a 9x13-inch pan; freeze.
- **3.** Remove from freezer about 10 minutes before serving.

#### **Ada's Cinnamon Rolls**

1 stick butter, plus extra for greasing the pan

I cup pecans, chopped

1 cup brown sugar

I tsp. milk

2 tsp. cinnamon

## I pkg. frozen dinner rollsI 3-oz. pkg. cook and serve vanilla pudding mix

- **1.** Butter a 9x 13-inch baking dish; sprinkle nuts on the bottom.
- **2.** In a small saucepan, melt butter, brown sugar, milk and cinnamon.
- **3.** Place frozen dough balls (4 across and 5 down) in a baking dish. Pour melted mixture over the dough balls.
- **4.** Sprinkle pudding mix over top. Let rise overnight. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes, or until brown.

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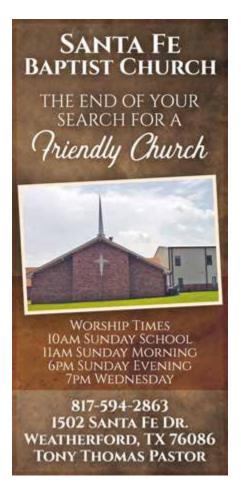


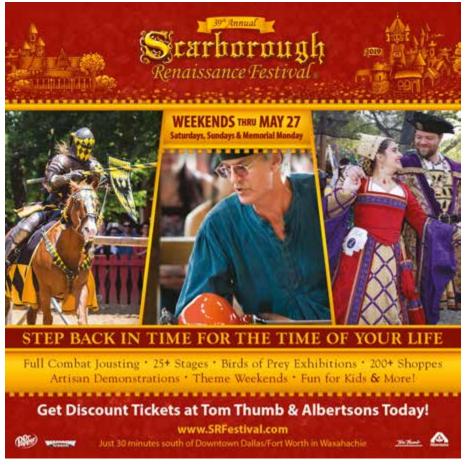
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#### TravelNOW Perfect Mix

- By Lisa Bell

What began in 1881 as a T&P Railroad stop, Abilene, Texas, became so much more. Two to three hours from the Metroplex, Abilene is home to Dyess Air Force Base, three major universities/colleges, and one place where families can find adventure, history and art all rolled into one city.

Designated as a state cultural art district, throughout the year opportunities abound for visitors. A favorite time to visit is early June when the Children's Art & Literacy Festival runs for three days. Special events and activities allow children of all ages to enjoy favorite literature and try their hands at art. From the Storybook Parade to children's artists, costume contests and much more, this weekend brings books to life.

But any time of the year, Abilene features multiple places children adore. In fact, on October 17, 2018, Abilene received the distinguished title of Storybook Capital of America. With

24 sculptures around town and new ones added annually, kids get to pose beside favorite characters cast in bronze. With an audio storybook tour and adventure guide, families have fun in the downtown area finding Dr. Seuss favorites as well as figures from other books, including the infamous No, David. In the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden, kittens, dinosaurs, Stuart Little, Marcel and Wilfred, Charlotte and Wilbur, plus others wait for visitors of all ages. These statues evoke memories of favorite nursery rhymes and beloved tales.

In addition to the sculptures, don't miss the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. The museum celebrates the artistic achievements of children's book authors. During exhibits, they also offer free art activities for kids and their parents.

The Grace Museum and Center for Contemporary Arts are wonderful places where families enjoy a variety of art. At the

Grace, one floor also houses historic scenes depicting life over decades. And a children's area allows the entire family to enjoy this culturally rich environment. While the artist displays vary, the children's area remains static. With an oversized Operation game and a musical wall. everyone can have fun interacting together.

Live theater is also big in Abilene, some of it designed around the tastes of younger audiences. The perfect way to introduce children to ballet, live performances and old movie hits can be found in the city while adults can also appreciate events offered for them.

The historic Paramount Theatre is only one venue in Abilene. The fully restored 1930's theater still has a ceiling decorated with stars. During the early years, the stage and curtains allowed live performances, and the giant screens welcomed in movies. For a time, the theater changed to the hotspot for new movie releases. Today, they provide space for live theater, speakers and performances, as well as showing family films and classic movies. The building alone is an adventure that takes you back to a simpler time in history.

And Abilene has lots of history. The former T&P Train Depot now houses the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau. Part of the Texas fort trails, you can visit old Fort Phantom and Buffalo Gap Historic Village. For an extra treat, take in Frontier Texas where modern technology meets yesteryear and holographic figures help make history real. Learn about Texas in a unique way not soon forgotten.

On the wild side, the Abilene Zoo has 16 acres housing more than 1,000 animals, representing 250 species. Located at Nelson Park, there is also a splash area for warmer months and a park resembling a historic fort for fun beyond the zoo.

When in Abilene, local eateries and venues offer a great place to host events. The Mill and Soda District are two of many that welcome visitors. But the people of Abilene enjoy sharing the history and modern mix of art, culture and community. Some say the prettiest women live in Abilene. True or not, it's definitely a nearby destination you don't want to miss. NOW

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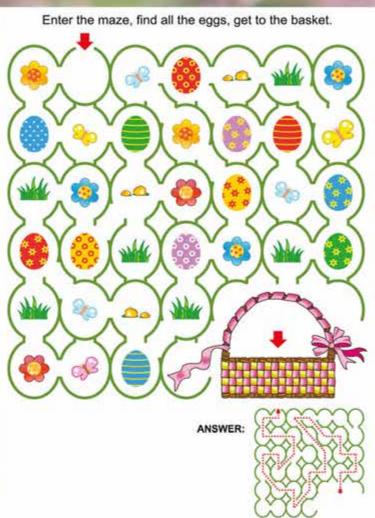
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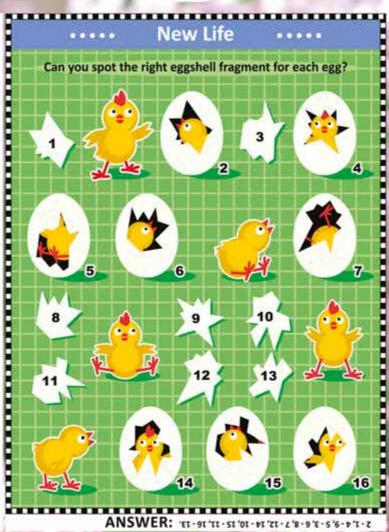
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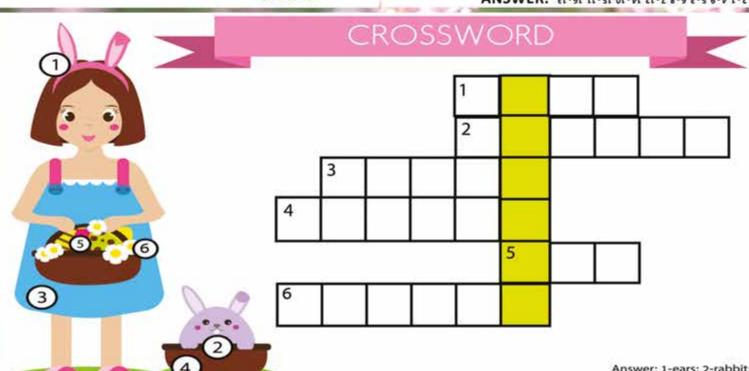
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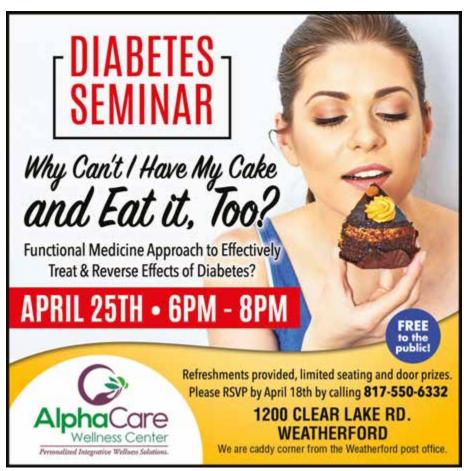


Answer: 1-ears; 2-rabbit; 3-dress; 4-basket; 5-egg;

6-flower









#### 4/5

#### Friends of Weatherford Public Library Annual Luncheon:

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., North Side Baptist Church, 910 N. Main St. Tickets available, Gail Greenfield, (817) 594-4473 or email gail.greenfield@sbcglobal.net.

#### 4/6

#### Spring Fling:

Celebrate the long-awaited spring season with music, food, area artists and craftsmen. Admission: \$1/person. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Chandor Gardens, 711 W. Lee, www.ChandorGardens.com, (817) 613-1700.

#### 4/12

#### Parker County Women's and Newcomers Club:

Brooke Best, Ph.D., botanist at Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) in Fort Worth presents a wildflowers program. Buffet lunch: \$11; social hour: 9:30 a.m.; meeting: 10:30 a.m. RSVP for lunch by 4/5, Shirley (817) 757-7379 or Lois (817) 946-1930.

#### 4/12-4/13 & 4/19-4/20

#### The Passover Experience:

A different way to experience Passover leading up to Easter. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Capernaum Village, 10700 FM 920, Poolville. www.CapernaumVillage.com (800) 489-1950.

#### 4/13

#### **Native Plant Sale:**

Sponsored by the Cross Timbers Chapter, Native Plant Society of Texas. Heritage Park, 317 Santa Fe Dr., 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Jacque Wortman jw 1829@swbell.net or www.npsot.org/wp/crosstimbers.

#### Kittens and Cupcakes:

Weatherford Whiskers is hosting a kitten shower filled with kittens, cupcakes and activities. Donations from our wish list are greatly appreciated. www.weatherfordwhiskers.org.

#### 4/14

#### 19th Annual Go Greek Event:

Hosted by Parker County
Panhellenic group, Parker County
High School Senior girls and/
or mothers receive information
about college sororities. 3:00
p.m., Jerry's Chevrolet Board
Room, 3118 Fort Worth Hwy,
Hudson Oaks. For more
information, call Jo-Alice Davis,
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(817) 235-6244.

#### 4/26

Used Homeschool Curriculum Sale:

Hosted by Parker/Hood/ Somervell County Homeschool Connection. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Mambrino Baptist Church, 1625 Mambrino Hwy., Granbury. www.facebook.com/ events/419832558587847/.

#### 4/26-4/27

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream:

Presented by Theatre Off the Square, only two performances. No entrance fee. Food trucks, vendors and artisans. Friday: 6:30 p.m.; Saturday: Renaissance Fair: 2:00 p.m. with performance at 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park Amphitheatre. Booth space/sponsorship, Edwina Himes, wgob2@yahoo.com.

#### 4/30

#### Celebrating Big Bands of the 20th Century:

Celebrating International Jazz Day, Langdon Center Big Band to perform. 7:00 p.m., Granbury Live Theater, Historic Granbury Square. For more information, visit www.granburybigband.com or www.thenewgranburylive.com.

#### 5/11

#### 4th Annual Vietnam War Commemorative Ride:

This ride commemorates the ending of the Vietnam War with proceeds benefiting Texas Veterans & First Responders.

Registration: 8:00-9:45 a.m., VFW Post 4746, 224 Zion Hill Rd., patriotsunitedforheroes@gmail.com or www.patriotsunitedforheroess.org.

#### Second Thursdays

#### Native Plant Society of Texas Cross Timbers Chapter Meeting:

Program on 4/11 on basic beekeeping. Program on 5/9 on monarch butterflies.
6:30 p.m.,
Mount Pleasant School,
213 Raymond George Way.
Jacque Wortman,
jw 1829@swbell.net or
www.npsot.org/wp/crosstimbers.

#### Third Thursdays

#### Quilter's Guild of Parker County:

Quilters of all levels are welcome. 6:30 p.m., Northside Baptist Church, 910 N. Main St. Mary Williams at (940) 682-4631, www.quiltersguildofparkercounty.org

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

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