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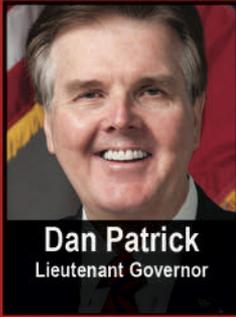
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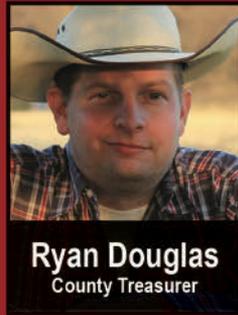
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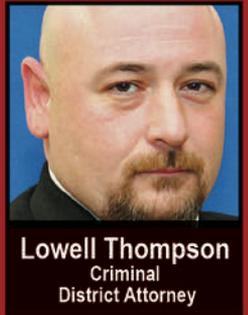
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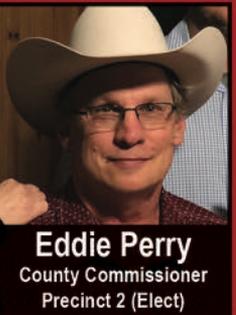
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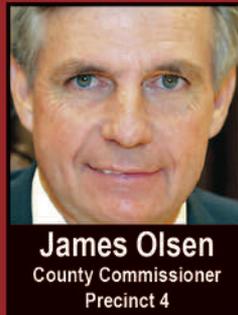
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Bring on fall's fun!

From the first time I attended a Fredericksburg, Texas, Oktoberfest to our Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival, it seems to me like October is the month of fun. The Texas heat's been turned down to an enjoyable level, folks are out and about with the return-to-school routines, and our internationally recognized Friday night lights are ablaze in towns, large and small. We all celebrate!

This summer left me with an indelible memory. I've been privileged to participate at an annual writers' conference in the Metroplex for several years. It attracts a very diverse group with lots of opinions to share and offers opportunities for a high school student just finding his or her voice to sit down at breakfast with a multi-Pulitzer Prize winning writer and "write" an equal-sided dialogue. Cell phones and laptops, writers' tools-of-the-trade, are silenced and put away. For four days, we live in a Hilton-controlled cocoon away from the world, talking and sharing. We're all participating as active listeners and learners.

A needed return to civility was a hot topic at the conference. It was generally agreed that face-to-face dialogues will enjoy a resurgence, allowing for us to understand each other better. I'm looking forward to really "knowing" each of you, as we enjoy our fun fall times together.

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Wayne Rogers remembers when he fell in love with windmills. It was on a day in sunny San Diego in 1984. He took a photo, but more than that, the mental picture has stayed with him ever since. “It was absolutely beautiful. I didn’t know you could collect windmills,” he said.

It wasn’t until 2002 that he bought his first windmill. He was so excited when it arrived, but there was much work to be done, since he was a rookie in the windmill collecting

and building field. “I had to put it together after I got it home, and then I had to figure out how to raise it,” he said with a chuckle. “A friend of mine came over with his tractor, and we raised it.”

He’s been buying, building and raising them ever since. His collection now includes 20 in all. In fact, he’s in the process of rebuilding them all and putting them back up, after relocating to Corsicana from his former home in New Harmony, near Tyler, in 2016.

Wayne moved to do some family research. At age 72, he wanted to learn more about the history of

his family. “My daddy was born in Dawson, Texas, in 1910. I have two aunts still alive. One’s 105 and another 101. They both live in California,” Wayne said. “Dresden Cemetery has some of my family there. I’m going to be buried there, also.”

Along with windmills, Wayne recreated a vintage Gulf gas station on his property. It is a replica of one in New Harmony that was in business from late 1920 to 1947. “We had a reunion in New Harmony, and this lady had this picture. I fell in love with it,” he remembered. “I said, ‘I can build that off the end of my shop.’ A story was written for



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— By Rick Mauch

the Tyler paper. A motorcycle group from Texarkana came for a visit. They'd read about it. In 2012, we had a grand opening for the gas station. Wesley Ferrell, the son of the original owner, did the ribbon cutting for it. We had RC Colas and Moon Pies."

The gas station features a pair of old-timey Gulf gas pumps in the famous orange and blue colors, along with a Gulf oil container and accompanying pumps. Another pump is for kerosene. Old oil bottles are on hand, just like the ones used before it was put in cans. "They started making Visible Pumps in 1923, and continued making them into the 1930s," Wayne

said, pointing to one of the pumps. "These were made a little later, in the late '20s or early '30s. One is what he had at the original station. I decided I needed one like the original."

In the next room is a replica of a general store. It features antique cans labeled for Maxwell House coffee, French Fried Popcorn and, of course, Rogers Golden Syrup. It has an old-fashioned scale and a pair of cash registers made by National Cash Register in 1909 and 1911. "My idea is to have an old post office here," Wayne said. "This is my window."

On a couple of walls is a pictorial/written history of the Drane

Community, the area in which he now lives. "There's a lot of history here, and I want to know all I can about this area," Wayne said.

His love of history and antiquities also led him to collect antique barbed wire, antique cash registers (he worked at NCR for 42 years) and even old farm implements, which he also restores. He has five tractors, the oldest being a 1937 John Deere, and seven engines, including a 1909 International Famous Vertical. "I've got it hooked up to a water pump for a windmill," he said. "I've got four engines that pump water."

Wayne was working for NCR, in

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Dayton, Ohio, attending a training school, in 1985, when he developed his love of engines. He kept hearing a noise at a festival. “I would hear kapow!” he said excitedly. “It was a one-lung gasoline engine. I said, ‘I’ve got to have one.’ I found one in 1988 in Canton. I love tractors, but I really love my engines.

“I went to Ohio two or three times a year for 20-some-odd years,” he explained. “I met a guy who made half-scale old prairie-breaking, iron wheel tractors. We became friends, and every time I’d go up there, we’d go to a show. I’ve been to shows all over the nation.”

He still goes, along with going to shows featuring windmills, his greatest passion. Among his favorite is the International Windmillers Trade Fair that is held in a different city each year in June. This year it was in Lubbock, and in years past, it has been in Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana, among others.

And he’d love to get either a windmill or tractor/engine convention to Corsicana. “I’ve talked





to people down here, but we have to be ready by 2020, and I'm just not sure I've been here long enough to pull that off," he said. "I'm thinking once I get all my windmills up and get to know more people, maybe we can try to make it happen in 2021, or shortly after. My goal is to have about 25 windmills here."

Wayne has taken as long as three weeks to build a windmill. Others he's finished in half a day. They range in height from 10 or 12 feet to almost 40 feet, with some having mostly metal parts and others mostly wood. "The painting of the blades takes a long time," he said. "There's 13 blades per section and up to six sections. You have to paint all the blades and all the tips."

And while they are not cheap, Wayne said it doesn't take a millionaire to be a windmill collector. "You can spend up to \$10,000, but smaller ones you can get for \$400 to \$600," he said. "I have this dream of buying the first patented windmill. In 1854, a guy named Daniel Halladay patented the first self-controlled windmill. Maybe someday," he said, with a smile. "We who collect don't only do it for our enjoyment. My hope is that many who have an interest in old things will come for a visit. The Drane Gulf is open six days a week, from dawn to dusk, and Sunday afternoons." **NOW**

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Sometimes a person just wants less space. But that doesn't mean they have to accept less of the things they love. Case in point is Nancy Rhoden. She moved into her small cottage — 1,300-square-foot with three bedrooms and a bath — in November 2017. Though it's smaller than her previous homes, it's perfect for her. Besides, she couldn't ignore the sign that led her to its purchase.

Nancy went online and found a photo of a small butter-colored house with a red door and sweeping roof. Then, one day as she was out looking, lo and behold, she found her dream cottage — complete with the red door, sweeping roof and even the very same butter color. “I just knew this was my house,” she said. “Then I did some checking and found it had good bones. I just had to go with it.”

The house, built in 1920, had undergone some work in 2006, to fix the plumbing and the windows. It was the best of everything for Nancy, who immediately fell in love.

Even before entering the home, visitors are greeted by a front yard and porch that looks as though it belongs in a fairy tale. There's a white picket fence, a charming brick fireplace, a quaint white porch rail and an antique stove that has been transformed into a miniature garden.





— By Rick Mauch

While showcasing 8-foot-6-inch ceilings inside, the home is cozy, and the space is exquisitely managed. The living room seats around eight and features a vintage 1920 cane-back sofa. "I didn't know when I got it that it would be in a 1920s house," Nancy said with a laugh.

Though non-functioning, the aforementioned fireplace's interior complements the living room decor, with its red paint and white mantel. The dining room features a small table set for three, and a glass-front cabinet opposite the table includes



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singer, and I'm teaching her to sing," Nancy said with pride. "I spend some one-on-one time with each of my grandchildren each summer. Well, not Lemmy yet, but her time's coming. It's just me and them, and it's so special."

Nancy moved to Corsicana from Frisco, where she worked as senior global master data analyst for Dr Pepper before retiring in 2016. She first moved into a 2,300-square-foot home, but decided it was time to downsize. "It was just too big for me to take care of and still be able to have time for other things," she said. "I needed to get something smaller, and I am so fortunate to have found this place."

Nancy knows a thing or two about houses. She's now owned seven, starting with the first one she and her now ex-husband bought in 1972 for \$11,000. They sold the 1,200-square-foot home in four years for \$18,000, turning around and buying another



jars of beets, plums and green beans from Nancy's daughter-in-law's garden. In fact, her family, being just over a half hour down the road in Dew, is the main reason Nancy moved to Corsicana. Her son, Jeremy Rogers, and his wife, Alex, have four children — 2-year-old daughter, Lemmy June; 6-year-old son, Dash; and 9-year-old twin daughters, Austen and Navy.

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for \$32,000 and later selling it for \$68,000. “I was a flipper before it became popular,” Nancy admitted. “It’s the best investment in your life. But I’m keeping this one.”

The kitchen has some of Nancy’s special touches. She replaced the countertops with butcher block wood. The backsplash is white miniature brick, and the cabinets are open for easy access. On top of the refrigerator is an old-fashioned picnic basket.

The kitchen, like much of the house, has a rooster theme throughout. They are on many of the dishes. The rug in the hallway between bedrooms features two roosters and the living room is home to one of her prized possessions — the “rooster chair.” It’s covered with material that, of course, features roosters. “It’s the envy of everyone — everyone who likes roosters, at least,” Nancy said, smiling.

Nancy has turned one of the bedrooms into a sewing room. A would-be den next door is a playroom for her grandchildren that houses an antique metal desk with some dolls next to it, including Raggedy Andy and a good old-fashioned Teddy bear. There are also some vintage children’s books.

Antiques are prevalent throughout the home. In the guest bedroom are a pair of wooden trunks built in 1840 and 1906, a cast-iron bed and a brass



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bed. In the master bedroom is a metal canopy, along with a classic full-length tilting mirror.

Nancy loves to sew. In the sewing room she works on quilts — another hobby she picked up a few years ago when she realized she was watching too much football. She is also quite good at turning an old diaper cloth into a burp pad by adding a pretty ribbon.

She doesn't make her creations for money. In fact, she doesn't have any of the quilts she's created in her home, as she's given them all away, some to help her beloved First United Methodist Church of Corsicana.

Painting is another of Nancy's specialties. In the dining room are some paintings of flowers and a little house much like the one in which she lives, though it was painted 35 years ago. A picture of hanging plants is in the workshop.

And she also loves refurbishing items. This includes some of her furniture, and some of her prized shutter collection. "I got this one in Round Top, and it still opens," she said about one shutter. "All of this, you can tell, is handmade. It was in horrible condition, but it had pretty wood under, so I knew it could still be beautiful. I love fixing up things, making them pretty again. I give them new life, just like these old houses.

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Melodious Marching

— By Virginia Riddle

Tried that old trick of patting your head while rubbing your tummy lately? Throw in an additional activity like trying to walk while doing those! That kind of brain workout is what marching band musicians must master before taking the field each fall to entertain the crowd and help cheer on athletes.

They play music and step in sync while flags are flying, with crowds in motion and applauding — all in whatever weather conditions the Texas climate throws at them. “We start preparing to march the last week of July,” Neil Haag, Mildred High School Band director, said. “Leadership is important, as we choreograph the band and color guard with their flags, sabers and rifles during band camp.”

A relatively new fine art offering, the Mildred Mighty Eagle Band was first formed in 2004. Mr. Haag is the

fourth director of the organization. However, its UIL accomplishments last year were awesome — superior ratings in marching and concert and an excellent ranking in sight-reading. “We advanced to area competition for the first time last year,” Mr. Haag recalled.

The band performed at sporting events and a Veterans’ Day program. Competing in the small school category at Canton Music Festival earned the band a first place Gold Award, and a flute quartet advanced to UIL state competition in solo and ensemble. “We’ve received an invitation to play in Carnegie Hall in New York City next summer,” Mr. Haag revealed.

Assisting Mr. Haag is the newly hired Michael Fowler, junior high band director. “We have some real talent coming up from the junior high,” Mr. Haag explained.

The Mildred ISD booster club is also a supporter. Anna Stroeder, a band parent, MHS alumna and current band mom, serves as the booster club’s treasurer. “Both of my kids are in band and love it,” she said. “Mr. Haag really encourages parents to be involved. We run the concession stand at Ranger Stadium in the Metroplex as a fundraiser.”

Car washes, raffles, and marketing chocolates and T-shirts help fund trips and grow the band program.

“Our No. 1 rule is to put the kids first,” Mr. Haag added. “The kids develop leadership skills, a work ethic, teamwork and lots of other life skills. They learn to take the initiative. I love seeing the growth in the students’ character, musicality and leadership,” Mr. Haag said. “I feel very blessed to do this.”

Anna agreed, “I love the music and their performances. It’s amazing the improvements made from sixth grade to high school band.”

Jared Collier, Anna’s son, serves as the band’s woodwind captain. A junior, he plays the flute and alto saxophone. “I enjoy getting to play music with everybody while working as a team,” he said. He also enjoys the band trips. “When we went to NYC, we went to the top of the Empire State Building. It was in the fog,” he recalled.

Collaboration between area districts’ band directors is an important component of each band’s success. “We collaborate and borrow music and instruments,” Mr. Haag pointed out. “We’re all teaching the kids we’re gifted with each year. It’s a friendly competition that’s good for the students.”

The band plays and marches in the annual Navarro College homecoming parade which is an opportunity to network with college musicians. “Some of the college musicians help teach our students. It gives them a chance to get better at their craft and see if teaching is what they want to do,” Mr. Haag explained.

A clarinetist, Mr. Haag must teach all the instruments. The band can’t function without community support,” he concluded. “It’s becoming a source of pride — something we plan to continue.” **NOW**

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In the Kitchen With
CONNIE GIBSON
 — By Virginia Riddle

Raised in Dallas with food dressed in ketchup, white gravy and bacon grease, Connie Gibson has made a lot of changes in her life, especially after her daughter was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Connie owns C&J Farms, along with her family, and has adapted recipes to make them healthier. “I enjoy teaching others how good food can be simply made and be delicious.”

Connie treasures family recipes and often gets updated recipes from her daughter and daughter-in-law. “We grow our herbs, cattle for beef and enjoy fresh eggs from my son’s farm. When I was growing up, mealtime was about being at the table with family. I worked hard while raising my two kids to carry on that tradition of connecting with each other.” **NOW**

Spicy Pork Hash

- 1 poblano chili pepper, seeded, finely chopped**
- 1 Tbsp. habanero lime seasoning**
- 1 Tbsp. dried minced garlic or 1 garlic clove, minced**
- 1 lb. ground pork**
- 3 Tbsp. lime juice**
- 1 lb. baby gold or red potatoes, halved or quartered**
- 1/2 tsp. sea salt**
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper**
- 4 eggs**
- 1 Tbsp. butter**

1. In a large bowl, combine first three

ingredients; add pork and lime juice. Gently combine for about 15 minutes until flavors have blended.

- 2.** Boil potatoes in salted water until tender.
- 3.** In a large skillet, cook pork mixture until pork begins to brown; stir in the potatoes. Add sea salt and pepper. Cook 5-7 minutes until the pork is cooked; stir occasionally.
- 4.** Cook the eggs, sunny side up in the butter; serve on top of the pork hash.

Not Your Everyday Chicken Nuggets

- 1 8-oz. pkg. chicken tenders**
- 2 eggs**

- 2 Tbsp. water**
- 4 oz. panko breadcrumbs, unseasoned**
- 2-3 Tbsp. C&J Farms Scarborough Fair seasoning**
- 1 tsp. sea salt**
- Parmesan or Monterey Jack cheese, to taste (optional)**
- 1/2 stick butter, melted**
- Dip for nuggets (optional)**

- 1.** Preheat oven to 450 F; cut chicken into 1-inch pieces.
- 2.** In a bowl, whisk eggs; add water.
- 3.** In another bowl, mix breadcrumbs, Scarborough Fair seasoning and salt; add cheese, if using.
- 4.** Dip chicken nuggets in egg wash, then dip them in the breadcrumb mix.
- 5.** Lay nuggets on a cookie sheet or pan; drizzle butter over the nuggets.
- 6.** Bake nuggets for about 25 minutes until golden brown. Serve with a favorite dip, if desired.

Cheesy Hot & Spicy Meatballs

- 1 1/2 lbs. ground hamburger meat**
- 3 large eggs**
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs**
- 6 heaping Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, grated**

- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. dried parsley or 1/4 cup fresh parsley
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. dried garlic or 3 large cloves, minced
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2-3 Tbsp. hot & spicy blend
- Cooking oil, to taste

1. Mix all ingredients together well. By hand, form into meatballs about 1-inch in circumference.
2. In a skillet, add a small amount of cooking oil; heat oil. Cook the meatballs over medium heat, turning as needed, until completely done.

Cajun Broccoli and Rice

- 1 3-oz. bag Minute Rice
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 2/3 cup vegetable broth
- 1 10-oz. bag frozen chopped broccoli
- 1 15.25-oz. can whole corn
- 1 15.25-oz. can black beans
- 1 Tbsp. Cajun seasoning
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup smoked gouda cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped

1. Cook rice according to package instructions; sauté onions and garlic in the butter until softened.
2. Add broth and broccoli; cook covered until the broccoli is tender.
3. Add corn, black beans, Cajun seasoning and salt.
4. Add rice, cheeses and nuts; stir, letting the cheeses melt. Remove from heat; serve.

Sautéed Green Beans

- 1 pt. mushrooms, chopped
- 4 Tbsp. butter (divided use)
- 1 Tbsp. red steak seasoning (divided use)
- 1 16-oz. bag frozen green beans, steamed in bag
- 1/4 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped
- 1 tomato, seeded and chopped

1. Sauté mushrooms in 1 Tbsp. butter with 1/2 Tbsp. of the steak seasoning.
2. When the mushrooms begin to release their water, add green beans and the remaining butter and steak seasoning, if desired.
3. Cook on medium-low heat until the green beans are tender and crisp. Add the nuts and tomatoes. Heat until the tomatoes are warm; serve.

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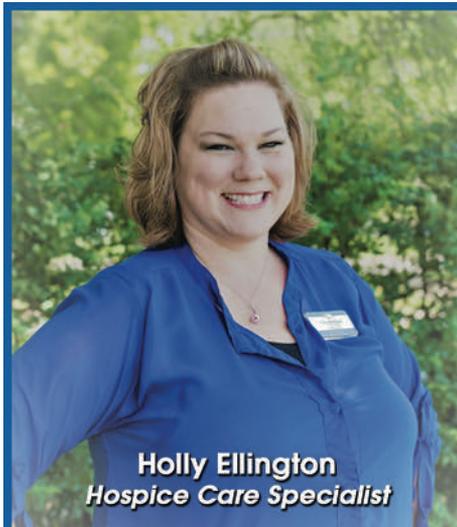
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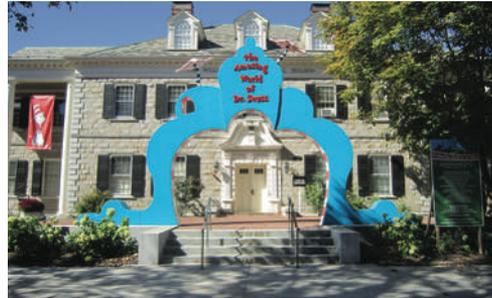
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— By Michele Goldberg

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Positioned at the junction of I-90 and I-91, Western Mass is regarded as the “Crossroads of New England.” Boston is a 90-minute drive, and New York City can be reached in less than three hours.

MGM Springfield promises tons of excitement, but there’ll be no shortage of activities to keep young ones busy. Visitors to MGM Springfield will discover a movie theater, a classic New England bowling alley, restaurants and more than a dozen specialty retail outlets. An ice-skating rink operates in the winter, and a farmers’ market offers local produce in the summer. You don’t have to be a grown-up to get a huge kick out of this place!

Near MGM Springfield, the esteemed Springfield Museums offer access to four world-class museums, plus the new Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden, all under a single admission. Minutes away, is Springfield Armory National Historic Site — America’s first armory, established by George Washington.

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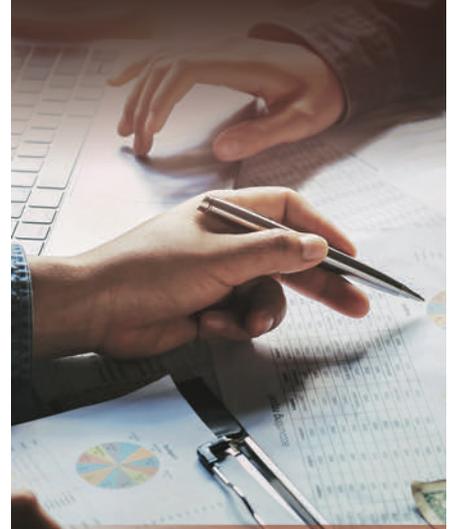
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New Century Hospice, whose home office is in North Carolina, opened its Corsicana office last April. Its staff has a collective 100-plus years’ experience. Longtime Corsicana physician, Dr. Kent Rogers, is the hospice physician, and Dr.

Davey Perrin is the associate medical director. Their team includes: Steve Hayes and Stephen McElroy, chaplains; Rev. Alison Humann, bereavement coordinator; Sandra M. Neal, LMSW and volunteer coordinator; Christy Glasgow, Brenda Laznovsky and Doris McBain, certified nurse aides; April Martin, CNA and patient care coordinator; Meagen Heronemus, Ashley Campbell and Wendy Hicks, RN; Nana Brandy, RN and DOO; and Kelly Lovett, hospice care consultant.

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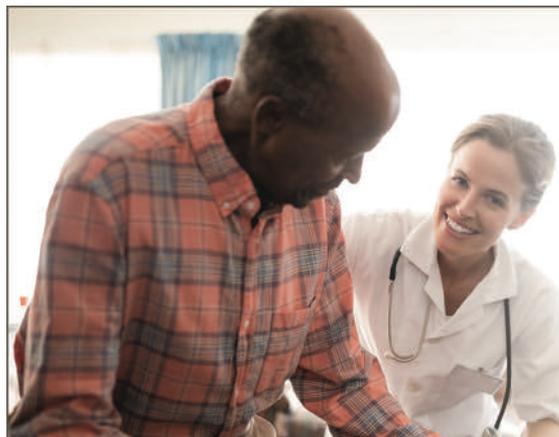
Hospice expenses are covered by Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, VA and most private insurance plans after a physician referral. Patients can save on medications, equipment and supplies and can reduce hospital stays and ER visits.

New Century Hospice is a member of the National Palliative Care Organization and is an accredited hospice through the Accreditation Commission for Health Care. The business and its staff are volunteers through the Navarro Regional Hospital Senior Circle, Navarro County Toys for Tots, Navarro County Relay for Life and the Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

Dr. Rogers, a U.S. Navy veteran, graduated from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. His internship and residency were served in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and Parkland Memorial Hospital. He has been licensed since 1971.

Practicing in Corsicana since 1976, Dr. Rogers is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and is the medical director for Heritage Oaks Retirement Village, Heritage Oaks West and the Corsicana-Navarro County Public Health Department. “End-of-life care, for me,” said Dr. Rogers, “is simultaneously challenging yet infinitely rewarding.”

After graduating from Navarro College’s LVN program, Nana earned her RN through Excelsior College. “Over my 20 years of nursing, I’ve found this work in hospice to be the best way to help people,” she said. “During one of the hardest times in life, we are able to bring comfort and support to their home and on their terms. I absolutely love what I do.” Nana continued, “We see truly amazing things happen: relationships rekindled, loose ends being tied, but most importantly, one’s suffering being made comfortable. I speak for the whole New Century team by saying that we feel honored to be able to help during this part of life.” **NOW**





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Zoomed In: Saundra “Sandy” Thomas

By Virginia Riddle

After first moving here in 1972, Saundra has lived in Navarro County “off and on.” She moved to the East Coast for eight years, only to return. “I have three sons living in Texas, and I love the people here,” she explained.

She can be found teaching tab craft classes at the Corsicana Senior Activity Center. “My grandmother sewed, and my mother crafted,” Saundra said. She worked in quality control in factories, but Saundra’s life “changed completely” when she took an art class at Navarro College. An artist, she has specialized in pastel portraits. “I taught crafts while on the East Coast, but the Corsicana Senior Activity Center is amazing. Fred Biltz, the director, does an excellent job.”



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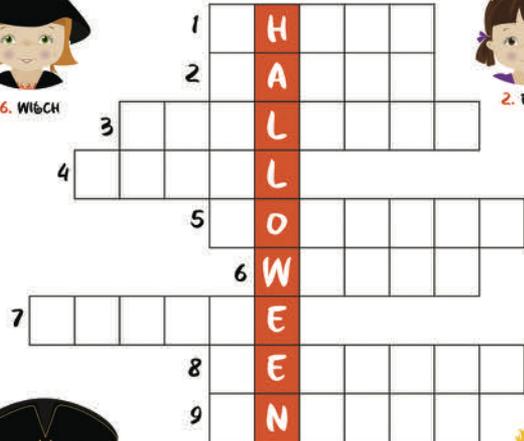
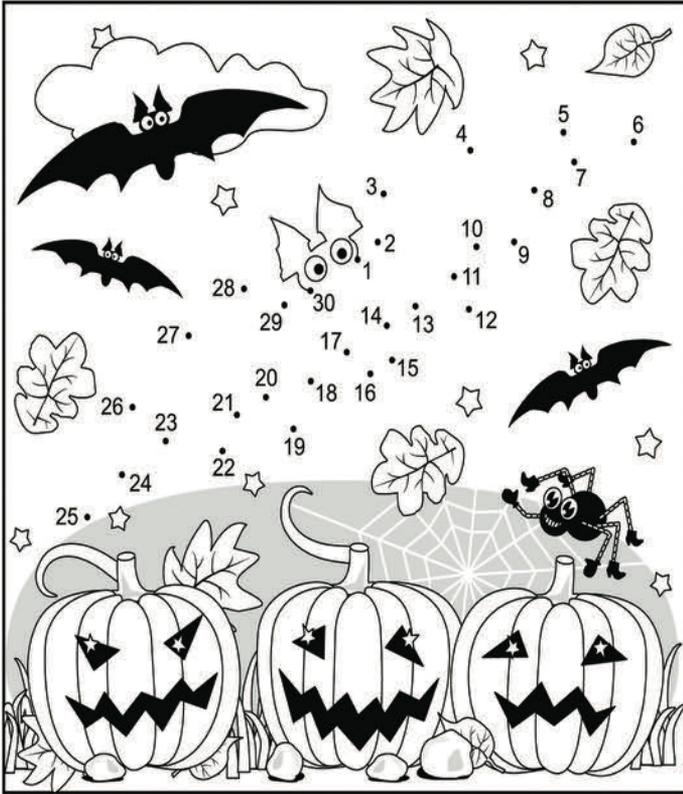
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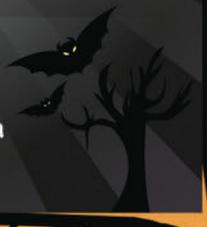


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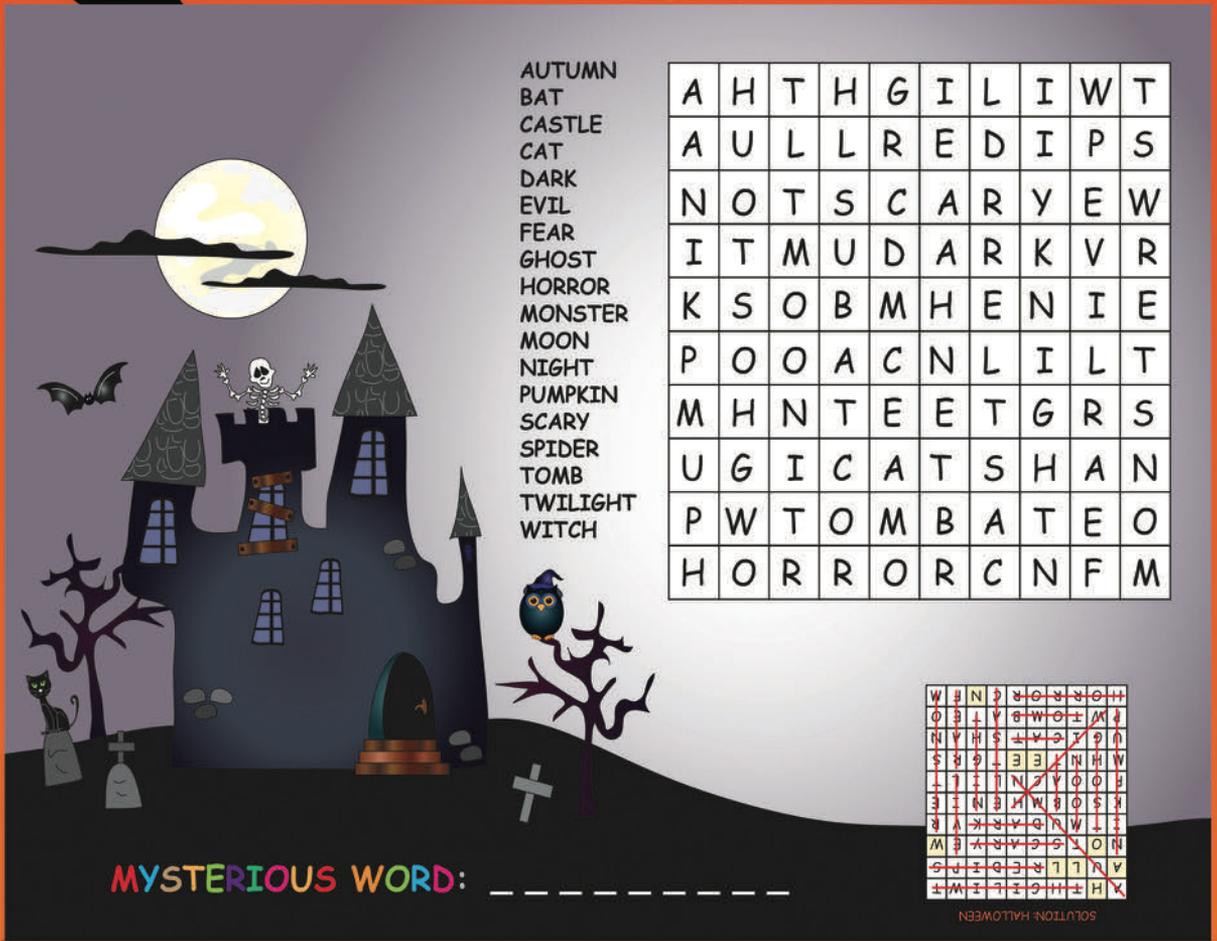
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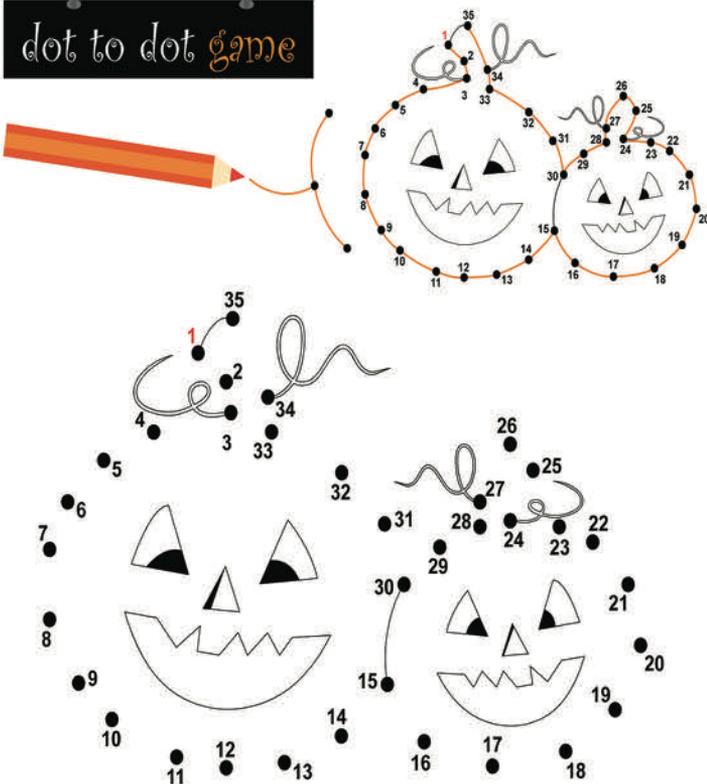
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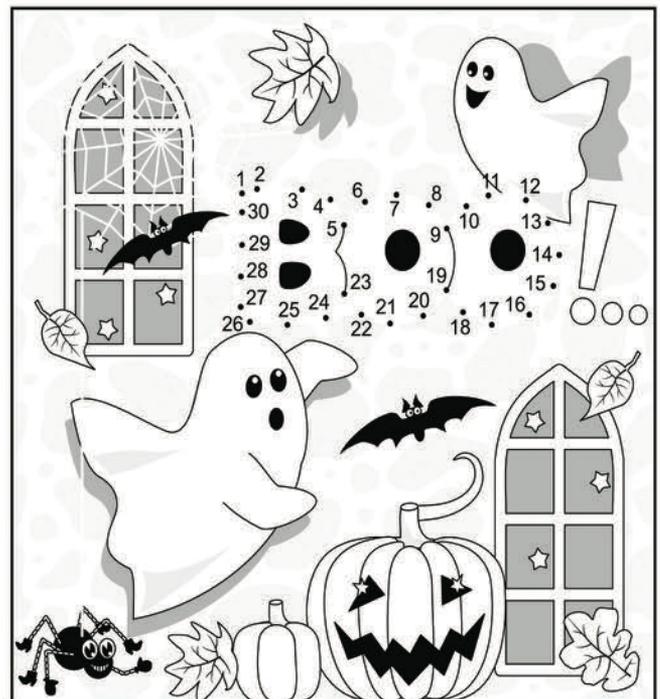
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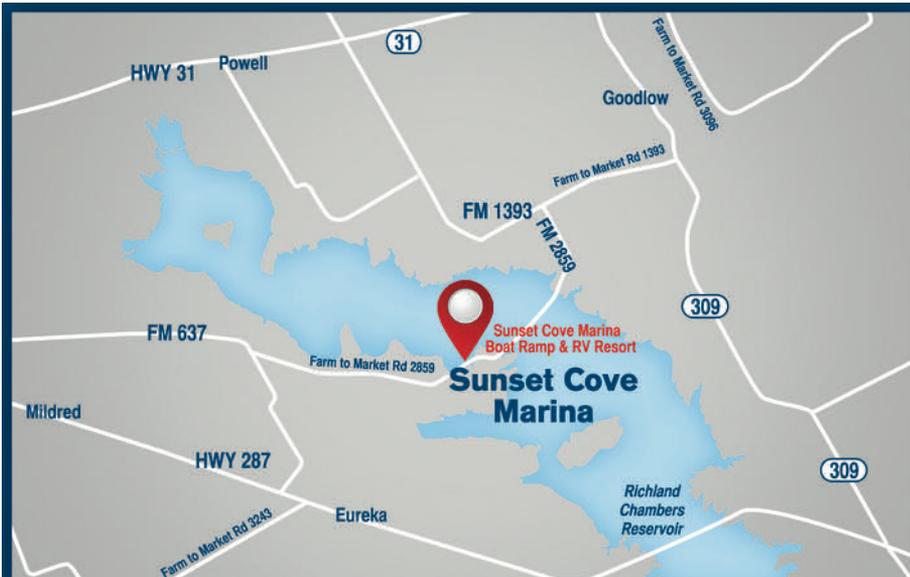
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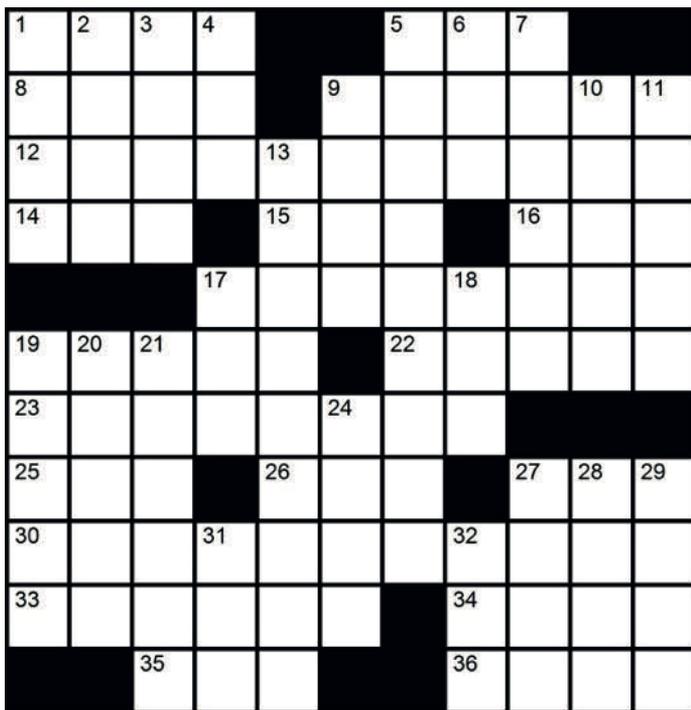
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- 9 Circles and such
- 12 Stand-in
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- 16 Fuss
- 17 Interrupted
- 19 Diplomat's department
- 22 Tend the roast
- 23 Quixote's opponent
- 25 Well, --- monkey's uncle!
- 26 Air-pressure measure
- 27 Meet
- 30 They get elected
- 33 Wears slowly
- 34 Hess or Breckinridge
- 35 Deity
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- 2 Now it makes sense!
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- 6 "--- the Walrus" (Beatles tune)
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Calendar

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38th Annual Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Corsicana Quilt Show: **Monday-Friday**, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; **Saturday**, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Warehouse Living Arts Center. For more details, visit www.corscanaquiltguild.com.

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7th Annual Pumpkin Patch: **Monday-Saturday**, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; **Sunday**, 1:00-6:00 p.m.; The Changing of the Garden, 222 N. Main Street. October 17, 10:30 a.m., Corsicana Public Library's Storytime in the Pumpkin Patch. A fall photo area will be available at the Visitors Center. Call (903) 654-4851.



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Senior Circle Pot Luck Luncheon: 11:30 a.m., Navarro Regional Hospital. Contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6892.

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Veterans Clinic: 9:00 a.m.-noon, American Legion Post 0022. For more details, contact Roger L. Layton, Adjutant, at (903) 874-3938.

Relay for Life: 2:00-8:00 p.m., Downtown Corsicana. Contact Emily Lawson at (903) 875-4652.

7th Annual CEF C&B Seen Gala: 6:00-11:00 p.m., I.O.O.F. Event

Center. For more information, contact Dani Boulware at (903) 602-8133 or visit www.corsicanaef.org.

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Business Expo: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., I.O.O.F. Event Center. For details, call (903) 874-4731.

Mimosas at the Market: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Downtown Corsicana. The host store is Peace Love Retro. Call (903) 654-4851.

Angels of Corsicana Troop Support Group Packing: 9:00 a.m., 1020 N. Business I45. All ages are welcome. Anyone with additional names of military deployed overseas or updated addresses please bring the info. Call Jean O'Connor at (903) 851-2560 or visit the group's Facebook page.

13 — 14

Art Spirit of Corsicana: **Saturday**, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; **Sunday**, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., 100 West. Ritual, a new media installation, by artists-in-residence Edmund Eva and George Baldwin will be presented. Visit www.100westcorsicana.com.

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Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1009 meeting: 7:00 p.m., La Pradera. For details, email Roy Messick at roy.messick@gmail.com.

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Senior Circle Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m., Denny's Restaurant. Contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6800.

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Wolf Brand Chili Bronze Statue Unveiling: 5:00-7:00 p.m., 5th Avenue and Beaton Street. Chili will be sold

for a nickel during the event, just as it was in 1895. Call (903) 654-4851.

One Night in Memphis: 7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre. For details, visit www.corsicanapalace.com.

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Hike for Life: registration, 8:00 a.m.; hike begins, 9:00 a.m.; lunch, 11:00 a.m.; I.O.O.F. Park Pavilion. Sponsored by Corsicana Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of the Americas, this is a pro-life walk. For more information, contact ccoart@collinscatholicsschool.org.



Navarro Fiber Friends meeting: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Corsicana Senior Activity Center. Bring a pot luck dish. Beverages will be provided. All ages and genders of needlework and sewing crafters are welcome to this come-and-go and show-and-tell sharing event. Contact Beth Barrows (210) 422-1775 or visit their Facebook page.

14th Annual Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., downtown Kerens. From a pancake breakfast through all-day and into the night entertainment for the entire family this festival is full of fun. Visit www.kerenscottonharvstfestival.com.

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Dallas Area Paranormal Society Presentation: 6:30 p.m., Corsicana

Public Library. Bring your questions about the supernatural, spooky or unknown. Call (903) 654-4810.

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Corsicana Newcomers' Club meeting: 11:00 a.m., Kinsloe House. Guest speaker will be Jenny Bratton with CASA. Cost of luncheon is \$15. For more information, contact Annie Avery at (714) 345-6707.

Darryl Worley with Andy Griggs: 7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre. Visit www.corsicanapalace.com.

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James L. Collins Catholic School's Mo & Lee Memorial Golf Tournament: 8:00 a.m., The Oaks Golf Course. Call (903) 872-1751.

Texas Country Reporter Festival: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., historic downtown Waxahachie. Admission is free. Festival goers will be entertained all day, including a free concert by Shenandoah. There will also be more than 250 booths for those who also enjoy a day of shopping. For more details, call (469) 309-4040 or visit www.waxahachiecvb.com.

Cowgirls of CCC Fall Event: 6:00 p.m., Cowboy Church of Corsicana. RSVP at cowgirls@cowboychurchofcorsicana.com.



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NaNoWriMo Kick-off: 6:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. For details, call (903) 654-4810.

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Boo on the Block!: 3:30 p.m., Beaton Street; 7:30 p.m., outdoor family movie at WLAC and Ghost Walk at Corsicana Opry; Trick-or-Treat, all day, Corsicana Public Library. Call (903) 654-4851.

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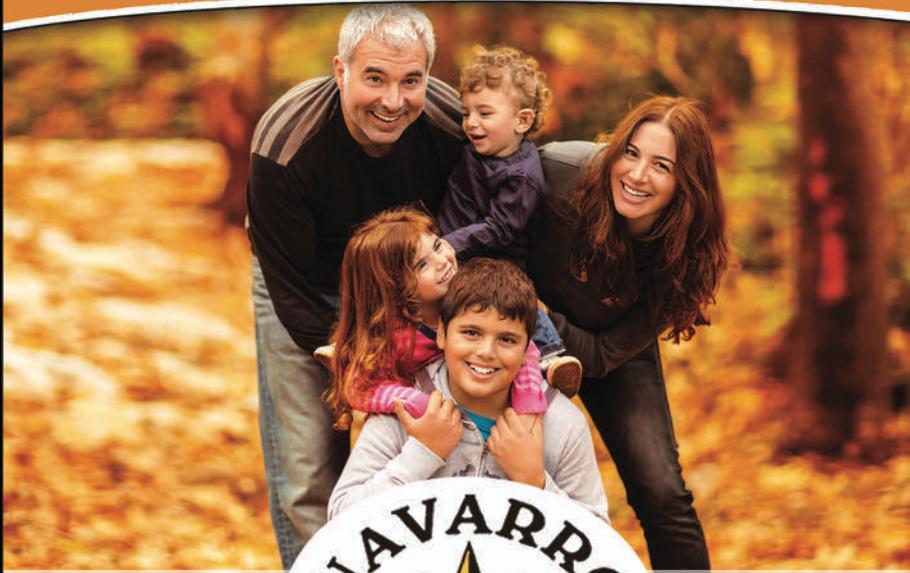
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Where Are They NOW?

Nic Shimonek

— By Virginia Riddle

Are you tuned to the Washington Redskins' games yet this fall? If so, you may be one of Nic Shimonek's hometown fans, cheering this quarterback wearing No. 2, onward. He's in a new chapter of his already great football career, which started at Mildred High School and continued at Texas Tech University. "Summer was great," Nic said. "The work began a week after I signed."

It's truly taken a village. "My parents, Kenny and Tresa Shimonek, and girlfriend, Kayla Wilkie, have been my rock," he added. "Mildred's Coach Harville and Tech's Coach Kingsbury are either a call or text away and are always willing to give sound advice. There's such a sense of community in Navarro County. The support I've received from everyone has been huge."

Nic's parents were there for him when he called them with the news he was walking away from a full-ride scholarship at the University of Iowa to walk on at Texas Tech, even though he couldn't play for a year. "They never for one second doubted me or my ability," Nic recalled.

Nic cites football as being more mental than physical in the NFL. "I spend hours a day and through the night studying film and the playbook. It's much more complex than anything I've experienced thus far. There's always a transition, both

mentally and physically from high school to college. But it's just much bigger and more focused on the mental aspect at this level."

Meetings and practices fill his time around practices. He watches his nutrition carefully and undergoes strength and conditioning workouts. Originally drafted by the Los Angeles Chargers, Nic is now with the Redskins. "Injuries and such happen, and coaches make changes daily," Tresa said.

Teammates and Nic participated in a Los Angeles Fortnite video game competition at Microsoft. A loss in the semi-finals still awarded \$2,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Corsicana.

Nic was invited to speak to Mildred Elementary School students. "I encouraged the students to dream big and not let anyone get in the way of accomplishing whatever that dream may be," he recalled. "Coming from a small school, my chances to play for a D1 university were slim, and my chances to make it to where I am today in the NFL, even more so.

"There are three steps to being successful I stressed to the students: Be respectful. Be confident, and outwork everyone. I've lived by these points, and they are a big reason I am where I am today. I hope this message was encouraging and motivating to them." **NOW**



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