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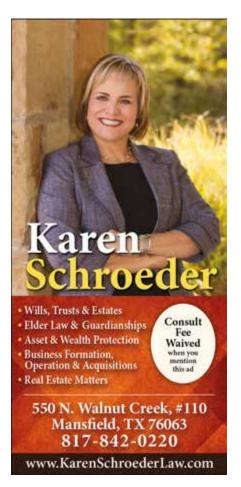
Tis the season for change. Plants that will produce a harvest in winter are transforming from babes to adolescents in October. Similarly, students who will take end-of-semester exams in the winter are sharpening their skills now. Families that will take much-needed breaks in winter have already reorganized routines and are entering the final leg of their race toward the finish line. Likewise, businesses are committing to decisions about budgets for their upcoming financial year.

This is the time of year when athletes move into high gear. They are already accustomed to pushing through the sweat and gritting their teeth to achieve their personal goals each time they exert their muscles. Now, their early morning workouts are a little more comfortable, since the sun comes up later and shines with somewhat less heat. Now, they are primed to exceed their personal bests and seek to set new records. Many runners are using this month to put themselves through their paces, practicing for upcoming virtual Turkey Trots to take place next month.

Throughout these transformative developments, this month's weather provides the year's most sublime 31 days. The crispness of fall brings out the spirit in livestock, pets and their humans. In fact, autumn is frequently people's favorite time of the year. The specialness of fall is manifest in softening temperatures, regreening leaves and grasses, spring-hatched chickens that are finally laying eggs, brighter blue skies and whiter white clouds as well as stronger evening and morning breezes. Let the beauty of this atmosphere refresh our minds and moods.

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In 1992, Sara's mom was murdered. "She did a lot of amazing things between being born again and dying," Sara said. "The biggest thing I've taken from her is this: Refuse to fail. Grow through it. Just refuse to fail. If I do fail, try again. Learn and come back stronger. You can wait. You can fight it through. I saw her do it." When Sara's life gets chaotic, she starts telling herself: You're not destitute. You've always got something to work with. You can do it.

After Sara finished public school exams, she went to Caribbean Christ For The Nations Institute, a Bible college in Jamaica. There, she met her husband, Eben Conner. They married when she was 21, after she pursued studies in Dallas and South Africa. About the time they moved to Mansfield, they became parents to Heaven, who has now graduated college and is living back at home while discovering her calling. Eleven years ago, the Conners' son, Landon, a medical miracle, was born. Now in sixth grade, Landon's talent with words invites intellectual conversations with his parents. Sara pours her heart and soul into her children, never forgetting lessons her mother taught her. "My mom did not give me breaks," she said. "You had to do your particular best at all times. And I require the same from my kids."

At Word of Truth Family Church, Sara oversees women's, children's, missions and outreach departments, while carrying out the vision and mission she and Eben have, "to know Christ and make him known." The children's ministry is her favorite. "It gives you the opportunity to be yourself, because children are very accepting. It's the best





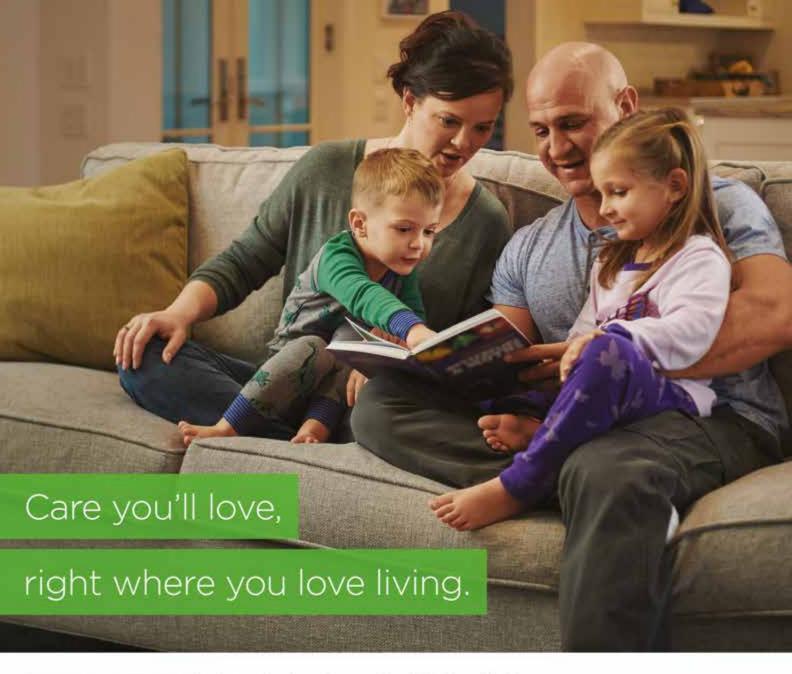
place to practice ministering the Gospel, because you have to be able to break it down in simple terms," Sara said. "And I like to play a lot, so with the children I can roll on the floor and carry on. That's the most suitable area of ministry for my personality."

This summer, she hosted her first Clarity Camp for Girls, an all-expense paid week of mentoring for girls between ninth and 12th grade. She taught on finances, public speaking, purpose, esteem, college and entrepreneurship. Sara will host a similar Clarity Camp for Boys in the fall, enlisting men who know how boys think to help reach these teens. "I want those boys to be like the good men I know," Sara said, listing eight men who mentor or have a heart to mentor boys at Word of Truth Family Church: "Senior Pastor Eben Conner; Darrel Pace; James Sharpe; Corey Brown; Sam Nix; Napolean Barnes; Chad Swaringen, the children's pastor; and Jonathan Calhoun, the youth pastor. When you have strong, good men and strong, good women you have a strong, good nation," Sara said.

These camps are making waves in the hearts of youth in the midst of a pandemic. The church moved to Webb Ferrell Road in April 2019, and they immediately activated a group that reaches out locally to help the homeless, provide needed services and promote the welfare of children in schools. Less than a year later, the pandemic began. This year, in addition to producing the two youth camps, Word of Truth Family Church financially helped members and non-members (both locally and in Jamaica), as well as local businesses, that were negatively affected by COVID-19. "God will always send people to support and help," Sara said. "My prayer is for Him to do for others what He did for me." NOW









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A financial advisor since 2009, Jeff's website provides a personable snapshot of the person behind the advice — a man who understands money and finance. "Two people, my grandfather and my pastor, were very influential in my life. As a teenager, I found myself listening to a radio program called Money Matters and reading books on financial planning. I can also remember my father and stepmother living paycheck to paycheck and my mother and stepfather living above their means. I helped each of them with budgeting and planning. God was working early in my life, preparing me to help people with money concerns," Jeff said.

While working for the company ranked No. 2 on the most recent "Best Places to work in Texas" list by Texas Monthly magazine, Jeff helps his clients live empowered lives. He listens to their concerns and then offers financial tools and investments solutions that meet their needs. "I want my clients to have choices in retirement and in life," he said.

Jeff prioritizes growing and learning. He's earned designations as a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor and an Accredited Asset Management Specialist, so that he can help clients create a plan, setting them up for success.

Since establishing this Edward Jones branch, he and his teammates, Financial Advisor lim Elder and Senior Branch Office Administrator Laura Clark, have frequently helped people handling difficult, emotionally charged financial situations. They help a lot of people through the aftermath of losing their spouse.

"I walk them through all the forms that need to be signed and filed. Only then do we know whether we need to find an attorney for probate. But it doesn't cost them any money when I'm doing this," Jeff said. Taking the time to care, and then go above and beyond, is all in his day's work.

Laura has served Edward Jones clients since joining the company in Hawaii 12 years ago. She supports every endeavor Jeff makes on behalf of his clients, whether they need insurance, an estate plan, credit cards or brokerage services.

In his personal life, Jeff is involved in Mansfield's Creekwood Church with his wife of 20 years, Valerie Trentham. A choir teacher at Grace Preparatory Academy, Valerie is blessed to have the Trenthams' two sons at the school with her. Levi is 15 and Luke is 13, and they often accompany their parents in outreach ministry. Volunteering within the local community and connecting with kids is very important to Jeff, who said, "I think kids need positive male role models, in addition to their parents."

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Zoomed In: Eddie Phillips

By Melissa Rawlins

It did not take long for Eddie Phillips to build the first tiny, temporary park in Mansfield's historic downtown. "While I'm working, placing these planters surrounding one big long bench, I'm thinking of people who stop and hang out," Eddie said. "We will also spend time here with folks who are enjoying this little open-air oasis underneath a pergola."

The idea for downtown parklets originated with retired local architect Dave Goodwin, the directors of Downtown Mansfield, Inc. (DMi) and Matt Jones, the director of planning for the city. The first parklet was made possible by a sizable donation from Panorama Antenna, a Mansfield company, and by the patience and support of Ann and Rob Smith. DMi selected Eddie as master craftsman for the first parklet because of his versatility and passion for quality.



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Around Town



Officer Koenig celebrates his first day of traffic duty at J.L. Boren Elementary School.



Retiring in August after 20 years of devoted service to Mansfield ISD, Liz Wright prepares her final grant check for the Education Foundation to give away.



The Forson family hangs out at Dirty Job Brewing with Sparky, the dog they rescued on July 4th.



Demetrius Simmons celebrates his 50th birthday, COVID style.



During the Beat the Texas Heat event, Nicole Simmons' State Farm Insurance Agency donated fans to seniors in need.



Jane Jones joins the happiness with triplets Cooper, Harlee and Savannah Verner (all age 8).









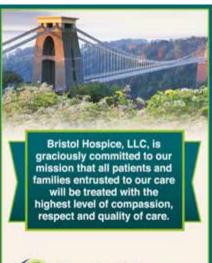


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A purest when it comes to desserts, Chris Noyes considers high-quality ingredients, for example pure cane sugar or real vanilla, essential for good desserts. She also doesn't eat dessert every day. "I think you enjoy dessert more when you have it less often," Chris said.

Since Greek food is one of her favorites to cook, and eat, she makes delectable baklava once a year — at Christmastime, to give to friends and family. Her spanakopita or tiropita are made only a few times a year. But she and her family eat the healthy, easy-to-prepare Greek salad, chicken and potatoes on a regular basis. "Food is my love language, to both give and receive," she said, "Maybe people who are staying home due to COVID-19 will enjoy cooking these Mediterranean recipes, and then eating food that tastes and feels more like a restaurant experience." NOW

Baklava

- 3 cups nuts (Use 1 cup each of 3 different kinds — almonds, walnuts, pecans, or pistachios)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 sticks butter, melted
- 1 16-oz. pkg. phyllo dough, thawed

- Syrup:
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup orange liqueur
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. orange blossom water
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp. ground cloves

- **1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. Place first 3 ingredients in a food processor; chop until ingredients are almost a fine powder (a few chunks of nuts are OK). Set aside.
- 2. Brush the bottom of an 11x7-inch glass baking dish with melted butter. Begin layering phyllo, one at a time, and brushing every single layer with butter. (You can cut phyllo to fit your dish before you begin, since phyllo comes in different sizes.)
- 3. Once you have 10 pieces of buttered phyllo in the dish, sprinkle nut mixture generously over the phyllo. Begin adding phyllo again, one sheet at a time, brushing each layer with butter. Work quickly but gently, brushing butter from the middle toward the outside. Once you have 7 pieces of buttered phyllo, add more of the nut mixture.
- 4. Make 4 layers of nut mixture and phyllo, ending with 7 sheets of phyllo on top. After all layers have been completed, using a very sharp knife, cut into 12 squares. Then cut the squares into triangles. Gently hold the phyllo while cutting to keep it in place. After cutting, place in the oven; bake 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown.

- 5. For syrup: While the baklava is baking, mix all ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat; stir constantly. Heat mixture to the point of almost boiling, but do not let it get to a rapid boil. Reduce heat; let it simmer while the baklava is baking, stirring frequently. The mixture should thicken to almost a syrupy consistency.
- **6.** When the baklava is done baking, remove from the oven; immediately spoon the syrup over the baklava. It will sizzle and caramelize a bit on the sides. Continue spooning to cover all of the baklava until all of syrup is used.
- **7.** Cool to room temperature. Cover with foil; place in the freezer. Baklava will be ready to cut and serve the following day. It is very important to freeze the baklava because this allows the syrup to crystalize and prevents the phyllo from being soggy.
- 8. Store the baklava in the freezer. Baklava is ready to eat within minutes of removing from the freezer.

Spanakopita

3 green onions 5 oz. fresh baby spinach 1/2 oz. fresh mint leaves 2 garlic cloves, crushed 1/4 cup lemon juice 1 cup feta cheese I egg white 8 oz phyllo dough, thawed 1/2 stick butter

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. Wash and trim the ends of the green onions. Cut into 2-3 smaller pieces; place them in a food processor.
- 3. Add the next 4 ingredients to the food processor; pulse continuously until all of the ingredients are minced together. Empty into a mixing bowl. Mix in the feta cheese; set aside.
- 4. Whisk egg white; work it into the spinach mixture.
- **5.** Place a small colander on top of a bowl. Pour the mixture into the colander; allow excess liquid to drain as you work with it filling phyllo dough.
- 6. Cut phyllo into strips that are long and about 2 to 2 1/2 inches wide.
- **7.** Work with 3 strips at a time. Place a heaping tsp. of the spinach mixture into the bottom right corner of the phyllo; fold the phyllo dough over into a triangle. Continue folding side to side in triangle form. (There are great tutorial videos online for folding phyllo into triangles).
- **8.** Brush both sides of completed triangles with butter and place about 1 inch apart on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Continue by repeating steps to fill phyllo and make triangles, working quickly.
- 9. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown.





Greek Chicken

1/4 cup lemon juice, freshly squeezed

1/4 cup olive oil

1 Tbsp. oregano

2 tsp. basil

I tsp. garlic powder

1/2 tsp. sea salt

1/2 tsp. black pepper

1/4 tsp. thyme

1/4 tsp. dill

I lb. chicken breasts, boneless and skinless

1. Whisk together the first 9 ingredients for the marinade. Pour over the chicken; marinate for 1-2 hours in the refrigerator. **2.** Grill or bake chicken until internal temperature is 160 F.

Greek Salad and Dressing

Dressing:

1 lemon

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

1/3 cup olive oil

2 garlic cloves, crushed

2 tsp. Dijon mustard

2 tsp. oregano

1 Tbsp. honey

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste



Salad:

I medium cucumber, cut into half-moons
I green bell pepper, cored and chopped
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1 pt. cherry tomatoes, halved

I cup Kalamata olives

1/2 medium red onion

6 oz. feta cheese

I. For dressing: Squeeze the juice from the lemon into a mason jar; add remaining ingredients. Mix well; store in the refrigerator. The dressing is best after it sits in the refrigerator for several hours or more. This can also be used as a marinade.

2. For salad: Add all ingredients, except the feta, to a bowl; toss in dressing. Gently mix in the feta.

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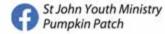
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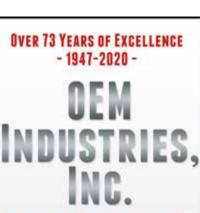
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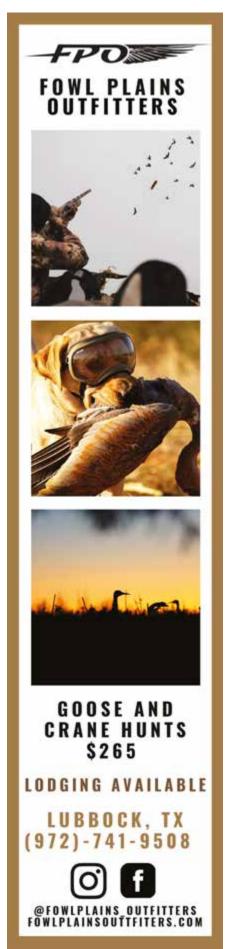


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OCTOBER

Through 10/31

Farmers Market:

Fresh, local, artisanal ... what more could foodies want? Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.-noon, Historic Mansfield, 703 E. Broad St. at Walnut Creek Dr. www.mansfieldtxfarmersmarket.com.

Through 11/7

Raise Your Racquet for Rae lean: Online silent auction, T-shirt

sales and donations thanking players for not playing this year. Benefits local food banks. Contact Angela Sexton, Mansfield Area Tennis

Association, to donate or learn about the event. asexton@ matatx.com or (817) 875-8764.

10/8

Mansfield Reads! 2020:

John Hart, author of The Last Child, will discuss the book, answer your questions and give away a signed copy of his new book, The Unwilling. Free. Facebook Live, 7:00 p.m. (817) 728-3690, mansfieldlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

10/15-10/31

Virtual Ghost Tour: The Mansfield Historical

Museum's annual ghost tour is free and virtual. Videos of historical characters telling ghost stories based on true events in Mansfield's history can be accessed at different sites around downtown. Maps will be available 24/7 on the museum's social media pages and website, www.mansfieldhistory.org. (817) 473-4250 or museum@ mansfieldtexas.gov.

10/24

Farr Best Paranormal Investigation:

Bring cameras and ghosthunting gear. \$38-\$40. 8:00 p.m.-midnight, Farr Best Theater, 109 N. Main St. rosalie.gilbert@ mansfieldtexas.gov or (817) 728-3383.

Wednesdays-**Mondays**

Dog Park:

City of Mansfield's new Mans Best Field is open for small and large canines. 5:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., 610 W. Broad St. (817) PAT-DOGS, www.mansbestfield.com

Submissions are welcome and published as space allows. Send your current event details to melissa.rawlins@nowmagazines.com.



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Across

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- 6 Shot on the ice
- 10 --- Lama
- 11 Switch off
- 12 Nonphysical
- 14 As well
- 15 Menu at the edge
- 17 Cyst
- 18 Trick
- 19 No later than
- 22 Outmoded
- EE COUNTO
- 23 Sassy
- 24 --- Rio, Texas
- 25 Take a -- it (Go for it!)
- 27 Frequently
- 30 "On top of that ..."
- 32 Female first name Ms. Minnelli rejected
- 33 S American republic is cold by the sound of it
- 34 Ultimate
- 35 Irritably impatient

Down

- 1 Prepare for publication
- 2 "Small" prefix
- 3 Voice below a soprano
- 4 He came between J A G and G C
- 5 Hollywood town?
- 6 Kind of row
- 7 Copious
- 8 Everyone except
- 9 Make happy
- 13 Cotton seed remover
- 16 Wine selection
- 17 See
- 19 Downs' partner
- 20 Mike ---, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" director
- 21 Inessentials
- 22 What shamuses do
- 24 Flatfish
- 26 Tiny biter
- 27 Elevating outfit?
- 28 Experienced
- 29 Small club, maybe
- 31 Much-used article

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Sudoku Puzzle

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General Election Date November 3, 2020

Early Voting October 13-30, 2020

At a young age I started stealing and continued down that path before being arrested in my teens. To this day I still remember sitting in that jail cell alone. There was no one there but me and my thoughts. I came to realize later what God was showing me. This is the life you are going to have if you do not stop. When my students tell me "I do not understand things they've been through," I can tell them I understand completely, and why I understand. I can show them that choices made as children or teens

As elected officials we can use our positions to make a world of difference in our communities. It took me a long time to become 'unhardened' after being molested during my childhood. I never used to cry, but now I shed tears for these families and their unfortunate circumstances. I want these kids to have the same opportunities to fulfill their dreams as I had. This is not about being an elected official for me, it is about People Over Politics.



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Crossword Sudoku Solutions

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A great place to live I

Vibrant, growing cities will naturally attract restaurants, service providers and other retail developments that we all enjoy. I will also encourage city management to work with our Economic Development Corporation to actively pursue "clean" commercial companies to occupy our large amounts of undeveloped industrial land. This will help lower the tax burden for our citizens.

A great place to learn

I believe the city's strategic partnership with the Mansfield ISD is significant and has paid great dividends. My previous experience as School Board President, and the relationships I have developed, will help to continue this vital relationship. I will also continue to promote and build our relationship with Tarrant County College, which brings highly skilled citizens to our area that relocating corporations demand.

A great place to play

I will continue to encourage our City Manager and Staff to forge ahead with expanding our parks and recreation system. I will advocate for growth that includes robust downtown activities and recreation venues that are fun and inviting for the whole family. I support more opportunities for citizens to enjoy the beautiful landscape that is Mansfield Texas "Tree City" USA.

-1988 UT Arlington B.A. Political Science

Military Service:

1991 Commissioned Officer United States Navy

Graduate School:

-1991 Texas Christian University (Brite Divinity School) Master of Divinity

Post Graduate:

-2009 Baylor University (Truett Theological Seminary) Doctor of Ministry

Community Boards:

- -2007 2017 MISD School Board Member. President for 2 Terms.
- -2008 President of Historic West Mansfield Texas **Community Development Corporation** (Bethlehem's Pioneer Place)
- -2016 Present Texas Commission on Law **Enforcement Advisory Board**
- -2017 Present Tarrant County College Board of Trustees
- -2020 Baylor University Board of Regents (Audit-Finance Committee)

Awards and Accomplishments:

- -Master Board Member (Texas Assoc. of School Boards)
- -Mansfield Texas Wall of Honor
- -Senior Pastor Bethlehem Baptist Church 1991

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