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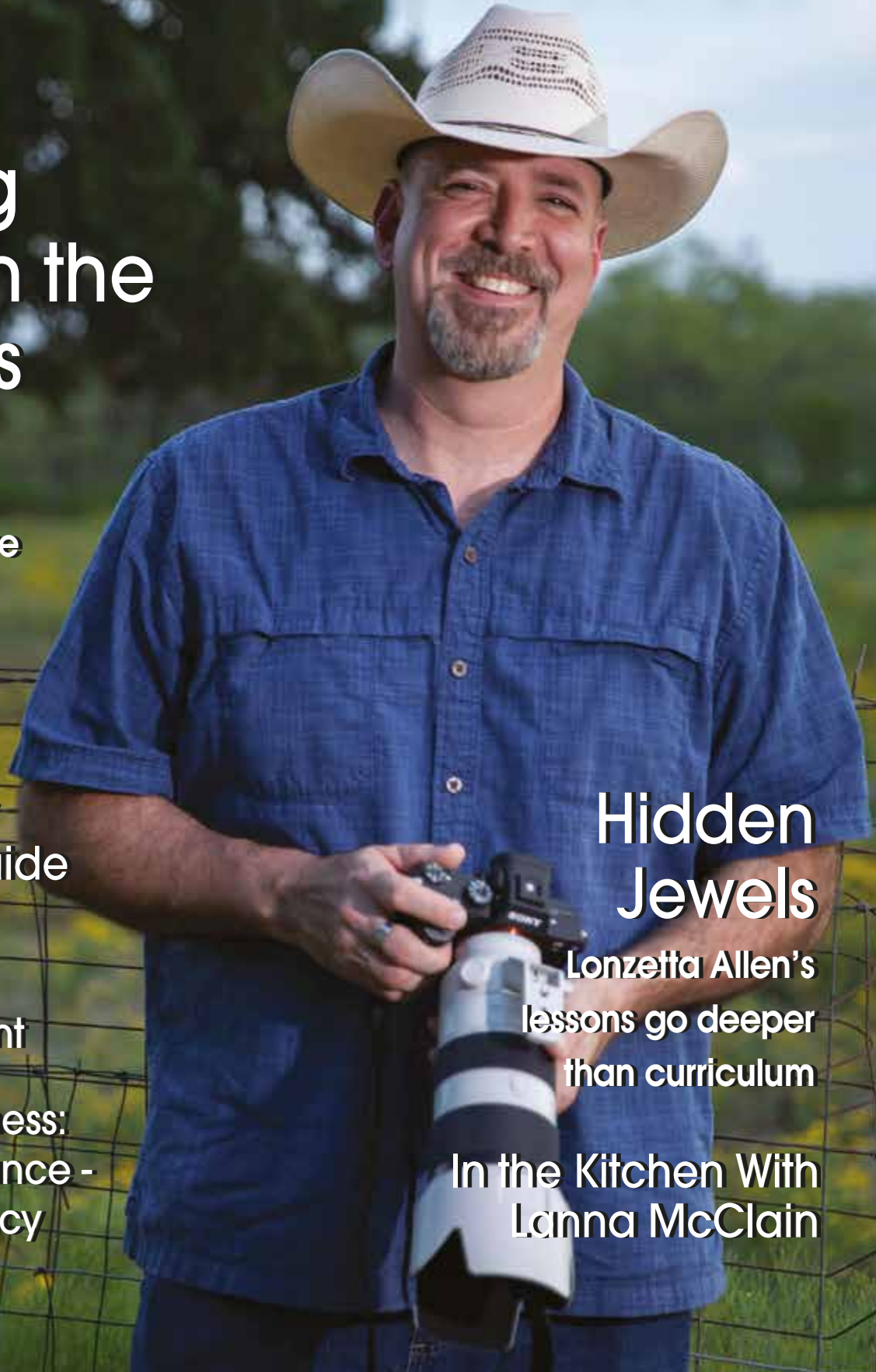
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*Hello, Burlson!*

This month, I get to introduce a new face to your neighborhood — but not utterly new. When I began freelance writing for NOW Magazines in 2012, I had the privilege of meeting and writing about many people in Burlson. Over the last year or so, I again had the honor of receiving assignments for this magazine, working alongside Melissa and Rick. I've been a community editor for other NOW markets since 2015, and now, I am thrilled to work in this lovely town. I know a few people because I lead a writing group here, but I look forward to meeting many of you and becoming a familiar face in Burlson. I appreciate any leads you want to send me and will use them if possible.

That said — I couldn't ignore the best parts of this month. Of course, our minds tend to savor thoughts of Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. What better way to celebrate all month long than to consider creating a gratitude journal? Imagine beginning every morning thinking and jotting down at least one thing that makes you thankful — if you're like me, sticking with only one thing seems almost impossible.

I'm most grateful for living in a free country. Even with challenges, we still have incredible opportunities to make life better for our families and ourselves. And lest we forget, freedom costs. All gave some, and some gave all. Honor our veterans this month. When you see one, thank him or her personally — mean it genuinely. And don't forget to thank their families, too.

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— By Rick Mauch

*Life just looks better with good pictures. At least that's Thomas Lopez's view. Thomas and fellow photography enthusiasts in the Burleson Camera Club are doing their best to help others see it that way.*

Thomas founded the BCC in January 2017. Having known of such clubs in surrounding cities of Fort Worth and Cleburne and seeing there was not one in his hometown, he decided it was time to get one started.

"I didn't see any clubs in Burleson, and I just wanted to see how it would go over," he said. "I was surprised — still am — by the response we got."

"We" was himself, his wife, Becky, and daughter, Desirae, now 15 and a leader of the video side of the club. After posting of the club on social media, membership quickly grew to about 35 in a very short time. Now, there are about 155 members, ranging in age from 15 to their mid-60s. Not all attend regular meetings, but they share their enthusiasm and work with others on the club's Facebook page.

"We were having meetings at the Burleson Police Department, and when it got up to about 30, 35 people I realized we had something special. That was only after about a month or a month-and-a-half. I still get requests to join from about two or three people a week on Facebook," Thomas said.

"I found out through someone else. She told me about it, and I joined right away," said Andy Forsythe, one of the club's first members.

Andy said he believes one reason so many want to join is that the technology in cell phones and tablets can make almost anyone feel like a photographer. Of course, there is a big difference between cell phone photographers and professionals, but he admitted one can fall in love with photography that way. "It allows you to experience that feeling of getting a good shot," Andy said.

"They (cell phones) can take pretty good shots, but it does have its limitations," Thomas added. That's where the BCC comes in. You don't have to be a professional photographer — or have any photography experience at all, for that matter — to join. You must simply answer a few questions about what your favorite type of photography is and why you are interested in photography.

For example, Shemika Schatte said she loves shooting fine art portraits. "I'm very much like an old soul," she shared. "I feel like it tells a story, and with fine art, it's more dramatic."

Lena Leath prefers landscapes and night photography. One of her favorite photos is a self-portrait, a silhouette of her and her husband kissing under the backdrop of the Milky Way. "I enjoy being out at night under the Milky Way. Capturing the Milky Way was a challenge at first," she said.

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"The main thing is we just love photography, and the more people who share that love, the better," Andy said. Andy also enjoys landscape photography and often escapes to Fredericksburg for the photo opportunities.

Like many young people, Desirae has gravitated to the video side of the art. "I grew up with the technology of YouTube and such, and I got interested in how people on there use their cameras," she said. "Then a teacher asked us (her and some friends) to do a project. I was the only one who had any previous experience. It was fun, and I decided I wanted to do some more."

Desirae is a sophomore at Nazarene Christian Academy in Crowley. Thomas photographs her school's sports teams, as sports action is his favorite form of photography.

Not everyone comes to the club with prior experience. Many join simply to learn about photography. "I love helping beginners," Shemika said. "We help them pick out a camera. You don't have to be where we are to join. We accept mom-tographers (mothers who love to photograph their children and family) and beginners. You can pretty much have just bought your camera and come from the store to join us."

The hobby can be expensive, but the group agreed that individuals must determine how much or how little they choose to spend. To help individuals make the right decisions prior to making a large investment, the club offers "photo walks."

Lena suggested the walks, which are outings where those considering joining the club can take pictures and "get a feel" for photography. "We just get a





bunch of people together and go for a walk, taking photos,” she said. “It’s as simple as that, but it gets people excited about getting out in nature and taking pictures. We have people who want to get out in the community to help our club grow even more, and this is a great way to get the community involved.”

Thomas has been speaking with people in clubs in Fort Worth and Cleburne about a joint venture. “We’ll see how it all plays out, but I think it would be a lot of fun,” he said.

Other ideas include free photo shoots, including families and children, and providing portraits for those who cannot otherwise afford them, such as at a shelter. Thomas said, “Whatever we can come up with to get involved in the community would be great.”

Several members have entered contests sponsored by the clubs in Cleburne and Fort Worth. Shemika entered a worldwide competition called Shoot & Share, reaching the top 10 percent of finalists with one of her photos.

The club is considering hosting its own contest in the future, Lena said. “We’re working up to that.”

Some, such as Lena, have sold some of their work, and she sees opportunities to do more. “We could reach out to local coffee shops and places. It would be nice decorations on their walls until they sell,” she said. “We have a lot to offer the community, and we definitely want to share our talents.” **NOW**

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As a psychology professor at Hill College since 2012, she doesn't see herself as more deserving than any other instructor at the college. "It was an honor for me even to be recommended," she said. "To be recognized among teachers across the state was truly a great honor."

Although she earned a bachelor's degree in business before completing her master's in counseling, she knew early on that she wanted to work in education. "I grew up in East Texas, and I didn't want to work in a factory," she admitted. Her goal to become a counselor rose from personal high school experience. A counselor told her parents she shouldn't go to college — that she should attend tech school instead.

Lonzetta's heart wouldn't let her believe those negative words. Instead, they fueled her to become a counselor and encourage students instead of discouraging them. "I enjoy helping students," she said. "It's crucial that we educate them, and everyone who wants an education should be able to get one. There are so many ways to take higher education classes."

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— By Lisa Bell



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Instructing part time, Lonzetta embraces technology, teaching online classes as well as those on-site. In the classroom, rather than forbid phones, she helps students use them for learning. Of course, if she catches them on Facebook, she addresses it quickly. "Students have so much information available to them, but they don't use it for education," she explained. Helping them know where to look and what to trust as factual has become part of her teaching methods.

"I teach students before curriculum," Lonzetta said. Relying on curriculum provides some of the classwork, but this instructor likes to go deeper, encouraging the ability to think creatively. She wants to see students build a skill set for future jobs that may not currently exist, which requires education beyond textbooks.

In addition to teaching, Lonzetta serves as the director for the Institution for Education Excellence. Through this organization and the National Society for Leadership, she encourages students to reach for their maximum potential and helps develop leadership skills. Starting with middle school age students, educators and parents need to recognize potential leaders and help them grow in those areas, she stressed. "Burleson has very gifted, excited young people who can make a difference in the world," she said. "We should teach them all we can."

The vibrant woman loves teaching at the college level, especially for a





hidden treasure like Hill College. The school matches her vision and mission, so when she received a call, she didn't hesitate to accept the position. She enjoys working with the students as they learn to think for themselves, understand their beliefs, strengths and weaknesses. "We're blessed as instructors when we get those who have it together," she said, admitting many times that isn't the case. "College is fun and should be the best time of their lives. It is a time to grow and blossom."

While she loves the energy on campus, Lonzetta also embraces alternate teaching methods. A big proponent of dual credit, she appreciates the way it saves time and money for the students. She is concerned whether all students will be mature enough when they enter the workforce while still developing psychologically. "Time will tell," she said.

Nevertheless, she appreciates the way the city, school district and Hill College all work together in the best interest of the students. "They are an example for all municipalities. There are so many leaders waiting to be developed," she said. "Not only young people, but also those returning to school. Hill College is a hidden jewel in Burleson. Embrace it."

Lonzetta knows many of her students are also hidden jewels. The influence they will have on the future lies untapped just below the surface, waiting to be revealed. "College students have ideas," she said, citing many large corporations and products launched by students. "Their potential is unlimited." As a professor, Lonzetta is eager to see the hidden jewels that will emerge from the community's secret treasure. **NOW**

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"I love helping people. I get to know people and their

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Bruce started the King Agency 30 years ago. Thirteen years back, they moved from their location just off Alsbury to their current location, 121 NE Johnson Ave., one of Burleson's oldest houses according to Bruce. Sara took over when her father retired in November of 2017.

**"I love helping people. I get to know people and their families."**

Sara was born and raised in Burleson, just like her parents. She graduated from Burleson High School in 1995 and attended Texas Tech University. And while Sara admits that she is following a legend, it's something she's perfectly comfortable with.

"From the beginning for me, it was just helping people. I'm a helper," she said. "What a blessing it was for me to work alongside him for so long and to learn so much."

Sara has four full-time employees, Alisha Hargrove, Cassidy Lay, Tori McGraw and Caleb Dees. Her daughter, Sidni King, 20, works part time. She also has a son, Iverson Moore, 14, and two brothers, Seth and Shane. Seth, in fact, may be joining her in the business.

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A quick look at the gift items and discounts available locally.



The graphic features a light blue background with falling snowflakes and stylized evergreen trees. A red banner at the top reads 'OLD TOWN CHRISTMAS'. Below it, three blue boxes list the event schedule for three Saturdays in December. At the bottom right is the Old Town Business Association logo.

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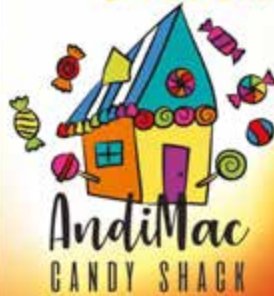
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## Zoomed In: Joseph Walker

By Lisa Bell

In May 2019, Joseph Walker received his 9th Degree Black Belt at the annual International Shuri-Ryu Association seminar in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Only one of 13 Chief Instructors for their style, he numbers among four living people to attain this rank. As a child in the 1960s, Joseph saw a show where the bad guys used martial arts. "That introduced me to the concept," he shared.

He planned to join the military someday, and in his 6-year-old mind, he thought knowing Judo and Karate would be good for a soldier. "I said it often enough I guess my parents got tired of hearing it and signed me up," he joked. Although he never served in the military, Joseph uses his skills daily as he teaches others.



Travis Sherlock proudly wears his Super Texas T-shirt.



Lucy Eades and her family win a family 5-pack in the BurlesonNOW State Fair of Texas ticket giveaway.



Brandy Graham, owner of Vitality Wellness & Aesthetics celebrates her ribbon cutting with the Burleson Chamber of Commerce.



Andrew Howard is a proud Grambling fan.



Brothers-in-law Roberto Dominguez and Jose Hernandez take a break from ranch work.



Mady Askins smiles as she greets customers at the H-E-B floral department.



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LANNA MCCLAIN

— By Rick Mauch



For Lanna McClain, the Easy Bake Oven was more than a toy. It was a gateway to being the cook she is today. “I even remember going with my Brownie troop to downtown Odessa, and the Texas Electric building had a kitchen setup. We had a cooking class with our mothers,” Lanna recalled. “I especially remember being in my mother’s kitchen on a cold, snowy December morning with the fireplace going. We were up early making cinnamon rolls.”

Today, Lanna, a physician at Cook Children’s Hospital, has a lot of folks anticipating her cooking, especially family. Cutout cookies are a family tradition that continues today, even though her children are all grown. “Like my mother always said, ‘Things just taste better when they’re made just for you with love,’” Lanna said. “I think that’s what makes someone a good cook.” **NOW**

### Cinnamon Roll Coffee Cake

*This recipe is easy, but just as warm and cozy as waking up to your grandma’s cinnamon rolls.*

*Cake:*

**3 cups flour**  
**1/4 tsp. salt**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**4 tsp. baking powder**

**1 1/2 cups milk**  
**2 eggs**  
**2 tsp. vanilla**  
**1/2 cup butter, melted**

*Topping:*

**1 cup butter, softened**  
**1 cup brown sugar**  
**2 Tbsp. flour**  
**1 Tbsp. cinnamon**

*Glaze:*

**2 cups powdered sugar**  
**5 Tbsp. milk**  
**1 tsp. vanilla**

- 1. For cake:** Mix together all cake ingredients, except for the butter.
- 2.** Slowly stir in the melted butter; pour batter into a greased 9x13-inch pan.
- 3. For the topping:** Mix all the topping ingredients together until well combined. Drop evenly over the batter; swirl with a knife.
- 4.** Bake at 350 F for 28-32 minutes.
- 5. For glaze:** Thoroughly combine all glaze ingredients. Drizzle glaze over warm cake.

### Fun and Easy Cookie Cutter Recipe

**1 cup unsalted butter, softened**  
**2/3 cup sugar**  
**1 egg**  
**1 tsp. vanilla**  
**1/2 tsp. salt**  
**2 1/2 cups sifted flour**

1. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients; mix until well blended.
2. Chill dough for 3-4 hours before rolling.
3. Preheat oven to 350 F
4. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4-inch thickness; cut with your favorite cookie cutter. Transfer cookies onto cookie sheets that have been lined with parchment paper or silicone liners.
5. Bake about 8-10 minutes, or until lightly golden. Let cookies cool slightly on cookie sheet; transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
6. Decorate with buttercream frosting, royal icing or eat plain.

## Buttercream Frosting

- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 2 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 3 Tbsp. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Food coloring (optional)

1. Melt the butter; add sugar, milk and vanilla.
2. Beat until smooth. Add food coloring, if desired, and mix thoroughly.

## Royal Icing

- 1 lb. confectioners' sugar
- 3 Tbsp. meringue powder
- 6 Tbsp. warm water

1. Combine all ingredients. Mix on medium speed for 5 minutes.
2. This recipe makes icing the right consistency for piping. For flooding, add water, a little at a time, to achieve a pourable consistency, like a heavy cream.

## Holiday Breakfast Casserole

- 1 16-oz. can jumbo buttermilk biscuits
- 1 lb. breakfast sausage, cooked and crumbled
- 2 cups Colby and Monterey Jack cheeses, shredded
- 6 large eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 2.75-oz. pkt. country sausage gravy
- 2 cups water

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Cut each biscuit into eighths (like a pie). Line the bottom of the pan with the biscuits.
3. Sprinkle cooked sausage evenly over biscuits; sprinkle shredded cheese evenly over top.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs

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and milk for 2 minutes; season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over the cheese layer.

**5.** In a medium bowl, combine packet of gravy mix with water; whisk until combined. Pour gravy over egg mixture.

**6.** Cover; bake for about 45-55 minutes. Slice and serve. Perfect before the parade or football games.

## Broccoli Chili Cheese Soup

**2 1/2 cups small broccoli florets, steamed**  
**2 Tbsp. butter, for sautéing vegetables**

**1/2 cup yellow onions, chopped**  
**1/2 cup celery, chopped**  
**1 brick Velveeta cheese, cut into 2-inch squares (regular/Mexican/queso blanco)**  
**1 10.5-oz. can condensed cream of celery soup**  
**1 10.5-oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup**  
**1 10.5-oz. can condensed cream of broccoli soup**  
**4 cups milk, 2% or whole**  
**1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel Diced Tomatoes and Green Chilies, mild or hot**

- 1.** Steam broccoli; set aside.
- 2.** Melt 1 Tbsp. of butter; sauté the onions. Set aside. Melt remaining butter; sauté the celery.
- 3.** In a large soup pot over medium heat, add Velveeta squares, melting slowly while stirring to avoid scorching.
- 4.** Add soups and milk; gradually mix.
- 5.** Once cheese is melted, add vegetables and Ro-Tel.
- 6.** Serve warm with cornbread, tortillas or your family's favorite chips.

## Southern Layered Salad

*It's Southern, so you can put as many layers as y'all want! Feel free to add to or take away.*

**1/2 head lettuce, chopped**  
**1/2 red onion, sliced in rings**  
**6 hard-boiled eggs, sliced**  
**1 pkg. frozen English peas**  
**1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped**  
**1 cucumber, halved, seeded and chopped**  
**1 cup celery, chopped**  
**1 cup real mayonnaise**  
**3 Tbsp. sugar**  
**1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese**  
**8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled**  
**1/2 cup green onions, chopped**

- 1.** Rinse, dry and chop lettuce. Place half of the lettuce in the bottom of a trifle bowl or other large, clear serving bowl.
- 2.** Top with layers of onion, hard boiled eggs, peas, bell pepper, cucumber and celery. Top with reserved lettuce.
- 3.** Spread mayonnaise on top; sprinkle with sugar.
- 4.** Sprinkle cheese and bacon on top; garnish with chopped green onions.
- 5.** Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate for at least six hours.
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— By *Lori Altebaumer*

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First inhabited by the Cherokee Indians, Black Mountain has been attracting people seeking rest and refreshment since the early 1800s. Visitors today find this village still thriving in small-town American charm and friendliness. Voted one of the “Prettiest Small Towns in America to Vacation” by TripAdvisor, Black Mountain does not disappoint.

From the 18-hole golf course, three breweries, more than 35 restaurants and upscale gift shops, galleries and

Appalachian-style craft stores too numerous to mention, there’s plenty to see and do around town. Wander among the nostalgic shops lining the pristine streets, where pedestrians still have the right-of-way. Pause to relax in one of the rocking chairs, hand-painted by local artisans and scattered along the sidewalks, as you take in the beautiful landscaping on the town square.

Feeling refreshed and ready to explore? Take a short drive and hop on the Blue Ridge Parkway. This scenic highway winds through towering spruce trees and dense growths of mountain laurel. Roll the windows down and inhale the fresh air, but watch out for wildlife. The turkeys along the roadside seem calmly oblivious to the danger of passing cars on the often-narrow road.

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The abundance of hiking trails for all skill levels offer hours of exploration for those inclined to an outdoor challenge or adventure. Chimney Rock Park and the beautiful Lake Lure are just 30 miles east of Black Mountain. The park offers miles of high-rock hiking trails and waterfalls. It's also the location for filming the movie, *The Last of the Mohicans*. Another short drive takes you to the Nantahala River, where you can experience rafting over Class III whitewater at Nantahala Falls or spend your day fly-fishing.

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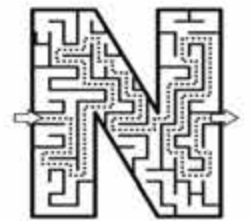
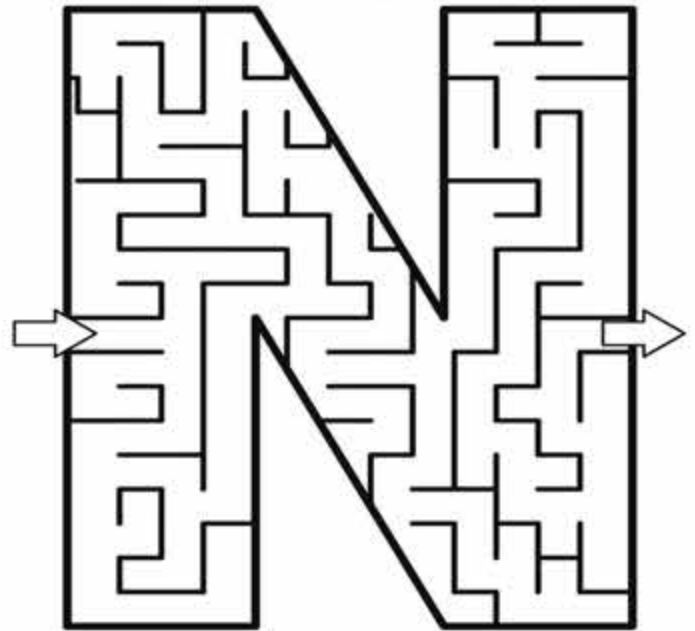
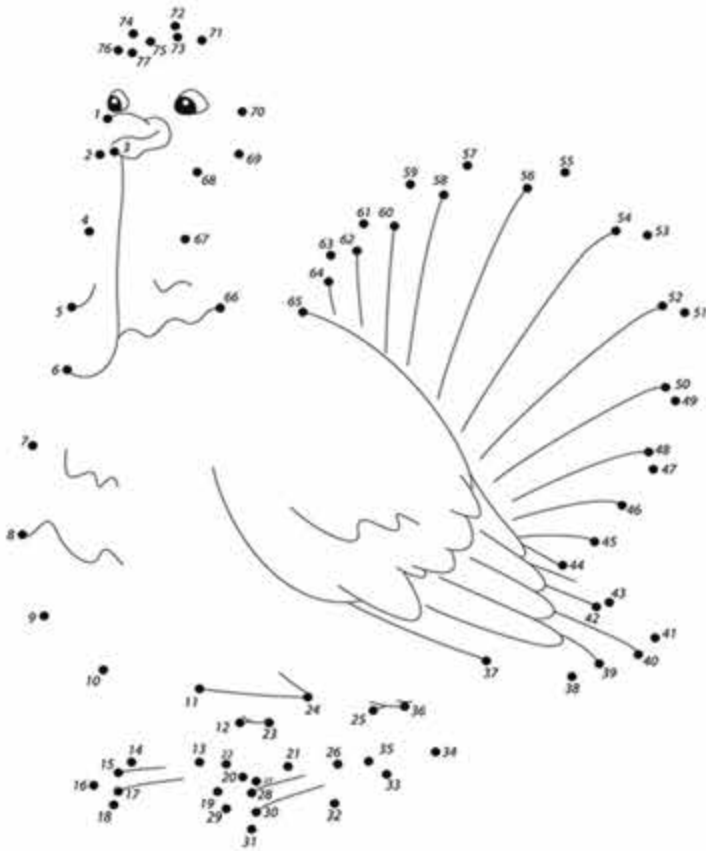


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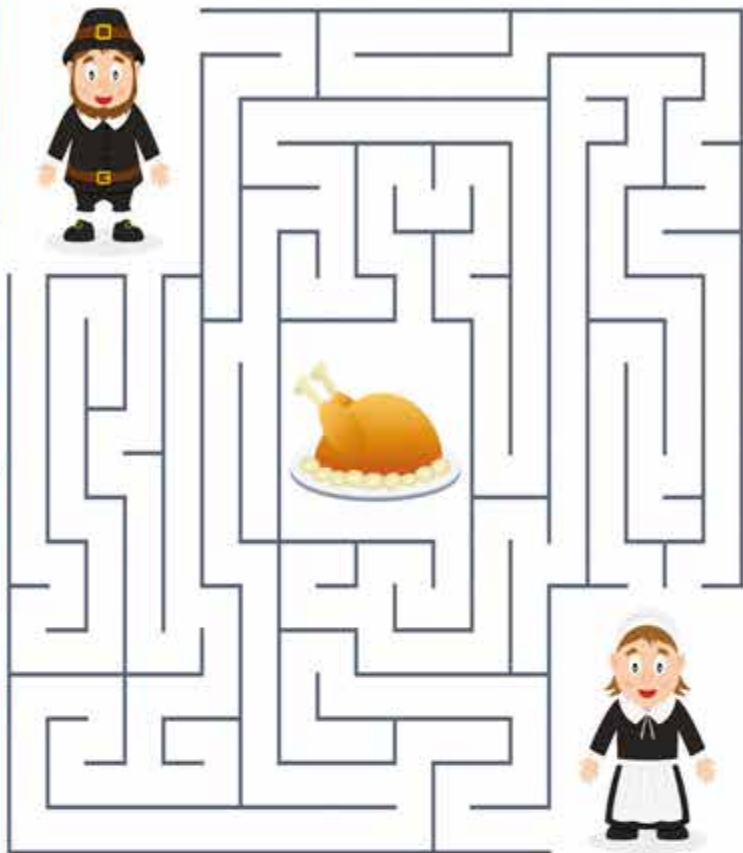
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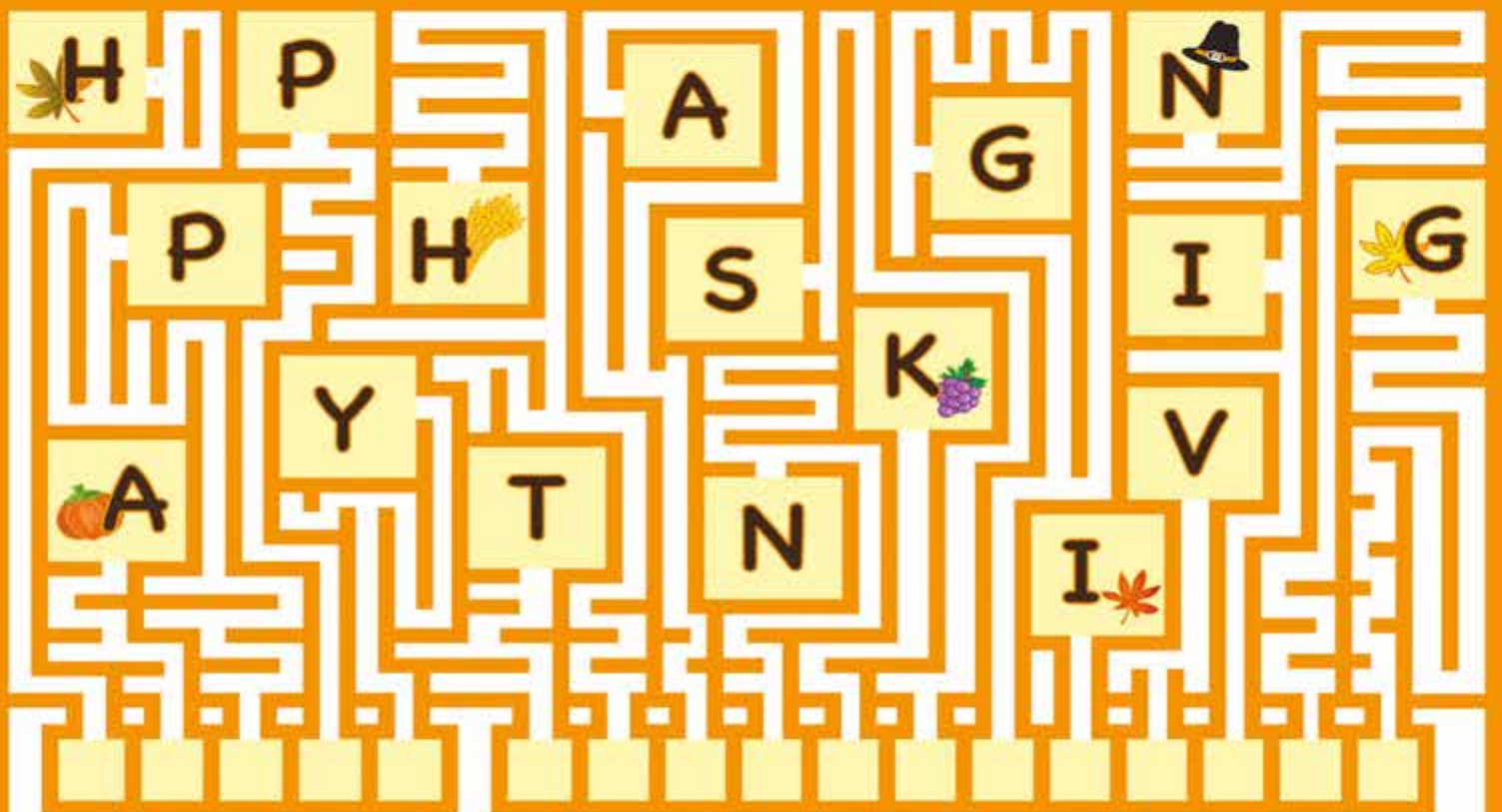
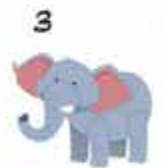
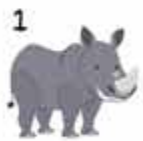
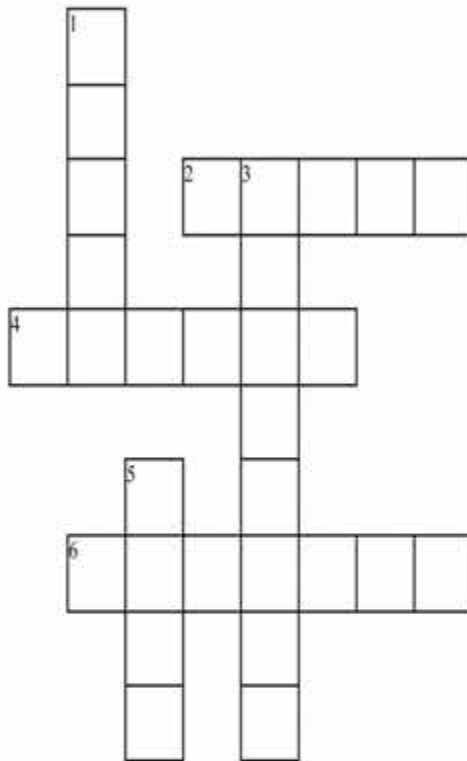


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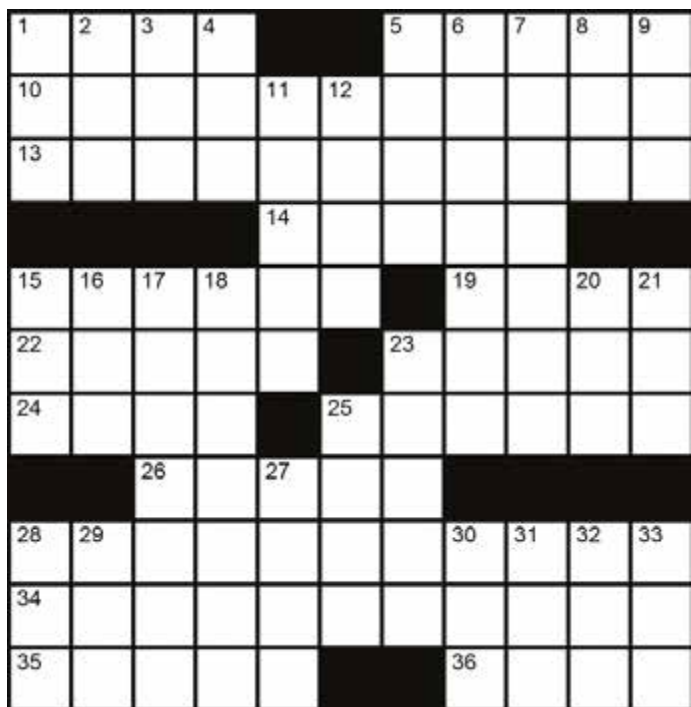
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## Across

- 1 Biblical homicide victim
- 5 Iraqi port
- 10 Double-check
- 13 Forewarning
- 14 Watch
- 15 Fumed
- 19 Pervading air
- 22 "... but I could be wrong"
- 23 --- firma
- 24 Software trial version
- 25 What a parade does
- 26 Set of moral principles
- 28 Graveyard of Empires
- 34 Agree
- 35 Groups of animals
- 36 Round, red root vegetable

## Down

- 1 Stage equipment
- 2 Ingot
- 3 Supplement
- 4 Moon lander
- 5 Place of confinement
- 6 Now and again
- 7 St. Elmo is their patron
- 8 City it can be blamed on?
- 9 Raggedy one
- 11 Lust after
- 12 Lady of "Idylls of the King"
- 15 Move up and down
- 16 Metal-bearing mineral
- 17 Natural number
- 18 Hated big-time
- 20 Globe
- 21 Eight hours, to most workers
- 23 Implied
- 25 Turpentine source
- 27 Fort --- State University, Kansas
- 28 Powdery residue
- 29 Sum charged
- 30 Weep
- 31 Golfer's peg
- 32 Affirmative vote
- 33 Open mesh fabric

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### **Annual Community Harvest:**

Hosted by Cahill UMC, the event features a country store with homemade goodies, barbecue lunch by donation only, churchwide garage sale and live auction. Fun for all. 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 8501 E. FM 917, Alvarado, TX 76009. [www.cahillumc.com](http://www.cahillumc.com).

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9th annual event supports local organizations. Noon-10:00 p.m., Burleson Old Town. Burleson Wine and Beer Crawl on Facebook or [www.burlesonwinecrawl.com](http://www.burlesonwinecrawl.com).

11/11

### **Burleson Area Retired School Employees Association:**

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11/16

### **Craft Fair:**

Hosted by Mariposa Senior Crafters. Plenty of handmade items make perfect Christmas gifts. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 155 Elk Dr. Contact Pat Sartori by text at (817) 876-4928.

11/19

### **Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary:**

This organization supports the Johnson County Salvation Army and is open to ladies from all communities within the county. 10:00-11:30 a.m., Rio Bravo, 1940 SW Wilshire Blvd.

### **How to Finance a Small Business:**

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### **Medicare Made Clear:**

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Mondays

### **Burleson Toastmasters Club:**

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### **Second Mondays**

### **Burleson ISD Board Meeting:**

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### **Roots & Branches Genealogy Club:**

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### **Second Wednesdays**

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### **Second Thursdays**

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### **Fridays**

#### **Rotary Club (Morning):**

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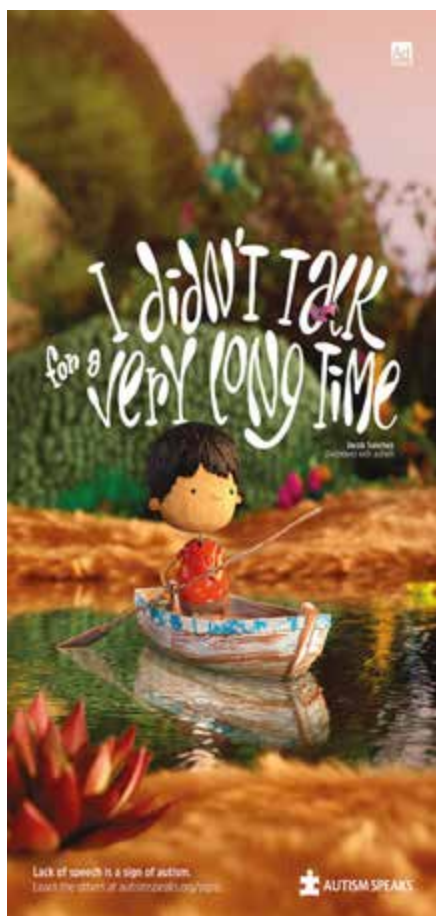
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1	A	B	E	L		5	B	A	S	R	A
10	M	A	K	E	C	E	R	T	A	I	N
13	P	R	E	M	O	N	I	T	I	O	N
					14	V	I	G	I	L	
15	B	O	I	L	E	D		19	M	O	O
22	O	R	N	O	T		23	T	E	R	R
24	B	E	T	A		25	P	A	S	S	B
			26	E	T	27	H	I	C		
28	A	F	G	H	A	N	I	S	T	A	N
34	S	E	E	E	Y	E	T	O	E	E	E
35	H	E	R	D	S		36	B	E	E	T

Easy

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

Medium

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

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