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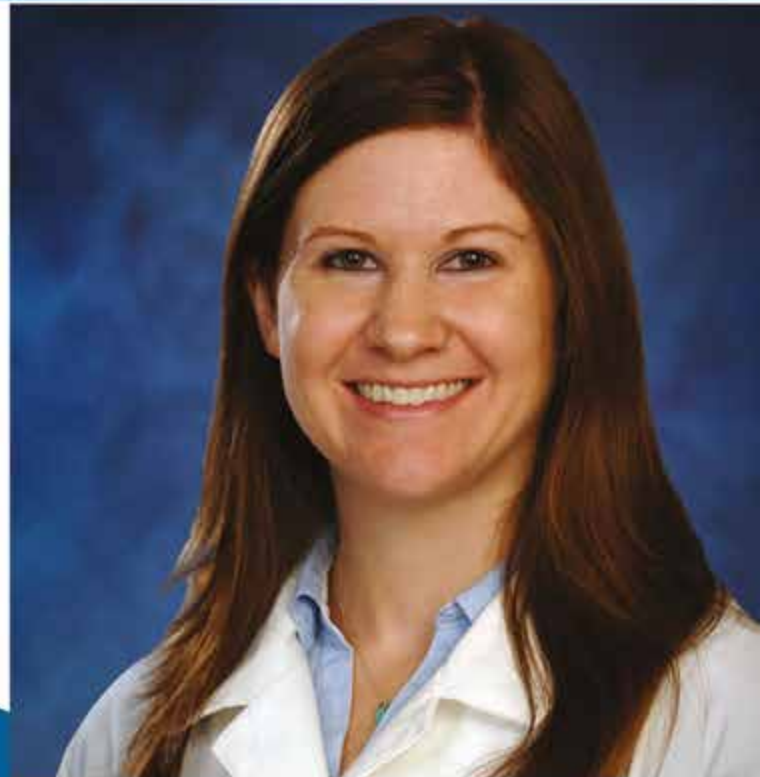
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*Happy Holidays!*

Thanksgiving is only a hair's breadth away, y'all. I was in a local craft store last July, and behold, there were all the makings of fall and Christmas holiday decorations and gifts. Just proves there is Christmas in July, at least for crafters. Enjoy your family's gatherings this holiday season.

This Thanksgiving, my family will be celebrating my parents' lives with a belated All Soul's Day with *Día de los Muertos* flavor. Both traditions are ancient — the first dating to 998 A.D., and the latter was practiced by the Aztec Empire before the Spaniards landed in Central America. The Chinese also celebrate similarly, and since my dad served in the U.S. Army in China and Formosa during WWII, I've incorporated some of their traditions in celebrating his life after his passing.

As some of you know, my mother passed away last January at the age of 93. We're gathering to celebrate her life with her favorite foods, fun memories and tons of fellowship. We'll dedicate her and my dad's recently installed grave markers. It'll be new Thanksgiving memories made while celebrating my parents' well-lived lives, surrounded by my children and grandchildren. Nights will be spent playing with Mother's favorite games and puzzles, as well as dining table "discussions" late into every night. (My husband calls them "arguments," but nearly everyone in my family is a lawyer!)

As winds start howling with a chill this month, curl up with a great read from your public library. Nothing's better than a snuggle with a pet or child while sharing a chance to read.

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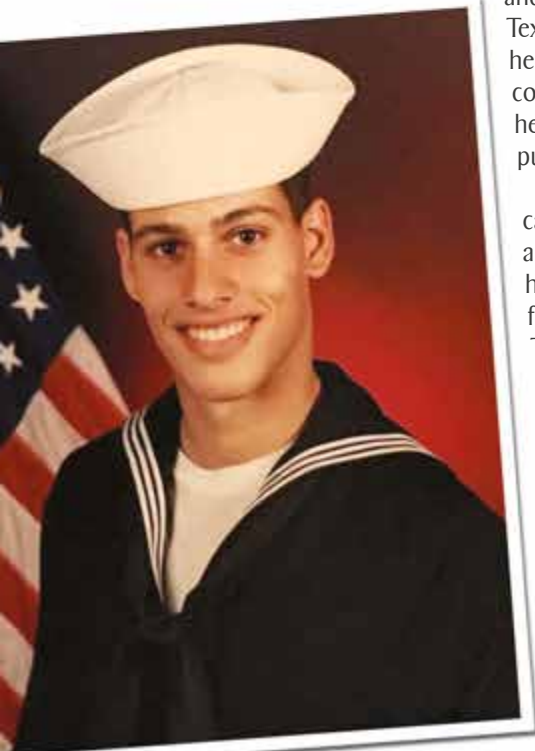
— By Virginia Riddle

*Some people don't have to worry about what they will wear to work tomorrow, but at the end of the day, William Grauzer wears the Texas Tan in his role as a Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol trooper assigned to Navarro County and wears U.S. Army camouflage when he's in his role as an Army drill sergeant. "Both jobs provide protection and service to Texans, Texas visitors and all Americans," he said. "I'm proud to serve."*

Similarities in the two jobs abound. "I get to positively motivate, educate and interact with people from different areas." Trooper Grauzer said, "Every experience is a learning opportunity, and I go to places I never thought I would go. Both jobs have a chain of command with rules and regulations to follow. I have to multitask, be proactive and physically and mentally ready for the unexpected."

A DPS trooper for nine years, he investigates vehicular crashes and works traffic enforcement and criminal investigations anywhere in Texas. Trooper Grauzer also serves as DPS' North Texas Region law enforcement physical fitness specialist, traveling throughout the region helping officers stay mentally and physically fit through proper nutrition and exercise. "I get to communicate with other troopers, find helpful resources and make physical fitness a blast," he explained. In addition to his duties as a physical fitness specialist, he also writes, edits and publishes a monthly fitness newsletter.

A native of Michigan who has called Texas home since 1979, Grauzer started his military career in the U.S. Navy in 1988. He served on the USS *Sacramento*, USS *Abraham Lincoln* and USS *Constellation* and is a veteran of Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his Navy career, he took advantage of educational opportunities, earning his B.A. degree from Fort Hays State University in Kansas and a master's degree from Touro University (now Trident University) in Cypress, California.







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After leaving full-time service in the Navy, he transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve and joined Texas DPS. "One of my greatest honors was being selected to attend drill sergeant school," he recalled. "As a drill sergeant, I motivate both positively and negatively as necessary to assist troops in preparing for war and other assignments we might be called to do at any time. It includes a lot of hands-on training, helping military candidates become prepared, but like everything else in life, documentation and paperwork also are required. Both being a drill sergeant and trooper require being self-motivated." His Army training is conducted at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with monthly military drills in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Staying safe and alert always and missing important family time and events are challenges in both jobs. Trooper Grauzer cited several unique DPS challenges — working fatal collisions, doing the job in varying weather and working during holidays. "It's very important that Texas drivers remember that it is the law to move over or slow down to at least 20 mph under the posted speed limit if unable to move over when they see law enforcement or emergency responder vehicles with their lights on, sitting on the side of the road," he noted. "Army challenges include the unknown also, since we're reactive to world events. I have to balance my time in the military with my job in DPS."

Performing his two jobs well takes faith, along with a flexible and supportive family: wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Philadelphia; and son, Ezekiel, who currently resides out of state. "When I'm not wearing a uniform, my family gets my full attention," Trooper Grauzer said.

"My wife and I enjoyed our first date at a theme park and enjoy theme parks to this day. We enjoy any family time we





are afforded and absolutely love going on cruises together! We are currently preparing for a family cruise in February.” He feels at home in Corsicana. “We bought a home in the country a few years ago, and we love it. Faith, family and service are what keeps our family grounded.”


His advice to young men and women who wish to serve in either job is become and stay physically fit for duty. “Don’t wait for the recruiter to get you there. Also, study history,” he stated. “Service in the military is good prior experience in the DPS hiring process but isn’t required. If you’re interested in either job, talk to a recruiter. A DPS recruiter can also arrange a ride-along experience.”

Awards have come his way through his DPS and military service. Both of his uniforms are decorated with appropriate service ribbons earned in the military and DPS. Trooper Grauzer earned a Lifesaving Award in 2015 for having rendered first aid until the Corsicana Fire Department and EMTs arrived after he responded to a Corsicana home fire. He’s received four DPS commander awards for leadership, physical fitness, motivation and attitude and crash investigation. The Kiwanis Club also voted him the 2015 Trooper of the Year. The Army proudly awarded Sgt. Grauzer the 2017 Regional Drill Sergeant of the Year honors. He holds both a peace officer and a drill sergeant certification.

“The people I work with in the DPS are what I enjoy most about my job as a trooper. It’s such an honor to serve the people of this great state by being a trooper and getting to carry on the DPS heritage and wear the Texas Tan uniform,” Trooper Grauzer stated. “I keep learning and training. It’s such a pleasure knowing I can help protect the rights and lives of Texans and visitors to this great state. My service in the DPS and the military is more than a career for me.” **NOW**

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*Shouts of welcome are interspersed into Caren Anthony's drill sergeant-like orders and cheerleader-like enthusiastic smiles and moves, as she welcomes a few latecomers to the exercise class at the Corsicana Senior Citizens Center. Some participants need canes, walkers or wheelchairs for mobility, but they are all there for cognitive, physical and voice exercise, and most of all, perhaps, the camaraderie and fun. "My students are the best!" Caren stated. "I go home excited every day because I see the progress they make as they toss away canes and walkers."*

Designed specifically for people with Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, strokes, other neurodegenerative diseases, traumatic brain injuries and balance issues, Caren's class follows the tenets of GZ Sobol's Parkinson's Network Foundations Class, a type of Parkinson's boot camp started in 2012 by Gary Sobol, who was diagnosed with the disease in 2008.

After meeting Gary at a conference, Caren, a professional health care provider, wanted to know more. She accomplished her goal of training and becoming certified in the program when her employer, Cedar Lake Home Health and Hospice, agreed to underwrite her training and allow her to conduct weekly classes in addition to her duties as a volunteer coordinator at the company's nursing



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home. In 2016, Caren began the classes in Gun Barrel City, followed by Corsicana, Athens and Malakoff. "We have a Facebook page, GZ Sobol's Parkinson's Network: Team Texas," Caren said.

The Corsicana class is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. "We have an average of about 20 students each class," Caren explained. "We make it fun, so people will enjoy class and come back. It takes several sessions for people to realize a difference in their quality of life. The hands-in-the-air cheers, shouted between each exercise, helps voices and lungs grow stronger." Best of all, classes are free.

With much progress gained, student Brad Haynie is a regular attendee. Unusual lethargy and dexterity problems with his left hand led to his Parkinson's diagnosis. "My neurologist said I needed to be on meds and exercise," Brad recalled. "My feet shuffled when I first came to this class, but they don't anymore. The difference between this exercise class and others are the smiles and fun we have."

Wanda Luedecke's goal in attending is to "get ahead of aging." "I think this class prepares us for what's coming," she stated. A musician and retired Corsicana ISD music teacher, she was finding it increasingly difficult to play her oboe and write. "I thought my playing days were over, but with exercise and meds, I'm back to doing both," Wanda said proudly.

While both Brad and Wanda are Corsicana natives, it took fellow student Rita Johnson, a Chicago native, "50 years to get here." Word-of-mouth has been the way most students learn of the class,





but Rita saw a banner outside the senior center promoting the then-new class. "I'd always had balance issues and thought this class would help," she said. "I know there are others needing to come and give it a try. We're very casual and laid-back."

Inspiration toward movement and achievement of goals has run both ways. Caren suffered two aneurysms after teaching a morning class. Her son, Cade, who's also a local EMT, was contacted. After being taken by helicopter to Dallas, Caren underwent open-heart surgery. "The class continued without me while I recovered and then became my physical therapy, helping me come back," Caren said.

"I give God the glory for keeping Caren here," Wanda stated.

With the average onset age of Parkinson's at 56, most students are senior citizens, but the class is open to all ages. However, Caren also is considering starting an evening class for younger students who still work. "No equipment or special clothing is needed, but those using walkers or wheelchairs must be accompanied by a caregiver," Caren said. Doing class exercises at home is encouraged, as are other forms of exercise that keep students moving, as long as there are at least two people present.

The class thanks Fred Biltz, center director, and the city of Corsicana for help in making the class possible. Class members cited Corsicana's "just right size" and the arts and volunteer opportunities as pluses. Brad concluded, "I like Corsicana and this class. There are hugs, laughter and tears. We're a family." **NOW**



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# Pack N Mail

— By Virginia Riddle

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Stepping out into forward motion was what Diane Huston decided she was called to do when she learned the ever-popular company, Pack N Mail, was closing its doors last December after more than 30 years in business. Her husband, Sam, encouraged her to buy the business. “Even so, it took three months for him to convince me,” she recalled. Before and since Pack N Mail’s grand opening on April 1, 2019, Diane, with the help of friends and family, has brought her own special touches to the business, while keeping the services that Corsicana folks have cherished for many years.

“Just off the Beaton path,” Pack N Mail’s building looks the same, but the inventory of gifts, cards, clothing, candy, popcorn tins,



jewelry, party supplies, kitchen and home decor items has changed radically. A children and babies room allows for gift registry, and a bridal registry is available. “We have built on what was with the goal of becoming a unique gift store with offerings customers won’t find elsewhere in this market,” Diane explained. “We’re the only shop in the area with helium readily available for balloons, and we do deliveries. Our inventory is constantly growing.”

Diane and her staff of three offer gift wrapping and gift bags, customized gift baskets, tins full of popcorn and party favors. “We’re willing to do almost anything,” she added.

The shop still provides the ease of UPS, USPS and FedEx packaging and shipping under one roof. Accepted payment methods include major credit cards, Apple Pay, cash, checks and commercial accounts billing. Layaway is also available.

Diane’s previous experiences working as an office manager and her organizational skills have come in handy. Her dad and grandmother were in retail businesses, so she knew that time and work were needed to be successful. “I’ve been in constant motion

and a little sleep-deprived, but everything fell into place nicely. We had hands-on training and lots of good feedback," she said. "I like people and the constant interaction with the shop's customers."

Sam agreed, "We get to meet and help friendly people."

Like all businesses, challenges arise. "We order inventory that will appeal to multiple generations and genders," Sam explained. "We're trying to make sure we have something for everyone." The business is a member of Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce and enjoys welcoming guests at the monthly Mimosas at the Market.

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A Navarro County native, Diane is a Navarro College graduate. Sam, a Florida native, grew up in Alaska and Navarro County. They enjoy deep family roots in Corsicana. "We owe a huge thank you to our whole family. Everyone's played a part in helping us get started," Diane said. "We've got the best encouraging family support system." The family also attends Wortham First Baptist Church.

Although Pack N Mail is their focus right now, Sam, Diane and their three children have loved traveling on cruises and road trips. "I love hunting and fishing with my son," Sam added.

"The shop's regulars have been so supportive, as well as the new customers who are finding us," Diane said. "I want our customers to receive top-quality service and goods for a price they need, while getting exactly what they want." **NOW**



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## Zoomed In: Tyler McCown

By Virginia Riddle

The Sound of Navarro Marching Band is led by head drum major Tyler McCown, a second-year music education major. "I decided on Navarro College after auditioning for several colleges, but NC's band directors did a presentation at my Scurry-Rosser High School. That meant a lot," Tyler said. "I like to play volleyball and pool, participate in residential life, work out in the gym, go to the lake, do anything out-of-doors and hang out with friends. Downtown Corsicana with its brick streets is pretty."

A clarinetist, Tyler's also in the Clarinet Quartet and Wind Ensemble. He explained, "Having moved from high school to college and assistant to head drum major has given me valuable leadership skills and more responsibility."



McKenzie Olsen was the winner of CorsicanaNOW Magazine's online Texas Pride photo contest.



Jace Matthews and his little brother, Jaxon Matthews, play cornhole at the Fall Festival at Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille.



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CorsicanaNOW's community editor, Virginia Riddle, and her sidekick, Jazz, are caught taking a breather on their Saturday morning walk.



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A photograph of Vivian Jackson, a woman with dark hair and a warm smile, wearing a bright red short-sleeved top. She is standing in a kitchen, with her right hand resting on a pink cake stand that holds a multi-layered white cake. The background shows a kitchen counter with various glassware and a decorative 'LOVE' sign.

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## *In the Kitchen With* VIVIAN JACKSON

— By Susan Simmons

“I enjoy cooking for my family and friends. It gives me great pleasure to cook a good meal and see people really enjoying the food I’ve prepared. Cooking is one of the ways to express love,” Vivian Jackson said. Vivian is a retired executive legal assistant who’s also co-owned two restaurants. She currently owns Jackson Enterprises, an independent associate for LegalShield/IDShield.

One of Vivian’s favorite memories is cooking breakfast with her daddy when she was about 4 or 5 years old. “Our family gatherings always center around plenty of delicious food,” she shared. “The hostess designates who should bring what, since each person has a specialty dish — even the youngsters. Looking forward to ‘passing the torch’ to the next generation, we elders can just eat, drink and be merry.” **NOW**

### **Stovetop Smoked Ribs**

*Makes 4 servings.*

**1 slab baby back pork ribs**  
**1 cup apple juice**  
**2 tsp. vinegar**  
**1/3 cup liquid smoke**  
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**Granulated garlic, to taste**

**Black pepper, to taste**

**Hickory chips (soaked in water and drained)**

**1.** Wash ribs. Mix apple juice, vinegar and liquid smoke to make a marinade. Add ribs to the mixture; marinate for 1 hour.  
**2.** Remove ribs from the marinade. Season the ribs with seasoning salt, granulated garlic and black pepper.

**3.** Place the hickory chips in a long, rectangular roasting pan; spread them out evenly.

**4.** Place the slab of ribs on a wire rack over the roasting pan; cover with foil.

**5.** Cook on the stovetop over medium-high heat for 45 minutes. Remove from heat; serve with or without barbecue sauce.

### **Ranch Hand Beans**

*Makes 8-10 servings.*

**1 restaurant-size can pinto beans**  
**1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel tomatoes**  
**1/2 cup chili powder**  
**1 lb. ground chuck**  
**1 pkg. smoked sausage**

**1.** Combine pinto beans, Ro-Tel tomatoes and chili powder in a large saucepan.

**2.** Brown and drain ground chuck; add to the saucepan.

**3.** Slice the smoked sausage into 1/2-inch rounds; add to the saucepan.

**4.** Stir well; cook on medium heat for 30-45 minutes.

## Loaded Baked Potato Casserole

Makes 6-8 servings.

- 5 large baking potatoes
- 1 cup real bacon bits
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 stick unsalted butter
- 1 cup Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (divided use)
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 Tbsp. granulated garlic
- 1/2 cup chives
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. Peel and cut baking potatoes into medium-size chunks. Parboil the potato chunks in a large saucepan; drain off any excess water.

2. Add bacon bits, sour cream, butter, Velveeta cheese, 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, evaporated milk, garlic, chives and salt and pepper to the potatoes. Mix well; pour mixture into a greased baking dish.

3. Top with remaining cheese; bake for 30 minutes at 350 F.

## Easy Breezy Coconut Cake

Makes a 10-inch, 2-layer cake. Serves 8-10.

Cake:

- 2 boxes Duncan Hines White Cake Mix (divided use)
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil

Icing:

- 1 8-oz. jar marshmallow creme
- 1 medium tub Cool Whip
- Coconut, shredded, to taste
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla

1. For cake: In a large mixing bowl, mix together all of the cake ingredients, reserving 1/2 cup of the cake mix for flouring the cake pans. Beat on high for 4-5 minutes.

2. Grease and flour 2 10-inch cake pans using the reserved cake mix as the flour. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake at 325 F until cake springs back when lightly touched, about 20 minutes. Let cool.

3. For icing: Combine all icing ingredients. Frost cooled layers.

## Mississippi Mud Pie

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Pie:

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- 1/3 cups cocoa
- 1 jar marshmallow creme

*Icing:*

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla

1. For pie: Melt butter; add melted butter and next 6 ingredients to a mixing bowl. Mix well; pour into a greased baking pan.

- 2. Bake at 325 F for 20 minutes. While still hot from the oven, spread top with marshmallow creme. Let cool.
- 3. For icing: Thoroughly combine all ingredients. When pie is cool, frost with the icing.

### Collard Greens and Ham Hocks

Makes 4-6 servings.

- 2 large smoked ham hocks
- 1 cube chicken bouillon
- 3-4 bunches collard greens
- 2 Tbsp. bacon drippings
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes
- Salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. Boil ham hocks and chicken bouillon cube for 1 hour in a large saucepan.
- 2. Reduce heat. Wash greens; add them to the saucepan.
- 3. Add bacon drippings, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper; cook until tender.

### Christmas Punch

Makes about 20 servings.

- 4 cups cranberry juice
- 2 32-oz. cans pineapple juice
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- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 cups water
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- 1. Combine all ingredients, except the ginger ale, and refrigerate. Just before serving, add the ginger ale.

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# Rocking Along

— By Lori Altebaumer

*Known as “The Little Town That Rocks,” don’t be fooled by the nickname when visiting Black Mountain, North Carolina. Although rocking chairs abound in the picturesque downtown, there are plenty of good times and breathtaking beauty to keep visitors rolling through this quaint town nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.*

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.

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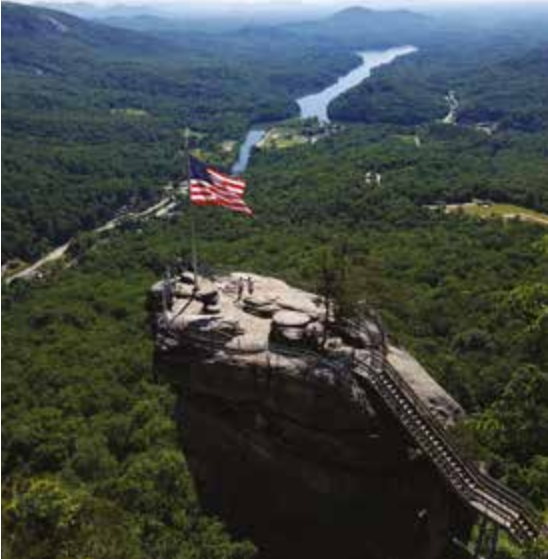
Feeling refreshed and ready to explore? Take a short drive and hop on the Blue Ridge Parkway. This scenic highway winds through towering spruce trees and dense growths of mountain laurel. Roll the windows down and inhale the fresh air, but watch out for wildlife. The turkeys along the roadside seem calmly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

From the forest, the highway ushers you around breathtaking expanses of mountain views and scenic overlooks. You'll discover how the Blue Ridge Mountains got their name as you take in undulating layers of peaks, appearing deep blue like the choppy waves of the sea in the Appalachian atmosphere.

Opportunities for photography enthusiasts are endless. Waterfalls, scenic overlooks and a stunning variety of wildflowers and native trees create the perfect occasion to capture the beauty and majesty of creation.

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.

Drive a few miles west and find yourself in historic Asheville, home of the Biltmore Estate. This 250-room mansion covers more than 4 acres of floor space. The estate itself takes a full day to explore, complete with a vineyard and winery, shopping and dining opportunities.

A tour through pastoral Maggie Valley holds treasures for the palate and the soul. Stop at the produce stands along the way for fresh peaches and sourwood honey as you let the lush, rolling landscape restore your heart to simpler days away from the hustle and bustle of modern living.

As the day ends, the slow pace of Black Mountain welcomes travelers back home. Replenishment for the adventuring soul comes in the form of a plate of barbecue from Phil's Bar-B-Que Pit. Order extra hushpuppies — you won't regret it!

After your meal, meander back downtown for a scoop (or more) of ice cream from Kilwin's Chocolates, Fudge & Ice Cream. Enjoy the sweet treat from one of the oversized rocking chairs, watching the sun sink below the horizon, tucking Black Mountain in for another peaceful evening. Recall your day's adventures as you peacefully rock your cares away, preparing for your next day's exploration of "The Little Town That Rocks." **NOW**

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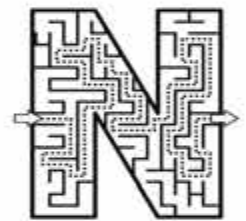
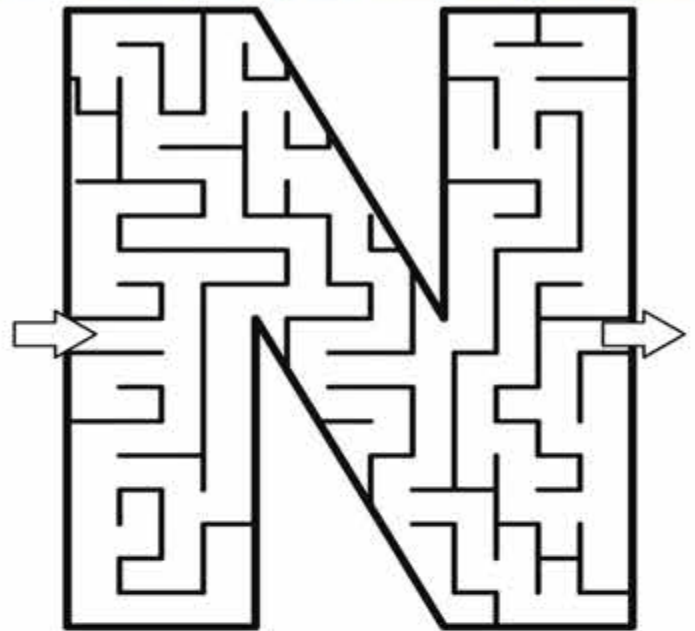
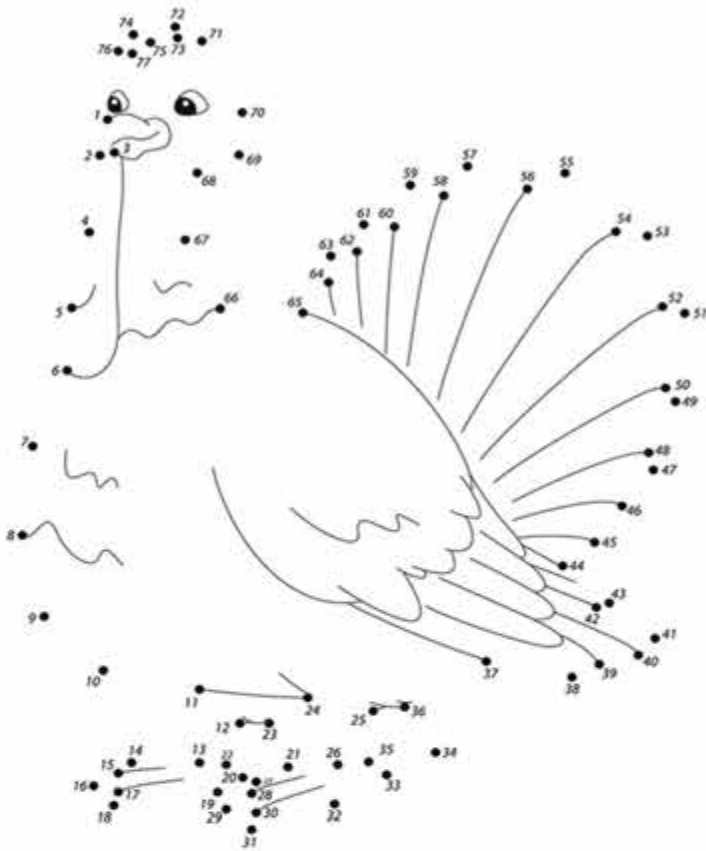


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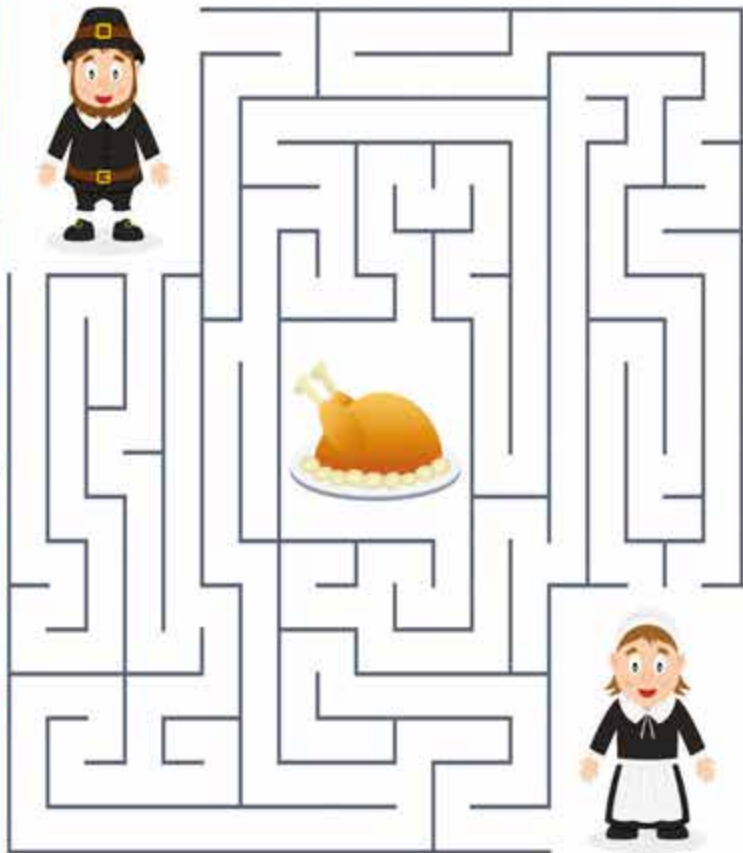
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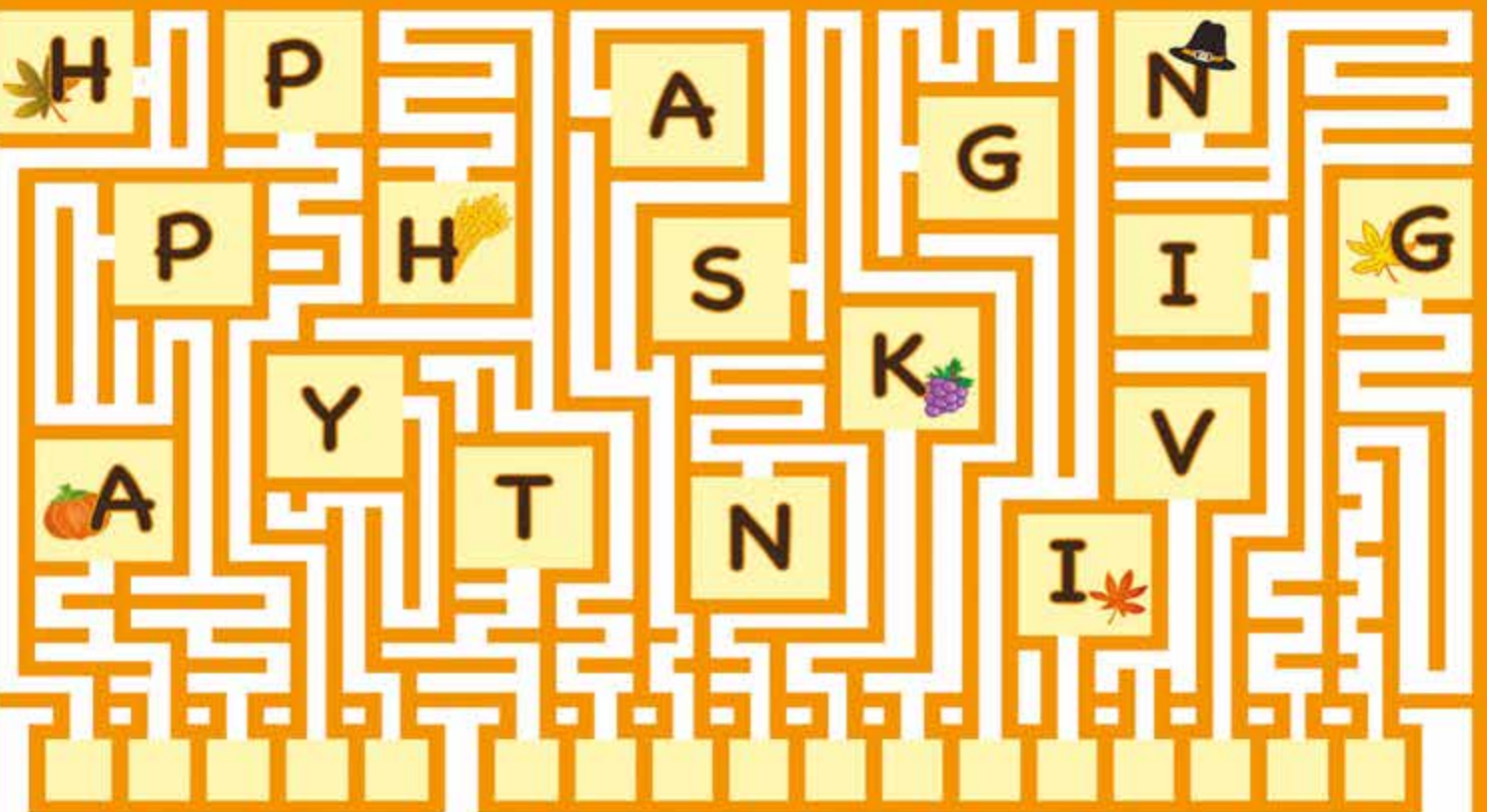
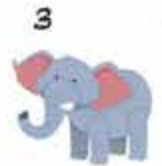
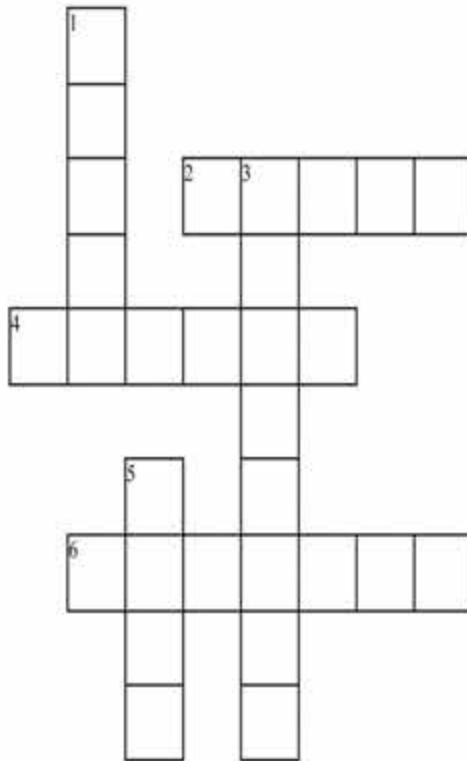
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Naomi Johnston said, "I look forward to getting my NOW magazine. I've seen articles with my friends in it and I dearly love the recipes printed so I can transfer them to individual cards. I also like the scavenger hunts and especially last month's, because I'm a winner!"



Tamra Andrews with Sheila Moore (Owner - Prayers From Heaven) Tamra Andrews said, "I love the magazine and look forward every month to reading it. I was so excited to hear that I had won a gift from Prayers From Heaven."



Tina Irvine said, "My son, Will, and I love doing the scavenger hunt together every month. He is much better at finding the hidden items than his mom! I like looking at all the ads in the magazine and look forward to doing business with Goin' Postal."

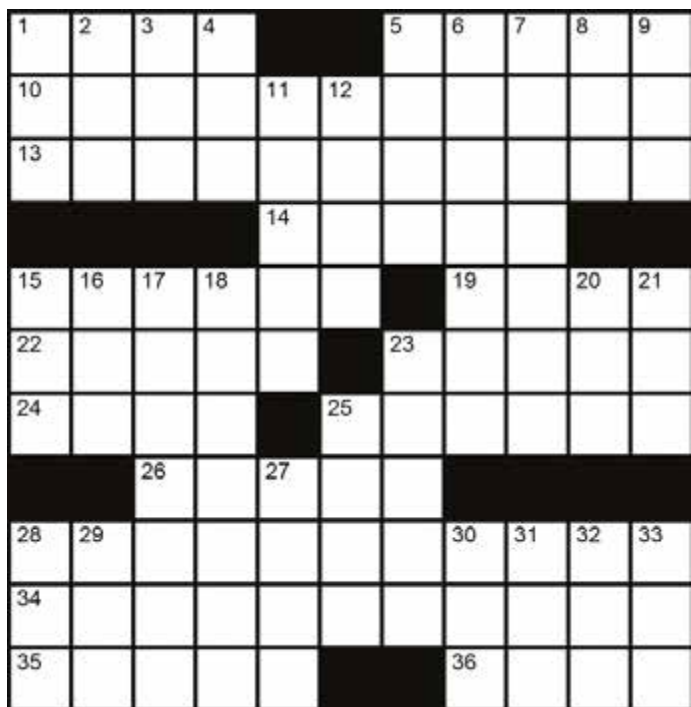
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## Across

- 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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Medium

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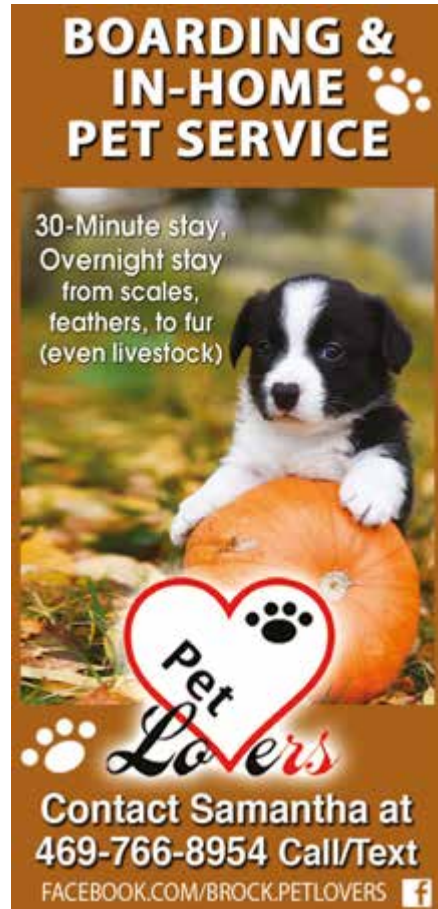
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## November

11/1-12/4

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11/1-12/13

### **Stained Glass Colluding With Photography:**

Works by stained-glass artist Gladys Espenson and photographer, Virginia Riddle, will be featured. Opening reception: **November 5:** 4:00-6:00 p.m. Light snacks and drinks served. Regular hours: **Monday-Thursday:** 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; **Friday:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Warehouse Living Arts Center's Gallery.

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11/2

### **Friends of the Corsicana Public Library Book Sale:**

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### **Frizzell and Friends Presents Lefty Fest With David and Allen Frizzell:**

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11/5-12/3

### **Annexation:**

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11/8

### **Corsicana Newcomers' Club Luncheon:**

**Note: We are meeting on a different day of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.** Matt Symmank, Texas Parks and Wildlife, is the speaker. 11:00 a.m., Kinsloe House. (714) 345-6707 for confirmed reservations.

11/12

### **Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber's Business After Hours:**

**Note we are meeting on a different day of the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.** Angelita Vineyard & Winery. 5:32-7:02 p.m. (903) 874-4731.

11/15

### **Better Gardens Club Meeting:**

9:00 a.m., Corsicana First Methodist Church. [tdscruggs@att.net](mailto:tdscruggs@att.net).

11/16

### **Open Studios at 100West Artist and Writer Residency:**

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11/19

### **Stitch Together:**

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11/21-11/24

### **The Wizard of Oz, the Musical:**

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11/22

### **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks:**

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### **Mondays and Wednesdays**

### **Storytime:**

**No meeting Thanksgiving Week.** 10:30 a.m., Corsicana

Public Library. Facebook: Corsicana Public Library.

### **Second and Fourth Tuesdays**

### **Corsicana Rainbow Girls/ Pledge Group Meeting:**

Girls from ages 7-20 are welcome. 6:30 p.m., Corsicana Masonic Lodge. 201 N. 15th Street. (903) 879-4305 or [ddean45@hotmail.com](mailto:ddean45@hotmail.com).

### **Second Saturdays**

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

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### **Coyote Squadron Meeting:**

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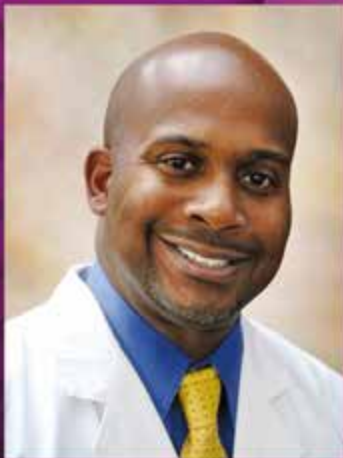
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Easy

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