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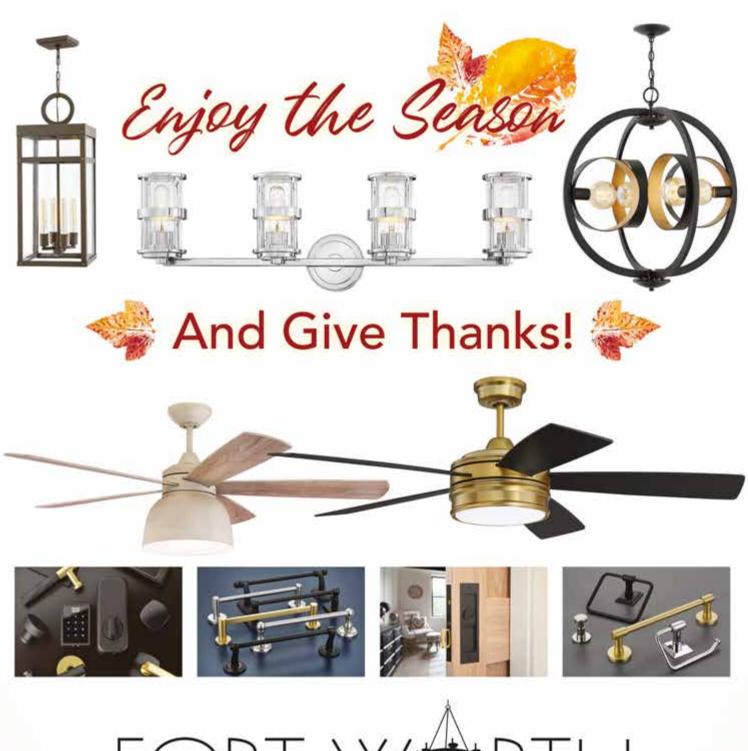
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy Thanksgiving, Mansfield!

It's that time when rust-colored maple leaves adorn mantels, wreaths and tablescapes in homes throughout Mansfield. Such decorations always make me think of a road trip I made through up-state New York (where leaves turn much earlier than Thanksgiving).

I was with a friend from college, and we were joining her parents for a weekend in their country home. She had grown up in Manhattan, New York, in a sky-rise apartment, and she revealed during our overnight visit in a one-story structure in the middle of a 5-acre farm that she couldn't sleep, fearing the unknown. Whether it was a stalker or a bear she worried might have been in the woods, her imagination kept her awake. She could not wait to return to the city, where she felt safe.

What a perspective her experience gave me. I was from Texas, and though personally unafraid of what might be a threat in the city, I knew many people from back home who were afraid for me. Certainly, human nature takes comfort in the familiar.

Perhaps that is the reason traditions — like decorating, cooking and gathering for Thanksgiving — are repeated year after year? People seek reminders that all is well in their worlds and those of the people they love. After all, the vibrant holiday involves more than the heavy meal we all look forward to. There's the anticipating, the planning, the shopping, the food preparation, the table setting and, in my family, the cocktail hour during the turkey-frying. Even the cleanup is a team affair.

Whomever you're with at Thanksgiving, may they feel your appreciation!





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Once a challenging student and referred to as the "personification of irritation," George Olsen admitted, "Sports were my saving grace." With dyslexia and ADHD, he started his school years with obstacles. However, his dad taught him if he signed up for something, then he needed to finish it. Mr. Olsen does his best to model that philosophy.

Born in San Angelo, Texas, he grew up in New York City with a father who photographed multiple presidents and other famous people. He also grew up with artistic grandparents, George Olsen and Ethel Shutta, who were featured in Broadway musicals during The Ziegfeld Follies era of the 1920s and 1930s. His mother, Helen Sinclair, originally a Ford model, graced the cover of *LIFE Magazine* at 17 and, later, *Vogue*. She also painted portraits and wrote a book. With great role models, Mr. Olsen always expected to do something significant with his life. "I was blessed to have God steer my life and faithful enough to follow," he said.

Pursuing a career in marketing, Mr. Olsen eventually owned and ran a 22-acre waterpark in Odessa before being "called." Because of a downturn in the economy, he took on substitute teaching. "The kids kept telling me I should be a teacher," he shared.

His late wife, Angela, asked, "Do you think God's trying to tell you something? The kids are telling you."

"Every good thing, every good decision went through this lady," Mr. Olsen said about his wife, who recently passed away after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. Married for more than 40 years, he admitted she remains his hero. With her support, he worked to earn his teacher certification and taught in Odessa for many years, winning several teaching and leadership awards before coming to Mansfield in 2011.

In 2015, Lake Ridge High School teachers selected Mr. Olsen as Teacher of the Year. He sees this award as incredibly special. "All the teachers at Lake Ridge are top-shelf. They teach, and additionally, take the student Eagles to state in extracurricular activities," he said. "My goal is to be the best teacher the students ever had. At the end of the year, I ask them to tell me how close I came."

He gained two great lessons from evaluations, which he implemented from the beginning of his career. "Don't bore me," he revealed, "and you better know and be passionate about what you teach."

Mr. Olsen also has a philosophy of teaching each individual student. His teaching begins with finding an honest relationship with students, one that places a priority on emotional needs. He never uses grades as a "weapon" and seldom uses red pens when grading or critiquing student work. Rather than lecture, Mr. Olsen frequently assigns projects or collaborative activities. He also pulls resources from credible sites on the Internet and other successful teachers. By having his students act out literature, he brings the written word to life.

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Although his teaching methods may look unusual to some, he monitors how all of his students learn — especially those with learning disabilities or emotional baggage.

At Lake Ridge, Mr. Olsen steps outside of his teaching role. He photographs every event at the school. From football and other sports, to anything else going on, he captures shots from a unique perspective. During his high school years, Mr. Olsen pitched for the baseball team, was a punter and quarterback. His team went undefeated for two years. As a former athlete, he anticipates plays before they happen, often catching great photos that others might miss.

"It is a privilege to be on the sidelines and record exciting and memorable moments. Sharing photographs is my way of rewarding student athletes for their wonderful commitment to success in and out of the classroom," he said. "Coach [Kirk] Thor has allowed me to make a photographic record of the magic moments."

Mr. Olsen loves being on the first floor, near the coaches, where he feels a sense of camaraderie. From his location, he also sees everything going on in the mornings and afternoons. He purposely seats himself at crossing hallways and watches students, always keeping his eyes open for anything out of place. Student safety concerns are the first and last priority of every school day.

When Mr. Olsen arrived at Lake Ridge, he started a creative writing club for the students. This club has no officers. Over time, it morphed to include additional arts, becoming a creative club with an immense impact for many students. One of his former students, Madison Turman, started at the back of the classroom, but she didn't stay there. "Club let me show my creative side, helping me with depression and anxiety," she said. Madison currently is writing her first sci-fi novel.

Another former student, Vi Tran, only knew Mr. Olsen from the club. A shy young girl, she hated presenting, but through the club, became more expressive. "He brought me out of my shell. His values for life inspired me," she added.

"I don't teach. I facilitate," Mr. Olsen said. Nevertheless, he loves being a teacher. "I love the immediate feedback and the way students and faculty support me in *my* life. If you're compassionate, they'll be compassionate," he stated. "For me, teaching is a type of secular ministry. I administer education, so that my students learn to think and to express their ideas with confidence."



Mr. Olsen plans for the 2019-2020 school year to be his final teaching year. As a 65-year-old, he wants to write a novel based on a heroic person like his wife. "Life takes turns," he said thoughtfully.

The turns of his past led him to Lake Ridge High School. Mr. Olsen is thankful for the support he received from many administrators and fellow teachers at Mansfield ISD, namely Dr. Sean Scott, Dr. Vonda Nunley and Jennifer Powers. "They encouraged me to teach my way." The rest came naturally from a man destined to do something big — and perhaps helping students to learn is his biggest contribution yet.







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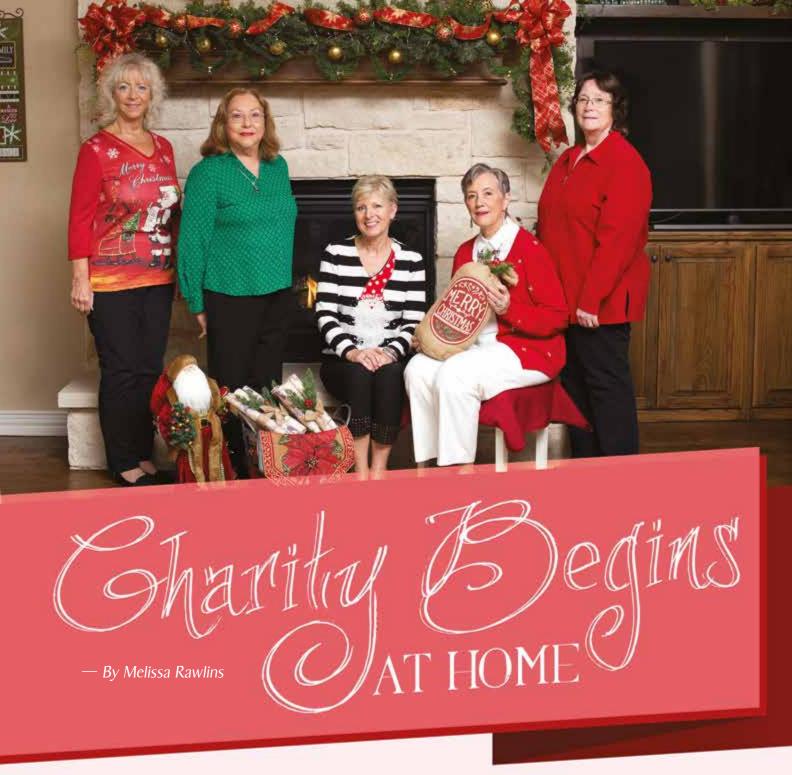
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Six homeowners in Mansfield are busy this month preparing their homes for not only their personal family holiday celebrations but also the Sunday, Dec. 8, Holiday Home Tour, sponsored by the club. It's the final event of that weekend, hosted by MWC in cooperation with the city of Mansfield to kick off the Christmas season. Publicity attracts people from miles around. Ticket purchases launch fundraising for philanthropy in the community in 2020.

Mansfield Women's Club gave \$56,500 away to nonprofits at their June 2019 luncheon. Grants were awarded to local organizations, including Common Ground Network, Mansfield Mission Center, Harvesting in Mansfield Center and the Methodist Mansfield Medical Center. The club also awards a \$2,000 college scholarship for one graduating girl from each Mansfield high school from funds secured by ongoing fundraisers throughout the year.





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Karen Payton, the fundraiser chair for 2019-2020, secured every home for next month's Holiday Home Tour months ago. She had support from MWC members who have helped produce the Holiday Home Tour for six years. "It is an easy, one-day deal, requiring some preparation but not an overwhelming amount of work," said Marilyn Gerloff, a former MWC president who is now co-chair of publicity along with Launa Barboza. "But the homeowners are the real stars of the event. Many homeowners start decorating October 1."

Marilyn recalled it was in about 2013 when the MWC board chose to take on the Holiday Home Tour, produced in Mansfield since 1975 by the Women's Division of the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce. "Several women in the Women's Club, including myself, were involved with the home tours then," she said. "The Women's Club members were all cautious about it, not knowing how it worked. It turned out to be so much fun, and everybody loved it."

Current MWC President Barbara Gulledge is a longtime resident active in the Women's Club in various positions, including participating in the Fundraiser Committee. "There are lots of definitions for charity, but in the context of how it applies to a women's organization, I couldn't say it better than to quote from the Mansfield Women's Club Mission Statement: 'To raise money in various ways throughout the year ... in order to give back in positive ways to our community," Barbara said.

"I've been very impressed with the dedication of these women, who devote tireless hours to accomplishing this tour and am thankful to those companies, as well as some individuals, who contribute their funds to sponsor it," Barbara said. "The tour itself requires hostesses in each of the





five or six homes, and I've enjoyed hosting nearly every year as far back as 1987. Even my friend and former Mansfield resident schedules her annual Mansfield trip to coordinate with the tour so she, too, can host ... because it's fun."

The tour reached out to a younger market last year, and women from around the DFW Metroplex enjoyed the tour. "They would rent limousines for themselves and made a fun girls trip out of it, with fruit and snacks and a bottle of champagne for the rides between homes," Marilyn said. "My cousin comes from North Arlington because she loves seeing their color schemes, themes or special collections. There are some beautiful homes in Mansfield, and we have just touched the tip of the iceberg."

Marilyn and her husband built their home in 1998 when they moved to Mansfield. "It's a neat community where people know each other by first name," she said. "I've known a lot of people in town for a long time, starting with the bank, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Women's Club. I was a charter member. It was intended to be a social club, but the purpose was always philanthropic. This town did not have anything like us relaxed and social as a group."



Their mission statement specifically requires MWC "to promote friendship among women of our community by providing opportunities for member participation in a variety of settings." Three of their larger special interest groups include the Lunch Bunch, Canasta and Home & Garden. There are others, such as the Book Club, Supper Club, Needles & More, Performing Arts, Special Events, Bunco and Mahjongg, "It is mostly through these groups that we branch out and get to know one another socially." Barbara said. "All work and no play, as the saying goes, would be pretty tiring." **NOW**

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The time often comes when a patient and his or her family realizes it's time to bridge from curing the patient's illness to providing comfort to all. That's when Bristol Hospice-Pathways, a 2018 Healthcare*first* Hospice Honors recipient, can help provide the care and education needed. The hospice's two community liaisons in Mansfield, Sasha Hasshal and Anissa Gonzalez, pour their compassion into several activities chosen to fulfill this community's needs.

Hospice Honors are awarded through satisfied family surveys. "The education we provide is equally important. It helps take the fear of the unknown away," Saundra Townley, RN, BSN and executive director, said. With a focus on the person and not the disease, the concept of hospice was founded by Dame Cicely Saunders in England in 1968. Bristol Hospice-Pathways derives its name from Bristol, England, using the Bristol Bridge, along with the "Bristol Heart" as its logo. "The 'B,' which looks like a leaf, also signifies the four chambers of a human heart," Saundra revealed.

Bristol Hospice staff serve patients in 20 counties, and they have always served Mansfield and Tarrant County. "We are heavily serving here now," Saundra said. "In April, when we acquired New Hope Hospice, we expanded our area and brought on additional local clinical personnel." Patients in Tarrant County are served primarily by homegrown staffers comprised of nurses, chaplains and social workers who provide comfort; pain and symptom control; physical, emotional and spiritual care; and family caregiver support, all of which lead to a life lived to the fullest with dignity. Bristol Hospice tailors its service to every patient's individual needs.

Bristol Hospice offers the We Honor Veterans program, including a memorial book for patients to complete for their families, and fellow veterans who serve as volunteers to be a listening ear. *Namaste*, meaning "honoring the spirit within" is another offered program focusing on the five senses, along with the sixth sense — the spirit.

Following a patient's passing, Bristol Hospice cares for family members for the following 13 months. "We're family helping families," Saundra said. "For instance, we helped a lady in her 90s fill a wish to fish. It gave me goose bumps to teach her how to fish. At the end of the day, it's always the biggest blessing to have seen the smiles on patients and their caregivers' faces. We build relationships and become part of their lives, and it's an honor they entrust their care to us."

Patients can choose to remain with their own doctors with whom Bristol Hospice-Pathways doctors and nurses will coordinate care. Payment is made through Medicare, Medicaid, VA benefits, private insurance and private pay. Additionally, the Bristol Foundation can be accessed by staff social workers when needed.

Community volunteerism is part of Bristol Hospice-Pathways. Anissa is on the board of LEAP, Local Elderly Assistance Providers, which serves Mansfield. "We look forward to bringing our Hooked on Seniors day of fishing and fun to the Mansfield area," Anissa said.

"We will try to help in whatever this community needs," Saundra said. She received her BSN from The University of Texas at Arlington, and is working on a master's degree in nursing. "I love what I do," she concluded. "When you need hospice, it's not giving up hope — it's taking a different route." <text><section-header>

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Their moms taught them patience when cooking and how important eating at the dinner table is for families. After they married, Gary and Deborah Worthington became serious about cooking. She expanded on baking skills learned while helping her mother prepare May Day baskets. He improved on the grilling techniques he first learned in the Army from friends he met in Fort Polk, Louisiana. The couple has grown to love entertaining with full-on barbecues and, of course, desserts.

Here they share some of their family's favorite, easy-to-prepare dishes for this season. While they enjoy a slice of Red Velvet Cake, amongst tastes of other desserts, they'll indulge in another Worthington Thanksgiving tradition: gathering Christmas lists and researching to see what stores will have the best sales. Now

Red Velvet Cake

Cake: 1 oz. red food coloring 3 Tbsp. Nestlé Sweet Cocoa 1/2 cup Crisco 1 1/2 cups sugar 2 eggs 1/4 tsp. salt 2 1/4 cups cake flour, sifted 1 cup buttermilk 1 Tbsp. vinegar 1 tsp. baking soda *lcing*:

4 Tbsp. flour 1 cup milk I/4 cup soft butterI/2 cup CriscoI cup sugarI tsp. vanilla

For cake: In a small cup, mix food coloring and cocoa to a paste; set aside.
 Thoroughly cream together the Crisco, sugar and eggs. Add paste; mix well.
 Sift together salt with cake flour. Add to creamed mixture, alternating with buttermilk.
 In a small dish, mix vinegar with baking soda; add to batter.
 Put batter in 2 greased and floured 8-inch cake pans; bake 30 minutes at 350 F.
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6. For icing: Shake flour and milk in a shaker; cook over medium heat until thick,

stirring continuously. Remove from heat; cool.

7. Beat butter and Crisco for 4 minutes.**8.** Add sugar; beat 4 minutes more.Add cooled flour; beat 4 more minutes.Mix in vanilla.

Slush Punch

Makes about 2 gallons.

4 cups sugar

6 cups water

 1 12-oz. can frozen lemonade (Only 6 oz. will be used.)
 1 12-oz. can frozen orange juice
 10-12 bananas, mashed
 2 46-oz. cans pineapple juice

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I. Heat sugar with water until sugar dissolves; let cool.

2. Dilute lemonade and orange juice according to directions. Pour half of the frozen lemonade over mashed bananas, to keep them from turning dark.

3. Stir in orange juice, pineapple juice and cooled sugar water.

4. Freeze in various size containers.

5. Remove from freezer 2 hours before

serving. Place in a punchbowl. Fill container with 7UP.

Pumpkin Bread

I 1/2 cups white sugar
I 1/2 cups brown sugar
I 1/2 cups flour
I tsp. salt
I /2 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. baking soda
I tsp. each nutmeg, cinnamon, all spice and cloves
I cup oil
4 eggs
2/3 cup water
2 cups canned pumpkin
I/2 cup pecans

 Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl. Make a well in the center.
 Add liquids and pumpkin; mix until moistened. Fold in pecans.
 Pour into greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 F for 1 hour.

Dressing

l cup onion, chopped
l 1/4 cups celery, including stalks and leaves, chopped
l cup butter
9 cups soft bread cubes
2 tsp. salt
l 1/2 tsp. rubbed sage
l tsp. ground thyme
l cup chicken or turkey broth

 Cook onions and celery in butter until tender. Stir into bowl with other dry ingredients.
 Pour in broth; mix well.

3. Turn into a baking dish; bake at 350 F for 30-35 minutes.

Green Bean & Mushroom Bake

 1 10.5-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
 1/3 cup milk
 1 tsp. soy sauce
 Dash of pepper
 2 14.5-oz. cans French-style green beans, drained
 1 jar sliced mushrooms, drained
 1 3.5-oz. can french fried onions (divided use)

I. Blend soup, milk, soy sauce and pepper until smooth. Stir in beans, mushrooms and 1/2 can onions.





2. Bake at 350 F for 25 minutes. Top with remaining onions; bake 5 minutes longer.

Creamed Corn

I 15-oz. can creamed corn
I/3 can milk
I Tbsp. flour
IO crackers, crushed
Salt and pepper, to taste
2 eggs, beaten
I/2 Tbsp. butter

1. Combine all ingredients, except the butter. **2.** Grease an 8x8-inch casserole dish with the butter. Pour mixture into the prepared casserole dish. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes.

White As Snow Fruit Salad

- 1 30-oz. can fruit cocktail, drained 1 11-oz. can mandarin oranges,
- drained
- I cup seedless green grapes, halved
- I cup sour cream
- I cup angel flake coconut
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- Mix all ingradiants to gether
- Mix all ingredients together.
 Cover; refrigerate overnight.

Mashed Potatoes

- 1 5-lb. bag potatoes 8 cups water 1 stick butter Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste 1/2 cup milk
- I. Peel the potatoes.
- 2. In a large stockpot, boil the potatoes for
- 20-25 minutes, or until soft.
- 3. Add butter and seasonings; add milk.
- 4. Use a blender to mash.

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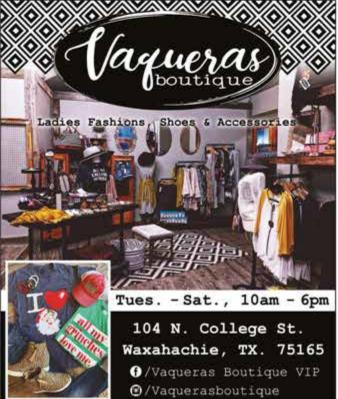
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Zoomed In: By Melissa Rawlins Joe and Jordan Adams

The Mansfield Commission for the Arts' ArtScapes event inspired extreme creativity between these dynamic partners. For Dr. Joe Adams, the annual celebration of all things art was a great excuse to engineer a rustic military tablescape for the Mansfield Rotary Club's table. "We wanted to also highlight the work Rotary is starting to do for veterans in our community," Joe said, "and so we veered away from the more classic *Top Gun* representation and chose to represent Rotary with the Rotary T-shirt and camo pants."

"Joe is arguably the more fashion forward one of the two of us," said Dr. Jordan Adams, who shared a table themed *Breakfast at Tiffany's* with other ladies from the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Around Town



City staff Toby Fojik, Angie Henley and Brian Coatney enjoy themselves along with the crowds during the Music Alley Festival.



Suzanne Ray says goodbye to one of her favorite figurines during the going-out-of-business sale at Ray's Pharmacy.



Heather Crispin and her children, Gabi and Gerardo, have fun tasting the baklava at Zara's.



Alexia Kimble finds a quiet spot to study English.



Rosa Hearne and JoAnn Orrson arrange holiday gifts in Kroger Marketplace's Floral Department.

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Lisa Richardson of Harvesting in Mansfield, and Karen Yarbrough of Allies in Youth Development, learn about donor relations during the Major Gift Rampup workshop at the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce.



Lucienna Garcia (5) and Sean Garcia (3) find Mansfield Rocks at Katherine Rose Memorial Park.



Sophia celebrates her birthday with her uncle, George Sanchez.



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TravelNOW 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.

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.

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."

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- By Angel Morris

Like other aspects of home improvement, laying tile is not without challenges. If hiring a professional contractor is not within your budget, consider these general instructions before deciding if tile is a DIY within your skill set.

CHOOSING TILE

When choosing tile, homeowners must sort through different sizes, patterns, textures and colors. The room in which your tiles will be placed may impact those choices. For instance, areas which can frequently become wet — such as bathrooms and mudrooms — are not good spaces for glossy tiles, which may become slick.

Smaller spaces can be overwhelmed by large tiles, and small tiles can get lost in larger rooms. Tiles with busy patterns may not only be more challenging to install but can also compete with other decor of a room, such as wallpaper or paint color. Once you have purchased the tile that best suits your style and space, however, it's time to prep your surface.



SURFACE PREPARATION

Perhaps the most strenuous portion of this DIY is removing existing flooring. Old mortars from tile or adhesives from linoleum and carpet must be removed completely, followed by thorough cleaning of subflooring.

Subfloors also must be level and cracks in the concrete should be patched. Wood frames should be secured to joists and in dry, rigid condition, then covered with cement backer board, closely following backer board installation instructions.

Doorjambs may need to be trimmed to ensure tile will lay flat beneath them. Handsaws can do the trick, but jamb saws also can be rented from many tool centers. Wall molding also must be removed prior to tile installation.

CHOOSING A LAYOUT

Once floors are prepped, it's time to determine the layout of your tile. Professionals recommend first ensuring the space is square by measuring each wall's length and the length diagonally from corner to corner. If diagonals are the same measurement and opposite walls are the same length, your room is square. Snapping chalk lines is a trusted trick to provide tile-laying guides, and you may want to temporarily set out your tiles in a variety of patterns before moving on to the next step.





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SECURING TILE

You will need a drill with mixing paddle and a 5-gallon bucket in which to mix thin-set mortar according to package instructions. You only want to mix as much as you can use within about 15 minutes. A second bucket of clean water should be kept on hand, as well as a sponge or towels for keeping mixing tools clean.

With a notched trowel, spread mortar across a small area, then press tile in place along your guidelines. You typically will want to lay full tiles first, then go back in to cut and place small tiles around the border of your space.

Place plastic spacers and position your next tile along guidelines. Continue the process of spreading mortar, laying tile and spacers, all the while checking that your placement is level and aligned. Remember to start along the back of your space and work toward your exit so that you can keep from backing yourself into a corner or placing any weight on the tiles for at least 24 hours.

MAKING THE CUT

After waiting a day or more, you are ready to cut and place border tiles. Make sure you are wearing the proper safety gear for this step. This process requires you to measure from the nearest full tile to the wall, deducting the width of grout. That number is the size to which border tiles must be cut. Scoring cutters and wet saws can be rented for this purpose. Tile nippers or handheld grinders with diamond blades are also handy for curved and smaller cuts.

Watching online tutorials can assist in simplifying the cutting process. After cutting border tiles, you will repeat the process of spreading thin-set mortar, placing tiles and spacers until your borders are complete.



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BORDER AND GROUT

When placing border tile, it is recommended you leave a 1/4-inch expansion gap. This ultimately will be covered with your molding or matching bullnose tile.

After waiting at least 24 more hours and making sure the joints between tiles are clean and dust-free, you are ready to remove the spacers and fill the joints with grout. Follow grout package instructions to prepare the type of grout you have selected to complement your tiles.

A tool known as a rubber float is used to apply grout, dragging it over joints at a recommended 45-degree angle. Every few minutes, you should remove excess grout from atop tiles with clean water and a sponge, again moving at an angle.

After allowing grout to harden per package-recommended times, you will need to apply a sealer. Sealer should be applied with a foam brush or applicator bottle. It typically is recommended that tiles be resealed every year or two.

Not only are there a number of tools and supplies required for laying tile, there are also variables that can impact how the job is done. For instance, there are ways to cover or lay tile without removing existing floors that one might consider.

After following all product instructions and exercising patience for the recommended drying times between steps, DIY tiling can be a money-saving and rewarding, albeit time-consuming, experience.

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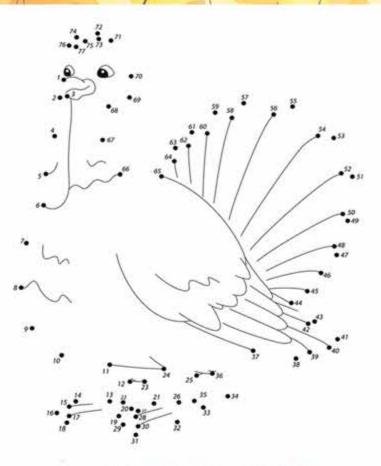


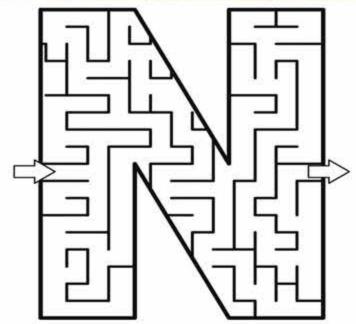
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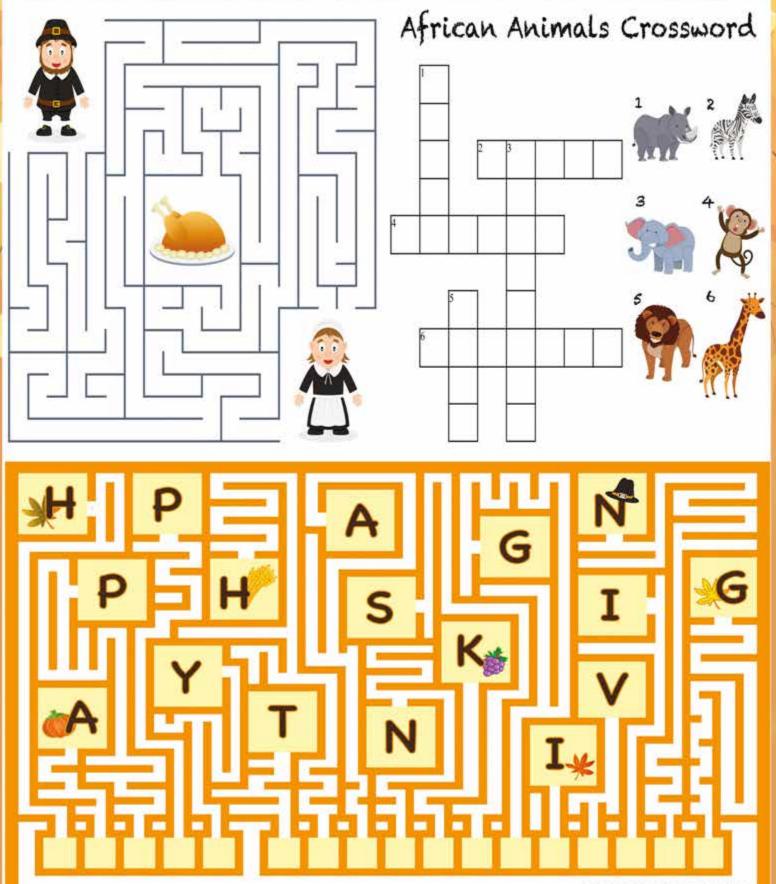
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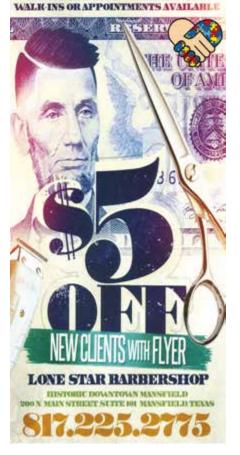
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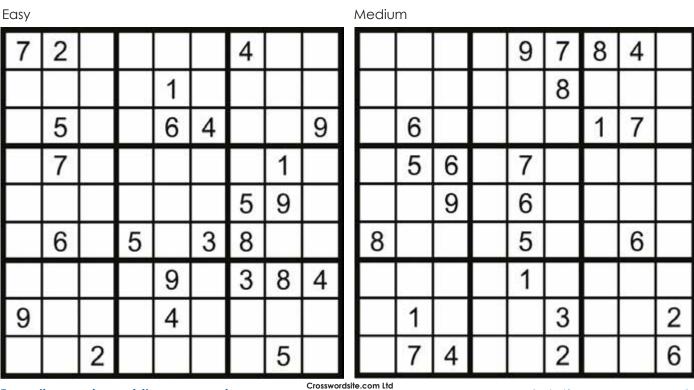


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ROISD Education Foundation provides funds for educational programs and activities that enhance the quality of education. The Foundation generates and distributes resources not funded through the normal operating budget to make available innovative and creative programs and projects that otherwise may not be offered. BO. Box 9000, Red Oak, TX 75154 (972) 617-4320, foundation@redoakisd.org https://www.redoakisd.org/Page/2072

SWAGG

SWAGG (Serenity, Wisdom, Agility, Grace, Guidance) supports foster and homeless children through a variety of programs designed to build self-worth and encourage self-sufficiency. Art and recreation programs, SWAGG "tea parties" for girls and the "Man-To-Be SWAGGers" are just a few of the programs run by this nonprofit to assist these children into a promising future. 115 Kelly Dr., Waxahachie, Texas 75167 (972) 213-8212

https://www.facebook.com/swaggprograms

Bluebonnet Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America

Blue Star Mothers of America are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or are veterans. Among the stated goals of the group are to support each other in ways both tangible and intangible, to ensure their service member family members receive benefits and/or rehabilitation and to advocate for children's welfare. 624 Ovilla Road, Waxahachie, TX 75167 (972) 679-9425

https://www.bluestarmothers.org

Crossword -Sudoku Solutions

A	B	³ E	⁴ L			⁵ B	⁶ A	s	°R	° A
M	A	к	E	"c	12 E	R	Т	A	1	N
P	R	E	М	0	N	1	Т	1	0	N
				¹⁴ V	1	G	I	L		
¹⁵ B	16	17	18 L	Е	D		19 M	0	20	21 D
220	R	N	0	т		23 T	E	R	R	A
²⁴ B	E	Т	A		25 P	A	s	s	в	Y
		²⁸ E	Т	27 H	1	С				
28 A	29 F	G	н	A	N	1	30 S	³¹ T	³² A	33 N
³⁴ S	Е	E	E	Y	Е	т	0	E	Y	E
35 H	E	R	D	S			³⁶ B	E	E	Т

Easy

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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
	7							
2	8	3	4	7	1	5	9	6
	6							
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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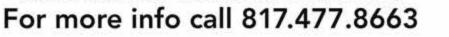
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