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# A great place to live I

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

# A great place to learn

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

# A great place to play

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

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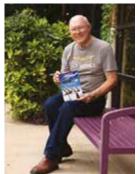
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# **EDITOR'S NOTE**

It's that scrumptious time of year!

Recently, I watched a pumpkin weighing that fascinated me. Men wielding cranes hung with webbed rigging lifted huge gourds that had been positioned on large wooden pallets. The straps snugly hugged the pumpkins, some of which weighed over a ton. Can you imagine how many pumpkin pies that much of a pumpkin could make? Or how 'bout loaves upon loaves upon loaves of pumpkin bread?

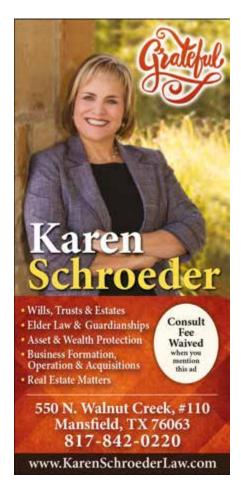
One of my favorite aspects of fall is eating toasted, buttered pumpkin bread for breakfast — with steaming coffee, of course. There's something so plain and simple about this pumpkiny pleasure that I don't mind adding a little half-and-half to my usually black coffee.

But it's got to be black when I eat pumpkin pie — and especially when I indulge in pecan pie. The confection's sugary sweetness must be balanced by the bitter earthiness of strong coffee. Similarly, for the traditional banquet to feel like a real Thanksgiving, the savory turkey must be served with tart cranberry sauce.

Such contrasts are evident all around us this month. The grass is still bright green, yet the leaves are drying out and changing color. The nighttime stars are feeling like they're closer to the earth than normal, yet the daytime clouds are appearing a bit further from our reach. The glory of creation is making itself more apparent, yet the promise of its rest waits just around the corner. Until then, we're invited to wonder at the world around us and respond with gratitude for our many blessings.

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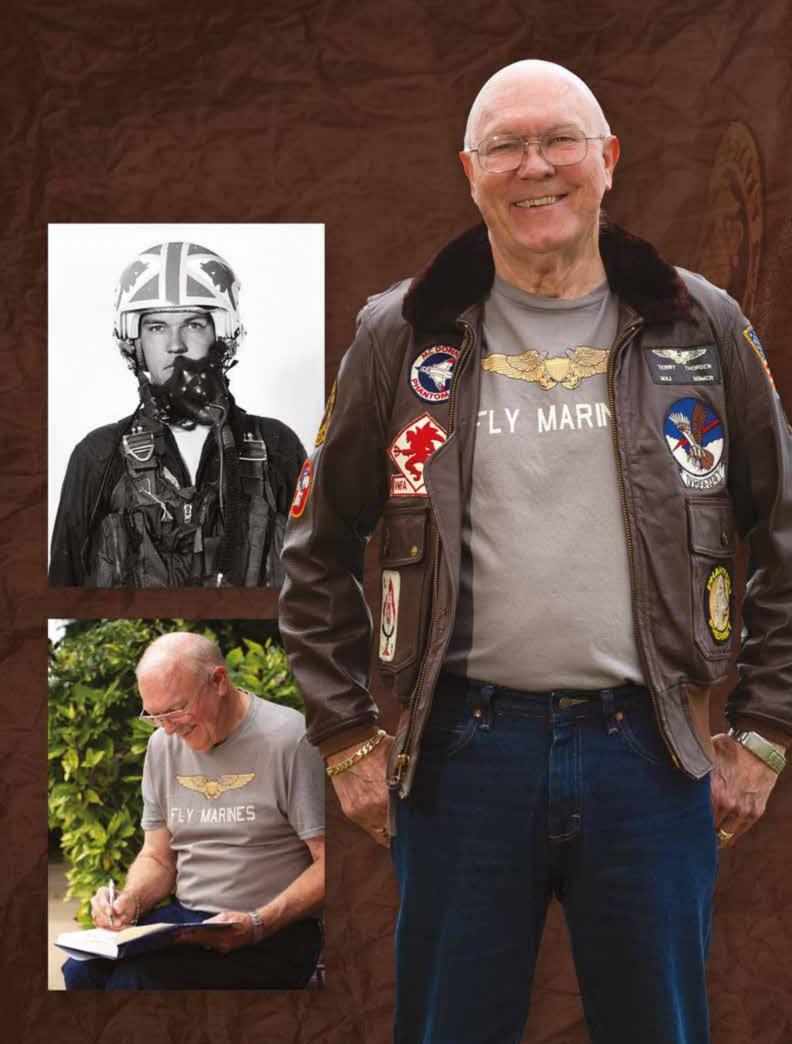


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# LOVER OF FREEDOM

By Melissa Rawlins

These days, retired Marine Corps pilot Terry Thorsen and his wife, Audrina, spend beautiful hours inside their Mansfield home creating artistic expressions of the peace they have found together. They cultivate flowers in the backyard. He indulges his talent for photography, an interest that started in high school and inspired the couple's mutual interest in creating idyllic mosaic glass-on-glass images. Audrina makes beautiful shadow box creations out of junk jewelry. They handcraft and color inspirational greeting cards for their personal ministry. In Audrina, Terry found his perfect match, since he is always looking for the next avenue to serve his fellow man.

Fifty-five years ago, when young men were being drafted into military service, Terry Thorsen responded to the national urgency by joining the U.S. Marine Corps. He already prioritized service to others, and through his commitment to the Vietnam War effort, Terry became a radar intercept officer flying in the rear seat of supersonic Phantom jets. A book he wrote about his Marine aviation and Vietnam experience titled, Phantom in the Sky, was published last year. When speaking to groups about his memories of combat, he speaks in terms meant to foster patriotism. "War changes everybody — physically, mentally and philosophically. One of the reasons I was able to come back from Vietnam was my belief that I would die for this country. It's the greatest one there is. I'd do it again. I have no regrets. I am not finished."

After Vietnam, Terry got out of the Marine Corps and entered the civilian world. An entrepreneur by nature, he opened his own photography studio in Arlington. Even at that time, he knew his experience as a backseat aviator would make a good story for a book one day. "There were unique qualities to my story," he said, "such as overcoming airsickness to do what I did, and later earning half an air medal in one day by being the only one in the squadron who flew five missions in less than 22 hours. Plus, I was in the oldest and most decorated squadron in the Marine Corps, the Red Devils."

In 2019, *Phantom in the Sky* was the only aviator-published book about the Red Devils. It was clear the impact his book made when he received feedback from one of his squadron mates who

used to load bombs and rockets onto the plane. "He said, 'I always thought you aviators had it made. After reading your book, I've decided maybe you didn't.' He was relatively safe on the base. His only danger would be if there were an explosion on base. We were out there day after day diving at the ground (enemy) at 500 miles per hour and being targets for ground fire."

His book memorializes a certain kind of hero, and made quite an impact on the Key Club members from local high schools present at his pre-COVID presentation to the Mansfield Kiwanis Club. He described determination as his key. "Getting my officer commission and earning naval flight officer wings was the hardest, yet most rewarding thing I have ever done. The achievement was a confidence builder, teaching me to





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forge ahead and make it happen. I don't give up on anything anymore," he said. "I thank God that He has given me the capacity to accomplish the things I've set as my goals. It's led to both an interesting and a full life."

In Terry's third career, he became a first responder serving North Texas Police Department's Special Victim's Unit as a crime scene investigator. That is where he met Audrina, who worked in the same department as an investigator. Their careers as forensic specialists took them to Tacoma, Washington. She eventually retired from the Arlington Police Department, and he retired from the Plano Police Department as a criminalist supervisor and crime lab director.

The couple moved to Mansfield 20 years ago, but Terry began handwriting his memoir on 13 five-subject spiral notebooks more than 30 years ago. "I gave the notebooks to Audrina, who can actually decipher my handwriting pretty well," Terry said. When they learned from late night TV about a piece of technology called Dragon Software, he was able to narrate his thoughts straight to the computer.

"The second revelation from late night TV was a program on the North Texas Military History Center, featuring a history professor from University of North Texas. That inspired me to send my query to them, and they published the book after I fulfilled their requirements," said Terry, who trimmed three-quarters of the words from his original. "Audrina helped with all of it, both editing and thought, frequently asking, 'Can you think of another way to say this?' She truly is my 'wingman."

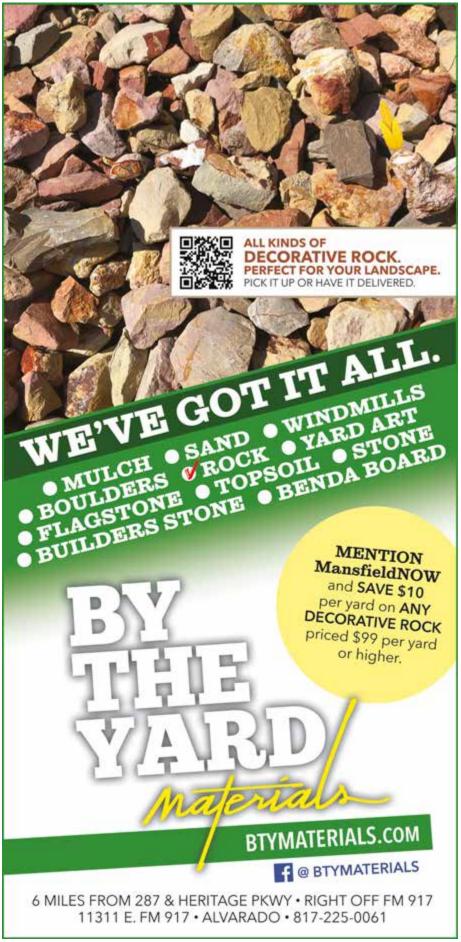
Terry and Audrina joined the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library, and he has given a workshop there about how to become published. His service to the community remains a constant. He and Audrina serve in church a lot, too, conducting missionary work, visiting shut-ins, taking meals to the bereaved and teaching Sunday school lessons.

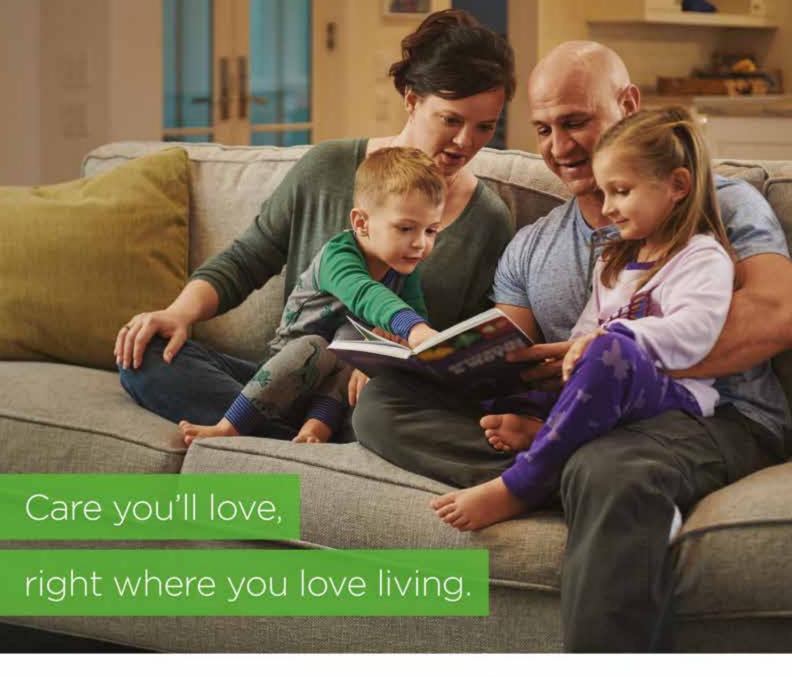
Now, Terry actively memorializes people who fight or have fought for freedom as a member of local chapters of Military Officers Association of America and Military Order of the World Wars, whose motto is "It is nobler to serve than to be served." Both organizations promote fundraisers for scholarships, connection to veterans in need of support and patriotism at all levels of our culture.



The Thorsens always contribute to MOWW's Wreaths Across America, and last year, they helped place wreaths at the base of grave markers at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. "It meant a lot for me to do that," said Audrina, who has many cousins in the U.S. Navy and one in the Marine Corps. On Valentine's Day, Terry joined 11 members of MOWW on a visit to lighten the day of veterans at the Dallas VA.

This year, Terry celebrates the 95th anniversary of the Red Devils. "The Marine Corps takes pride in knowing it is older than the United States. The Corps' birthday is November 10, 1775, while our country declared its independence in 1776," he said. "To that, I say Semper Fi!" And on November 11, he joins in honoring the veterans from all six branches of the armed forces who have fought for our nation's freedoms. NOW







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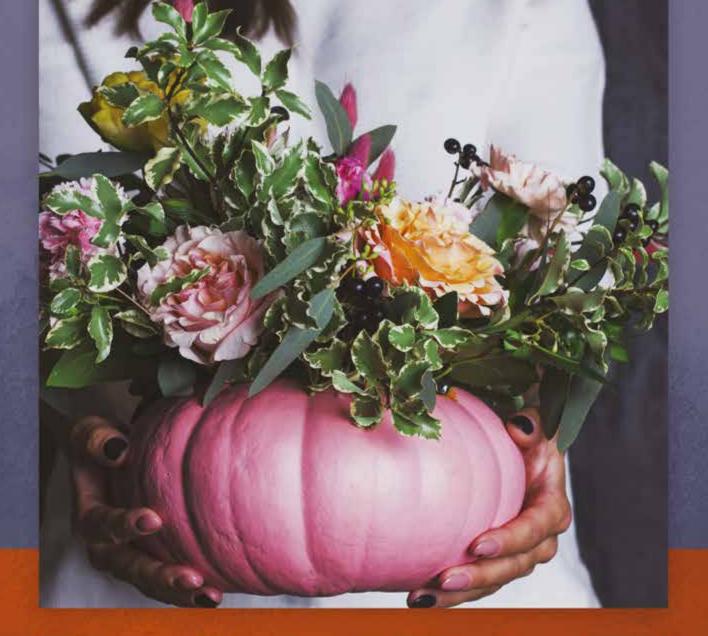
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# DOUBLE Your Decor-by Angel Morris

It's that time when everything's coming up pumpkin — from your lattes and desserts to your candles and home decor. If you enjoy the autumnal staple around your home, you can get your money's worth by having pumpkins do double duty. First as uncarved decorations on your porch, then as beautiful centerpieces for your Thanksgiving table.

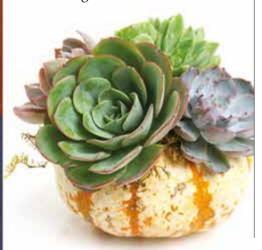
Before perching pumpkins outside, you may want to consider a few tricks to preserving their lifespan. Using bleach or floor wax are two ways to make uncarved pumpkins last longer. Just soak the pumpkins in a bucket of one tablespoon bleach to four cups water for 20 minutes before drying. Or, wiping your pumpkins with a dampened rag plus a tablespoon of floor wax will create a thin film to prevent molding and lengthen their lifespan.

Enlisting these or other online tricks can protect porch pumpkins from Texas heat and preserve them for Thanksgiving tables. When it's time to bring them inside, carved and uncarved centerpiece ideas abound — whether you search Pinterest or tap into your own creativity.

If you bring pumpkins inside from your porch or purchase them just before Thanksgiving, you will want to give them a good cleaning prior to placing them on your table. If this year's pandemic has taught us anything, it's that you can never be too careful when it comes to disinfecting!

The next step toward centerpiece creation is to cut the top off your pumpkin around the stem, creating an opening that is at least wide enough for your hand and a scooping utensil. Keep in mind the wider the opening the more items you may need to fill the pumpkin centerpiece. It is better to start narrow, and then cut wider as needed.

Once you have removed the pumpkin's top and the pulp from inside, you may want to take further measures to prolong your pumpkin's lifespan. Covering the carved edges and interior walls with petroleum jelly or WD-40 can moisturize pumpkins and keep them fresher longer.



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After being carved and preserved, the fun part of creating your pumpkin centerpiece can begin, and the options are only limited by your imagination. Inserting flowers — particularly fall varieties like cattails, sunflowers and chrysanthemums — is a common way to create a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

A trendier version involves filling your carved pumpkin with succulents. Either way, you will first cut a piece of floral foam just small enough to sit snugly inside your carved opening without falling inside the pumpkin.

You may insert the foam completely into the pumpkin if your flowers will have long enough stems to reach the foam. This makes it more difficult to reach the foam for watering, however, so you should consider how long you want the centerpiece to live. Kept watered, a centerpiece may last a week or longer, depending on the types of flowers used.

If you plan to top your centerpiece with succulents, you should carve the foam to sit atop, not within, your pumpkin. It is helpful to have 1-2 inches of foam rising above your carved opening, and to create a notch on either side where you can easily pour water, whether you plan to use flowers or succulents.

Now, you are ready to place your florals in whichever way you find visually appealing. Some like to begin with leafy stems toward the exterior, then add in florals of differing heights, with your tallest pieces toward the middle. Others prefer a rounder shape, placing one





flower in the center, and working toward the outside, keeping each stem at about the same height.

Should you choose to use faux varieties of flowers, greenery or succulents, you need not worry about watering the floral foam, and can even opt to simply insert your florals directly into your carved opening without any foam support.

Another option is to paint the exterior of your pumpkin to match whatever color scheme you prefer, from subtle neutrals to vibrant or metallic hues, then add complementary florals. Ultimately, taking pumpkins from the porch to the table can be both a creative and costefficient approach to fall decor. NOW





**BusinessNOW** 

# Remington Tax Solutions, LLC

By Melissa Rawlins

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Hours: Monday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and by appointment Extended hours during tax season.

Even before the pandemic, Remington Tax Solutions specialized in virtual and mobile tax preparation, bookkeeping, notary services and business formation for individuals and small businesses. "Virtual is how I started," Aneisa Chambers said, "because technology keeps things much simpler. There

is no reason to walk into a brick and mortar, when you can simply upload your documents, have a conversation on the phone with your preparer and lose no time out of your day."

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Mobile tax preparation and notary services are also common at Remington Tax Solutions. For clients who do very little online activity aside from Facebook, Aneisa dons a green face mask, gloves and sanitizer and goes to their home. "It relieves them from having to sit in anyone's office and wait. I take their information to my home office, do their taxes, make copies for them and then return it." Remington Tax Solutions' clients are free to run errands, while Aneisa does the work.

Her family-operated company emphasizes community. "I think doing business with people who are local and looking out for you is vital. Most small business owners do not have time to do their taxes or bookkeeping, but Remington Tax Solutions is that neighbor, right here in your community, who will look out for you," said Aneisa, who grew up as "an Army brat" and values making community and family out of the people who surround you.

All about building relationships, Aneisa gives her customers access to Remington Tax Solutions when they need help. "I take text messages well after 5:00 p.m. Even if my contractor in California is working on my client's business taxes or doing their bookkeeping, I'll be right there to help with any questions," Anesia said.

She started her career in social services in New Orleans, Louisiana. After earning a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in nonprofit management from the University of Colorado Denver, she moved here. "I liked it so much, I immediately bought a house," Aneisa said. She served as program director for a couple of local nonprofits before choosing to establish her own company that provides solutions to others. "To me, bookkeeping is like a puzzle. It's a little fun, asking, 'Where does this go? How does this fit together?'

"Starting my own business gives me the freedom to do what I want to do, when I want to do it," Aneisa said. One of her dreams is growing Remington Tax Solutions into an affordable franchise. "At some point, I'd like to set up different offices in other locations, to allow someone else, hopefully women, the freedom to work from home and still make a living."

Profits made by Remington Tax Solutions provide Aneisa another avenue to help women trying to change their careers. "I'm a member of a group called Women In Power Empowering, a group of black female philanthropists who all have big hearts and understand the kinds of issues women have when they're trying to be independent. We contribute regularly, and then use that money to help an individual woman in need of supplies, books or even transportation to get to school or go to work."

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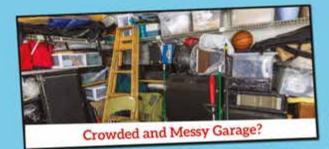




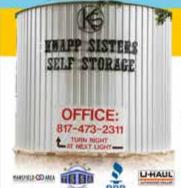
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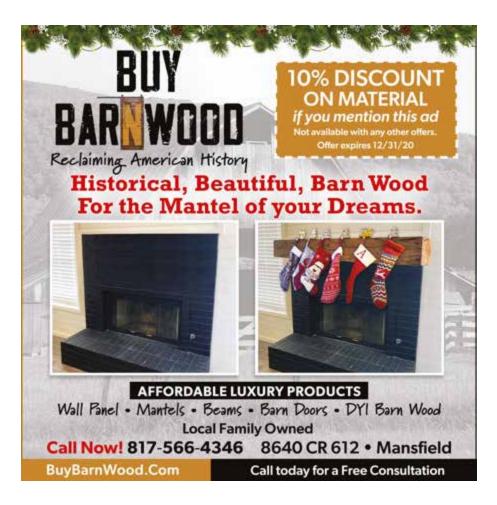


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# **Zoomed In:**Scarlett Richardson

Scarlett Richardson was reading a teenage horror story before coming inside Big D's with her dad, Mike Richardson. While they waited for Mom to arrive, so they could enjoy their barbecue dinner as a family, Mike brushed his daughter's hair off her forehead and gave her a hug.

Preferring the hair over her eyes, Scarlett began to talk about the creepy pasta birthday cake she was imagining for her next celebration. "Where do I come up with these ideas? From watching anime," Scarlett said. An anime artist on the side, she used to draw with her mom a lot. Now she's busy studying to be a classical musician and practices the string bass every day. Some might say Scarlett is a little advanced for her age. In reality, this young lady's just having fun.



Thanks to Tom Thumb and Albertson's community relief fund, the MCPAAA donated \$20,000 to Harvesting in Mansfield and Mansfield Mission Center.

# **Around Town**



The Allen family poses while picking pumpkins at First Methodist Church Mansfield, which benefits Student Ministries United Mission Week.



Lea Cummings, Becky Longoria and Amanda Blair take a break for laughter during their meeting between meetings.



Math teacher Michele Windsor accepts dry erase boards for Mary Orr Intermediate math students from Mansfield Lowe's' Dror Biran and Charles Crocker.



Omar Rodriguez, right, helps Jairo Torres, owner of Torres Fence and Stain, with a job installing and repairing a chain link fence.



Tyler and Shiloh Sandoval pet a parakeet at the Fort Worth Zoo.



Tina Ries, LaToya Robles and Rhonda Miller take their daily morning walk at Katherine Rose Memorial Park.

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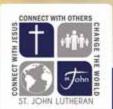
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"Cooking really isn't that difficult," Abby Hopkins said. "You just take things you like, mix them together and hope for the best. Usually, it'll turn out great. And, hey, if not, there's always delivery."

Abby's first memories include helping her mother make lasagna. "That was always my favorite meal, so it was exciting to help her layer the noodles, cheese, meat and sauce, and then wait for what seemed like hours for it to bake," Abby said. "To this day, my mom always makes me lasagna for every birthday, since it's my favorite!"

Abby cooks for herself and her daughter mostly, but she typically hosts holiday gatherings for her entire family. The grab-and-go recipes she shares here are inspired in part by her favorite cook, Ina Garten. "She makes amazing meals, but makes it seem so simple." Now

### Guacamole

This super simple crowd pleaser makes a quick snack for football season.

- I jalapeño, chopped
- 4 avocados
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. cumin
- 3 Tbsp. salt
- 4 limes, juiced
- **I.** De-seed the jalapeño, unless you like it spicy.

- **2.** Smash up the avocado like you're mad at it; add the chopped red onion, jalapeños, cumin and salt.
- **3.** Mix it all up really well; mix in the lime juice.

## **Taco Lettuce Wraps**

2 Tbsp. olive oil
I white onion, chopped
I lb. ground beef or turkey
I red bell pepper, chopped
I yellow bell pepper, chopped

- I pkg. taco seasoning4 oz. cream cheeseI head little gem lettuce
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- **1.** Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. **2.** Add the chopped onions; sauté for 3-5
- minutes, until they are almost clear.
- **3.** Add the ground beef or turkey, bell pepper and taco seasoning.
- **4.** Once the meat is browned, add in the cream cheese; mix it all together until the cheese is melted.
- **5.** Use the lettuce leaves as a taco shell. Top with anything you want.

# Muffin Pan Egg Quiche

8 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 pkg. bacon
1 tsp. red pepper flakes
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
1 1/2 cups cheese, shredded

**I.** In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk.

- **2.** Chop the bacon; add it to the egg mix. Add the red pepper flakes, salt and pepper.
- **3.** Pour the quiche mixture about 1/3 of the way into each spot of a greased muffin pan.
- **4.** Sprinkle cheese over each quiche; bake at 350 F for 30 minutes.
- **5.** Let cool before storing in the refrigerator. Just pop one or two in the microwave for 45 seconds for your morning meal.

### **Protein Bowls**

2 cups packaged couscous
13 oz. turkey sausage
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
1 large cucumber, diced
1 red onion, chopped
Sriracha Sauce, to taste

- **1.** Cook the couscous according to the package directions.
- **2.** While the couscous is cooking, add the turkey sausage and bell pepper to a skillet; sauté until the sausage is brown.
- **3.** In a bowl, layer the ingredients in the following order: couscous, turkey sausage and bell peppers, cucumbers and red onions. Top it off with Sriracha for a little spice.

# Instant Pot Chicken Tortilla Soup

I white onion, chopped

2 cloves fresh garlic, minced

2 Tbsp. olive oil

1 lb. chicken breast

1 15-oz. can corn

- 1 15-oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 chipotle peppers, whole
- 8 cups chicken broth

### **Toppings:**

2 avocados, sliced

I bunch cilantro, chopped

1 cup sour cream

I cup cheese, shredded

- **I.** Turn the Instant Pot to Sauté mode; cook the onion and garlic in the olive oil until almost clear.
- **2.** Turn off the Sauté setting; add the chicken, corn, black beans, chipotle peppers and chicken broth.
- **3.** Turn the setting to Pressure. Close the lid; set for 14 minutes.
- **4.** Once done, do a quick release. Remove the chicken; shred it.
- **5.** Once shredded, add the chicken back to the Instant Pot; let it sit for about 10 minutes before serving.
- **6.** Top with avocado, cilantro, sour cream and cheese.







### Muffin Pan Meatloaf

I lb. ground beef
2 cloves garlic, chopped
I white onion, chopped
2 eggs
I 1/2 cups breadcrumbs
I/2 cup milk
Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste 1 Tbsp. onion powder 12 Tbsp. ketchup

**1.** In a large bowl, mix ground beef with garlic, white onions, eggs, breadcrumbs, milk, salt, pepper and onion powder. Make sure it's a good consistency that sticks together.

2. Grease a muffin pan; put some of the

mixture into each spot. Bake at 375 F for 30 minutes.

**3.** Take the meatloaves out of the oven, put a little ketchup on the top of each one; bake for an extra 5 minutes.

# Bacon Avocado Grilled Cheese

2 slices sourdough bread

2 Tbsp. butter

2 Tbsp. mayonnaise

2 slices Pepper Jack cheese

4 slices bacon, cooked

I avocado, cut into slices

- **I.** Coat one side of each piece of bread with butter. Coat the same side of each piece of bread with mayonnaise.
- **2.** In a pan that is already heated on medium heat, put down one slice of bread. Quickly stack, in this order: I piece of cheese, 2 pieces of bacon (in an X pattern), sliced avocado, 2 more pieces of bacon (in an X pattern), the last piece of cheese and the other piece of bread.
- **3.** Cover with a lid and let cook until browned to perfection.
- **4.** Then, carefully flip the sandwich to brown it on the other side and melt the cheese.



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- By Lisa Bell

In German, Schulenburg means "school town," an appropriate name for the home of the ISD Shorthorns, a Catholic elementary and a Blinn College campus. While education remains a top priority, heritage and history live daily in this small community. German and Czech influences remain strong, which proves a delight to intentional visitors and those who stop on the way to other places. Situated on I-10, Schulenburg offers a perfect stop for weary travelers. But stopping might mean staying a while.

Best known for the painted churches in the area, the Greater Schulenburg Chamber schedules and hosts guided tours. Although you can choose the self-guided option, having a knowledgeable volunteer to share local tidbits makes the trip better.



Visit the Texas Polka Music Museum, which offers a collection of vintage records and instruments, costumes and more. They also make it a point to honor any disc jockey who helped promote polka through the ages. Texas polka bands honor the legacy of Czech, German and Polish ancestry.

The Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum, dedicated to the past, present and future of model and toy airplanes, contains three areas. The Main Museum houses the original shop where Victor and Joe Stanzel pioneered manufacturing miniature aviation in the 1930s. The Factory Wing and Historic Stanzel Home encompass the other two areas.

History buffs may want to take a tour of the Historic Museum and homes, including an authentic log cabin, or catch the historic restaurant and dance hall at Momma's at Sengelmann. Then, stop to experience the Piano Bridge. Erected in 1885, the bridge spans the Navidad River connecting High Hill and Dubina, the first Texas Czech community. Although the bridge no longer twangs when crossed, it remains a memorable place surrounded by beauty.

At various times during the year, Schulenburg hosts festivals. One of the most famous, Sausagefest, normally occurs in April, with the Schulenburg Festival in August. And in November and December, the town transforms into a wonderful place for unique gifts, food and shopping. The Holiday Wine Walk, held the first weekend in November, coincides with Holiday in the Country. Or visit one of two local wineries to relax in picturesque South Texas evenings.

Any time you visit, be sure to allow time for unique shopping experiences and the tastes of authentic German, Czech and Polish foods. With hotels, ranches and RV spots in Schulenburg, you might want to spend a few nights to experience everything.

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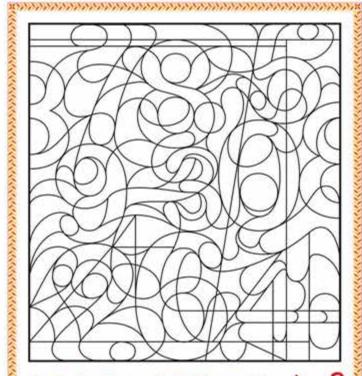
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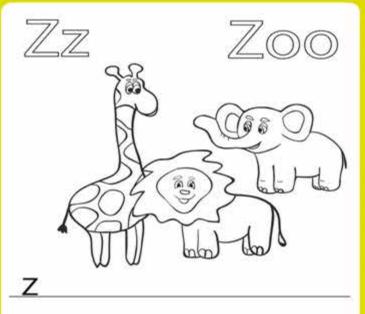
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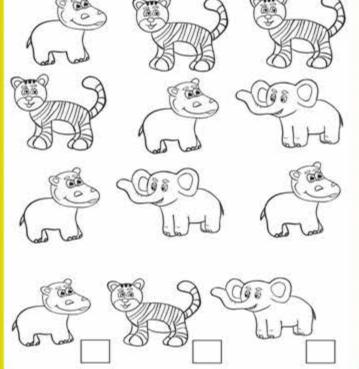




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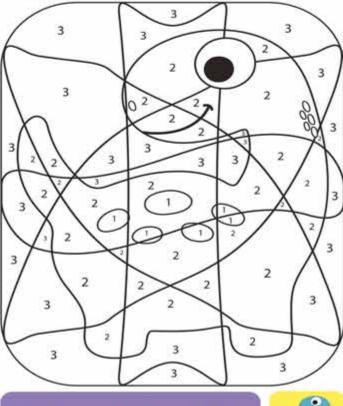
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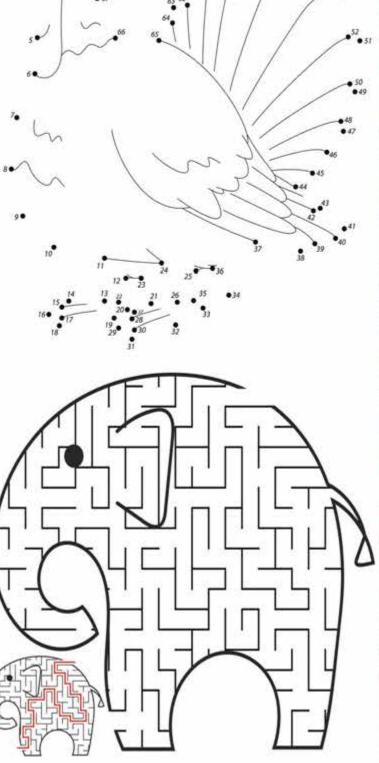
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- 10 Engrave
- 11 Senior
- 12 Land measures
- 14 Row of buttons
- 16 Cleo's nemesis
- 17 Cover
- 18 Very small
- 19 Picnic favorite
- 24 Post-operative room
- 25 Muscleman's pride
- 26 Sawbuck
- 27 Riot-squad weapon
- 31 Steamy ballroom dance
- 33 Southwest Native American
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- 36 Assassinate
- 37 It's east of Eden

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- 1 Kind of maize
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- 15 Solar-treated brick
- 19 Name of two British PMs
- 20 Huge amounts
- 21 Underpass
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#### 11/11

#### Veteran's Day:

Salute and honor Mansfield veterans with patriotic music and presentations from all over the community. If you are a veteran, please complete the Veteran Registration Form on the city's website prior to **November 6**, so the community can give you a virtual "Salute" this Veterans Day, 10:00-11:00 a.m. For more information, contact angie.henley@ mansfieldtexas.gov.

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#### 11/13

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#### 11/19

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#### 11/21

#### **Campfire** Cookout:

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#### 11/24

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George Fassett, James Menefee, Skeeter Pressley, and Pat Desmond along with supporters of the Mansfield Families for Property Tax Relief Coalition. They organized a tax cut petition that was largely ignored by the he Mansfield City Council.