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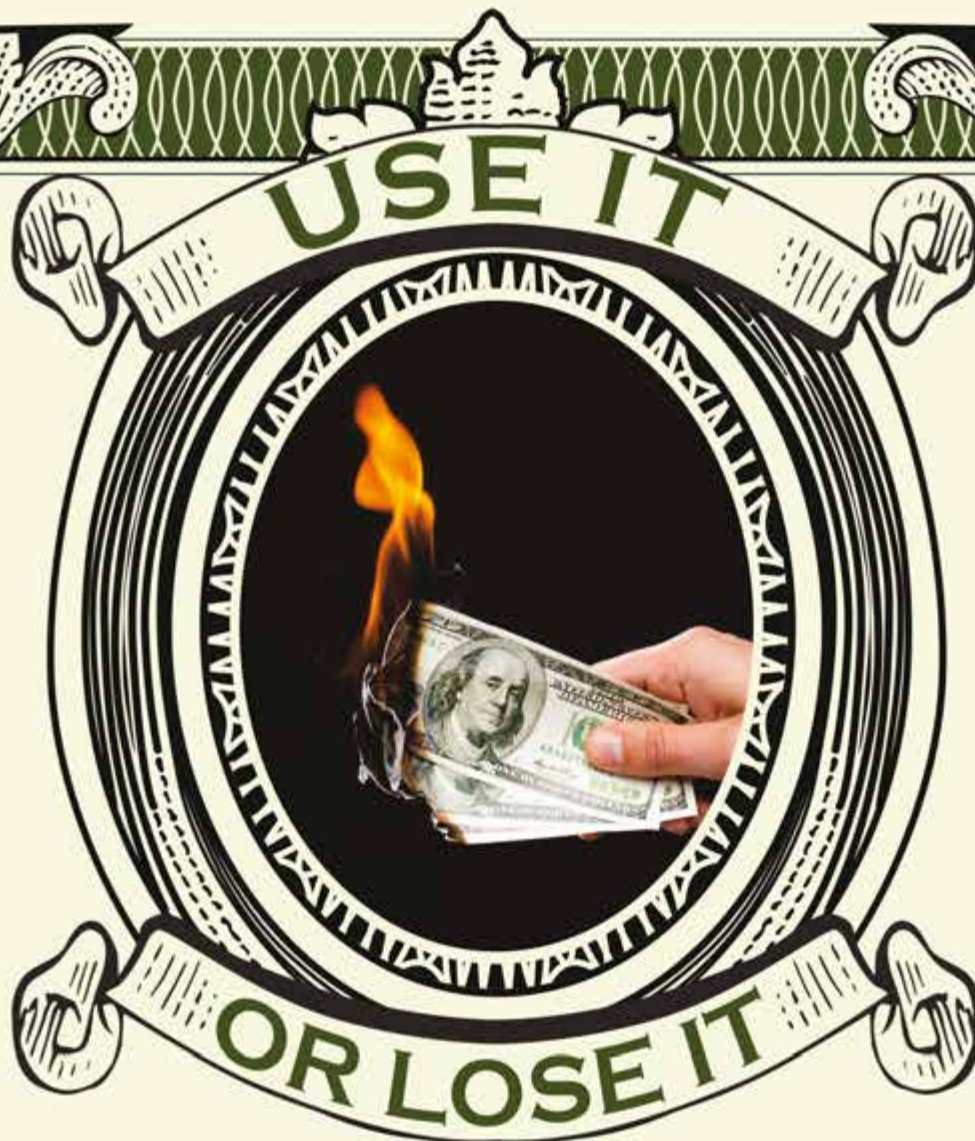
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*November is finally here ...*

Even in Texas, November ushers in cooler temperatures. Perhaps not cold, although you never know, but chilly and at least bearable. I always hope for cold, rainy days — especially around the end of the month. While growing up, I became my mother's little baker. My sister cooked authentic food, but I baked. Lemon chess pies, pumpkin bread, 7UP cake, melting moments, Rio lace and pink cookies topped my list of favorites. The pecan pie — that stayed with Mom. Hungry yet?

Every year, Mom brought home a turkey that always weighed over 20 pounds. Late Wednesday night, she prepared the bird and popped him in a 250 F oven to slow cook. Many may argue that isn't a high enough temperature, but by the next morning, that turkey didn't have a raw part anywhere. Now, let me tell you what happens when you cook a turkey overnight. Around 4:00 a.m., this tantalizing aroma drifts through the entire house. It seeps beneath doors and assaults the nostrils of those sleeping. When you expect it, you smile in your sleep and dream of the half-dozen large dishes of sides that will join the turkey on the table. Unexpected, the scent might bounce you out of the bed in the middle of the night.

Mom passed years ago, but I still love cooking a turkey overnight. Precious memories waft through the air alongside the fragrance at Thanksgiving. No matter what, I find reasons for gratitude. And most of the time, all I have to do is look around me.

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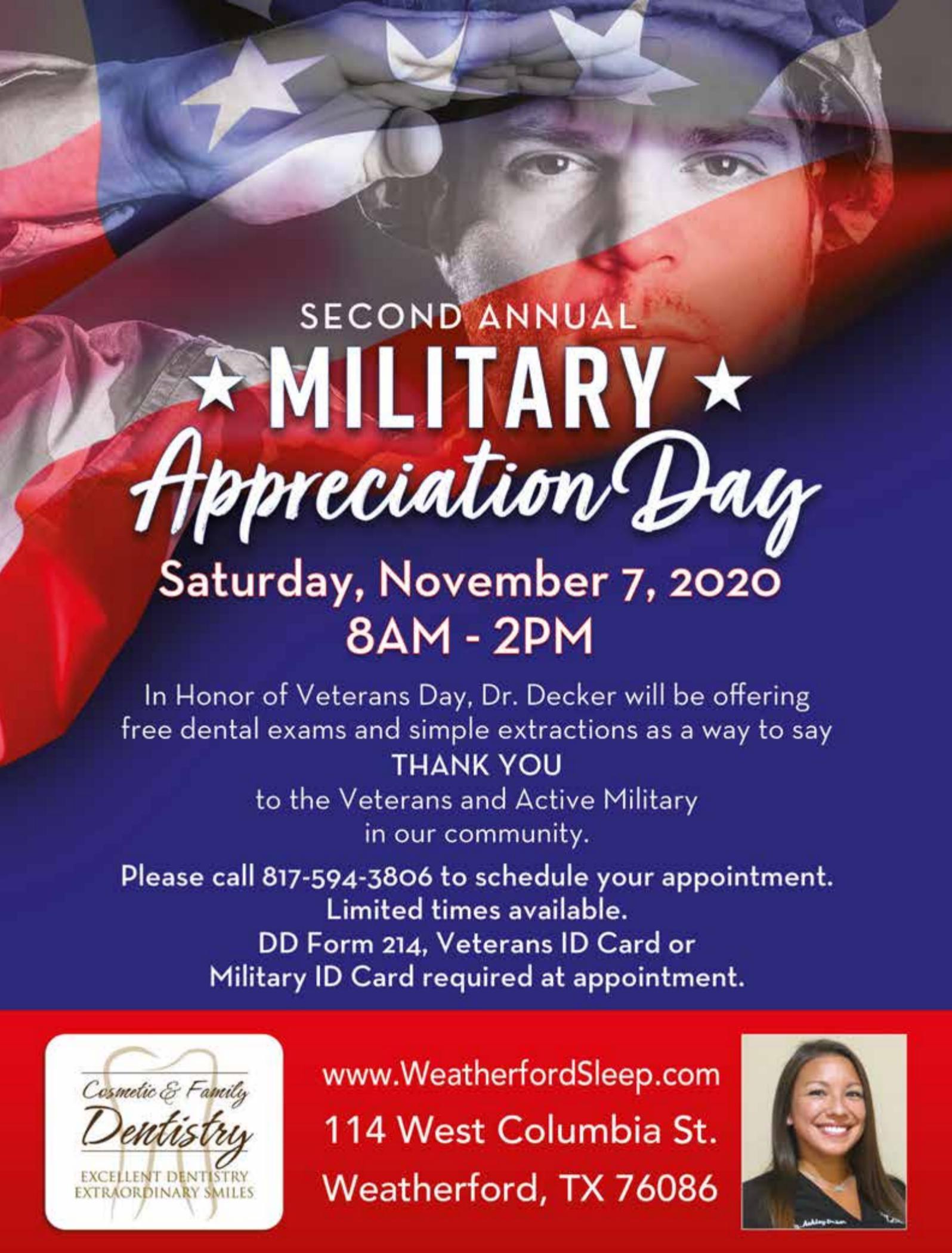
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# PROFOUND IMPACT

— By Lisa Bell

*Like many who lose a child or spouse in military combat, Jack Beauchamp doesn't see Memorial Day or Veterans Day as celebrations — or does he? For him, the days represent the celebration of lives well lived and sacrificed for this country. But hot dogs, hamburgers and parties have little to do with the true meaning of the holidays at the end of May and in November. Parades and memorials remind people of sacrifices our military and their families make. And that should always be honored.*

When Jack's youngest son, Clayton R. Beauchamp, died in Afghanistan on August 7, 2012, Westboro Baptist Church threatened to picket his funeral. Instead, Jack experienced the Patriot Guard Riders for the first time on the following Saturday. "When we lost Clay, they surrounded me," Jack said. "We're never supposed to bury our children. The Patriot Guard protected and stood strongly silent." Although only one person showed up from Westboro, Jack admitted having the Patriot Guard Riders there comforted his family. Later, the organization became part of personal healing.

Jack concedes that for two years, he struggled in a deep, dark place. After years of driving a truck, he quit his job and did pretty much nothing. "I was mad. I didn't want to receive anything," he shared. "Then I realized I had to turn this grief into a positive." He joined Kaye Jordan, who lost her son two years before Clay's death, and other Parker County Gold Star Families to raise funds for the Veterans Memorial at Soldier Spring Park. Seeing that dream fulfilled gave Jack pride, but it wasn't enough to heal his aching heart.

"The Patriot Guard does good things for people at the worst time. That's what I needed to be doing," Jack said. "Giving — being part of those giving and aligning myself with people who had the right intentions." He saw that opportunity with the Patriot Guard Riders.

Because of physical issues, Jack never served in the military. But four of his children joined the Navy, one of them returning to Afghanistan this year. His uncle and his wife's dad both served in Vietnam. Her uncle served during World War II. Jack's son, who didn't join the military, works as a





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lineman, risking his life and serving in his own way. "The military family is such a tight-knit group," Jack said. "It opened my eyes. Something happens when the military surrounds you."

Fortunately, Patriot Guard Riders doesn't require military experience. Nor do they demand that every member ride a motorcycle, although many do. All you need is respect for the military, veterans and first responders with a desire to show honor to them and their families. According to Jack, many members are Vietnam-era vets. All are volunteers. "Every mission, you're on your own," he said. But he doesn't discount the rich heritage of the guard. During one mission, Jack met one of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first black trainer and one who served during multiple wars. "Getting to meet history, it's incredible," he said. As the Patriot Guard Riders provide escorts and protection from potential disturbances, they also hug a teddy bear and give it to children or spouses. Although Jack doesn't ride with them as often as he used to, he continues riding with the Patriot Guard Riders whenever they come to Weatherford or nearby communities.

Over the years, Jack also became part of Snowball Express, an organization taken over by the Gary Sinise Foundation two years ago, which brings children of the fallen together. "I made a lot of connections with a lot of kids that brought healing on both sides," he said.

Following the climb of a training mountain, a general gave Jack a challenge coin, one of many he now owns. While traveling, Jack had an opportunity to encourage a young soldier who wanted to become a naval hospital corpsman like Clay. He gave a coin to the man, launching a connection

that remains today. When Clay's sergeant passed, Jack joined more than two dozen Patriot Guard Riders and had the honor of leading the procession in his car.

In another opportunity to honor Clay and other fallen heroes, Jack and his wife, Diana, took part in Carry the Load for their fifth year. This East U.S. to West U.S. relay helps restore the true meaning of Memorial Day, as participants walk two miles with a soldier's backpack on their backs. "It's a reminder that this day isn't about hot dogs and hamburgers," Jack shared.



One of Jack's favorite memories comes from an appearance in Coffey Anderson's official video titled *Memorial Day*. Jack is grateful to be part of something that continues touching lives. He still meets corpsmen who drive between the East and West Coasts, his family providing a place for them to spend the night during their trips, and he gets letters from all over the world.

Early on, Jack sought help from his pastor, Van Houser. Jack remembered, "Brother Van told me, 'God's already put you and your son to work. You're just too mad to see it.' He was right."

Today, while Jack works as a handyman to support his family, he shoulders a responsibility he never wanted, prayed he'd never know. But he indeed took the deepest grief and turned it into something positive, creating a profound impact in ways he never dreamed. On Memorial Day, he chose to celebrate the way Clayton always gave and remember the sacrifices of those who served and gave their all. As Veterans Day arrives, Jack will remember his son and all the veterans intermingled in his life. **NOW**



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Following an assessment test, Jeff did a couple of weeks of training and orientation with Mr. Handyman. “I liked what I saw,” he shared. The family environment and concern with succeeding, not simply trying to sell something, plus the culture



of integrity and professionalism attracted him. Mr. Handyman has multiple franchises throughout DFW, and they’ve been around for about 20 years. The support they provided appealed to Jeff, and he opened in March 2020.

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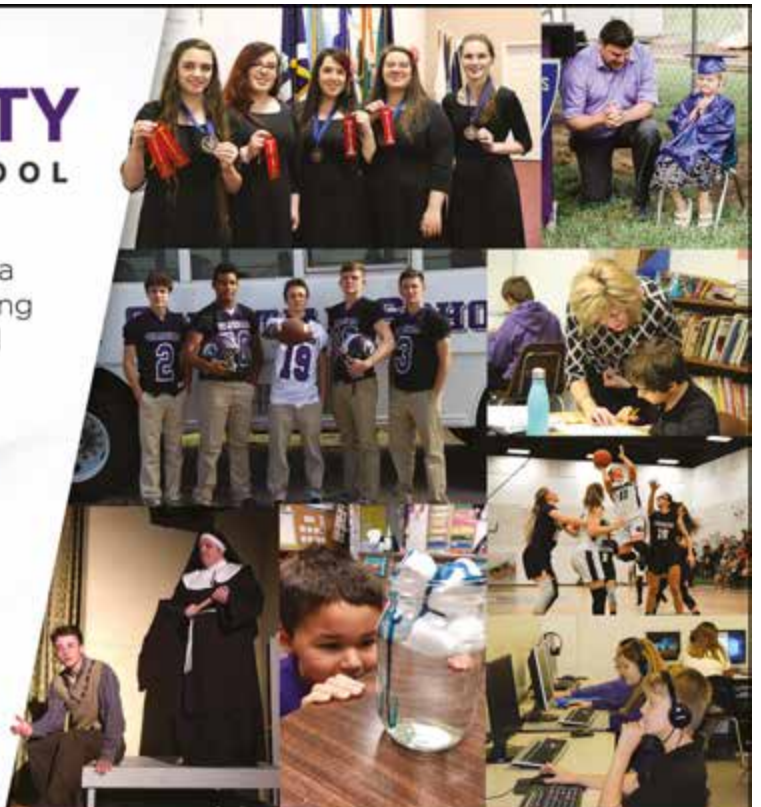
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## Zoomed In: Jay Love

By Lisa Bell

Following a dream, Jay Love shines as an example. “I felt unfulfilled — meant for a greater purpose,” he said. “I always wanted a career in the medical field, but due to my education status never believed it was a possibility.” With a sixth-grade level of education, Jay changed his life after working for the U.S. Postal Service for 19 years. Passing his GED, he worked toward a degree as an Occupational Therapy Assistant at Weatherford College. Winner of the 2020 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and 2020 Trustmark Workforce Development Scholar, Jay is completing his fourth semester. “I never imagined I would be a college student, much less have the academic success I currently have,” he said. “All things are possible if you want it bad enough.”



*Alisha Richardson checks out fall decor ideas.*



*Spending a day at the park, the Guttery family stops for a photo.*



*Taking photos with pumpkins, Madison Metzger and Faith Wilhite pose for NOW Magazines.*



*Brian and Sherrie Ahern set up a variety of small items for First Monday.*



Friends and family hang out in a tree.



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## CookingNOW *In the Kitchen With* BROOKE KINGSTON

— By Lisa Bell

“I’ve been baking for as long as I can remember,” Brooke Kingston shared. “I started baking with my mom as soon as I could stand on a chair to help stir the cookie dough.” Although Brooke inherited generations of recipes from family members, she also finds inspiration from day-to-day activities, books and cooking shows.

Heavily involved in the Parker County 4-H Foods and Nutrition Project, Brooke serves as a teen leader. A competitor in 4-H Food Show and 4-H Food Challenge competitions, she often wins the contests. “When I’m not baking or cooking, I love reading good books and playing basketball,” she said. “I love letting my creativity flow — whether through baking or just doodling.” Brooke most enjoys seeing her family’s reaction when she bakes treats for them. **NOW**

### Pumpkin Pie (Cobbler Style)

2 15-oz. cans pumpkin  
1 12-oz. can evaporated milk  
3 eggs  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. ground ginger  
1 yellow cake mix  
1 1/2 sticks butter  
1 cup pecans, chopped  
Cool Whip (optional)

1. Heat oven to 350 F.  
2. Mix the pumpkin, milk and eggs together

in a large bowl, using an electric mixer. Add the sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger.

3. Pour into a greased 9x13-inch pan. Sprinkle the yellow cake mix over the top of the pumpkin mixture. Melt the butter; pour evenly over the cake mix.

4. Cook for 30 minutes. Sprinkle pecans on top; cook for an additional 30 minutes.

5. Cover with foil for the last 10 minutes if the pecans brown too quickly. Serve with Cool Whip, if desired.

### Spice Cake

*Cake:*

1 1/4 cups boiling water  
1 cup quick oats  
1 stick butter  
2 eggs  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup white sugar  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. nutmeg  
1 tsp. cinnamon

*Topping:*

6 Tbsp. butter  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup cream  
1 cup coconut  
3/4 cup pecans  
1/4 tsp. vanilla

1. For cake: Heat oven to 350 F. Pour the boiling water over the quick oats and butter. Cover; let stand for 20 minutes. Add remaining ingredients.
2. Pour batter into a greased 9x13-inch pan; bake for 35 minutes.
3. For topping: While the cake is baking, mix all the topping ingredients. Heat for about 1 minute in the microwave until melted together.
4. Pour topping over the cake; broil for a couple of minutes until the coconut begins to turn brown. *Note:* Watch carefully so the coconut does not burn!
5. Remove from oven; enjoy!

## Old-fashioned Gingerbread With Orange Sauce

*Gingerbread:*

1/2 cup cooking oil  
2 Tbsp. sugar  
1 egg  
1 cup dark molasses  
1 cup boiling water  
2 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. ground ginger  
1 tsp. cinnamon

*Orange Sauce:*

1 1/2 cups water  
1 1/2 cups orange juice  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
5 Tbsp. cornstarch  
6 drops lemon extract or 1/8 cup lemon juice  
1 Tbsp. butter

1. For gingerbread: Heat the oven to 325 F.
2. In a bowl, mix the oil, sugar and egg; blend in molasses and water.
3. In a separate bowl, stir the dry ingredients together; blend with the wet ingredients. Cook in a greased Bundt pan for 45 minutes.
4. For orange sauce: Use a double broiler to prevent scalding. Bring all ingredients, except the butter, to a boil.
5. Remove from heat; add the butter. Serve sauce over individual slices of gingerbread.

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4 Tbsp. brown sugar, packed

Chicken broth, to taste (optional)

1. Start by placing the onion quarters in the bottom of a Crock-Pot. Place the pork butt on top of the onions. Add salt and pepper to taste.

2. Pour the chipotle chilies on top.

3. In a separate bowl, mix the Dr Pepper and brown sugar; pour over the chilies. Cover; cook on low for 7-8 hours or overnight.

4. When fork tender, remove from Crock-Pot; shred completely using two forks.

5. Blend the juice (with onions and chilies) in a blender until smooth. Pour over the meat; stir.

6. *Caution:* Cover the top of blender with paper towels and pressure with hand. Hot liquid can cause the top to pop off.

7. If too spicy, add chicken broth, as desired.



Pecan Pie Mini Muffins

## Pecan Pie Mini Muffins

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup pecans, chopped

1/2 cup flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 cup butter, melted

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 tsp. vanilla

1. Heat oven to 425 F.

2. Combine the first 5 ingredients; make a well in the center of the mixture.

3. Stir together the butter, eggs and vanilla. Add to the well in the center of the dry ingredients; stir until moistened.

4. Grease mini-muffin pans, filling each 3/4 of the way full. Bake 8-10 minutes.

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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.

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 cost-efficient approach to fall decor. **NOW**

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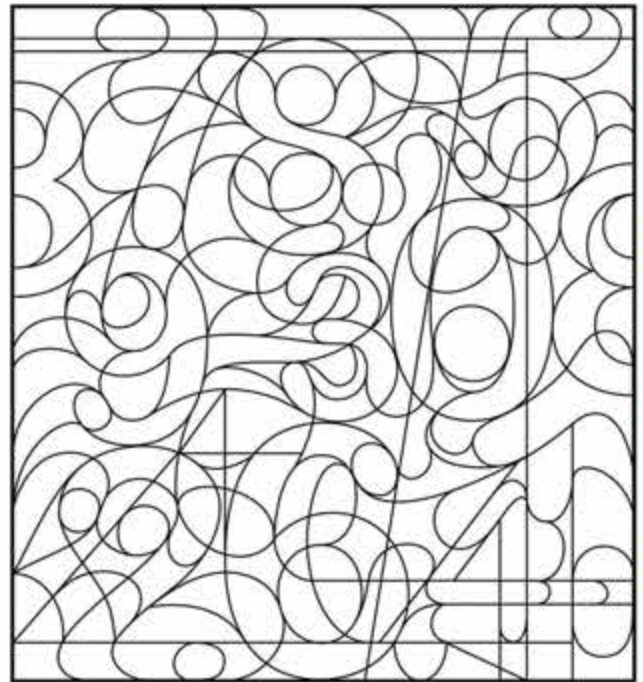
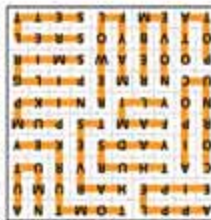
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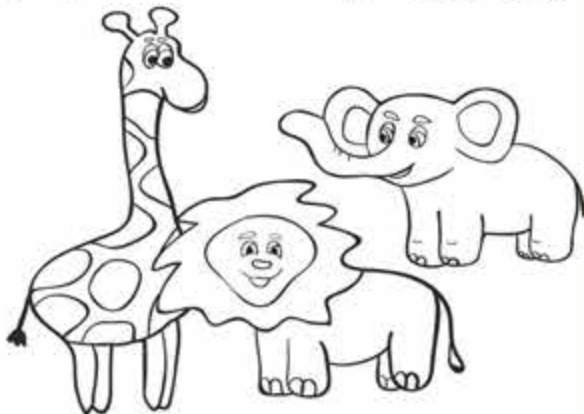
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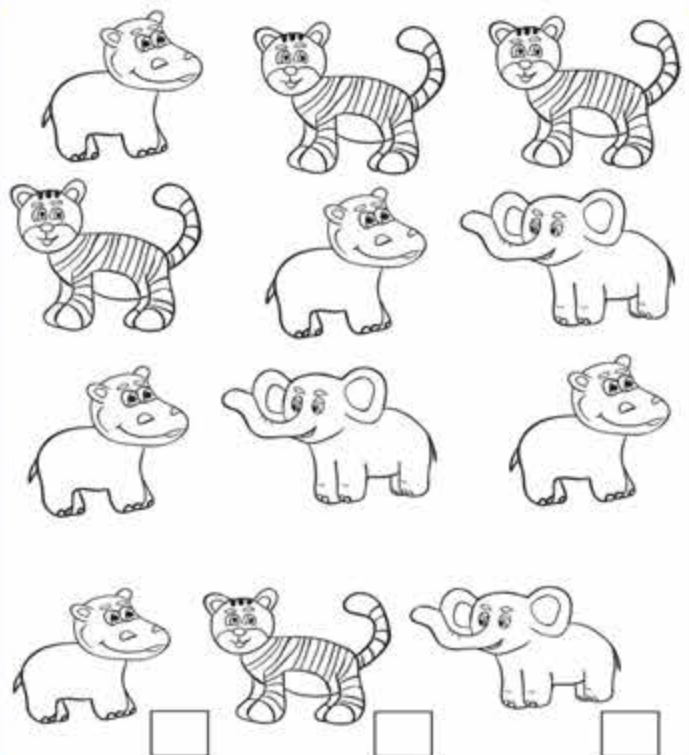
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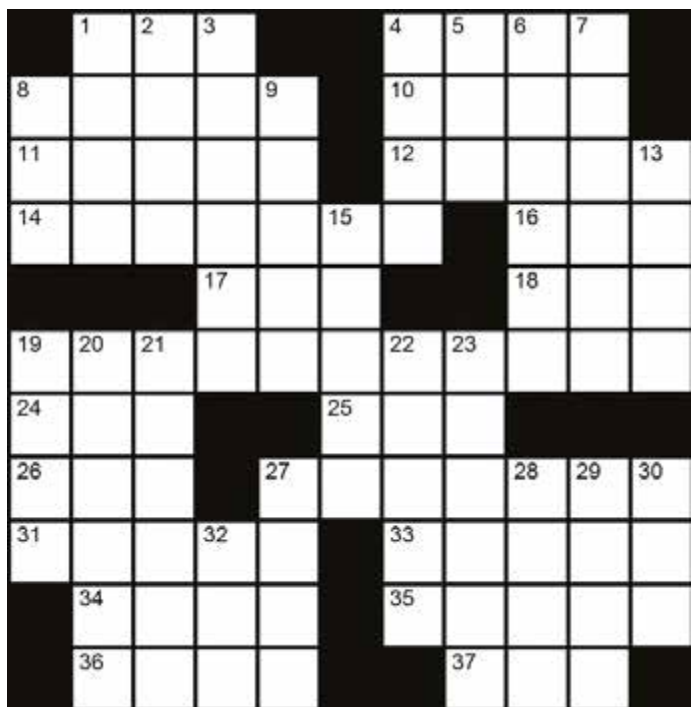
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- 18 Very small
- 19 Picnic favorite
- 24 Post-operative room
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- 26 Sawbuck
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- 5 Kind of market
- 6 Poor penmanship
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## Veterans and First Responders Breakfast:

In appreciation, all veterans and first responders are invited to a homemade breakfast. Hosted by the Twentieth Century Club. 7:00 a.m., 321 S. Main St.

For more information, contact Valerie Meador at (817) 304-3747.

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## Cabin Chili Cookoff:

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Doss Heritage and Cultural Center, 1400 Texas Dr. For more information, visit [www.dosscenter.org](http://www.dosscenter.org).

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## Veterans

### Appreciation Meal:

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Non-military or veteran, \$10/plate for brisket meal. Noon-6:00 p.m., RD Nelson VFW Post 4746, 224 Zion Hill Rd.

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11	E	L	D	E	R	12	A	C	R	E
14	T	O	O	L	B	A	R		16	A
						17	L	I	D	
19	P	O	T	A	T	O	S	A	L	A
24	I	C	U			25	B	O	D	
26	T	E	N			27	T	E	A	R
31	T	A	N	G	O	32				
						33	K	I	O	W
34	N	E	O	N		35	S	A	G	A
36	S	L	A	Y		37	N	O	D	

Easy

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

Medium

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