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Happy Thanksgiving!

I'm feeling that crisp fall air and enjoying this season's always anticipated pumpkin spice. Taking trips with friends and family during this time of the year is so enjoyable, and I treasure the memories made.

Our hot summer prevented me from camping, but with the rain and cooler breezes, I've made two four-day ventures into the woods with other women campers. We enjoyed time in Martin Dies, Jr. State Park and Lake Mineral Wells State Park. We had so much fun out on the lake, hiking trails, exploring local haunts and touring the Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells that's undergoing renovation. The nightly campfires lasted late, and the coffee with our breakfast cookouts was a very welcome start to our adventurous days.

I wasn't roughing it in Dallas when I joined my youngest daughter and her family for four days of urban adventure. Our downtown hotel was elegant, and the Perot Museum, Fort Worth Stockyards, National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame, State Fair of Texas and Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament delighted my granddaughters, who were first-time attendees. We even had time to bowl at the fanciest bowling alley I have ever seen! My granddaughters flew for the first time in and out of Love Field, both with their own carry-on bags, and found the experience much better than the usual long drive. I did have to brave downtown Dallas traffic getting there and going home, but after that, my urban-oriented kids did the driving. This trip was a birthday celebration for granddaughter Sophie's 10th and my birthday gift from all of them. It was pure joy being given the gift of time with my children and grandchildren.

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— By Virginia Riddle

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, James Glass was on the aircraft carrier, the USS Saratoga, having enlisted in the Navy the previous March at the age of 18. "Our ship arrived about five hours after the surprise attack from the Japanese Navy Air Service," he recalled. "Devastation was everywhere."

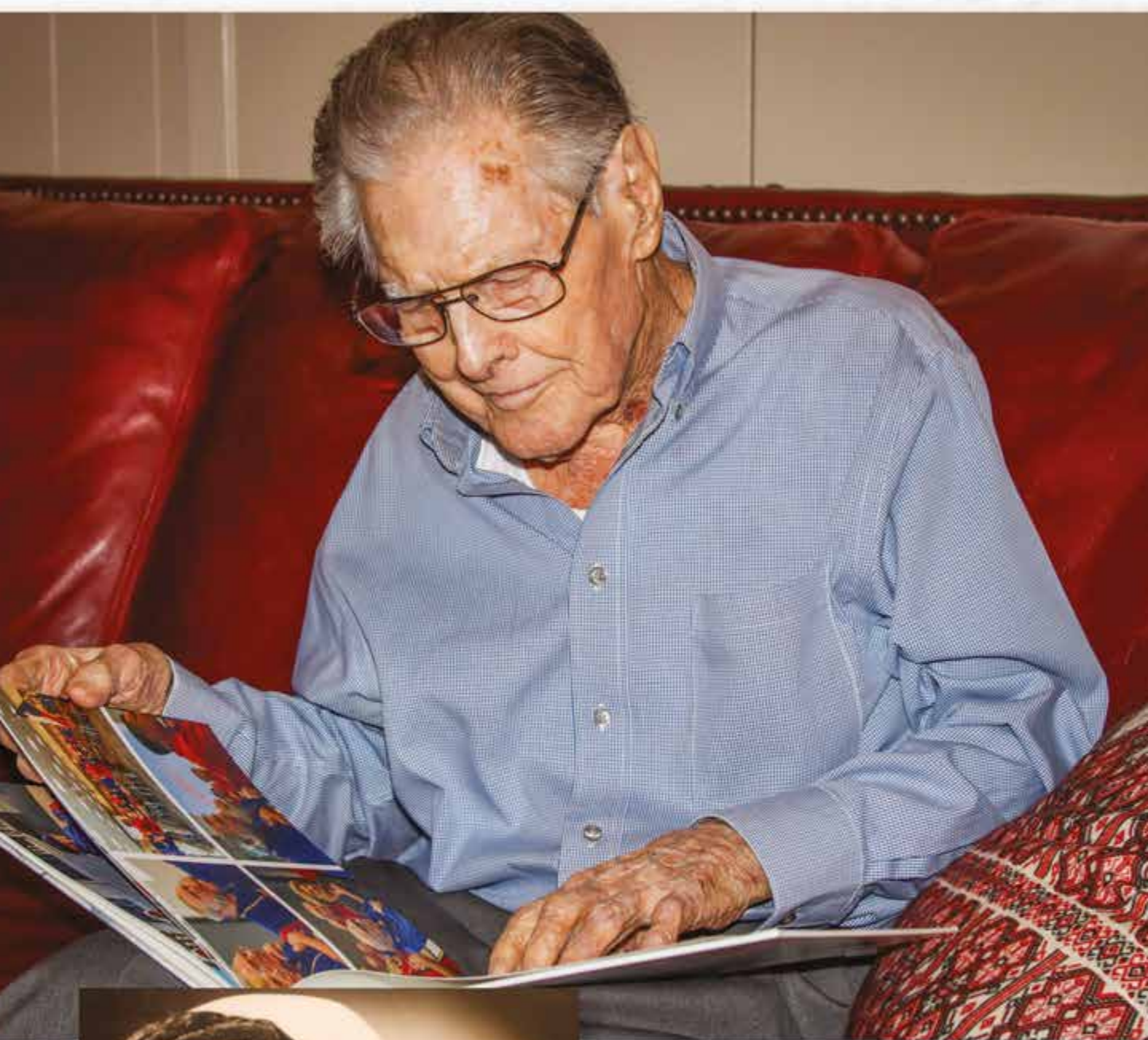
During his six years of service, James served mainly on the *USS Enterprise* and some on the *USS Wake Island* in the raids (Gilbert and Marshall Islands, Wake Island, Marcus Island); battles (Midway, Stewart Islands, Santa Cruz Islands, Solomon Islands, Luzon, Iwo Jima, Okinawa); and during the occupation of the Guadalcanal. The *Enterprise* received the Presidential Unit Citation for participating in nearly every major carrier engagement in the first year of WWII and was the most decorated ship during the war. James served as the rear seat gunman on a Douglass SBD Dauntless plane. "This was the Navy's main carrier-based scout/bomber from 1940-1944," he explained. "The plane was sturdy enough to dive at a near vertical 80-degrees and helped win the Battle of Midway by sinking four Japanese carriers."

"I'll always remember the burials at sea," James said. "It had to be done, since the ships were sometimes out to sea for three months. This is still a sad memory, even some 80 years later. The war was a lot of death and destruction, and it was hard to be away from home. There's nothing good about war, but we were fighting for what we believed in."

When the first atomic bomb was dropped, James was aboard ship and didn't hear about it until later, since news traveled slowly then. "There were no celebrations when my ship arrived in Coronado, California," he said. "I think it was the day WWII ended."

He married Mary Helen Tidwell in 1946 and left the Navy in 1947 with the rank of chief petty officer-aviation machinist mate. Serving his country wasn't all sad times. James enjoyed the travel. "I saw cows walk the streets in India and saw the Taj Mahal and many of the beautiful South Pacific Islands," he said. "I crossed the equator in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans with the traditional shipboard celebrations." The Navy took James to every continent except Antarctica.





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Good or bad, James' military experience was quite remarkable for a young man raised in Richland, Texas. "I've seen a lot in 100 years!" he remarked. He enjoyed riding his horse to school, and during the Great Depression, he hunted rabbits and sold them for 10 cents to WPA men who didn't always pay. He worked at a dairy starting at 3:00 a.m. for 10 hours and made \$1 a day. "I remember Bonnie and Clyde buying gas at a station less than a mile from my home in the early 1930s, and I remember my daddy buying the first Model A Ford and a mail order coon dog from Kentucky for me. I waited at the Richland train depot each day until my pup arrived. I've seen quite a change in energy supplies going from coal, oil and gas to the landscape covered in solar panels and wind turbines," James shared.

He and Helen raised two children, Cindy and her brother, Mike Glass, in the first brick house built in Richland in 1958. "The builders had a hard time getting the house completed because there were always curious onlookers," James laughingly recalled. He's earned an associate degree from Navarro College, owned businesses and a cattle ranch in Richland and worked for Higginbotham-Pearlstone Wholesale and



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With Cindy and her husband, Darrell, living in Corsicana, and Mike, and his wife, Gwen, living in Streetman, James enjoys being with family. These days, his family has grown to include four grandchildren — Bryan, Melisa, John and Sarah — and 15 great-grandchildren, ranging in age from 3-21 years old. Three of the grandchildren have honored him by sharing his middle name — Quinton.

Helen passed away in 1998 after her retirement from a 40-year career at the Navarro County Health Department. The couple was married for 52 years. James still lives in that same brick house in Richland and continues to enjoy reading, watching westerns and deer hunting, mostly in Texas but also in Kansas. He's had a deer lease continuously since 1947. He drives and continues to enjoy life to its fullest. "I love to visit, go out to eat and see friends and family," James said. "I see the best in all people and keep a positive outlook on life."



"He's had a full and rewarding life," Cindy remarked.

"I have just been blessed with good health," James explained when asked about his health routine that's given him 100 years and keeps him going strong. "God has allowed me to live this long," he added. His advice to younger folks: "Do what is right, and always have a good reputation." **NOW**

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The staff has worked diligently to rise above the challenges that COVID-19 presented to their industry. “We always have ever-changing state and federal guidelines, but this challenge became more evident during the pandemic,” Janet explained. “At times, we felt as though the rules and guidelines were changing day to day. Staffing shortages also were challenging during the pandemic. However, our residents were taken care of by our dedicated, caring team at The Village.”

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The Village is a member of the Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Health Care Association and Kinsloe House. Staff members volunteer in the community through Groom the Room in local schools, Navarro County United Way, Habitat for Humanity of Navarro County, Corsicana Senior Center and the VFW Corsicana Post 3366. The business has been selected Best of the Best Assisted Living Facility in 2020, 2021 and 2022 and was voted second for Skilled Nursing Services in 2022.

Janet chose this profession so she could serve and make a difference in elderly lives and those of their families in the communities in which she has served since entering this field over 12 years ago. A Lancaster, Texas, native, she enjoys the small-town feel of Corsicana. “Corsicana folks have been very welcoming, and I never feel I meet a stranger,” she remarked. When not at work, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping, camping, reading and being outdoors.

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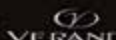
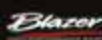
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Zoomed In:
Bobby Grantham

By Virginia Riddle

Except for the six months he spent in California in the U.S. Army Reserves, Bobby Grantham has made Navarro County his home for his 85 years. “I like it here,” he said. “It’s 15 miles to downtown Corsicana and my church, Northside Baptist.” He and his wife, Rosemary, have raised three children and have grandchildren and great-grandchildren who live in the county. They have also enjoyed RVing.

Bobby retired as a pilot from the Department of Agriculture and as an Army sergeant. He’s a member of Coyote Squadron, with over 50 years of flying and has been an instructor. He shared, “I’m more a listener than a talker, but I’m proud of being the first to bring the PT-19 to Corsicana.”



Beautiful skies are the theme of Melanie Stokes’ art showing at the Warehouse Living Arts Center’s gallery.



Fire Chaplain Bobby and Fire Chaplain Jenny tell about their work with VFD members in Navarro County.



JLCSS students share their musical talents with family members on Grandparents Day.



First responders line up for a breakfast hosted in their honor.



Cheryl Blanton speaks on spiritual gifts at the Corsicana UMC salad supper.



Believers Outreach Ministries hosts the God, Me and a Cup of Tea party.



Frank Hull, HCAF chair, with John Kaiser, congratulate Ms. Zacasri on her two WLAC scholarships awarded by HCAF.



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Beverly Cleveland and Deborah McClain enjoy cooking during the holiday season for family, friends and college students. These ladies are part of Navarro College's dining services team. Beverly, a Purdon native, started browsing cookbooks at an early age while learning basic skills from her mother and aunt. "I love the smell of cakes, pies and cookies baking and have a passion for making desserts for the students," she said. When not cooking, Beverly enjoys watching TV, shopping and being with family and friends.

Wanting to be "just like my mother," Deborah, a Corsicana native, was always asking questions while watching her mother cook and collecting recipes from cookbooks and family during her youth. She shared, "I love trying new recipes, home cooking and cooking for the kids. I give God all the glory." **NOW**

Turkey Bacon Avocado Wraps

By Deborah McClain

Ranch dressing, to taste
6 garlic wraps
6 lettuce leaves, shredded
6 deli smoked turkey slices
6 smoked bacon strips, cooked
3/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1 tomato, sliced
1 avocado, sliced

1. Spread the ranch dressing onto each garlic wrap; top each wrap with the shredded lettuce.
2. Add a slice of smoked turkey and 1

smoked bacon strip to each wrap; top with the shredded cheese and tomato and avocado slices.

3. Roll each wrap up tightly; cut in half diagonally before serving.

Buttermilk Pie

By Beverly Cleveland

1 3/4 cups sugar
1 stick butter, room temperature
3 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Pinch of salt
3 Tbsp. flour
1 cup buttermilk

1 9-inch pie shell, unbaked

1. In a bowl, cream the sugar and butter together well. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, until the mixture is a smooth consistency.
2. Add the vanilla, salt and flour; beat in the buttermilk to blend the mixture well.
3. Place the pie shell on a baking sheet; pour the batter into the shell.
4. Bake the pie at 300 F for 1 hour, 10 minutes; remove it from the oven.
5. Let the pie cool; refrigerate as needed before serving.

Cream Cheese Pound Cake

By Beverly Cleveland

Cake:

Butter or oil for greasing

Flour for dusting

1 1/2 cups butter

1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

3 cups sugar

6 eggs

3 cups cake flour

1 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Glaze:

Powdered sugar, to taste

Milk, to taste

1. For cake: Preheat the oven to 325 F. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube cake pan.
2. In a large mixing bowl, preferably with a

mixer on slow speed, cream the butter and cream cheese together until the mixture is smooth. Gradually add the sugar; beat the mixture until it's fluffy.

3. Add the eggs, two at a time, beating well with each addition. Add the flour, alternating with the eggs. Mix until the batter is smooth.

4. Add the vanilla; mix well. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

5. Bake for 1 hour, 20 minutes. Insert a toothpick into the center of the cake. If the toothpick is dry, the cake is done. If moist, continue to watchfully bake.

6. Remove the finished cake from the oven; cool before removing it from the pan.

7. For glaze: In a small bowl, mix the powdered sugar and milk to a desired consistency.

8. Plate the cake; let cool. Pour the glaze over the cooled cake's top; let it slide down the sides.

Southwest Chicken Wraps

By Deborah McClain

This recipe needs to be prepared starting the day before serving.

3 lbs. fajita chicken

2 15.25-oz. cans roasted black beans

2 15.25-oz. cans corn

1 10-oz. pkg. fresh baby spinach

2 7-oz. cans chipotle peppers in adobo sauce

3 cups chipotle mayonnaise

3 cups cheddar cheese, shredded

3 12-oz. pkgs. garlic wraps

Cooking spray

Selection of chips

1. In a large pan, toss the fajita chicken, roasted black beans, corn, fresh baby spinach and chipotle peppers in adobo sauce until the filling is mixed well.

2. Pour the filling into a steamer; steam for about 1 hour, 30 minutes.

3. Drain off excess moisture; add the chipotle mayonnaise and cheddar cheese; mix well.

4. Refrigerate the filling until the next day. Prepare a cookie sheet with cooking spray; preheat the oven to 350 F. Spread out each garlic wrap on the cookie sheet. Spoon the filling into each wrap; then fold each wrap up like a burrito.

5. Finish the wraps by putting them into the oven for about 10 minutes or until they are golden brown. Serve with your favorite choice of chips.

Strawberry Cheesecake

Fluff Pie

By Beverly Cleveland

2 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, room temperature

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

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Strawberry Cheesecake Fluff Pie

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- 1 1/2 cups mini white marshmallows
- 2 graham cracker crusts
- Additional whipped topping and strawberries, to taste

1. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese for 3 minutes. Add the powdered sugar and vanilla; beat for an additional 3 minutes.
2. Fold in the whipped topping until all ingredients are mixed well. Add the strawberries and marshmallows; mix well.

3. Spoon the pie filling into the shell; cover. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or put it into the freezer until the filling is set. (Freezer is best.)
4. Remove the pie when the filling is set; garnish with additional whipped topping and sliced strawberries.

Marbled Brownies

By Beverly Cleveland and Deborah McClain
Makes 2 dozen.

Cake:

- 1 22 1/2-oz. pkg. brownie mix
- 2 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- 5 Tbsp. butter, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 3/4 tsp. vanilla

Frosting:

- 3 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. cocoa
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

1. For cake: Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan.
2. Prepare the brownie mix according to the package directions for cake brownies. Pour

- half the brownie mix into the pan; set aside.
3. In a medium-size mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and butter together. Add the sugar, eggs, flour and vanilla; beat until smooth.
 4. Spread the cream cheese mixture evenly over the brownie mix in the pan. Top with the remaining brownie batter; pull a knife through the batter in wide curves to create a marbled effect. Bake 30-40 minutes.
 5. For frosting: In a small saucepan, melt the butter; add the cocoa.
 6. Stir the mixture until it's completely dissolved; remove the pan from the heat.
 7. In a mixing bowl, combine the powdered sugar, milk and vanilla; add to the butter mixture. Beat to desired spreading consistency. Frost the slightly warm brownies; cool completely before cutting.

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Down IN THE Bayou

— By Lisa Bell



Creating a border between Texas and Louisiana, Caddo Lake contains history, legends and amazing swamplands. Throughout the area, visitors find unexpected beauty and interesting features. According to the Caddo tribe, a massive earthquake formed the lake. However, geologists claim a 100-mile log jam in Louisiana flooded the low-lying basin, creating the lake. For many years, riverboats used the swollen waters, making nearby Jefferson a port city. Eventually, they cleared logs, and the lake level fell more than 10 feet, changing the shape and ending the riverboat industry. But the 26,810-acre lake thrived. In 1911, Gulf Refining Company drilled for oil, creating the first over-water platform, which produced 450 barrels of oil per day.

With a rich history, people still enjoy fishing on beautiful Caddo Lake. Known for massive bass and dozens of other fish species, the lake draws anglers. The Caddo Lake State Park, nearby Daingerfield State Park, and multiple RV parks provide spots for those who enjoy camping. For the less adventurous, numerous cabins on the lake offer a front-row view of wondrous nature.

From small fishing boats to kayaks and canoes, opportunities abound for visitors to get on the water. You might consider taking a boat tour with one of the local guides. Besides pointing out the best fishing spots, they share stories about the unexpected beauty of Caddo Lake. In many spots, lily pads dot the surface. During summer months, the water lilies bloom, showing their best colors while dancing in the lake breezes.

Land lovers might prefer a hike or a day of geocaching. While at Caddo Lake, look for multiple types of birds and fossils of paddlefish, or maybe spot a live alligator while hiking the many trails. As a precaution, swim only in designated areas. Don't feed or harass the creatures, and inform a park ranger or employee if you see the reptiles near swimming areas. Follow the rules for a worry-free adventure.

Bald cypress trees, abundant at Caddo Lake, have knees and beards, a fascinating phenomenon not possessed by other trees. The name comes from their appearance after shedding leaves. On land, the above-ground extensions of the root system grow straight, guarding the trees like tiny sentinels. When the trees grow in the water, though, the knees bend toward the parent tree. A straight knee near a water-surrounded cypress indicates a wayward root that belongs to a different tree.

Spanish moss hangs from the bald cypress trees, creating the mystical appearance we think of when picturing swamplands. Historic tribes used the moss for clothing, huts and bedding. A living organism, not truly moss, the plant absorbs nutrients from rainwater and air.

Near the state park, the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge offers horseback and hiking trails, plus wildlife observation areas. Rare or threatened species, such as the peregrine falcon, alligator snapping turtles and Rafinesque's big-eared bat, inhabit the area.

For those who believe, or want to, Caddo Lake remains an alleged home for the legendary Big Foot. Many people visit the lake with cameras and video recorders, searching for a glimpse of the elusive creatures. Do they exist? With enough bravery to search, perhaps you might see one when visiting Caddo Lake. Otherwise, enjoy the unexpected beauty. And if you get bored, take the short drive into Jefferson and enjoy all it offers. **NOW**

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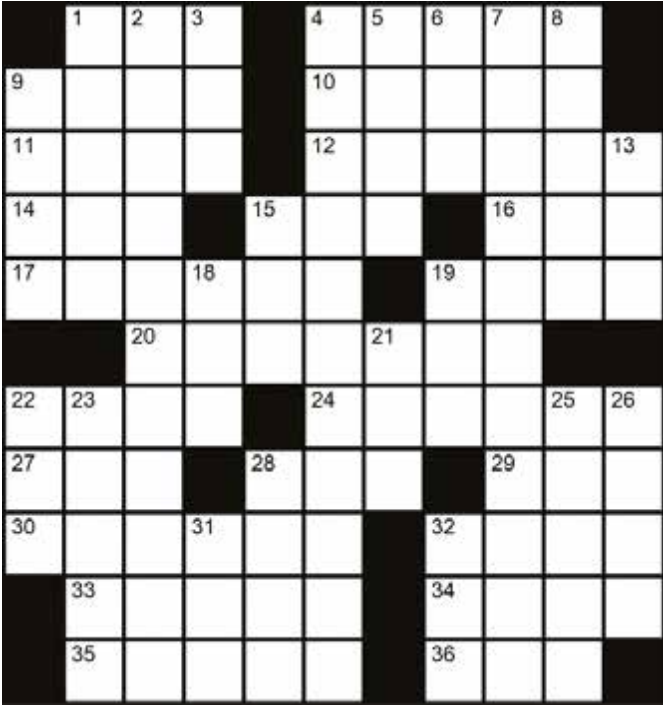
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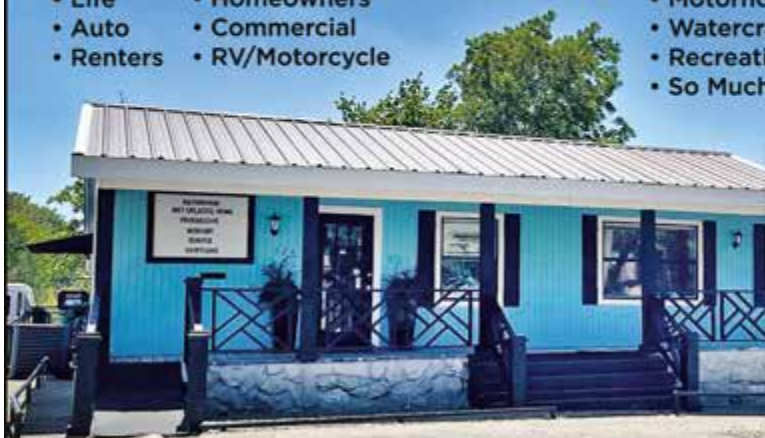
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Believers Outreach Ministries Church Anniversary:

3:00 p.m.,
219 N. 5th St., Corsicana.
For more information, email
evansmargaret75@gmail.com.

11/17

175th Celebration & Tree Lighting:

Time TBA,
Downtown Beaton Street.
For more information, visit
www.cityofcorsicana.com.

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Holiday Market:

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,
I.O.O.F Event Center.
For more information, email
tradedays@iooftx.org.

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First Methodist Church Corsicana Bazaar:

Dine-in and take-out. \$10
adult; \$5 children. 11:00 a.m.-
1:00 p.m. (903) 874-5657.

11/26

Small Business Saturday Welcome Center:

Shop locally. 10:00 a.m.-3:00
p.m., Storefront.

For more information, visit
www.corsicanaresidency.org.

First Mondays

**Piecemakers' Quilt Guild
of Corsicana Meeting:**
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Westhill
Church of Christ Family Room.
www.pqgcorsicana.org.

Wednesdays

Storytime:

10:30 a.m., Corsicana Public
Library. Facebook: Corsicana
Public Library.

Second Thursdays

Friends of the Library Meeting:

9:00 a.m., Corsicana Public
Library, candyfain@yahoo.com.

Savvy Seniors:

Complementary lunch, games.
11:30 a.m., Corsicana Senior
Center. (903) 654-4980

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Rho

Chapter Meeting:

5:30 p.m., Kinsloe House.
(903) 874-5791.

Second Fridays

Navarro County Retired Teachers Association Meeting:

9:45 a.m., Northwest
Apartments Community Center.
For more information, email.
glyn84@hotmail.com.

Third Fridays

Better Garden Club:

9:00 a.m., Corsicana First
Methodist Church. Facebook:
Better Garden Club.

Second Saturdays

Mimosas at the Market:

Hosted by The Storefront.
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,
Downtown Corsicana.

Coyote Squadron:

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,
Corsicana Municipal Airport.
For more information, email
Christine.hall93@yahoo.com.

Third Saturdays

Navarro Fiber Friends:

11:00 a.m.,
Corsicana Senior Citizens
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