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EDITOR'S NOTE

Gratitude is important ...

As I thought about writing the editor's note for November, I wondered *Do other countries observe Thanksgiving, or is this distinctly an American holiday?* I researched this and found, in fact, several countries have their own versions of this holiday, each with its own unique history and traditions.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated in October, marking the end of the harvest season. Canadians gather with family and friends to share meals and express thanks, much like we do here. In Germany, they have *Erntedankfest*, or the Harvest Festival of Thanks, which takes place in early October. This holiday is often celebrated with church services, parades and feasts, and while it's more religious in tone, it shares the same spirit of gratitude. Japan also celebrates a similar holiday, known as "Labor Thanksgiving Day" (*Kinrō Kansha no Hi*), on November 23. While it originally marked the fall harvest, it now focuses on honoring labor and production. The Japanese express gratitude for workers' contributions to society, similar to Americans giving thanks for our blessings. The Korean festival of *Chuseok*, which occurs in the fall, is another beautiful example of a harvest celebration. Families come together to honor their ancestors, share traditional foods and give thanks for the year's harvest.

These holidays, although varied in their customs and timing, all echo the same core values of gratitude and community. As we sit down to enjoy our Thanksgiving, it's heartwarming to know that across the globe, others are celebrating these same ideals in their own unique ways.

Wishing you a beautiful November and a warm Thanksgiving!

THANK YOU!

I am humbled each time I sit at that dais, meet with a Mansfield citizen, or walk into a room with a group of people who are much smarter than I am. I cherish this opportunity and season to help shape a city that we all love!

I appreciate our City Manager, Joe Smolinski, and his outstanding staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide excellent services to our citizens. I am grateful for the "Together as One" mentality of an exceptional group of council members: Mayor Evans, Todd Tonore, Larry Broseh, Julie Short, Brent Newsom, and Juan Fresquez.

Thank you to our state representatives for their labor of love toward the needs of our city. We are truly blessed in the City of Mansfield to have people throughout our community who work toward the common good of Mansfield.

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TEAM HERRMANN

— By Sandra Walters

Dr. Rick and Suzy Herrmann show their thankfulness by volunteering and giving back to the community. Over the years, they have donated their time and energy, serving as volunteers for a variety of charities and nonprofits in the Mansfield area. The importance of giving back is something they believe in strongly and worked hard to pass on to their children.

In the '80s, the couple met at Texas A&M University. While she completed her special education degree requirements, he worked on his undergraduate degree in zoology. Following graduation and marriage, Suzy wanted to be near her parents in Fort Worth, while Rick pursued his dental degree at Baylor College of Dentistry, so they relocated to Arlington.

"Growing up, my mother was a chemistry teacher and a chemistry professor at the University of Mary Hardin-

Baylor, and my father is a U.S. Army veteran. So, we lived near Killeen. I got my love of the sciences from my mother. I became interested in dentistry from my family dentist," Dr. Herrmann acknowledged. Early in life, he knew he wanted to work in the scientific realm to help people.

As a husband-and-wife team, they planned for Suzy to work until Rick received his doctorate in orthodontics and then start a family. Suzy would become a stay-at-home mom to take care of their kids. "I taught special education for 12 years, and I loved it!" Suzy stated. "I conducted life skill lessons, so my students might become self-sufficient adults. Occasionally, I see my previous students in various places working, and my heart is overwhelmed with joy. When I see them complete tasks independently, I think, *I always knew they were capable.*"

Eventually, Rick graduated, and the couple had two daughters, Sarah and Emily, so Suzy became a full-time mommy and dedicated volunteer. Both of them have a heart for serving people, so from PTA and food drives to Special Olympics and church, Dr. Herrmann and she joined in to help. "We are blessed, so it's our duty to help







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others," Suzy expressed. "When a need arises, we figure out how we can help. We're Christians, so that's what we were supposed to do, right?"

Initially, Dr. Herrmann came to Mansfield to practice and discovered what a unique place Mansfield is. He said, "It has great schools, people and an excellent sense of community. The city works well together." With excitement, Suzy chimed in, "All of the pastors get together and pray over the schools during scheduled times of the year. My husband has been actively involved with multiple organizations over the years, including Mansfield Cares and Mansfield Rotary. He has been a board member of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce and Mansfield I.S.D. Education Foundation." In addition, the Herrmanns established a scholarship that is given to a Mansfield ISD high school senior each year.

Suzy also works with Common Ground, which comes together with different religions and nonprofits to meet the needs of residents. "It's really a unique nonprofit. Mansfield takes care of its own. In 2007, I worked alongside Common Ground, which partnered with the Mansfield Kiwanis Club to create Feed the Kids. Because MISD teachers and counselors noticed many children were returning to school malnourished, this program was developed for students who received free and reduced lunch. It seemed that during the summers many kids struggled to get needed meals, so this assistance is offered to families in Mansfield Independent School District," Suzy said.

Many volunteers, including the Herrmanns, delivered meals to families who couldn't pick up food. In 2015,

Feed the Kids added a literacy program, so children can obtain books to read in the summers, too. While parents pick up food at the pantries, children select as many books as they want to take home to read. This program encourages students to increase or at least stay on reading level, which is the goal. Recently, Mansfield ISD reported that kids aren't losing literacy levels over the summer, and some have gained literacy levels since the program began. This started eight-10 years ago, so they see it as a success.



“Our daughters, Sarah and Emily, started volunteering along with us at the Feed the Kids program, which was originally at St. Jude’s. I remember our girls sitting between the nuns as they talked to them and served people in the community. Being able to help others contributed to our daughters staying grounded. So much so that they both entered fields of serving people — education and the medical field. Of course, they are both graduates of Mansfield High. Now Sarah Dooley is a third-grade teacher at Elizabeth Smith Elementary, and Emily Herrmann is working as a PA,” Dr. Herrmann said.

While thinking back on 35 years of marriage, Dr. Herrmann and Suzy are thankful. “We can finish each other’s sentences,” Dr. Herrmann stated. “We believe that marriage is a holy sacrament and should be upheld in God’s eyes,” the Herrmanns said. “Even though it’s not always easy, the effort is always worth it. Thanksgiving is a holiday that our family enjoys celebrating, and we are grateful as we reflect on all our blessings.” Mansfield is an incredible town, and they are delighted to live, work and give back here. They are quite proud of their volunteer work in this area. **NOW**

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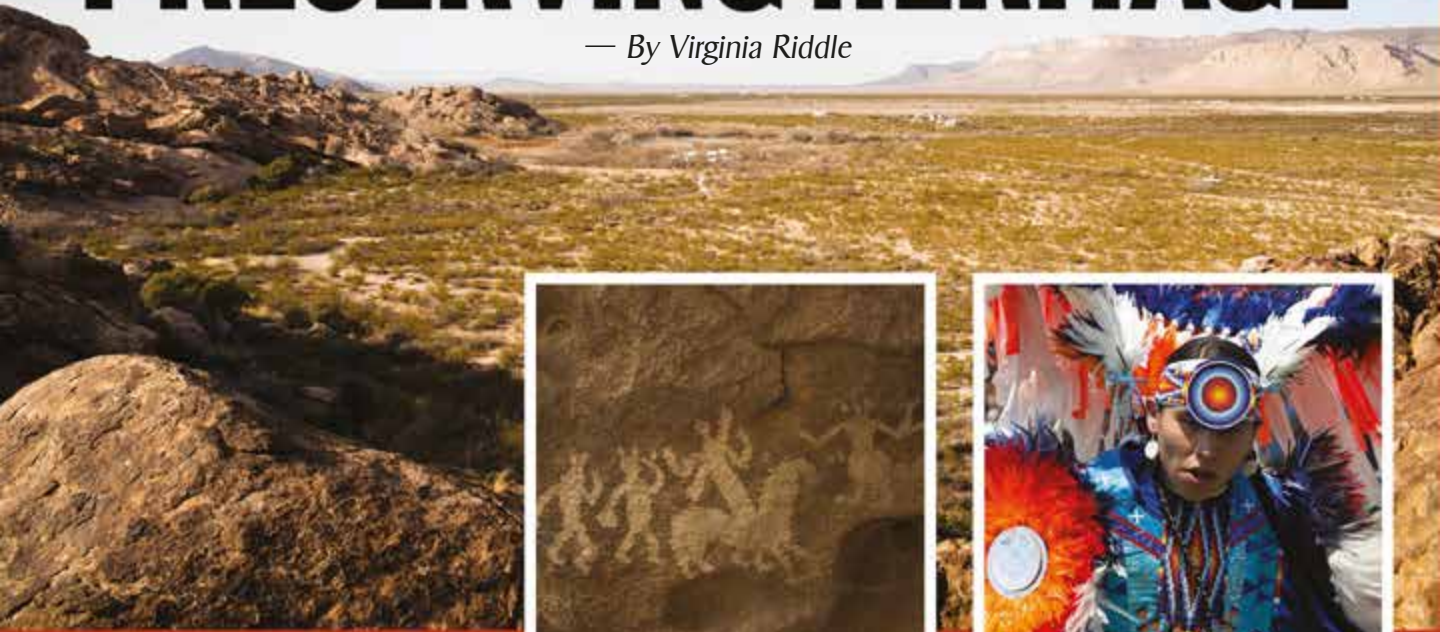
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— By Virginia Riddle



One of the best-kept secrets is that Texas is home to four recognized Native American reservations and/or tribes — the Alabama-Coushatta Reservation near Livingston, the Ysleta de Sur Pueblo (Tigua Tribe) near El Paso, the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas in Eagle Pass and the Lipan Apache Tribe in McAllen. The latter is only recognized by the State of Texas, but the first three tribes are recognized by the federal government, allowing three casinos to operate in Texas: Naskila Gaming in Livingston, Speaking Rock Entertainment Center in El Paso and Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino in Eagle Pass. Visitors are welcome to help celebrate Native American culture annually at the Duwali Hoop, held at Chandler (site of the Battle of the Neches); the Coastal Bend Council of Native Americana in Corpus Christi; the Alabama-Coushatta Pow Wow held in Livingston, where visitors can stay at the tribe's Lake Tombigbee Campground on the reservation; and the Texas Kiowa Tia-Piah Pow Wow (site varies).

For more than 14,000 years, long before their first recorded contact with some shipwrecked Europeans/Anglos in 1528, Native American peoples have made what would become Texas home, from the coast to the plains, mountains and southern regions. Karankawas fed and sheltered Cabeza de Vaca near Galveston. Farmer/trader/gatherer tribes, such as the Caddos of East Texas, had trade networks established, and on the plains, Comanches and Apaches hunted bison and other game on horseback. However, following the arrival of Europeans during the 16th century, tribal life was disrupted, and with Anglo settlements encroaching, the tribes were pushed further westward, relocated to reservations in the Oklahoma Territory or were annihilated through wars with the Anglos and other tribes or through starvation.

Today the Alabama-Coushatta reservation is the oldest in Texas. A treaty between General Sam Houston and the tribe included title to the lands in 1836, and the reservation was recognized by the federal government in 1987. Tribal members are proud of their ancestors' service to General Sam Houston during the Texas Revolution. The tribe's membership numbers around 1,300, about half of whom live on the approximately 10,200-acre reservation. A tribal council oversees the government, and health and human services are provided. The tribe made headline news in October 2022 by electing Millie Thompson Williams as its first female second tribal chief. Prior to her death in August 2023, she promoted teaching the tribe's language and customs to the youth. The principal chief is Chief Donnis Battise.

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After being captured by the Spanish in 1880, and then establishing Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in 1882, Tigua Tribe built the acequia (canal) system, bringing water from the Rio Grande River to their agricultural-based society. Tribal enrollment today numbers about 4,000 members. The Pueblo's main attractions for visitors to learn about the tribe's heritage, culture and its contributions to the El Paso area are comprised of the Tigua Indian Cultural Center, Ysleta Mission de San Antonio, Speaking Rock Entertainment Center, Hueco Tanks, Tigua Trails and Chilcote Ranch near Valentine, Texas.

The Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas became one of three formally recognized Kickapoo tribes by the federal government in 1985. It had been officially recognized by the Texas Indian Commission in 1977. The tribe has nearly 2,000 enrolled members. Monies from the tribe's casino provide housing along the Rio Grande and health and education services to its peoples on the 118 acres in Eagle Pass that was granted to the tribe by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In the 1600s, the Lipan Apache migrated to what would become Texas, and after a century of warring with the Comanches, the Lipan Apache became many "bands" or *rancherías* on the plains, coast and forests of Texas and across the Rio Grande River into Mexico. However, when needed, they would come together as one. Recognized by Texas only, at this time, the Lipan Apache Tribal Council is located in McAllen, and the city of Presidio and Presidio County have turned over rights to the *Cementerio del Barrio de los Lipanes* to the tribe. **NOW**

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Family Time Patio Furniture

— By Sandra Walters

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This family business initially started with selling camping, large circus and event tents, canopies and director's chairs in 1947. "I trained under my father, Jerry Childres, my whole life, and in 1981, I began working in the business. Eventually, I shared this passion with my son. He learned the logistics, machinery and how to work well with people. Then, he started working for the company in 2001. Now he facilitates the management, and we work well together.



We are a third-generation company that has survived over 75 years," Gary Childres said with great pride.

They have challenges, but he continued, "Working with family is the best way to go. Those you trust, you hold accountable. This business is about relationships, so even if a vendor, client or employee isn't a biological family member, we treat them like such. Listening has been one of my essential qualities in operating a small business. I believe you can't get so large that you aren't directly connected to the people. We focus on the quality, not so much the quantity. I've had to travel some hard roads to figure things out, and that's when the best lessons are learned."

The business name, Family Time Patio Furniture, emphasizes the concept of being a family establishment. The Childres family would love to see the company continue into the next generation. At its core, Family Time Patio Furniture's mission revolves around promoting togetherness and the enjoyment of shared moments. A beautiful patio or backyard equipped with comfortable seating can become the heart of family gatherings, weekend barbecues or peaceful

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“WE FOCUS ON THE QUALITY, NOT SO MUCH THE QUANTITY.”

This small business serves both individual customers and larger commercial clients, which speaks to its versatility and customer-first approach. Their personalized service earned Family Time Patio Furniture a loyal customer base. By prioritizing customer satisfaction, the store fosters long-term relationships with local families and businesses alike. Furthermore, by offering stylish and functional furniture, Family Time Patio Furniture helps turn outdoor spaces into inviting environments where people want to spend time. These spaces provide a backdrop for creating lasting memories, whether it’s children playing, adults relaxing or friends enjoying each other’s company.

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Jandel Crutchfield and Ashley Cole enthusiastically participated in the yearly Texas Roadhouse Rib Eating Contest. “The Mansfield Police Department and Mansfield Fire Department were competing to win bragging rights of eating an enormous amount of ribs to raise funds for the Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association,” Jandel stated. “There was a lot of extra gear in that place.”

Support for this nonprofit takes the shape of fundraising, volunteer work and morale-boosting activities. In addition to raising money for police department events and providing moral support by praising the officers, dispatchers and staff for their commitment to the department and the safety of the people of Mansfield, they also volunteer for tasks that are not directly related to policing.



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Crystal Windows to Open the Door to Innovation in Mansfield Manufacturing

The City of Mansfield broke ground on two exciting projects on Oct. 21. The first of these is a regional corporate headquarters and advanced manufacturing facility for Crystal Window & Door Systems. Crystal Window & Door Systems is a national manufacturer of quality, energy-efficient vinyl and aluminum windows and high-end fenestration systems.

With this project, this new facility will bring over 500 new jobs and more than \$121 million in capital investment to Mansfield. This project was awarded a Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) grant from the Governor's Office in the amount of \$3,150,000 as well as a \$15,000 Veteran Created Job Bonus.

"The recruitment of Crystal

Windows and Door Systems' regional headquarters is a clear example of how the Mansfield City Council and staff have focused their efforts on bringing advanced manufacturing jobs to Mansfield," said Mansfield City Councilman Brent Newsom. "Mansfield is quickly becoming a hub for innovation in Texas."

"They say, 'When God closes a door, he opens a window,' but I believe this partnership is a wide open door and window for Mansfield and the state of Texas," said Mansfield Mayor Michael Evans. "This is economic development in action, and it would not be possible without the hard work of city and state staff showing why Mansfield and Texas are where businesses want to be."

Mansfield is proud to welcome Crystal Window and Door Systems to Mansfield!



Janie Havel with Governor Abbott's office presents a proclamation for the occasion.



Crystal Window employees finish window details.

High 5 Entertainment Set to Bring Additional Entertainment to Highly Anticipated Staybolt Street District

Mansfield residents have wanted a place where families can have fun together and it's finally coming.

"In the most recent community survey, residents overwhelmingly stated a desire to see Mansfield recruit more restaurant, retail, and entertainment spaces for all ages in the community," said Mansfield City Council Member Tamera Bounds. "The sales tax and commercial property taxes generated by this new establishment also demonstrate the City's commitment to diversifying the tax base."

High 5 Mansfield will feature bowling, mini golf, laser tag, a rooftop concert venue, and more. In addition to becoming a destination for fun, the venue will bring more than 100 jobs to the community.

"Residents of all ages

should be excited to get a place to play, have fun, and create memories here in Mansfield," said Mayor Michael Evans.

It will be central to the Staybolt Street District, which will include a multisport stadium and hotel.

"We are grateful to everyone in the Mansfield community that has participated in the vision, careful planning, and diligence to get High 5 and Staybolt Live off the ground," said Scott Emley, President of High 5 and Staybolt Live. "There is nothing like this in the country; a live music and experiential entertainment destination built for Mansfield and North Texas residents, while also serving tourists, traveling youth sports families, Staybolt Live concertgoers, and fans attending the adjacent Mansfield sports stadium."

The Austin-based company

already has two locations in Lakeway and Austin and will have two in North Texas in Mansfield and Allen.



Concept Image - High 5



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Conceptual Image of High 5 Mansfield location.

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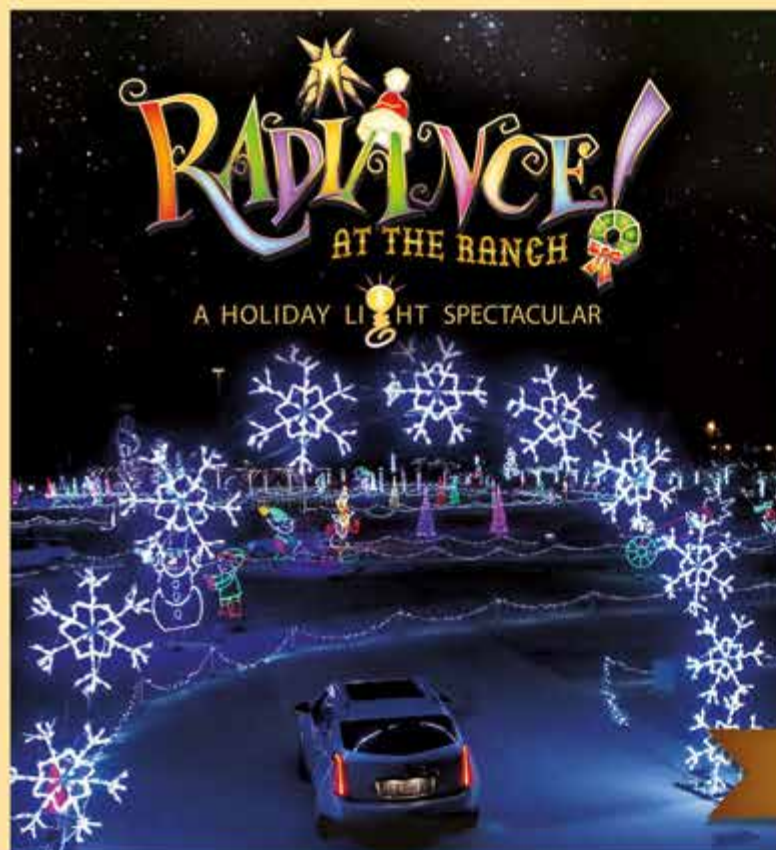
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In the Kitchen With MIKE AND SUSAN MILLS

— By Sandra Walters

“I didn’t always love cooking. My husband used to prepare the majority of our meals at the beginning of our marriage. But as our family grew, and his work schedule became more demanding — especially after we had children — I found myself taking on the position of primary cook,” Susan Mills said. “Over the past 15 years, it’s evolved into something I genuinely enjoy.”

Growing up, she spent a lot of time in her family’s kitchen. Eventually, her husband’s business venture of managing an Italian pizza and pasta restaurant influenced her cuisine. Between that and her Cajun roots, her meals are a blend of bold, hearty flavors that reflect all sides of her family’s heritage. **NOW**

Mimi’s Italian Stuffed Artichokes

4 large whole artichokes
2 cups Italian breadcrumbs
1 cup Parmesan cheese
1 Tbsp. garlic powder
1 Tbsp. Tony Chachere’s Creole Seasoning
Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste
1 cup olive oil

1. With a large knife, cut the tops off the artichokes; remove the thorns. Wash the artichokes; drain the excess water.
2. Mix the breadcrumbs, cheese, garlic powder, Tony Chachere’s, salt and pepper.
3. Spread the leaves of the artichokes; sprinkle the mixture between the leaves. Drizzle the olive oil on

top of the stuffed artichokes.

4. Place the artichokes in 1 inch of water; steam them with the lid on for 45-55 minutes. Add water as needed to keep the artichokes from burning.

5. Remove from heat when the leaves pull apart easily.

Chicken Piccata

4 chicken breasts
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
3/4 cup flour
1 Tbsp. olive oil
2 Tbsp. butter (divided use)
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 cup chicken stock
1 3 1/2-oz. jar capers in brine, drained
3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

1. Cut the chicken breasts in half to make thin cutlets. Cover them with plastic wrap, and bash them gently with a meat mallet or rolling pin until around 1/4-inch thick.
2. Season the chicken with salt and pepper.

Dredge each cutlet in the flour; shake off any excess flour.

3. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet or frying pan. Once hot, fry the chicken cutlets in batches for 4 minutes on each side until golden brown and completely cooked. Place the cooked chicken on a clean plate; cover with foil to keep warm.

4. Reduce the heat to low; add 1 Tbsp. of butter. Once melted, add the wine and chicken stock. Increase the heat to high; whisk the sauce until it starts to thicken slightly, about 5-6 minutes.

5. Add the remaining 1 Tbsp. butter, capers and lemon juice. Stir until the butter has melted. Return the chicken to the skillet; pour the sauce over the chicken. Serve.

Catey Jane's Famous Salted Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp. sea salt

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

2. In a large bowl, add the melted and cooled butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar. Wisk 1-2 minutes; add the egg and vanilla; whisk until smooth.

3. Fold in the dry ingredients and the chocolate chips; be careful not to overmix. Scoop onto a cookie sheet; bake for 12-15 minutes, until golden brown.

4. Remove the cookies from the oven; sprinkle with sea salt. Move the cookies to a cooling rack. Enjoy.

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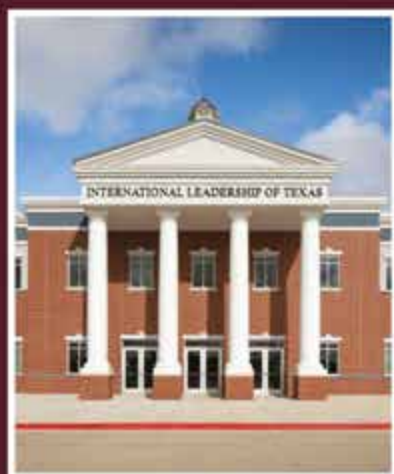
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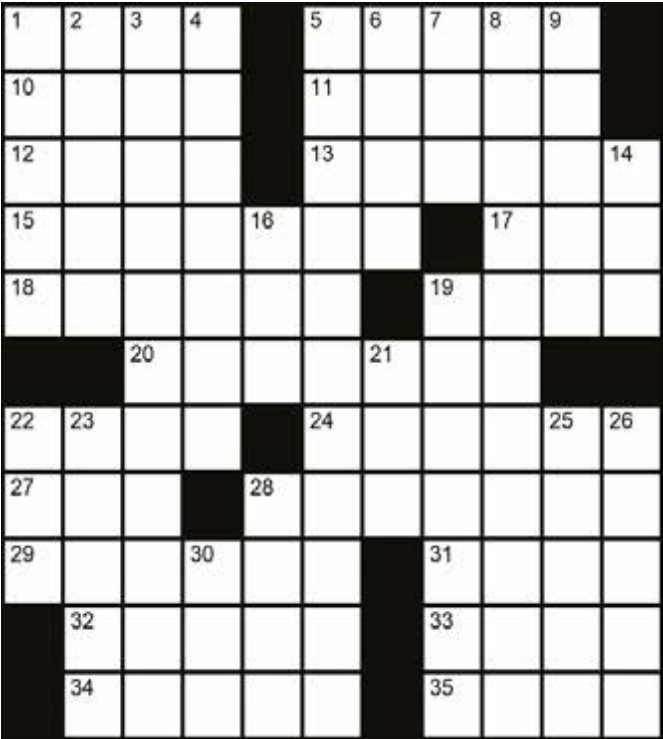
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Some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press.
Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

11/2

10th Annual Methodist Mansfield Run With Heart:

Choose from a chip-timed half marathon and 5K run, or 1-mile fun run/walk. Then grab your sneakers to honor those living with heart disease, loved ones and emergency responders while supporting cardiology services at the hospital. 7:30 a.m., Methodist Mansfield Medical Center 2700 E. Broad St. For registration and cost information, visit <https://mansfieldrunwithheart.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=10509>.

11/7

Nurturing Families:

10-session series designed for parents with children ages 0-6. This program focuses on developing nurturing parenting skills, building positive parent/child relationships, learning effective support strategies and practicing self-care for caregivers. Parents will participate in group sessions, while childcare is provided in another room. Cost: Free. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mansfield Public Library, 104 S. Wisteria St.

11/9

Veterans Day Parade & Salute:

Join the city of Mansfield and Mansfield ISD as we salute our military veterans with a parade down Broad St. in front of City Hall and hold a Patriotic Salute Concert at the front steps of

City Hall. 10:00 a.m.-noon,
1200 E. Broad St.

Mom Boss Expo Holiday Edition:

Free pictures with Santa! There will be 70 vendors, food trucks, music, giveaways, demos and family-friendly activities. The profits will be donated to a Mansfield charity. Cost: Free. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 1218 E. Debbie Lane.

11/23

Campfire Cookout:

For all ages. Enjoy a beautiful autumn evening next to the fire while roasting marshmallows and hot dogs, playing games, making crafts and singing campfire songs. Bring a folding chair. Pre-registration required for all ages, including parents. Register with the MAC.

11/28-12/31

Grand Prairie Lights:

Enter the line 6:00-10:00 p.m., or until the park reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Marked Prairie Lights vehicles will drive to the end of the line at that time. Open every night through December 31. Cost: \$50 per car. Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy., Grand Prairie, TX 75052.

12/6

Hometown Holidays:

Hometown Holidays returns to City Hall this year, with a

can't miss seasonal spectacle. Intricate light displays, local performances, carnival rides, festive food and a holiday drone show presented by H-E-B are all just the start of the fun! Cost: Free. 5:00-9:00 p.m., Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St. For more information, visit <https://www.mansfieldhometownholidays.com/> for the full collection of events across the entire city this December.

12/8

Mansfield Women's Club Holiday Home Tour:

Tour homes decorated for the holidays and get into the spirit! This fundraiser helps those in need in Mansfield. Purchase tickets at Tom Thumb, Mansfield. Cost: \$30. 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, call (817) 932-2329.

By Appointment

Mansfield Mission Market:

Families, seniors or anyone in MISD who needs food is welcome to walk-in. Pets are provided for, as well. **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; **Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Mansfield Mission Center, 78 Regency Parkway (park and enter around the back of the building). For details, call (817) 473-6650 or visit www.mansfieldmission.org.

Tuesdays

Story Time for Tots:

Toddlers 18 months to 3 years old with a caregiver can enjoy 30 minutes of books, songs, finger-plays and rhymes introducing toddlers and parents to developmentally appropriate literature and related activities. This introduces group listening skills and provides interaction with others. Cost: Free; no registration. 10:30-11:00 a.m., Mansfield Public Library, 104 S. Wisteria St.

Thursdays

Chess Club:

Learn how to play chess, or just brush up on your skills. All ages and levels welcome. Cost: Free; no registration. 6:00-7:30 p.m., Mansfield Public Library, 104 S. Wisteria St.

Saturdays (May-Nov.)

Mansfield Farm & Cottage Market:

Local farmers, homesteaders, artisans, craftsman, artists and musicians gather for a community market in the city. Join local musicians and nonprofit/educational groups to build the community. Free. 8:00 a.m.-noon, 703 E. Broad St. Parking Lot.

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