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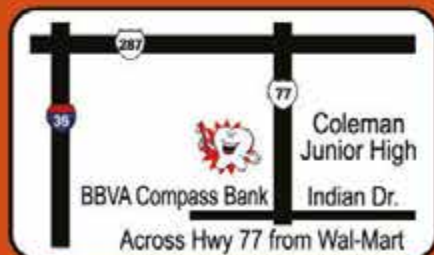
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It's party time!

Just over 20 years ago, NOW Magazines was founded in Corsicana by publisher Connie Poirer. Only a few months later, WaxahachieNOW became the second NOW publication. Our sister magazine celebrated in March. Now it's our turn, and Ennis will join the party next month. Waxahachie has grown a lot in the last 20 years, with new businesses, new government and civic buildings, new roads and new housing developments springing up by the day. This is a vibrant, growing community, and we've been telling your stories for the last two decades.

NOW Magazines has also grown over the years. In addition to CorsicanaNOW and WaxahachieNOW our family includes EnnisNOW, MidlothianNOW, North Ellis Co.NOW, MansfieldNOW, BurlesonNOW, SouthwestNOW and WeatherfordNOW. We've changed over time. New layouts, different features, different faces. A lot of great staff members have come and gone at WaxahachieNOW Magazine, but I've had the privilege of telling your stories for the last few years. Many of you will remember Sandra Johnson, who edited this magazine for a long stretch of our 20 years. She was a big help in putting this issue together!

We focus on the good things happening in our communities, and there are plenty of good stories to tell in Waxahachie. Even before I was the editor, I worked as a freelance writer for NOW Magazines and got to tell some of your stories. One of the great parts of my job is getting to dig those stories up and share them with you. But 20 years is only enough time to scratch the surface. There are so many more stories to tell as we move into our third decade. I think you're going to enjoy hearing about the accomplishments of some of our younger citizens and some of our older ones, too, in the coming months. You're never too young to forge your own path or too old to power your way through obstacles.

Here's to the next 20!

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Wow! 20 years!



It seems like only yesterday that NOW Magazines was just an idea. Would it work? At that time, only the big cities had full-color magazines. In late 2003, I was considering whether a community magazine that was direct mailed into every home and business in the community would be sustainable. We launched our first magazine in Corsicana in March 2004, and our second, *WaxahachieNOW Magazine*, in November of that year. Now, here we are 20 years later!

The concept of providing good stories about good people and delivering free of charge to the readers in the community has proved to be a good one. This, along with providing our advertisers the ability to reach all of these readers in a direct mail format for an affordable price has all culminated into the success of what is NOW Magazines, LLC.

Thank you to all! We appreciate our readers and the input you provide, and we couldn't exist without our wonderful and loyal advertisers who make this all possible.

And a big shout out to the NOW Magazines staff, including Sales Representatives Jeremy Young and Cherise Burnett and Community Editor Adam Walker. They, along with General Manager Rick Hensley, Managing Editor Becky Walker, Creative Director Chris McCalla and the rest of the NOW family work so hard each month to bring you *WaxahachieNOW Magazine*.

Here's to the past 20 years! We all look forward to serving Waxahachie for many years to come!

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"Waxahachie was the best place in the world to grow up — we didn't realize how good we had it." — Sande Wilkinson, Waxahachie historic home owner, November 2004.

A TRAIL THROUGH TIME

— By Adam Walker

Waxahachie has changed a lot in the 20 years we've been telling the good stories of good people doing good things. Back then, Home Depot was brand new in town. The movie theater was still in what is now Freedom church. The shopping center where JCPenney now is hadn't been built, that store was still where Big Lots is now. And Campuzano was still way out there. No one dreamed that we would need a new high school, bigger than some colleges, which would be too small before it was even occupied! We're working on adding another high school now, and SAGU has just changed its name to Nelson University.

"[My mother] was a natural cook who didn't like to measure. That's how she cooked, and that's how I cook." — Pat Smith, featured cook, September 2007.

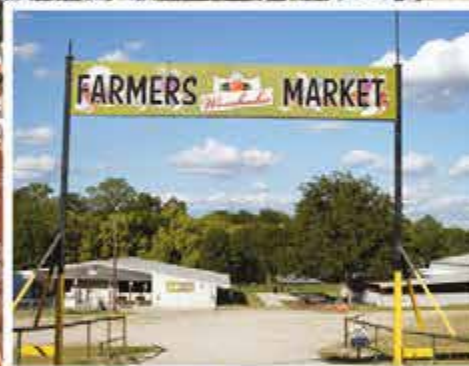
"We have dedicated volunteers, who return every year to help out. They are the heart of the program." — Kelli Hill, director of the YMCA Angels League, June 2008.

"You and the balloon become one with the wind." — Debby Standefer, hot air balloonist, June 2009.



"God's been good to us — it's time to pass it on, and one of the ways to pass it on is volunteer work. It's about sharing blessings, isn't it?" — Nancy Fenton, Master Gardener and homeowner, February 2005.

"The weight of the calaboose was the biggest problem in the move," [Brad] Yates said. "It was constructed of 2x6 boards, laid flat and stacked" — Member of Historic Waxahachie, Inc., May 2006.



"I'm a cowgirl who loves chickens," — Alina LaRue, chicken farming cowgirl, March 2010.



"Eric [Carr] signed his name on the back of my high school U.S. History progress report," Shyla [Vine] remembered, also admitting, "I skipped school to get that autograph." — wife of Jason Vine, avid KISS collector, December 2011.



"The building's octagonal shape had merit," Kirk said. "It lent itself to good acoustics in a period of no amplification and was also a popular architectural design of the mid-1800s. To some, the roof line resembles a tent." — Kirk Hunter, Chautauqua historian involved in saving the building, October 2012.



If you take the Waxahachie Creek Hike and Bike Trail through the southern part of town, you can start at the historic Chautauqua Auditorium. Built in 1902, this is actually the second building built at the beginning of the last century to accommodate summer lectures and cultural offerings for two weeks each summer. Hundreds of tents were pitched on the surrounding land. And boats sailed on the dammed section of the creek. Famous people like William Jennings Bryan and Will Rogers came and spoke there. The building narrowly escaped demolition at one point, but it was preserved as a unique part of our heritage. When the committee running the local Chautauqua got into financial trouble, the land was acquired, in 1914, by R.W. Getzendaner, who gifted it to the city.

Getzendaner Park grew around the Chautauqua grounds and includes, somewhere among the forested part, a contender for the title of the largest bois d'arc tree in Texas. There's plenty of space to picnic and to play, both for kids and adults. The walking trail meanders through the park and onward, following the creek for part of the way, and passing some beautiful old trees.

The next stop on the trail, Waxahachie City Cemetery, is the final resting place of many of our citizens, going back to at least January 1, 1852. That's the date on the

oldest tombstone, that belonging to Silas H. Killough. The Getzendaners, the Rogerses and many other prominent early settlers still have impressive markers there, to remind of the early prosperity of the community. When vandals struck the cemetery in 2022, damaging well over 200 tombstones in the historic part of the cemetery, the community came together to set things right.

Nearby Richards Park, formerly Jungle Park, has been hosting baseball fans since the 1910s. Back then, it served as spring training camp for a number of professional teams. Now it is home to the Waxahachie High School Indians, who continue adding to the history of the place, sliding in the footsteps of Ty Cobb and other greats.

The trail then passes under the viaduct. The original viaduct over the Waxahachie Creek was built in 1933, providing employment to many local men during the dark days of the Great Depression. It served for many years connecting the north and south parts of town. But eventually, it fell into such disrepair that it couldn't be saved. A small section remains, with a historic plaque attached, in the shadow of the new viaduct built in 2022.

Cross the street and you're in Railyard Park. Developed in 2019, this park celebrates the importance of the railroad in Waxahachie's history. Situated just across the tracks from



"People do come and go," said Connie Gorman, primary seamstress since the beginning, "but those who take ownership of the purpose of Bethlehem are the ones who make its meaning come to life. These dedicated individuals are the ones who keep Bethlehem Revisited going from year to year." — November 2013.

"Ridiculous or not, I was the one who threw my thoughts out there first," Blaine [Shotts] remembered. "I was stumped as to what to do. I just knew something had to be done. I felt a strong urgency to act." — Father (Brad) and son, providing memory portraits to families of fallen servicemen, November 2014.

"I'm just a kid," Abel [Rose] said with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face, "and hockey is my favorite sport!" — 3-year-old boy thriving with spina bifida, January 2015.



"My favorite one is the courthouse with the apartment and pet shop," he stated. "Each floor has its own details. I had to build one floor at a time, starting with the bottom and working my way to the top." — Mike Settlemyer, LEGO enthusiast, July 2016.



"Our main goal from the beginning was to include the community as a whole," Melissa explained. "That meant bringing businesses, churches, parents and community-minded individuals together for a time of interaction with the younger students in the district." — Melissa Cobb, Partners in Education coordinator, January 2017.

"In that four-hour class, I learned that something really could go drastically wrong if I didn't know how best to defend myself," she admitted. "By the end of the class, I knew what not to do!" — Ma'Kayla Williams, self-defense student, February 2018.


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the old train station, which houses Fresh Market Coffee, and a shiny red caboose, Railyard hosts lots of local events from morning yoga to outdoor movies.

Just to the north, Old Downtown, with our magnificent courthouse standing guard, is once more a thriving part of the commercial life of the city. Interesting and unique shops offer a different set of options from the major chains, while any number of restaurants beckon with tasty treats. The Ellis County Museum of History has its home on the square, alongside the historic Texas Theater, which hosts many live music and other entertainment events. If you're looking for a church, a dojo or a dance studio, they're all there, along with enough antiques to make your heart happy. Big community festivals find their venue on the square, year-round. But you'll also be able to find some Junk in the Trunk or the Stampede of Speed happening in the heart of the city.

City Hall is in the old 1911 Post Office. It was expanded in 2002 and was in use until the completion of the brand-new annex, the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, in 2023. The old City Hall is now under renovation before it goes back into service.

Continuing down the trail, you come to the Downtown Waxahachie Farmers Market, which moved to its current

location on Howard Road in 2021. It had previously been across the street from City Hall, where the new annex now stands. But no matter where it has been located, it has always been a vital link to the city's agricultural past, providing citizens with fresh locally grown produce. Today, hand-crafted soaps and pottery, jewelry and clothing find a place alongside the baked goods, vegetables and plants for sale. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome, since it's right next door to the dog park.

Wags-a-Hachie opened in about 2012. It was established by a group of concerned citizens, with private funds. The city gave the park a major upgrade and refresh in 2022, with new fencing, agility courses and murals. It's a great place to let Fido run free after walking the trail. Dogs don't know much about history, but they love Waxahachie, too!

As each stop along this trail shows, our city has grown and changed over the years, but the roots are deep and strong. In just the 20 years we've been here celebrating life, we've seen a lot of new things, and new people add to our vibrant community. The next 20 can only get better! **NOV**





"There's really no way to duplicate these hand-tie-dyed T-shirts. You just can't do it,"
— Caleb Seibel, tie-dye artist, January 2019.

"Kids need to know that their ancestors were good people, smart people, creative people, determined people. This knowledge is reflected in how a human being sees and respects himself or herself." — Dr. Jamal Rasheed, Ellis County African American Hall of Fame, July 2020.

"I am so proud of this library and how far we have come. We are getting out there and getting involved. Community involvement is a big part of today's library. That hasn't always been the case. We want to be a part of the community. When people move to town, they like to have a library that is alive and active."



— Barbara Claspell, director of Sims Library, September 2021.



"I was so thankful for the scholarships that got me through my bachelor's degree that I started a small scholarship for single mothers studying nursing at Navarro."

— Martha Padron, oncology nurse and Miss Waxahachie Latina, July 2022.

"I've been [to Bethlehem Revisited] every year since I was 5. In fact, I used to be in it when I was in high school." — Andria Owen, homeowner, December 2023.

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“This house, where we opened the Waxahachie location, was built in 1910,” General Manager Jimmy Case reported. “I think of it as representative of Waxahachie. It’s traditional on the outside, with modern accents inside. After the fire, we rebuilt. We salvaged all the old materials we could for the restoration. At one time, this house was north of everything. Across the highway was a hay field. And on September 1, you’d hear the pop-pop-pop of the dove hunter’s shotguns. The town has grown and evolved. Tom Thumb is across the highway now — and the town extends far north of us.”

Campuzano has multiple locations — Waxahachie, Cedar Hill and Oak Lawn in Dallas, currently — but they don’t consider themselves a chain. “Each location is unique and reflects the community where it’s located,” Jimmy said. “Here in Waxahachie, we’re a big, loud family restaurant. It’s about family and fun. We

got a lot of support from the city when we were rebuilding. They helped us come back.”

NOW Magazines has been proud to partner with Campuzano as one of our most loyal advertisers. They’ve been with us since the beginning. “Some advertising works better than others. We always know the day WaxahachieNOW hits people’s mailboxes because we start getting people walking in with the coupon!” Jimmy said. “We advertise in NOW Magazines markets where we don’t even have restaurants and get good responses from those ads, too. Texans love Mexican food. Your magazines focus on the local communities and what makes them unique. You’re able to keep relevant by showing that hometown feel. We have the same philosophy. We’ve been able to grow in partnership.”

Campuzano Mexican Food is all about family. “We have day-one employees that are still with us after 25 years. And now we have second-generation employees.

“We do a lot of catering. We’ve catered events for companies, serving 950 employees in an hour-and-a-half. It’s nothing to cater for 200-300 people. We do a lot of weddings. People want to share the food they love with out-of-town friends and family on their big day. One day,” Jimmy remembered, “I got this call from a lady who wanted some cheese enchiladas catered for six people. It was a 30-minute call. It turned out, her daddy was dying, and he thought the only thing he might be able to eat was some cheese enchiladas from Campuzano.

“Another family, they were regulars. I didn’t really know them personally, but they were in here all the time — the grandmother, the parents, the kids, the whole family. When the grandmother passed away, the family wanted to have a dinner here after the funeral. They brought all the flowers and the big portrait that stood by the casket. It was a portrait of grandma in the sombrero we use for birthday parties here in the restaurant! That was the picture of her they had chosen. You never know the impact you’re having. Your magazine conveys that same sense of community. It connects with our customers.”

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By Adam Walker

Twenty years ago, in our first year, we reported on the 100th birthday of Sims Library. Now, the library is 120 years old and has a brand-new director. “I’ve been here for eight years in different jobs. I loved being the teen librarian, and I helped set up the bookmobile program. On October 1, Barb stepped down as the director, becoming assistant director, in preparation for her retirement. I was promoted to director, and I’m excited about all the things the Sims Library is doing in the community.” As one of the oldest libraries in the state of Texas, Sims Library is still a vibrant center of community activity, offering new and exciting programs for all ages throughout the year. Jenn looks forward to continuing that commitment.



Case Lucky, Brett Kindle and Blake Hardin show off Fire station 4’s newest truck.



Johnny Campbell, III hosts his grandmothers, Carolyn Campbell and Sharon Talton, and his grandfather, Johnny Sr., for Grandfriends Day at Jimmie Ray Elementary School.



A ribbon cutting celebrates the new Cook Children’s Pediatrics Waxahachie location!



Nelma Inez Heine Stanton poses with the new plaque comemorating the one-time swimming hole at Getzendaner Park.



Danceworks Dance Studio holds its grand reopening, celebrating 25 years of teaching dance, following an extensive renovation.



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— By Adam Walker

To celebrate 20 years of In the Kitchen With, featuring your friends and neighbors sharing their favorite recipes to feed their families, here are some of the recipes we published during our first year of celebrating you, the people of this great community. Take a look and see if you recognize any names. Maybe you'll find something to add to your Thanksgiving table or something for your everyday table. **NOW**

Waxahachie Pecan Pie

Provided by Helen Compton for the June 2005 issue.

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 9-inch unbaked pie shell

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large bowl, cream the butter or margarine to soften. Add the sugar; cream together until fluffy.
3. Add the syrup and salt; beat well.
4. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well

after each addition. Stir in the pecans.

5. Pour the mixture into the unbaked pie shell. Bake for 50 minutes, or until a knife comes out clean.

Linguine With Shrimp

Provided by Kay Leath for the September 2005 issue.

Makes 2 servings.

- 1/4 cup shallots, sliced
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes in olive oil, garlic and spices
- 1 Tbsp. fresh basil, chopped
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 lb. shrimp or lobster, cooked

- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 6 oz. linguine, cooked and hot
- 1/3 cup basil leaves, julienned

1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, sauté the shallots in the olive oil for 4 minutes, or until soft. Add the tomatoes and chopped basil; simmer 5 minutes.
2. Add the cream; boil 2 to 3 minutes to thicken. Add the shrimp or lobster and cayenne.
3. When hot, toss with the pasta, or serve on top of the pasta. Garnish with the julienned basil.

Sweet Potato Casserole

Provided by Sue Ann Kelton for the November 2004 issue.

Casserole:

- 2 cups sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 6 Tbsp. margarine, melted
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Topping:

- 1 cup sugar frosted flakes
- 1/2 cup pecans
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 6 Tbsp. margarine, melted

1. *For casserole:* Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Pour mixture into a casserole dish and bake at 400 F for 20 minutes.
2. *For topping:* In a separate bowl, mix together all the topping ingredients. After the casserole has baked for 20 minutes, remove it from the oven; add the topping to the casserole.
3. Return the casserole to the oven; bake for an additional 10 minutes.

Sausage and Egg Casserole

Provided by Elizabeth Reames for the December 2004 issue.

- 1 lb. ground sausage
- 10 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- Pepper, to taste
- 1 tsp. ground mustard (or regular)
- 6 slices bread, cubed
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

1. Brown the sausage; drain the excess grease.
2. In a bowl, beat the eggs; add the milk, salt, pepper and mustard.
3. Stir in the bread cubes. Add the cheese and sausage. Pour the mixture into an 11x9-inch casserole dish; refrigerate for 8 hours.
4. Remove from the refrigerator; let sit for 30

minutes. Bake, uncovered, at 350 F for 40 minutes.

Just Peachy One Pot Cobbler

Provided by Robyn Hain for the January 2005 issue.

- 1 cup flour
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 15-oz. cans peaches

Topping:

- 1 cup sugar
- Cinnamon to taste

1. In a large, oven-safe pot or pan, add the first 6 ingredients; mix well. Pour the peaches over the batter.
2. For topping: Sprinkle the sugar and cinnamon over the top of the cobbler.
3. Cover and bake for 20 minutes at 350 F. Uncover and brown until golden.

Mama T's Apple Pie

Provided by Margaret Felty for the February 2005 issue.

- 4 1/2 cups Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 shake of salt
- 2 unbaked pie crusts

1. In a large bowl, combine the first 5 ingredients.
2. Line a 9-inch pie pan with one pie crust. Pour the apple mixture into the crust. Cover with the other pie crust that has been vented, or use the second crust to decorate the top with latticework.
3. Bake at 350 F for 20 minutes; check the pie for browning. Note: At this point, you may need to put a rim of foil around the outer edge of the pie crust to prevent over-browning. Return to the oven for 15 minutes.

Stewed Potatoes

Provided by Vicki Ferguson for the March 2005 issue.

- 6 medium potatoes
- Canola oil, for browning
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- Garlic powder, to taste
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup water

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bottom. Brown the potatoes. Using a lid, drain all of the oil from the skillet.

2. Pour the onions over the potatoes; sprinkle with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the water.

3. Reduce heat to a simmer. Cover with a lid; simmer for 20 minutes, or until tender.

Spinach Meat Pie

Provided by Jason and Traci Berry for the April 2005 issue.

- 3 lbs. hamburger meat**
- 2 pkgs. Italian sweet sausage**
- 1 pkg. Italian hot sausage**
- 1 lb. mushrooms, chopped**
- 3 large green peppers, chopped**
- 3 bags spinach, fresh or frozen**
- 1 28-oz. can whole tomatoes**
- Garlic powder, to taste**
- Oregano, to taste**
- Onion powder, to taste**
- Salt, to taste**
- Pepper, to taste**
- 4 rolls frozen bread dough, thawed**
- 3 eggs, well beaten (divided use)**
- 3 pkgs. mozzarella cheese**

1. In a large pot, brown the hamburger and sausage (without the casings). Add the mushrooms and peppers; let simmer for 10 minutes.

2. Chop the spinach. Add the spinach and tomatoes to the pot. Add the seasonings.

3. While the above is simmering, roll out two bread doughs for the bottom crusts. (Try using 2 small roast pans.) Lay the crusts in the pans; coat with 1 beaten egg.

4. Pour the meat and vegetable mixture into a colander; drain well. Place in a large bowl; add 2 beaten eggs and cheese. Mix well.

5. Pour half of the mixture into each pan. Roll out the other 2 doughs; cover each pan with one of the bread doughs. Seal like a pie. Bake at 350 F until brown.

Howard's Stew

Provided by Eddie & Jo Ann Howard for the July 2005 issue.

- 1 lb. ground meat**
- 1 can tomatoes and onions**
- 1 can Veg-All**
- 4 medium potatoes, diced**

1. Brown the ground meat; drain the grease. Add the remaining ingredients.

2. Cook for 1 1/2 to 2 hours on low heat.

Farmers Market Salsa

Provided by Arlene Hamilton for the August 2005 issue.

- 1 bunch radishes, trimmed and chopped**

- 6 green onions, chopped**
- 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped**
- 5 large tomatoes, cored and chopped**
- 1 yellow sweet bell pepper, seeded and chopped**
- 1 cup yellow pear tomatoes, quartered**
- 3 cloves garlic, minced**
- 1 fresh jalapeño or serrano pepper, seeded and minced**
- 1/4 cup cilantro leaves, chopped**
- Juice of 1 lime**
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil**
- Salt, to taste**
- Pepper, to taste**

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl; stir well. For a smoother salsa, process all the ingredients in a food processor.

2. For best flavor, make the day before serving and refrigerate. Serve as a dip with corn chips or as a garnish over grilled fish or chicken.

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Dr. Allala is a graduate of the Texas A&M School of Dentistry. "When I started there, it was still Baylor. My diploma has both names on it," she recalled. "I specialize in oral surgery, and we're really good at it. I'm nothing without my team. We do everything in dentistry. I like being well rounded, I enjoy being an overachiever, so I'm constantly taking continuing education, keeping up with all the

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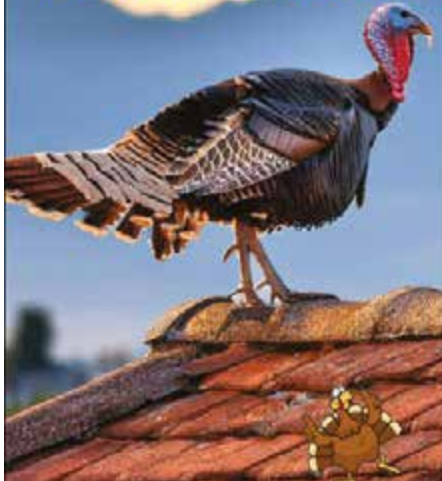



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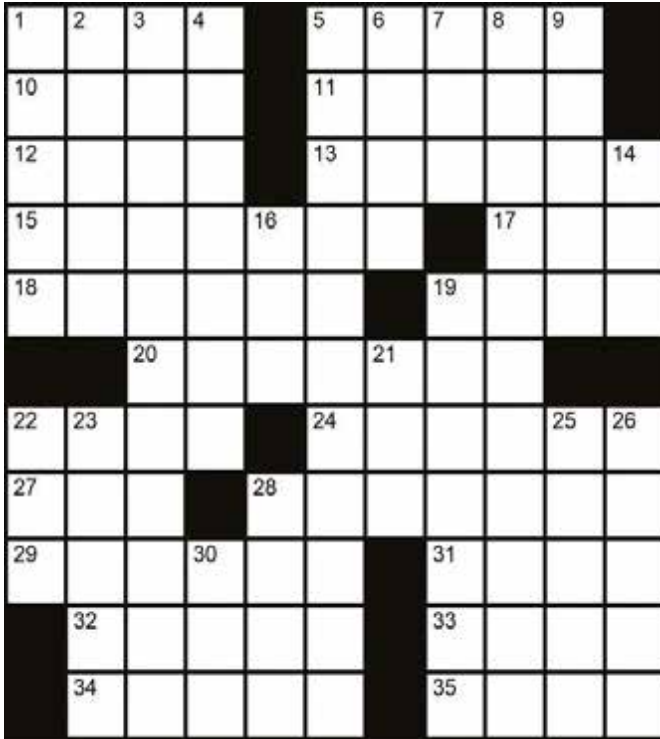
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- 15 Made suitable
- 17 By way of
- 18 Empyrean streaker
- 19 Immerses
- 20 Neck of land
- 22 Diplomacy
- 24 Alleviating
- 27 Rather like
- 28 Design for a painting
- 29 Cambodian mass murderer

- 31 Upon
- 32 Oddball
- 33 Food source
- 34 First unelected president
- 35 Split

Down

- 1 Indian tea state
- 2 Museum employee
- 3 All over the place, clearly Rita is all over the place
- 4 Most profound
- 5 Boiler
- 6 "And gentlemen in England now -- ..." (Shakespeare, "Henry V")

- 7 That's my boy
- 8 Temporary
- 9 Divest
- 14 The United Kingdom's Delta Force equivalent
- 16 Trike rider
- 19 Bring back into use
- 21 Impair
- 22 Ask for a loan
- 23 High up
- 25 Orleans "our"
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11/8-11/9

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11/9

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11/16

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11/22-11/23

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5:00-9:00 p.m.; **Saturday:**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin.

11/27

Turkey in Disguise Story Time:

Hear the turkey tell tales. Free. 10:00-11:00 a.m., Sims Library, 515 W. Main St.

11/28

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