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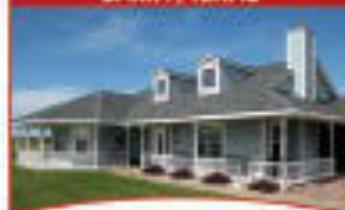
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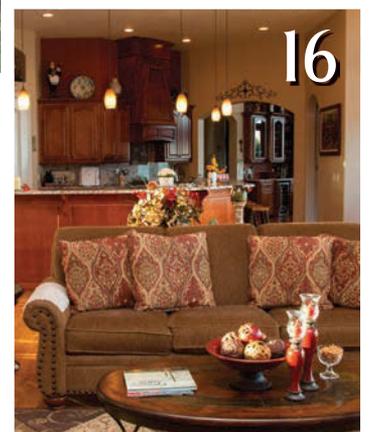
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## Editor's Note

*Happy New Year!*

Another fresh start in life — isn't that what our new year and resolutions give us? I like that we celebrate Make Your Dream Come True Day on January 13, which will coincidentally be Friday the 13th as well. But regardless of that little detail, let's all do what we can to make this year the best ever — personally, professionally and for our great community.

I spent time with my granddaughter over the holidays working jigsaw puzzles, her favorite indoor activity. Celebrate January 29 with your favorite person by working a crossword, Sudoku or jigsaw puzzle together.

And finally, January 31 is Inspire Your Heart With Art Day. As a musician, writer and photographer, I'm excited to see the arts thriving and growing in Corsicana. Medical studies show the creative process makes positive changes in heart rates. Maybe a little art, music and a cup of hot tea will brighten these winter days.

May this month bring a new spirit to your lives,

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*David Slayter, an aspiring writer and actor, is putting himself in the position to succeed at what he enjoys doing. He is pleased to share the experience with his family, too. His mother, Dawn Rogers, and her husband, Nick Rogers, are working hard to support his efforts, and the trio were part of a movie film crew this summer.*

Performing the duties of a production assistant on the set of a movie is no small task. It is a lot of hard work, and the expression, "The show must go on," rings so true when the film is being shot in the hot Texas temperatures and the rainy days of May through June. "It's a bottom-of-the-totem-pole kind of position," David pointed out, "but you have to be willing to get your foot in the door when seeking work in the movie industry."

Nick was working nights at Wal-Mart in Corsicana at the time and did not get off until 7:00 a.m. He went on about three hours or less of sleep on filming days. "It was an experience I will always remember. The whole cast and crew were great to work with," he expressed.

Dawn was so excited and appreciative that Chief of Police Robert Johnson, who played a key role in getting the movie, *Warning Shot*, filmed in Corsicana, offered her the position as a crew member. She proved to be an energetic and enthusiastic



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Dawn Rogers demands "quiet on set" when at her crafty table.

addition to this family threesome. "I have a newfound respect for the hardworking members of the film industry," Dawn expressed. "Watching the cast perform often brought tears to my eyes."

Actors are often asked to play out emotionally demanding scenes repeatedly as they try to get it just right to please a director's ideal portrayal of the scene. "Oftentimes, they shoot the same scene numerous times hoping to get the perfect feel or the best lighting, sound or combined," Dawn stated.

This happy family has lived in Corsicana for eight years in a warm and cozy home. Nick now works at True Value. Dawn, who has a background in modeling, worked with the John Robert Powers agency in Dallas. She has also written a Christian self-help book. The family has six cats, which she originally took in as a foster caregiver. She now claims them as her own. "I'm attached," she laughed. She is a caring and supportive wife, mother and a new grandmother. The family attends worship at The Oaks Fellowship in Red Oak, Texas, and their Christian values are reflected in their work.

David, who is employed at the Corsicana Wal-Mart, busily works on his own material part time. He writes with his faith in mind, and is currently working on a screenplay titled *Justice Takes Place*, which was inspired by the filming of the movie in Navarro County. *Justice Takes Place* is also being shot locally.

But David is no stranger to a movie set. He worked with Chief Johnson on a previous movie, as well. In that movie role, he had a speaking and acting part as one of many extras often running from zombies. "It was fun to be a part of," David shared. "They even used my Ford Mustang in one of the scenes. Now I'm not a wild driver, but I did take the opportunity to drive like a mad man on the closed streets of Corsicana."

During the filming of *Warning Shot*, “We used an older home on 13th Street here in Corsicana, a home in Powell and a property in Rice,” David said. The crew depended on the family for the moving of the sets from place to place, the “crafty” table and general needs of the cast while filming.

“I immediately accepted the invitation without even knowing what my role would be,” Dawn admitted. “All I heard was crafting, and I was in. When I found out what crafting meant on a movie set I was surprised, but I wasn’t going to let on that I had not known originally.” Crafting simply means you are the person responsible for seeing that the food tables are ready and waiting for the cast and crew. “Whew!” Dawn exclaimed with the thought of feeding 60-70 people every day. It involved three meals and two snacks daily and all the scheduling and moving from location to location. “I could not have managed without the hard work and support of Nick. He was great! I got really good at making coffee!”

“Her crafty tables were some of the best I’ve seen,” said David Spade, one of the cast members. “You have to be pretty crafty to pull it off.”

“It was hard work and stressful,” Nick said.

“But, it was a great experience, and we learned a lot,” Dawn admitted. “I can’t wait to see the finished product.” The film is scheduled to be released this year.

During filming of *Warning Shot*, David got hurt while moving pallets from location to location on set. He was providing a walkway for the actors and crew in the muddy backyard and fields where the film was being shot. In one of the scenes, the cast was asked to run through a field of mesquite trees. “You know where there are mesquite trees there are thorns, and sure enough, one of the thorns ended up in the bottom of my foot and ankle,” he shared. “I limped around for the rest of the filming.”



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Although the crew worked hard to buy enough ice, they had trouble keeping enough on the set because of the extreme heat, and they had to use a lot of ice to keep the beverages cold. At the end of filming, the set of *Warning Shot* donated a few crates of extra nonperishable items to the food pantry in town. Dawn was on set every morning on time with coffee and donuts. They utilized local businesses for the catering and supplies needed, right down to the ice that was carried in each day.

This family trio had to be on set at 7:45 a.m. each morning of filming, and they worked long, 14-hour days. "It was hard, but very rewarding," they all three agreed.

"I was complimented by the sound guy, who said I was the best producer's assistant he had ever worked with," David grinned.

Dawn, David and Nick all agreed that they never knew how hard actors and a supporting crew work. "We all came away with some great memories of working on a movie in our hometown," Dawn said with a smile. "We feel very blessed." **NOW**

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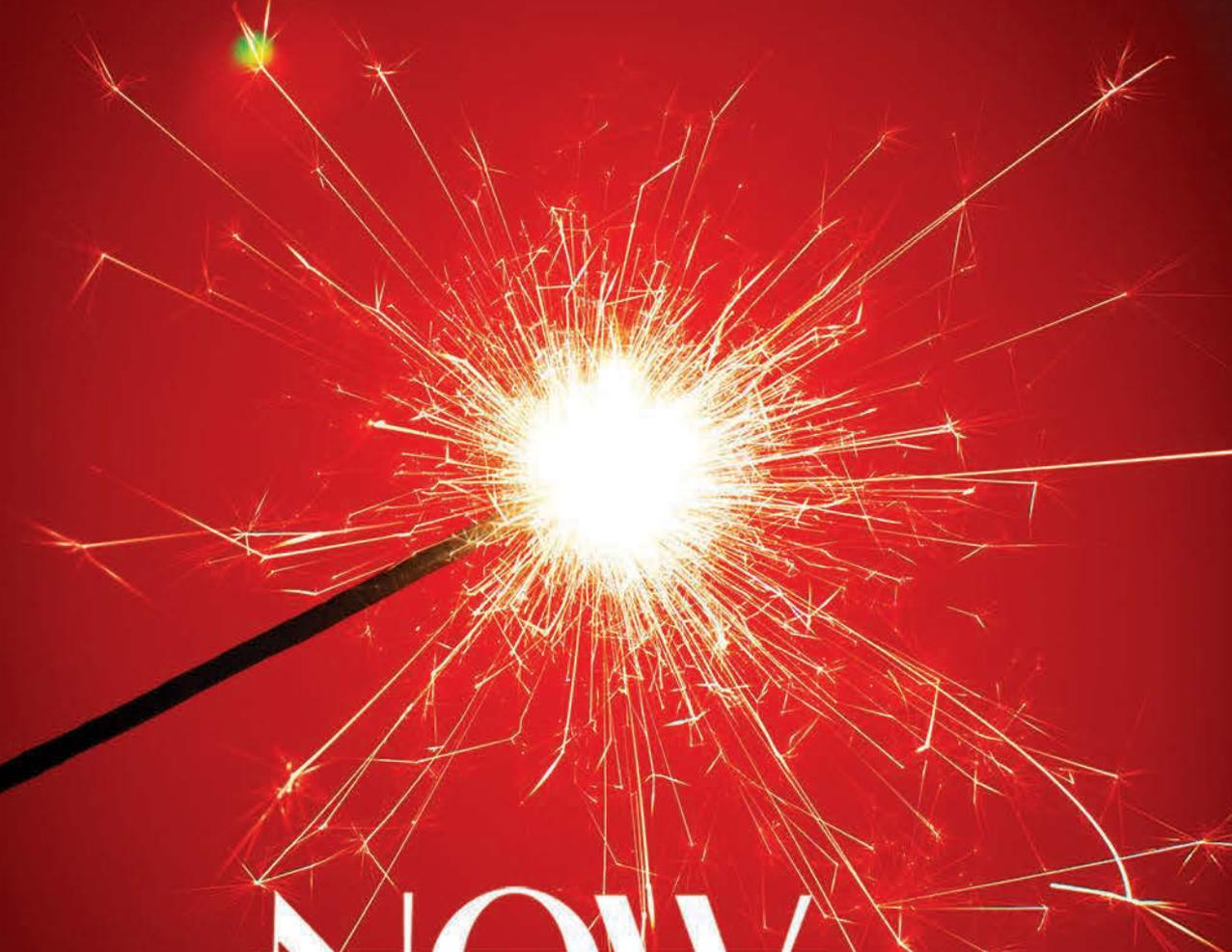
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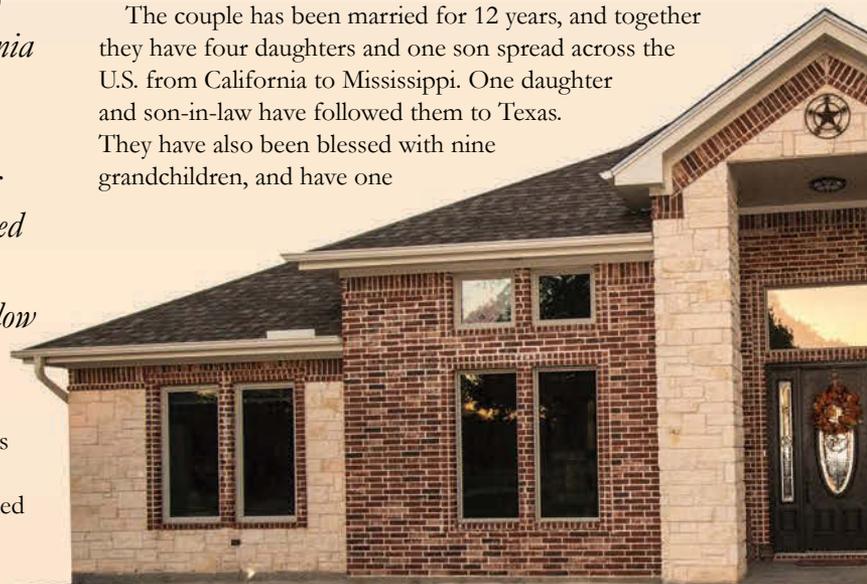
*Beavers, ducks, seasonal flights of visiting birds and a bridge over the lake that turns gold just before sunset are framed in the views seen from Randy and Veronica “Roni” Seymour’s lakeside home to which they welcome family and friends, both old and new. Randy, a California native, and Roni, who grew up moving with her dad’s Air Force career, chose to relocate to Lake Richland Chambers from California when they purchased their lakeside lot in 2006. “While finishing the construction of our home, we moved into the home next door that belonged to our best friend from California. Their house was finished in 2009. Living on a lake is my dream, but I married a wonderful woman who was willing to follow me here,” Randy said.*

“It’s like living in *National Geographic Magazine*. All the views are spectacular! A neighbor took a photo of our boat house with a rainbow perfectly framing it,” Roni revealed. “I designed

the house so everything faces the lake, and there’s an open floor plan that maximizes the views.”

Randy and Roni were both single parents working for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department when they met. Roni was in a motorcycle club that was hosting a holiday toy run when Randy saw her and asked her cousin who she was. “We had coffee that day, but she waited until eight months later to call and invite me to a concert and dinner. We were both busy just working and taking care of our families,” Randy recalled.

The couple has been married for 12 years, and together they have four daughters and one son spread across the U.S. from California to Mississippi. One daughter and son-in-law have followed them to Texas. They have also been blessed with nine grandchildren, and have one



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on the way. "Anytime our grandkids and kids come here, it's special," Randy said. "Our younger grandkids have all caught their first fish here."

"We love this lake and the slower pace here. In Southern California, everyone goes to Lake Havasu, Arizona, a four-and-a-half hour drive one way," Roni said. "We had purchased land there, but then we saw this lot. Things



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that people here take for granted — wildlife, land, very little traffic and great neighbors — we don't," she explained. "Our neighbors and we go to dinner together frequently, and we've learned to play Mexican Train dominoes."

"We meet and visit with neighbors while walking Chance, our Goldendoodle, and Riley, our Miniature Australian Shepherd," Randy said. "This neighborhood is like a massive dog park." Sadie, their cat rescued from the Corsicana Animal Shelter, holds her own. The couple also bought the land across

from their front yard to protect views and provide additional parking when needed.

"The first two years after moving here, we were busy getting things done, but then we had to find new interests and hobbies," Randy said. "I didn't have a fishing hook to my name when we moved here, but now I am an avid fisherman. Roni won't let me fish on the pontoon boat, so she twisted my arm and made me buy a fishing boat," he quipped. Their "everything room" is where Randy practices his guitar lessons, and Roni practices her piano. A fireplace, card

table and built-in wine cooler make this a great entertainment space. "I was a big California teams fan, but I've changed my allegiances to the Cowboys and Texas Rangers," Randy revealed.

The couple joined Grace Community Church in Corsicana. "Our church is our family here," Roni said.

"It's been an honor and blessing to play with the worship band. Everyone's been very encouraging and welcoming," Randy added.

Randy's retirement from law enforcement didn't last long. Within

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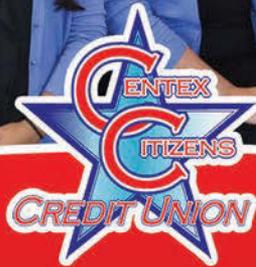
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a year he was recruited to teach in Navarro College's police academy. He also mentored a CISD student who just graduated from naval boot camp. A former street gang investigator, homicide detective and teacher in California, Randy has co-authored an investigations textbook being used at the college. After spending four years in the U.S. Army,

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he graduated from California State University, Long Beach and will complete his master's degree in December 2016.

A graduate of Cypress College, Roni found a new career as a Spirit Airlines flight attendant after working in jails, the courts, on patrol and teaching in law enforcement. "Spirit's flight benefits are great," she explained.

The couple's office is filled with awards and certificates, some of which are displayed in a bookcase replica of a casket on display in the LA Sheriff's Department's homicide foyer. "We treated people with kindness and trust that we made a positive difference in other's lives. Life has to be more than just your career," Randy stated.

Roni describes the wine and green hued decor as bistro, since there are bistro pictures in nearly every room. "I've



also put a lighthouse in every room,” she said. Their open kitchen/living room/office/informal dining area allows them to entertain large groups. Chance and Riley’s toys lie near the massive fireplace. A surround sound system adds to the ambience. A formal dining room provides additional seating for large groups.

One guest bedroom with a full view of the lake and another guest bedroom with bunk beds, named The Puzzle Room, provide restful respite to overnight guests. Roni’s jigsaw puzzles, a Noah’s Ark and some with Texas themes, line the walls, thus the name. Also displayed are her quilting and cross-stitching skills. Two guest baths — one full, and the other a half bath with a door to the lake — complete the guest wing.

A built-in dog crate in the laundry room provides Chance and Riley sleeping quarters. “Our dogs are very spoiled, and they go right to the crate every night,” Roni said. The master bedroom is decorated in brown and green hues with a full view of the lake. The walk-in closet displays a “wall of clothes” designed to maximize every inch, and a massive circular shower is the focal point of the master bath. A flagstone path connects the full back porch with its bird feeders and flowers to the boat house and dock from which Randy can celebrate his biggest catch to date — a 36-pound catfish.

The Texas star insert in this home’s leaded glass front door and limestone exterior shows how well this couple has assimilated into Texas living. “Roni is my best friend, and that’s what makes this life work,” Randy said.

“God has truly blessed us,” Roni added. “So we like to bless family and friends by sharing our home.” **NOW**

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# EDUCATION'S SUPER HEROES

— By Virginia Riddle

*Every person, presently in school through adulthood can recall that favorite schoolteacher, coach and/or administrator who made a difference in their lives even though, for some of us, the hallowed halls of our youthful school days may be long gone, repurposed or remodeled. Memories flood back during class reunions, and stories are shared about those who devoted their careers to educating the youth of the community. "It's a joy to be remembered and reconnect with former students on Facebook," Patty Knauth, retired CISD music teacher, said.*

For Patty and her fellow members of the Navarro County Retired Teachers Association, lives spent in public service to the children and families of their communities didn't quit with retirement but continue today. "We encourage members to take advantage of volunteer opportunities in this community," Kim Jayroe, president, stated.

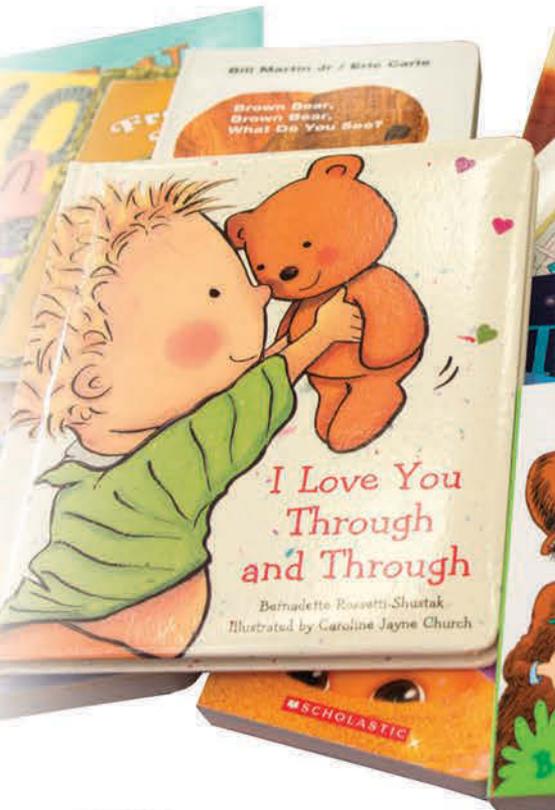
The local chapter was founded in 1961 and is affiliated with the Texas Retired Teachers Association, which was organized in 1953. NCRTA is in District 12 out of the 20 state districts. The NCRTA mission statement reflects its commitment to its members, students, fellow educators and community:

"NCRTA promotes the welfare, social and professional interests of its members and supports civic and educational endeavors within our county and district."

Early childhood literacy drives these retired teachers' annual project, the Children's Book Project, which involves donating books to students at different schools within Navarro County. "We give these books out at the end of the school year, so students will have a book for summer reading," Marsha Banks stated. This year, the NCRTA will also be partnering with the Corsicana Public Library to promote reading with its participation in the national 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Glyn Phillips, Kim Jayroe, Sharon Robinson, Marsha Banks and Patty Knauth display their unity.



**"We encourage members to take advantage of volunteer opportunities in this community."**

program, a free program to all children until kindergarten enrollment. Each of the approximately 100 members has donated a book for a child age 12 months to 5 years of age at each of the fall monthly meetings, and these books can be used in the library's children section. Additionally, members of the NCRTA donate items to the Angels of Corsicana Troop Support.

Individually, these dedicated retired educators volunteer many hours in classrooms as mentors to current teachers and administrators as well as students. Being a support system for current educators is very important, since the Texas Education Agency reports that before the end of their fifth year of employment almost one-half of the state's teachers now leave the profession. The job demands

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of classroom teachers as well as administrators are very stressful and are understood well by retired educators.

Whether time is spent in the schools or in community endeavors, volunteer hours are counted and reported to the state organization. Patty, Kim and Marsha, all past or present presidents of NCRTA, serve in many ways.

Patty, a 23-year member, volunteers at Corsicana's First Baptist Church as a special needs Sunday school teacher and choir director, a Senior Choir pianist and singer at nursing homes. She is the program chairman for the Eureka, Mildred, Navarro and Richland Chambers Crime Watch; a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma; a member of the Literary Club; and helps her husband on their ranch. Patty served as the chairman of the 1953 Corsicana High School Class Reunion. Not surprisingly, Patty was a music teacher who followed her superintendent husband to Dripping Springs ISD and then taught in CISD, for a total of 29 years in education.

Kim joined NCRTA in 2011 after serving as an elementary art teacher with an art cart for 28 years in Del Rio ISD. "Art was great fun, and now I'm putting my museum science degree to use working part time at the Cook Center," she said. "My work is fun because we get to be with the international students." Kim is also a member of the Corsicana Garden Club.

Marsha sings in the Community Choir and is an elder at Westminster

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Presbyterian Church. She is a member of Kinsloe House, the Literary Club and the Corsicana Garden Club. "I stay very busy," she admitted. Marsha, a NCRTA member since 2010, taught history and English in CISD for 33 years.

The benefits of NCRTA membership go beyond just the fellowship at local, district and state levels with fellow educators. Various low-cost insurance programs are available and travel and computer discounts as well as financial credit benefits help with personal budgeting. Membership is open to anyone who has ever worked for a public school in any capacity or interested community members, so NCRTA has members who were school secretaries, cafeteria workers and bus drivers, as well as teachers, administrators and parents. "We all are working today with the Teacher Retirement System to help insure that current public school employees have a secure financial future," Kim said.

When asked their reasons for spending their lives teaching others, Patty replied, "As a child I used to gather up all the neighborhood kids

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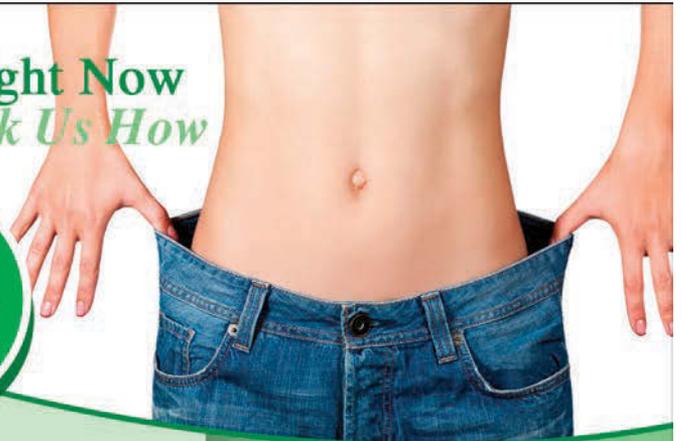
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and teach them. My aunt was a teacher and encouraged me, so I always knew I was going to be a teacher. At 16 years of age, I was teaching Sunday school at First Baptist, and I'm still doing that!"

Marsha was a "military brat." "We moved frequently, but I always had teachers who were warm and caring. They inspired me to teach," she said.

The joys and challenges of teaching haven't totally changed over the years. "I loved watching my students make progress over the school year and seeing them grasp a difficult idea," Marsha remembered. Her challenges came in grading papers, creating lesson plans and increased paperwork and reporting. "I had to, like most teachers, buy a lot of supplies, and I'm still doing it now," she said.

In Patty's early self-contained class days, she taught every subject so lesson planning and grading were challenges, and as a music teacher, she had PTO and holiday programs to produce. "I remember when there were no air conditioned classrooms," she said.

Kim traveled between two schools, taught 150 students a week and loved teaching students to "think outside the box." "Some kids didn't know how to even cut with scissors or color with markers, so my teaching was very rewarding," she recalled.

A lifetime of commitment gets rewarded with hugs when Patty and Marsha see former students. "Sometimes," Patty said, "we have to wait years to know that we made a difference in our students' lives." **NOW**

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Family is important to this mother/daughter duo who volunteer throughout the community. The Cup of Joe is named for Diana's father, and the Evelyn's Sweet Supreme, composed of chocolate, hazelnut and caramel, is named after Diana's mother. Diana's dance/exercise studio and café dream began as an empty nester project fueled by a passion for creating relationships and healthy activities, but it has blossomed with Adelaide's business acumen. "Time is precious," Diana said. "We aren't promised tomorrow, so we want to spread happiness and let it go outward into the community. What better medium of unifying the community than through fun exercise and great coffee?" **NOW**

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Breckenridge is a friendly place, whether you are sitting in a bar, lunching in a coffee shop, riding the chairlifts or checking out the town — total strangers make friends it seems they've known for years. With gold at stake, the early residents and visitors of Breckenridge likely weren't quite that open. After all, this historic town was founded by a small group of gold-seekers, each in search of their own big strike.

The pioneers of the '60s came in the form of skiers with deep Norwegian roots. In 1961 Trygve Berge and Sigurd Rockne founded what is now Breckenridge Ski Resort. The town sits between the Continental Divide and the peaks of Tenmile Range, offering seemingly endless places to play. Breckenridge Ski Resort spans four of those peaks, and the runs cover more than 2,300 acres that include five terrain parks, two half-pipes, eight bowls and the highest chairlift in North America.

From steep chutes and wide-open bowls to gentle, groomed rollers, the resort terrain begs to be explored both by beginners and those who seek out the most advanced terrain. Breckenridge's 300 annual inches of snow also hit the backcountry. While there's no preferred method of travel, there's also no shortage of options.

At Good Times Adventures, snowmobile guides walk guests through all the key parts of the machine before taking off through the Swan River backcountry to reach the Continental Divide. Over at the kennel, teams of huskies wait their turn to pull, and anxious guests wait their turn to mush. Dogsledging is a popular activity, and Breckenridge's two Nordic Centers offer

snowshoeing, plus groomed trails for classic and skate-style Nordic skiing.

Jackson Streit, owner of Mountain Angler, explained that Breckenridge is central to some of the Centennial State's best fishing. Afternoons bring beginner anglers practicing casts in the Blue River. Cyclists speed by on the paved path that parallels the river and links Breckenridge with surrounding towns.

Open Space planner and the guiding hand behind Breckenridge's award-winning cycling network, Scott Reid, explained the town's hiking and biking trails: "It's similar to a bicycle wheel, with the hub as downtown and miles of trails, the spokes, extending into the backcountry. Downtown access points lead to town, county and Forest Service trails. There's no need for a car."

Around Main Street, visitors will meet Breckenridge's modern pioneers: bourbon distillers creating world-renowned craft spirits, a passionate community building an award-winning arts district and retailers providing a shopping experience that includes both local and global merchandise. The storefronts, once housing mostly gear shops and burger stops, now boast a diverse lineup of funky boutiques and modern menus, all served up in the Victorian spaces that line the downtown streets. Wondering where to head next? Just ask the locals in the coffee shop. **NOW**

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## Get Your Young Kids Saving for College

College tuition continues to increase every year, so it's important to start saving for college as early as you can. Getting your kids involved when they're young can help them form valuable savings habits and alleviate some of your financial burden. These steps can help you get started:

**Divvy up their pennies.** Decide with your child how much of every dollar they earn will go toward spending, saving, etc. Set up separate banks for each category, and help them split their earnings. This can simultaneously teach them to save for long-term needs and to spend only within their means.

**Reward saving.** Children might be more encouraged to save with a little incentive. At the end of every month, match all or part of what your children have saved, so they can watch their money grow even more.

**Take a field trip together to the bank.** Go old school and regularly deposit your children's cash and coins in person. They can

experience the savings process firsthand, and they can see how their money grows. If you utilize an online savings account, then act as the banker: Set a regular deposit date when your kids will bring you their allotted savings, and put that amount in their accounts.

**Suggest cash gifts from relatives.** If eager gift givers are looking for another idea, mention contributing to your kids' savings accounts or giving money. If it's the latter, remind your kids to divide it up according to their spending and saving categories.

**Look for non-institutional scholarships.** Yes, there are scholarships available as early as elementary school! Essay contests, science awards and more may come with cash prizes. If your child receives award money right away, consider investing it in a tax-advantaged college savings account. **NOW**

*Lynda Housley is a State Farm agent based in Corsicana.*

## January 2

Piecemakers' Quilt Guild meeting: 9:30 a.m., Westhill Church of Christ. Visitors are welcome. Show and tell, workshop, lunch and sewing activities are featured. For more information, visit [corsicanaquiltguild.com](http://corsicanaquiltguild.com).

## January 2 — 14

Howard Halbert: Western Ways in Pencil.

**Monday-Friday**, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.;

**Saturday**, Noon-4:00 p.m., The Pearce Museum.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors 55+ and \$4 for students ages 6-17. The museum is free to children ages 5 and under, Navarro College employees and students and Pearce Museum members. Call (903) 875-7642 for more information.

## January 2 — 31

Pioneer Village Historical Museum: **Monday-**

**Friday**, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; **Saturday**, 9:00

a.m.-5:00 p.m.; **Sunday**, 1:00-5:00 p.m., 912 W.

Park Ave., Corsicana. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students ages 4-18. Advanced notice is required for guided tours. For more information, call (903) 654-4846.

## January 3

Economic Development Partnership meeting: 8:00-9:00 a.m., Corsicana Public Library. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (903) 654-4800.

## January 4, 11, 18, 25

Herdin Em Up!: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Cowboy Church of Corsicana. This program is for first-fifth graders. Have fun and fellowship with family and friends while learning about the Lord through horsemanship. The children don't need to have a horse or any experience with horses to participate. For more information, call (903) 874-8000 or email [triplec@cowboychurchofcorsicana.com](mailto:triplec@cowboychurchofcorsicana.com).

## January 6, 11, 18 28

Navarro College Basketball Games: Wolens Special Events Center. For more information, call 1-800-NAVARRO.

## January 9

Eclectic Readers Book Club: 6:30 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

## January 10

State of the City Address: 6:30-7:30 p.m., City Government Center. City officials will share with the public what they have been working on that will affect local businesses and the life of Corsicana. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (903) 654-4800.

## January 14

Angels of Corsicana Troop Support Packing: 9:00 a.m. packing, 1020 N. Bus. I45. Donations may be dropped off at this site **Monday-Saturday** 8:00-11:00 a.m. To leave the name of a deployed military person or donate, call Jean O'Connor at (903) 851-2560 or visit the group's Facebook page.

Go Texan Banquet: 6:00 p.m., I.O.O.F. Event Center. For more information, call (903) 641-6607

## January 16

Art for the Rest of Us: 6:00-8:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. Listen to upbeat music while coloring, painting, drawing or sculpting. Ages 16-plus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

## January 17

4th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast: 7:00-9:00 a.m., Cook Education Center. This event is hosted by Navarro College. The speaker is Dr. Roy Elton Brackins. Admission is \$10 per person. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by **January 11**. Contact [lori.tatsch@navarrocollege.edu](mailto:lori.tatsch@navarrocollege.edu) or call (903) 875-7321 For more information or for reservations.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1009 meeting: 7:00 p.m., La Pradera. Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 or any duty location between August 5, 1864 and May 7, 1975. For more information, email Roy Messick at [roy.messick@gmail.com](mailto:roy.messick@gmail.com).

## January 19

Java with Joanna: 7:30-8:30 a.m., Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce. This is a gathering of business leaders and community decision makers to solve problems that local businesses face. A light breakfast, coffee and juice will be served. Free to chamber members or \$7.50 for non-members. For more information, call (903) 874-4731.

## January 21

Navarro College Cheer Recruit Clinic: 1:00-3:00 p.m., Special Events Center, Corsicana Campus. All high school age or older students interested in becoming part of the Navarro College Cheer Team are invited to attend. Please bring the online medical release form and RSVP to this free clinic. For more information or to RSVP, email Monica Aldama at [monica.aldama@navarrocollege.edu](mailto:monica.aldama@navarrocollege.edu).

## January 26

Corsicana Newcomers' Club: 11:00 a.m., Kinsloe House. Lunch is \$15. The 2017 officers will be

inducted. For more information on becoming a member or for confirmed luncheon reservations, contact Annie Avery at (714) 345-6707.

Hank & Patsy: 7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$20-40. Academy of Western Artists 2016 Vocalist of the Year, Jake Penrod, and Branson star, Lisa Layne, bring the music of country's first superstars to Corsicana for the first time. For more information, visit [www.corsicanapalace.com](http://www.corsicanapalace.com).

## January 28

Corsicana Ducks Unlimited Banquet and Auction: 6:00 p.m., I.O.O.F. Event Center. Contact Ross Reamy at (903) 654-7704 For more information.

## January 30

Corsicana Writers Guild meeting: 6:30 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

## February 2

99th Annual Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce Banquet: I.O.O.F. Event Center. Call (903) 874-4731 for details.

## February 17 — 19

Annual Gingerbread House Chili Cook-Off: For more information call (972) 937-1870 or visit [www.elliscountycac.org](http://www.elliscountycac.org).

## Ongoing:

### Tuesdays

Corsicana Noon Lions Club meeting: Noon, Corsicana YMCA. For more information, visit [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/corsicana](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/corsicana).

Teddy Bear Time: 7:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. Wear PJs, grab a favorite teddy bear and bring a blankie for evenings of bedtime stories, teddy bear songs and rhymes. This program is for all ages. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

### Wednesdays

Storytime: 10:00 a.m., Corsicana Public Library. This program is for all ages. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

Corsicana Rotary Club meetings: Noon, Corsicana Country Club. For more information, visit [www.corsicanarotary.com](http://www.corsicanarotary.com)

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## In the Kitchen With Kipp Thomas

— *By Virginia Riddle*

Serving as his grandmother’s helper in the kitchen taught Kipp Thomas how to cook. “I was about 10 years old. I peeled and chopped vegetables, shelled peas and killed and plucked chickens,” Kipp remembered. “I love to eat, so I love to cook and experiment with recipes.”

Nearly every week, Kipp, a 27-year veteran deputy of the Navarro County Sheriff’s Department, and now Precinct 4 constable, cooks breakfast at the Cowboy Church of Corsicana. “I have a set of seven guys that help with breakfast, barbecue or whatever the church needs to be cooked,” he said.

A football referee and rancher, Kipp cooks for friends and his three sons. “Wednesdays are ‘guy nights,’” he revealed. “When I cook my cheesy goulash, there’s not much left over.” **NOW**

### Open Face Enchiladas

- Cooking oil**
- Corn tortillas**
- 2 lbs. ground beef**
- 1 8-oz. pkg. enchilada sauce**
- 1 tsp. garlic powder**
- 1 tsp. onion powder**
- 1 tsp. Season-All Seasoned Salt**
- Cheddar cheese, to taste**
- 1 onion, diced**
- 1 tomato, diced**
- Shredded lettuce, to taste**
- 1 doz. eggs**

1. Add a 1/2-inch layer of oil to a skillet; warm each tortilla in oil, slightly browning both sides before removing to a paper towel-covered plate to drain.

- 2. In a skillet, brown ground beef; stir in enchilada sauce, garlic powder, onion powder and Season-All Seasoned Salt.
- 3. Put a tortilla on a serving plate; spoon a layer of beef mixture over it; add layers of cheese and onions. Repeat in that order to build a two or three stack open-face enchilada.
- 4. Add tomatoes and lettuce around the enchilada.
- 5. In a skillet, fry each egg; top each enchilada with a fried egg.

### Cheesy Goulash

- 2 lbs. ground beef**
- 1 onion, diced**
- 1 7.25-oz. box Kraft Four Cheese Macaroni Dinner**
- 1 tsp. onion powder**
- 1 tsp. garlic powder**

- 1 tsp. Season-All Seasoned Salt**
- 1 10.75-oz. can cream of mushroom soup**
- 1 10.75-oz. can cream of celery soup**
- 1 15.25-oz. can corn**

- 1. In a large pot, brown beef and onion together; drain.
- 2. Add remaining ingredients; mix well and cover.
- 3. Let simmer for 6-8 minutes.

### Chicken Noodle Soup

- 1 whole chicken**
- 2 16-oz. pkgs. egg noodles**
- 1 14.5-oz. can chicken broth, use as needed**
- 1 bunch carrots, skinned and diced**
- 1 onion, sliced**
- 1 12-oz. pkg. frozen sweet peas**
- Salt and pepper, to taste**

- 1. Rinse and boil chicken, reserving the broth; let cool. Skin and debone the chicken.
- 2. Add noodles to chicken broth; cook according to package directions, adding additional broth if necessary.
- 3. Shred and add chicken back into broth and noodles; add carrots, onion and frozen sweet peas.
- 4. Season with salt and pepper, if desired; let simmer for 6-8 minutes.

### Zucchini Sausage Wrap

- 1 13-oz. pkg. skinless Eckrich Sausage, thinly sliced**
- 3 zucchini squash, chopped**
- 1 onion, diced**
- 1 tsp. garlic powder**
- 1 tsp. onion powder**
- 1 tsp. Season-All Seasoned Salt**
- 1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes**
- Flour tortillas**

- 1. Sauté sausage with squash and onion; add garlic powder, onion powder and Season-All Seasoned Salt.
- 2. Mix well; add tomatoes.
- 3. Spoon mixture onto tortillas; roll tortillas. Tuck ends into roll and serve.

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