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*Gone with the wind ...*

Is it just me, or does it really feel like 2019 blew in and out with the wind? One moment we were ushering in the new year, the next we were closing out a decade. Depending on what the year held for you, you may not be quite ready to turn the page on your calendar, while others do so gladly with a hearty, "Out with the old!"

If you are feeling the need for the fresh start a new year brings, remember, there is a curious thing about wind. It blows some things away, but leaves other things in their place. And it is impossible to accept one without the other. This fact was poignantly driven home to me a couple of months ago when a tornado struck the church I attend in neighboring Midlothian. The building was demolished. Years of memories were held within its walls. We wanted to hold on to the past, but it was quite literally gone with the wind.

As we sorted through the debris, we found what the winds had left behind — a clearer understanding of the fact that what really matters is the *people* in our lives, not the *things* in our lives — that we are a community of people who love each other, not just a building. Not one life was lost in the storm. No one was injured. What a blessing.

This is a feeling many right here in North Ellis County know well. We experienced the devastation of a tornado and went through the rebuilding process just four years ago. Rebuilding was a process, but we came out stronger as a community on the other side.

Change isn't always so dramatic as a tornadic storm. Graduations, marriages, births, moves and job transitions are all forms of change. We are currently experiencing a change here at *North Ellis CountyNOW*, as our community editor, Sally Fuller, has stepped down to focus on other commitments. We are sad to see her go, but we wish her all the best!

*Times they are a-changin'!*

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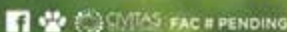


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# *Herald of*

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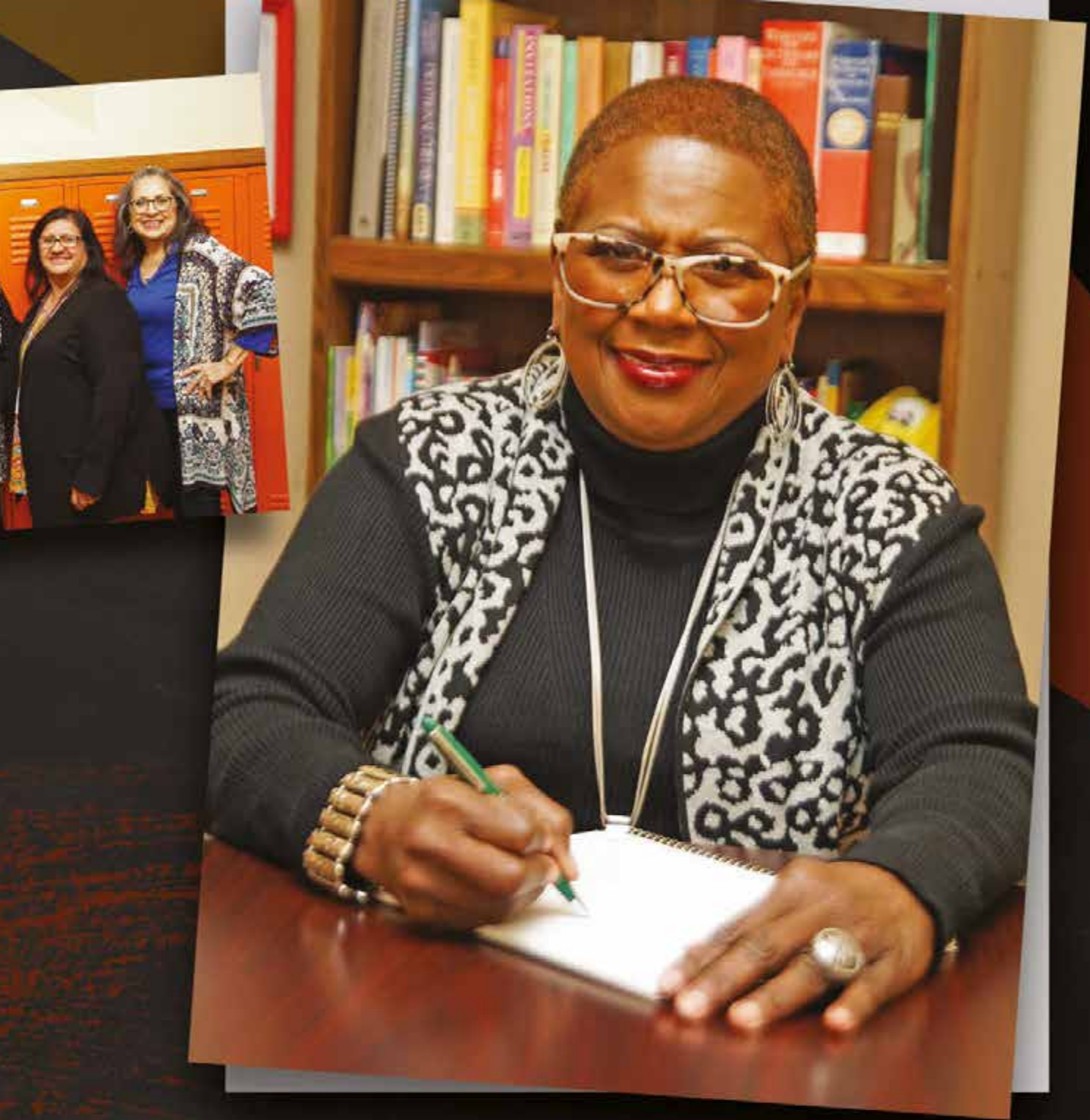
# HOPE

*The only thing Shirley Floyd ever wanted to do is teach. As young as 3 or 4, Shirley said she happily told anyone who would listen that someday she would be a teacher. Someday, for Shirley, couldn't wait until college graduation. Not even high school graduation. Not even the start of high school, for that matter. By the time she was in junior high, Shirley was "holding classes out in the garage" for the younger neighborhood children. "I'd give them lessons, and we'd have school. I even created a little drill team," she said of her blossoming obsession.*

Now in her 48th year at Ferris ISD, the enthusiasm with which she taught her garage students has never waned. In truth, it's intensified. Sitting behind her desk, the front of which displays a painting of a bright, red high-heel beneath the words *Walk by Faith*, Shirley's smile is as constant as the sparkle in her eyes is captivating. Shirley's joy is downright contagious.

Forty-eight years ago, fresh out of college, Shirley had never heard of Ferris before receiving a letter requesting she come in for an interview. Ferris wasn't a school district to which she'd applied. Nevertheless, the letter





came. "Back then, it was a one-horse town," she chuckled. "My whole family accompanied me to the interview — my mom, my dad, my two sisters, two brothers. We looked like the Clampetts, everybody crammed into one car," she said, shaking her head and smiling.

Walking confidently into the interview, wearing her signature smile, Shirley met the principal of Ferris Elementary, who offered her a job almost instantly at the only school district for which she'd ever want to teach. "I had a big smile on my face, and he [the principal] said I won him over right there," she shared. Shirley won the principal's admiration, and Ferris captured her heart. "I think it was because I could tell they valued the family — and they do, still," she said of her unwavering dedication to the district and the children entrusted to her.

Shirley taught fifth grade for almost 25 years. A single mom teaching full time and working a part-time job, somehow, she found time to earn her master's degree in counseling, and as the second half of her 48-year career began, Shirley left the classroom in pursuit of a new way to help the children she loves. "I enjoyed what I was doing. I loved being in the classroom with the children, but time brings about change," she reflected. "Now, with all the hardships and responsibilities children are facing, I can reach more children individually and address their needs."



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Shirley's career always has been, and always will be, about helping children. The way she's found best to help them in her role as counselor is to give them hope. "I love children, and my heart goes out to those considered underachievers. I want to give them hope," she said.

For most of her counseling career, Shirley worked as counselor at Ferris Intermediate. This year, she moved to the FISD administration building and into her newly formed role of special populations counselor. Special populations are special education, alternative education (at-risk children who have been removed from the classroom because of behavioral issues) and the district's Legacy Program (expectant teens and those who've been retained or possibly dropped out and are coming back to finish their high school education).

"When my assistant superintendent came to me last year to propose this offer, she said, 'Ms. Floyd, you'll get to see more children that really, really, really need you. They need that grandmother's touch and that little special touch of love.' That did it! When she said that, that did it! I had a lot of things planned for the next year, but if they felt this was where I would benefit the most children, then that's what I was going to do."

No two children are the same. Shirley's special touch means giving each child specific and personalized attention to meet their particular needs. She provides educational counseling, family counseling and social-emotional counseling as needed. Meeting the diverse needs of such a varied group requires Shirley to become a student again. "I'm always learning!" she said of the many seminars, workshops, webinars and other training she has



enthusiastically taken advantage of throughout her career, and more so now in her new role.

No account of Shirley is complete without mention of what's most important to her. "I'm a praying woman and a devout Christian," she emphasized. Every decision of her career — from climbing into the car with her whole family to drive to a town she'd never heard of to pursuing her advanced degree to accepting a role in which she is called upon to counsel and guide children from kindergarten to graduation — was made with two goals in mind: to help children and be where God wanted her to be.



"I know He meant for me to be here. What person would stay in one place for as long as I have?" she said, half laughing. She then continued a little more seriously. "I think because I chose to stay in one place, I've been able to impact this community. I think that's my greatest achievement here. The biggest joy I have is the children that I taught fifth grade — I'm seeing their children and grandchildren come up. It's that generational impact."

Contagious joy and unwavering faith combine to create what Shirley sees as the most important thing she can impart to the children she counsels. "Hope! That's it, baby. That's my thing! I don't care what these children have done. As long as there's breath in their bodies, there's always hope."

"I believe the Lord opened up this door because these children need to know and realize that nobody has given up on them. There is still hope! They can bounce back, and we can do it together, enjoying ourselves and having fun all the way!" **NOW**

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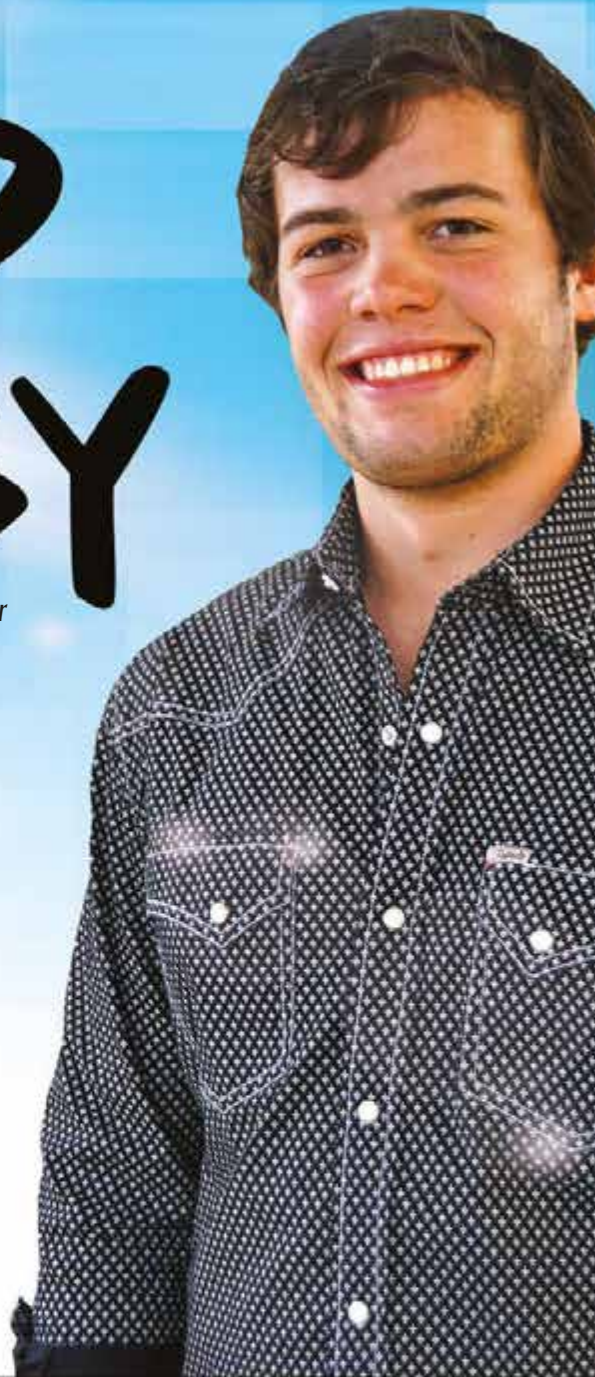
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# GOOD ENERGY

— By Sally Fuller

“EVERYTHING IN LIFE IS MADE SIMPLE IF YOU HAVE A CLEAR PATH.”



*At 21, Nathan Peter Koval has discovered the secret to happiness, and according to him, it's not as hard as many believe. Before you scoff that one so young could have discovered something so elusive, get to know Ovilla's young entrepreneur and philanthropist.*

Named after his grandfather, a wartime captain of a U.S. Navy battleship, this Nathan has faced what some might consider battles of his own, although in true secret-of-happiness-discoverer fashion, he doesn't see his life that way. "I've been through some hoops of life: stuttering I was born with, kidney problems I was born with, scarlet fever real young — and I lost my hearing that way because of a misdiagnosis. People see that as a problem, but I see it as a blessing, because I'm able to understand people at a deeper level, and it makes me more compassionate."

With those words, the secret begins to unfold. Compassion is Nathan's life's blood, helping others his oxygen. "It's just in my nature to help people," he explained. "People find joy in certain ways. People are hardwired certain ways, and, apparently, I get a stimulant from helping people. It triggers an inner happiness."





Owning a business is one of Nathan's happiness triggers because it allows him to do more for others. "Everything in life is made simple if you have a clear path," he said, adding that it's always been obvious to him where he's headed and why. "The reason I work hard is not that I want fancy stuff. It's not because I want a big house. It's not because I want a new car. The world operates on money, so in order to help other people, you're going to have to have resources."

Nathan's snow cone stand in Ovilla's

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In the rare moments he's not working, Nathan enjoys skeet shooting and playing basketball. He's been skydiving, whitewater rafting and played the most aggressive position — "I was the fearless one" — on a paintball team. A little-known fact, he placed third in state in rollerblade dancing at 12 or 13, a memory that still evokes a huge smile.

Nathan's compassion for others and passion for life fill him with good energy and propel him to continue his uncommon quest to serve. "Your energy determines your reality. If you help people, if you stay true to yourself, good things will happen," he asserted.

It takes little time in Nathan's company to realize his less-traveled path indeed may have led him to the source of one of life's great mysteries. As with everything else, Nathan speaks of this discovery with the ease born of authenticity. "The key to staying happy is first, God, then just be nice to people. That's really all you have to do. It's not all that hard," he shared with characteristic sincerity and a cheerful laugh.

Along with his good humor, Nathan has a serious side. He is serious about continuing to study business — something he's always been interested in — and planning a future that will



allow him to help as many people as possible. "I have a pretty big goal in life, and I don't play around with it. I know what I want," he stated confidently.

This year, Nathan "adopted" a classroom at Ovilla Christian School, expanding his mission of helping to another generation. As a member of First Baptist Church of Red Oak, he's taken part in ministries such as a "foot washing" event for the homeless. And for many years, Nathan has joined his dad, Executive Chef William Koval, and other Metroplex philanthropists for the National Kidney Foundation's Bonne Santé Food and Wine Showcase.

Bonne Santé is a celebration of life where kidney donors are honored, great food is served and money is raised. For Nathan, the event is particularly rewarding. "To be able to change somebody's course of life is something you don't forget," he said.



Many things combined that could have set Nathan's life on a very different course. Quoting Glen Waits, a friend and mentor, Nathan summed up — again, with profound simplicity — part of what made the difference: "There are only two choices in life, good or bad. You are the narrator of your own story, so what do you want?" **NOW**

*Editor's Note: For more information on the Bonne Santé event, contact the National Kidney Foundation's Dallas office at (214) 351-2393.*




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Dr. Blayne Laws and his wife, Heather, have been faithfully opening the doors at Family Care Clinic for 16 years. They've enjoyed the same location, making it their home away from home. "We're here for the patients," Dr. Laws said. "Doctoring is my area of expertise, while Heather oversees the business side of the practice."

The "family feel" is apparent as soon as patients check in. Books and magazines take up most of the table space, with games and toys available for their youngest patients. Heather has decorated the waiting area and each room with her special



touch, capturing the atmosphere that's important to them both. "There's no TV in the waiting area," Dr. Laws shared. "We've found it's more peaceful without it, and the patients don't seem to miss it."

As a family practice, Dr. Laws and his nurse practitioner, Michael Joyce, see patients of all ages for a list of things, including but not limited to, diabetes, high blood pressure, anxiety, depression, well visits, school physicals, dermatology issues, minor emergencies, asthma, flu and the common cold. However, one of Dr. Laws' greatest passions is helping individuals with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

ADHD is a chronic condition that includes attention difficulty, hyperactivity and impulsive behaviors. Dr. Laws knows firsthand what the disorder can cause because he's lived with it his whole life. "I know the stresses that come with ADHD," he admitted. "God allowed me to live with this disorder, so I could help others."



Dr. Laws was diagnosed in medical school after failing the first year. Someone in the college's learning center noticed the ADHD abnormalities he presented. It wasn't until his third year that he began taking medication that helps him focus.

"I'm able to explain to parents what's going on with their children," he noted. "The kids are happy because I'm able to confirm what they've been trying to say. It's a great relief that changes the dynamics of the parent-child relationship. They begin to work together. It's a really good thing."

Once diagnosed, several of his adult ADHD patients have returned to work to earn promotions and raises. One of his older ADHD patients is a woman who broke down and cried when Dr. Laws realized her problem.

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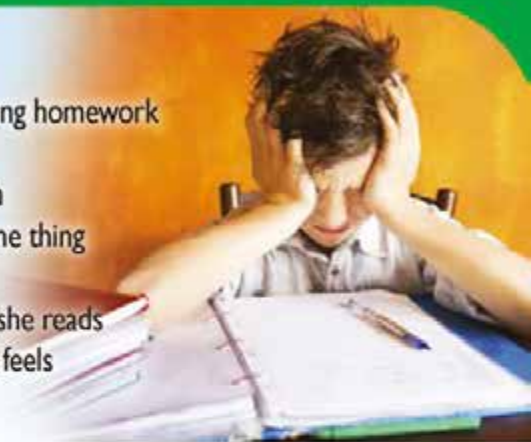
"She spent a lifetime of trips back and forth to Walmart on grocery day," he stated. "She would go home only to return to the store again because she had forgotten yet another thing on her list. Once diagnosed and treated, she's able to go to the store one time." There are many other stories — stories that in some cases began with uneducated, angry parents but ended in a better understanding of ADHD and what it takes to live a successful life with the disorder.

Although all new patients must first undergo a complete exam, established patients are now able to do follow-up visits via the computer, thus making it convenient for the many college students who look to Dr. Laws for their medical treatment. "And it's proven to be quite useful for our patients who do a lot of traveling," he added.

Family Care Clinic will continue to offer medical care in a Christian atmosphere as they deal with all business in a timely, professional fashion. "We are here for our patients," Dr. Laws reiterated. "Patients are not here for us." **NOW**

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*Margie Norum greets Red Oak book lovers at a book signing for Mom's Journey, Margie's memoir of her mother's battle with Alzheimer's disease.*

## Zoomed In: Kennedy Suazo

By Rachel Smith

To her surprise, Kennedy Suazo walked into the counselor's office at Red Oak High School to receive one of the top academic scholarships from Texas Southern University. The scholarship was presented by Jann Chancey, senior associate vice president of enrollment management. "This President's Scholarship pretty much covers all tuition and fees — possibly in all four years of college, depending on GPA," Jenna explained. "All that hard work finally paid off!"

Still in shock, Kennedy accepted the award graciously. "I want to pursue a degree in pharmaceutical sciences," Kennedy shared.

With programs like Health Science offered at Red Oak ISD, students like Kennedy can be introduced to health-related jobs. Because of her dedication to her studies, Kennedy has well-prepared herself for a future in the pharmaceutical industry.



*Loujeanne Guye hosts a Christmas gala in Ferris.*



*Military veterans from many branches join friends and neighbors at the Ovilla Veterans Memorial for the city's annual wreath laying ceremony.*



*Santa stopped by for a picture with Debbie Poteet and her children, Adam, Joseph and Sarah Beth at Ovilla Baptist Church's Christmas in Ovilla Celebration.*





The Training Academy 4 U team, Shan Kelley, Kimberly Mindermann, Michele Andrews and Jo Knefley, is all smiles at the Best of Ellis County Gala.



Red Oak Chamber of Commerce members celebrate the opening of RL Harris BBQ with Roy Harris and family.



Michael Condron spends his first season ringing a Salvation Army bell in front of the Red Oak Wal-Mart.



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ISABELLA SAUCEDA-STRALEY

— By Angel Morris

Isabella Saucedo-Straley said her Hispanic background led her to cook early. “Helping my mother cook for my family is so much fun, especially with a good soundtrack. ‘Alexa! Play “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen,” Isabella explained. “I love the process from beginning to end and how the smallest ingredients make the biggest difference. There are a million ways to make recipes your own.”

An admitted fan of sweets, Isabella recalled one of her baking triumphs. “Last year, right before Christmas break, I decided to make five dozen *hojarascas* — wedding cookies — on a school night. It was definitely a challenge, but I’m glad to say it was a success!”

When not baking, Isabella enjoys singing. “I’m in my third year of school choir, my second as an officer.” **NOW**

## Zuppa Toscana

4 cups water  
8 cups vegetable broth  
3 lbs. potatoes (6-8), diced  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Cayenne pepper or pepper flakes, to taste  
1 lb. spicy turkey Italian sausage  
1 large onion, chopped

1 large carrot, julienned  
6 large garlic cloves, minced  
4-5 pkgs. kale, chopped  
2 1/2 cups heavy cream  
Grated Parmesan, for garnish

1. In a Dutch oven or heavy pot, boil water and broth. Add diced potatoes and seasonings. Cook until potatoes can be pierced easily with a knife.

2. While potatoes cook, brown sausage in a large skillet over high heat, breaking up meat as it cooks.

3. Add onion; sauté until tender. Add carrots; cook until tender, stirring as needed. Add garlic; turn off heat.

4. When potatoes are tender and meat is cooked, transfer meat from skillet to the Dutch oven.

5. Add kale and heavy whipping cream; cook 15 minutes over medium heat.

6. Garnish with Parmesan cheese before serving.

## Broccoli Quiche

Cooking spray  
3 cups broccoli florets, chopped  
1 Tbsp. water  
1 cup cheddar cheese, grated  
2/3 cup 2% milk  
1/4 cup half-and-half  
5 large eggs  
3/4 tsp. kosher salt  
1/8 tsp. ground black pepper  
Pinch nutmeg, freshly grated



1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a pie dish with cooking spray.
2. Steam chopped broccoli florets in the microwave with water until tender-crispy and bright green but not mushy, about 2 1/2 to 3 minutes.
3. Evenly spread broccoli in the pie dish; top with cheese.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients. Pour into pie dish; cook 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is set.

## Hojarascas (Wedding Cookies)

### Cookies:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. cinnamon
- 1 large egg
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 cup Crisco All-vegetable Shortening
- 3 cups all-purpose flour

### Coating:

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. cinnamon

1. For cookies: Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix sugar and cinnamon in a blender or food processor. Pour into a bowl; add egg, baking powder and shortening. Combine well.
2. Add flour gradually, mixing in only 1/2 cup at a time. Toward the last 1/2 cup, the mixture will become difficult to stir. Knead dough until smooth. (Tip: If the dough is breaking too much, add drops of water to help it stick together and continue to knead).
3. Roll dough to 1/4- to 1/2-inch thick; cut with cookie cutters.
4. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet for 10-15 minutes.
5. For coating: Mix sugar and cinnamon well in a large bowl. When cookies are done and still warm, gently toss them in the cinnamon-sugar until fully coated.

## Banana Pancakes

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. white sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed

1. Combine dry ingredients; set aside. In a separate bowl, mix egg, milk and vegetable oil. Place bananas in a plastic bag. Close tightly; squeeze until bananas are mashed. Cut the corner off to make a pour spout. Add bananas to the egg mixture.



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2. Stir dry mixture into banana mixture; batter may be slightly lumpy.
3. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium-high heat. Pour approximately 1/4 cup batter for each pancake onto hot griddle.
4. Cook until pancakes are golden brown on both sides; serve hot.

## Pineapple Cheesecake Pie

- 1 20-oz. can Dole Crushed Pineapple, drained
- 8 oz. whipped topping
- 2 Tbsp. vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened at room temperature
- 1 9-inch Keebler Graham Cracker Crust

1. In a large bowl, add all ingredients except piecrust; mix very well.
2. Pour into crust; chill in refrigerator for 1 hour and 30 minutes, or until firm.

## Mango Summer Rolls

Summer Rolls:

- 4 oz. rice noodles
- Very hot water
- 8 to 10 spring roll rice papers



Zuppa Toscana

- 1/2 cup bell pepper, julienned
- 1/2 cup cucumber, julienned
- 1/2 cup mango, julienned
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves

Ginger-Peanut Sauce:

- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 2 Tbsp. maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp. freshly grated ginger
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- Hot water, for consistency

1. For rolls: Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add noodles; cook per package directions. Drain; rinse with cold water. Set aside.
2. Pour very hot water into a shallow dish or skillet; immerse a sheet of rice paper to

soften, 10-15 seconds. Transfer rice paper to a cutting board and gently spread out the edge, taking care not to tear them.

3. On bottom third of the wrapper, place a small handful of cooked noodles and a layer of bell pepper, cucumber, mango and a few leaves of basil and cilantro. Gently fold over once, tucking in edges and rolling until seam is sealed, similar to wrapping a burrito. Tip: It may take a few attempts. Don't give up!

4. Place seam side down on a serving platter; cover with a damp towel to keep fresh. Repeat with remaining wrappers and filling.

5. For sauce: Combine all sauce ingredients, except hot water, in a medium bowl; whisk together. Slowly add hot water, 1 Tbsp. at a time, until desired consistency. Sauce should be thick but pourable.

6. Serve rolls with sauce for dipping.

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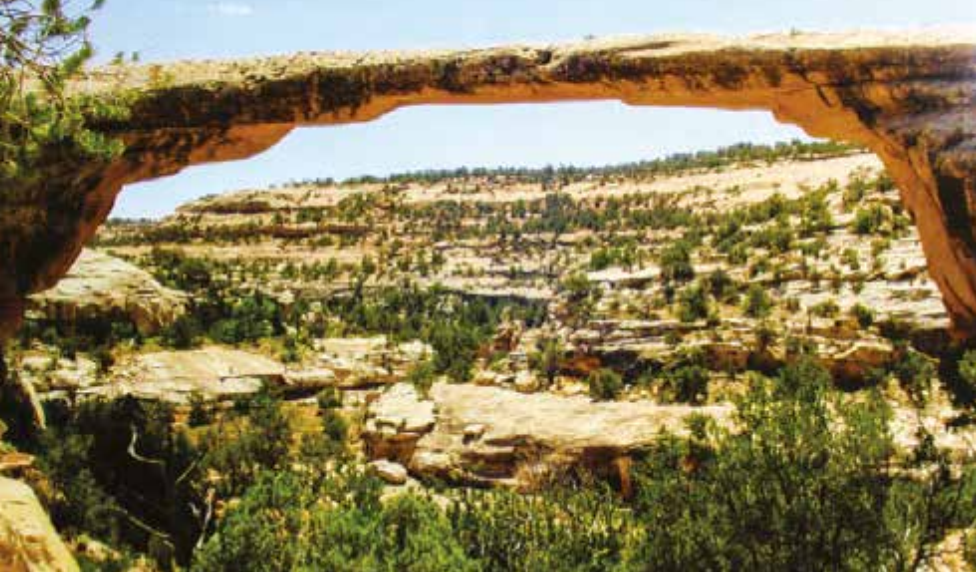
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— By Virginia Riddle

What is *Hózhó*? As many adventure-seeking travelers to the Moab/Bluff, Utah, area learn, words don't do justice to this Navajo concept of balance and beauty. The ancient, vast wilderness of Native-American reservations and national parks envelopes visitors. Gone is the hustle and bustle of modern cities as time and space become redefined. Come, breathe deeply and embody Mother Nature's peace, balance and beauty, while hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, rafting, camping, ballooning, kayaking, bouldering, canyoning, horseback riding, backpacking, stargazing, fishing, golfing, skydiving, bird watching, ATVing or visiting ancient sites.

Travel from the east to Bluff takes folks to the Four Corners, the only place in the U.S. where one can lie down in four states at one time — Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah! Be respectful of the posted Native-American reservations' laws while traveling through the many scenic miles of open-range grazing on the area Apache, Navajo and Ute reservations. Traveling on the Trail of the

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A listing in *1,000 Places to See Before You Die* brings folks to otherwise relatively unknown Bluff, located 100 miles almost due south of better-known Moab. The ancients first settled the area around 650 A.D., and Mormon pioneers founded the town of just over 300 residents in 1880, earning its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.



Adventurers take advantage of outdoor sports and photographic opportunities on the San Juan River, or at nearby Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area located west of town. Within an hour's drive in any direction, there are three state parks, Natural Bridges National Monument and the Blue Mountains, home to Manti-La Sal National Forest with lakes and spectacular views.

After busy days spent sporting with one of several guide services, dine and lodge at locally owned restaurants, lodges, cabins, Bureau of Land Management campgrounds or RV parks. Hot tubs and pools are always a welcome way to end the day and meet fellow adventurers from all over the world, while soothing aching muscles and enjoying an "off-the-grid" experience.

Continue northward to Moab, touted as the "Adventure Capital of the United States," famous for its Arches National Park, containing more than 500 natural stone arches sculpted by water, ice, underground salt movement and extreme temperatures. The often snow-capped La Sal Mountains serve as a backdrop to the different shades of red, brown and sand arches. Adventures and photographic moments lie within nearby Canyonlands National Park with its many canyons and buttes formed by the Colorado and Green rivers. This vast park is divided into four ecological districts — Island in the Sky, The Needles, The Maze and the Colorado River and tributaries. All share a desert climate, so stay hydrated when venturing into this wilderness backcountry.

Professional guides, equipment rentals and park services abound, but if going solo, follow all park rules. Moab offers museums and many restaurants and lodging choices, including some national chains. A sunrise or sunset walk in Arches National Park is a must, as is a soak in a hot tub or swimming pool during evenings.

The Moab area was long used by Ute Indians. While the French and Spanish explorers and later prospectors came to the area, it wasn't until the Mormons arrived in 1878 that there was a permanent settlement. Enjoy more beauty by taking the Old Spanish Trail that once linked Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Los Angeles, California, homeward until a dose of *Hózhó* necessitates a return visit. **NOW**

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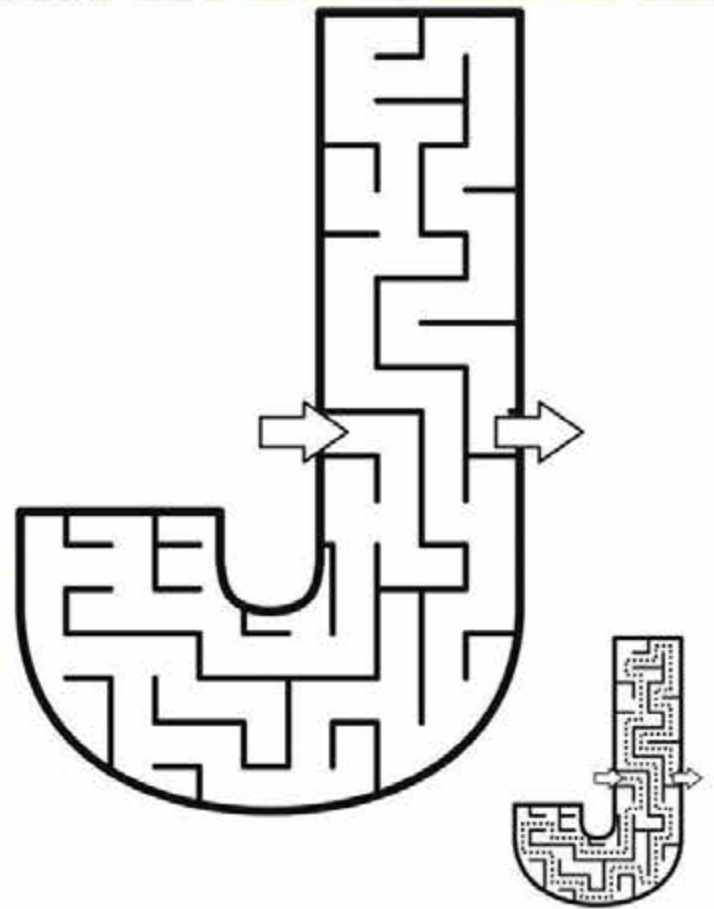
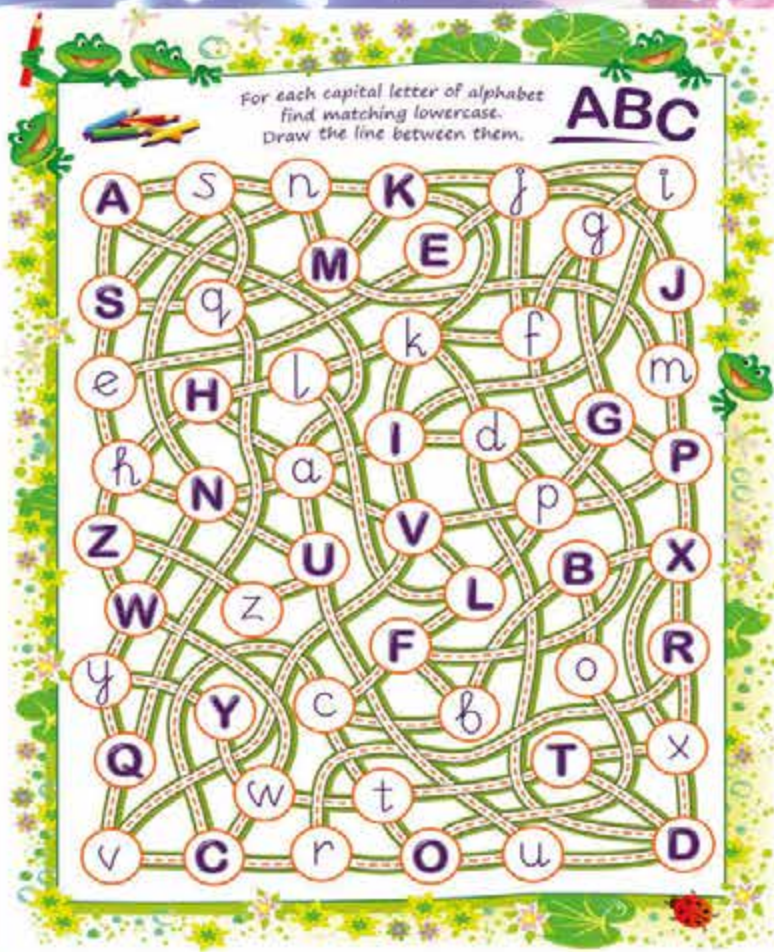
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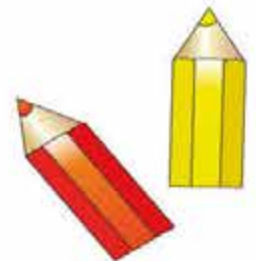


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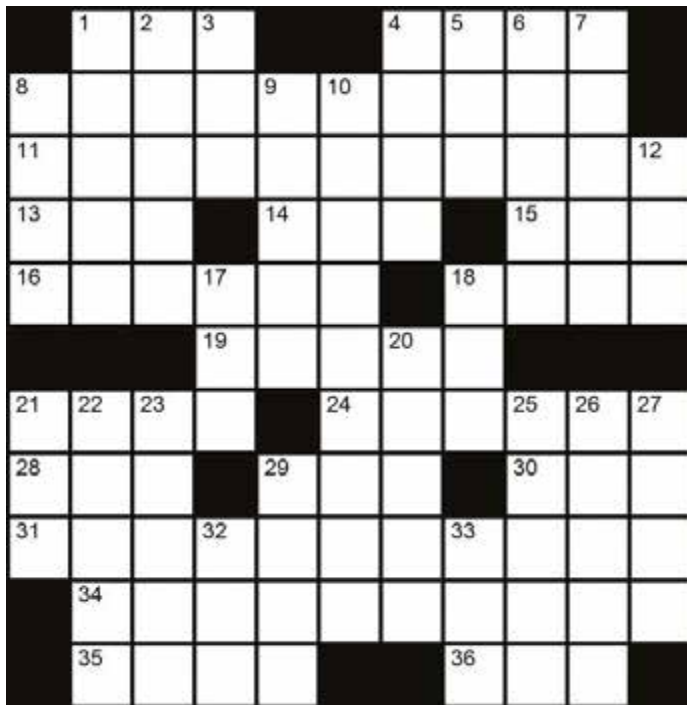
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- 4 Adds
- 8 Citizen of Santa Ana
- 11 Due to
- 13 Morning drops
- 14 Anoint
- 15 Madhouse
- 16 Classify
- 18 Priestly cloak
- 19 "I haven't seen you in ---"
- 21 Leading light?
- 24 Doghouse sounds
- 28 Gas station abbr.
- 29 Small cell
- 30 Exclamation of surprise
- 31 Like some university staffers
- 34 Mapped out
- 35 Inner being
- 36 Narrow beam of light

## Down

- 1 Window divisions
- 2 Talons
- 3 Pipe plastic
- 4 One ferried by Charon
- 5 Vase
- 6 Unleavened bread
- 7 Pry
- 8 Pop
- 9 Squash variety
- 10 "Encore!"
- 12 Enemy
- 17 Scull
- 18 Suit with an MBA, maybe
- 20 Rate
- 21 Title for a distinguished Indian
- 22 Is inclined
- 23 Give consent
- 25 "We --- touchdown!"
- 26 Tyne Daly TV role
- 27 Storage shelter
- 29 "Like that would happen!"
- 32 90-degree fitting
- 33 Spike

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

Medium

	1	9	2	6				
			4		8			
5						8		
2						9		
			9	8	5			
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		4		9	1			
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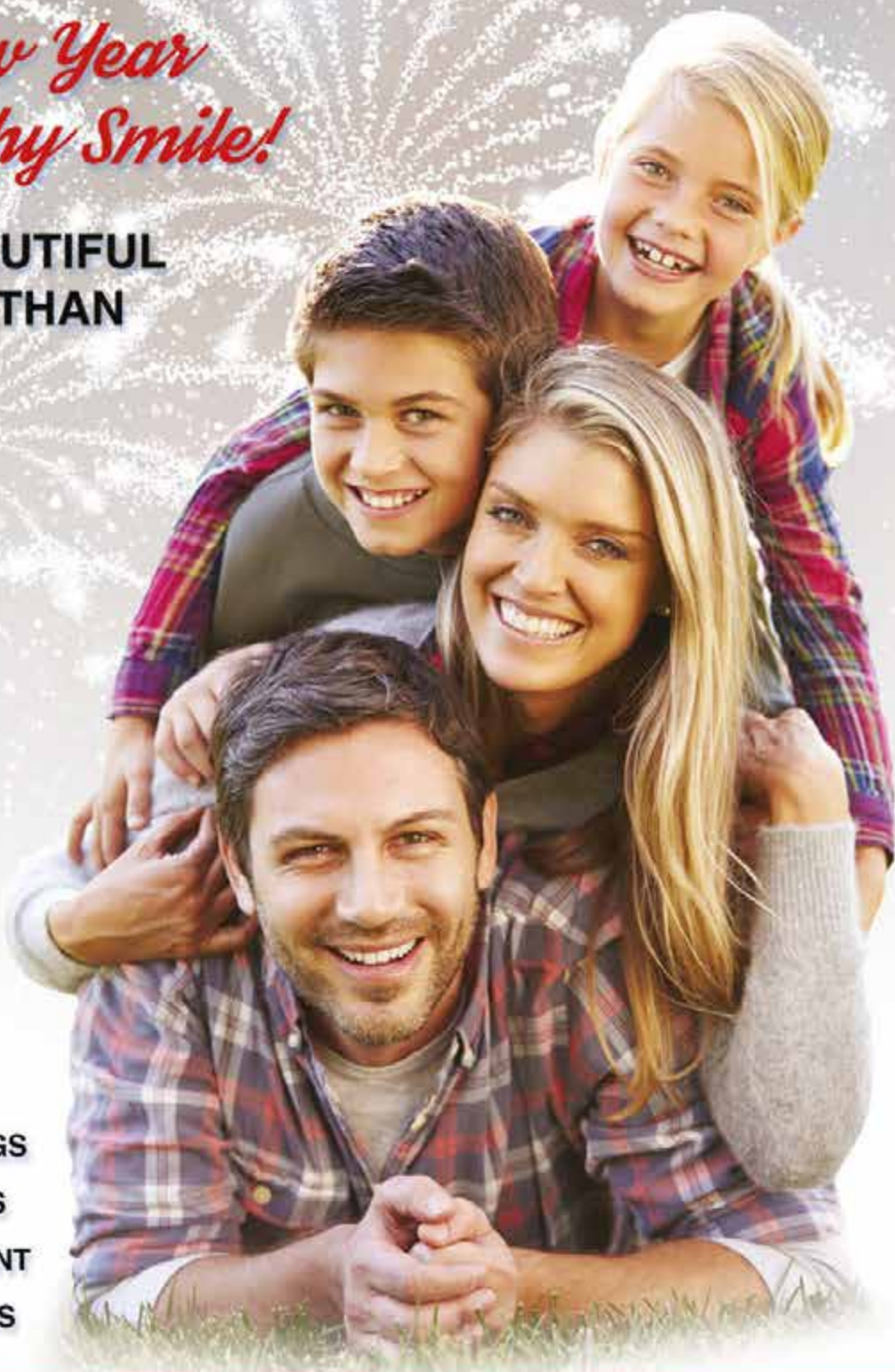
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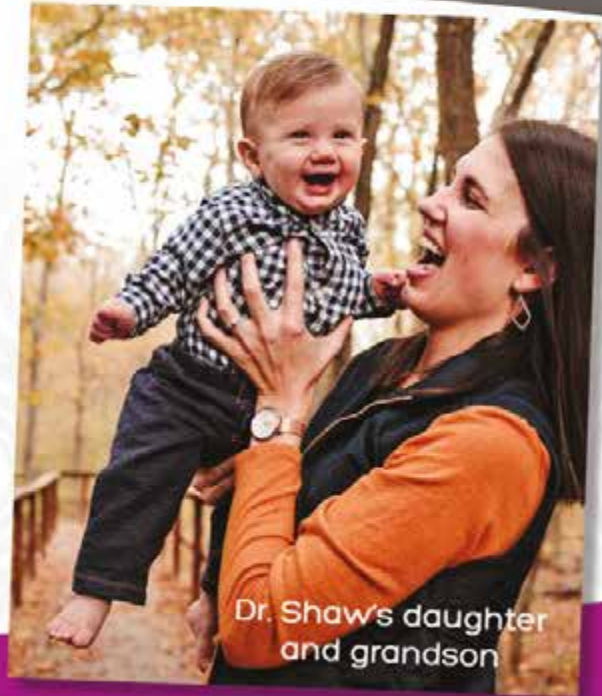
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13	D	E	W		O	I	L		Z
16	A	S	S	O	R	T		C	O
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21	S	T	A	R		G	R	O	W
26	R	E	G		A	A	A		A
31	I	N	R	E	S	I	D	E	N
34	D	E	L	I	N	E	A	T	E
35	S	E	L	F					R
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### Easy

1	4	9	7	3	6	2	5	8
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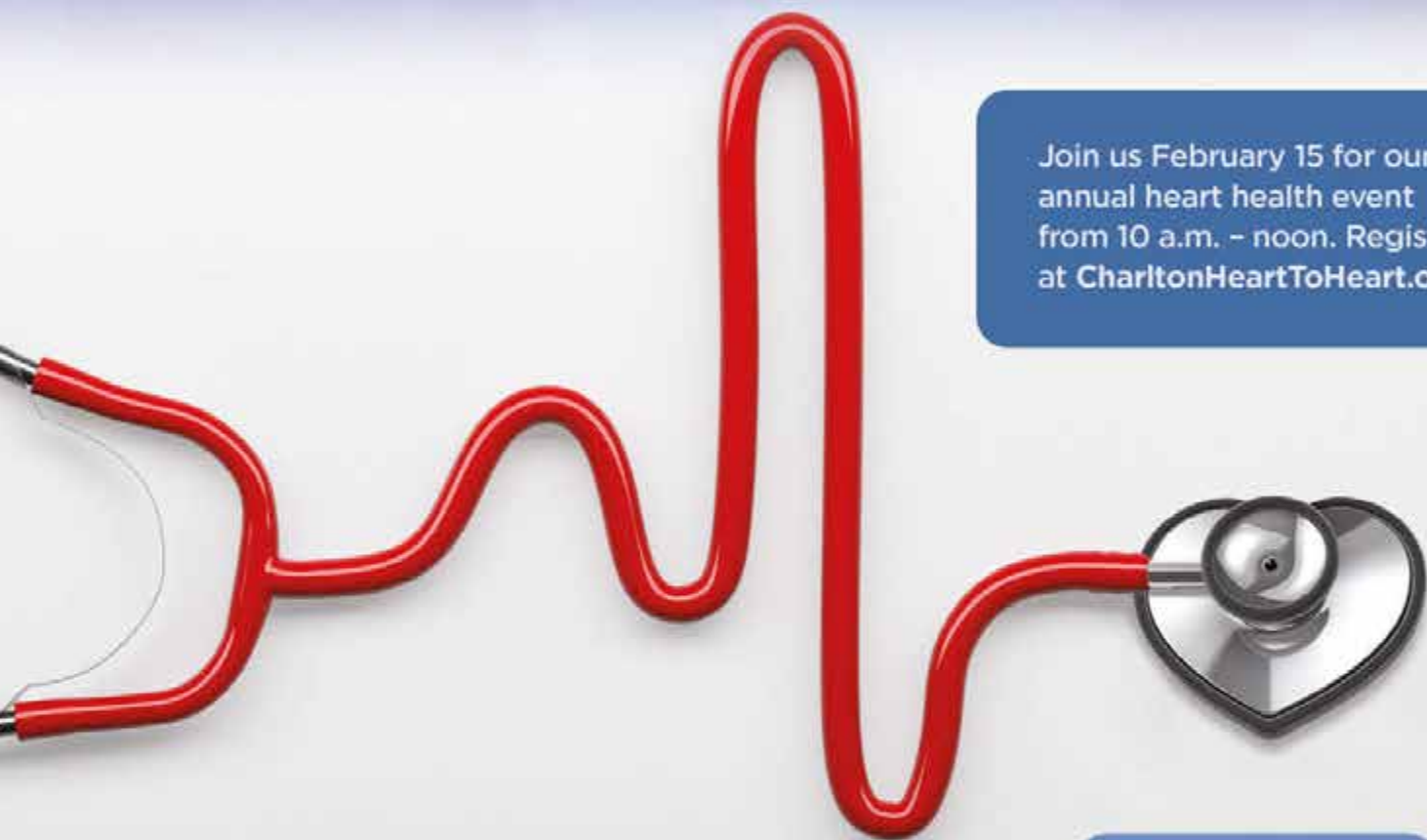
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