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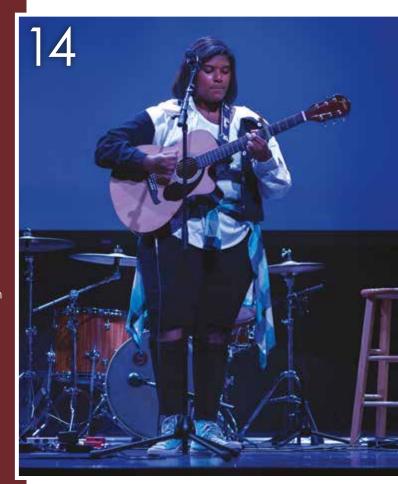
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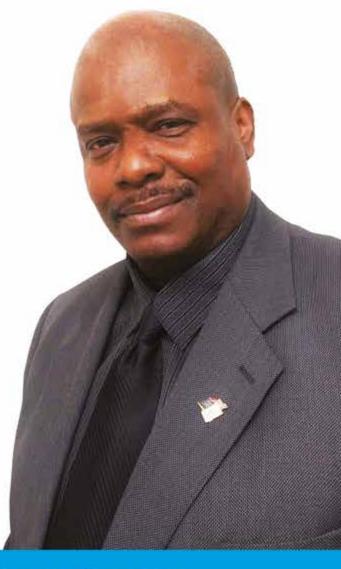


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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's time for a break, don't you think?

This is the month when the entire culture gives itself a change of pace. Routines are interrupted for the sake of gathering with friends and family more often than is normal. Parties are held in odd places, from office break rooms to bank lobbies. People are packing as much fun as possible into their days and nights, and travel is accelerating.

I recall a winter break that involved a family reunion in another state. Not only did we each have to complete our normal work, but we also had presents to wrap and pack into large sacks that could be transported across country without damage. The entire round-trip needed to be accomplished in a prescribed timeframe because my parents were hosting the neighborhood for a blow-out on December 31. Every aspect of the visit to Colorado was more than exciting. We took two Dalmatian pups with us, so much joy bounded, abounded and rebounded throughout the car rides and the walks through the airports. There was an ice storm on the way there, but we made it in the nick of time, before the airport shut down.

The blizzard that moved in during the final week of December prevented our departure for home, so telephone calls were hurriedly made, and good friends agreed to be surrogate hosts of the party we couldn't actually attend. But we had that much more time with our farflung family — time that can never be recovered but which made memories that last forever. Time stood still until the snow flurries settled.

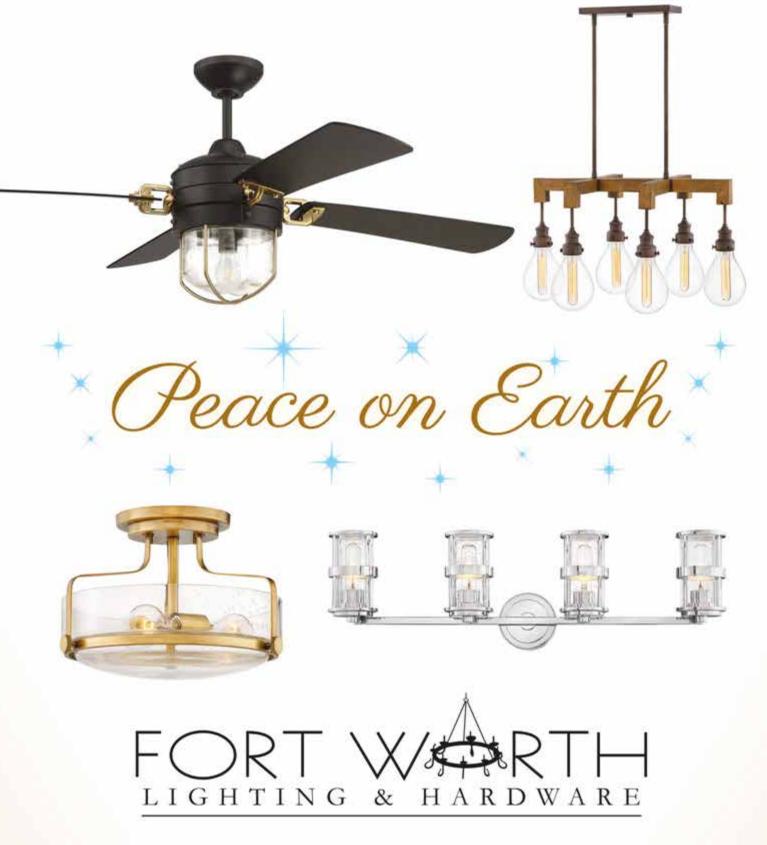
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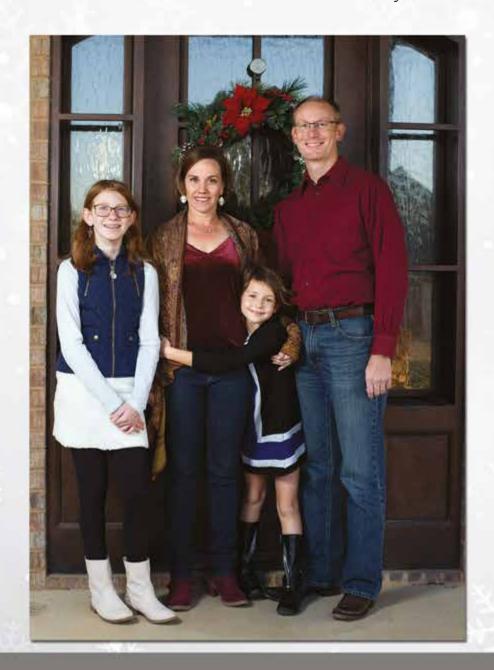
BLENDING IDEAS WITH STYLE

— By Bill Smith

It is no coincidence that the first thing Nichol and Yvonne Monaghan's daughters, Corynn and Noelle, see as they descend the curved stairway that opens into the den of their beautiful home on Christmas morning is their Christmas tree. When the Monaghans designed the home three years ago, that was one of the first features they had in mind. The idea came from another home the family had lived in, but in that home, the stairway was in the foyer.

"In the former home, the stairway lent itself to being a nice place for the tree, but it was removed from the family room, so it did not quite work as well as we would have liked. We took some ideas from the prior homes we have lived in, plus added our own personal touches," Yvonne said.

Every detail of the home's design was intentional, including a "drop zone" for Nichol to use as he enters the house. "The small cabinet in the butler's pantry by the mudroom is for Nichol," Yvonne











said, adding, "Every home needs a mudroom. Once you have one, you wonder how you ever did without it!"

The front elevation of the home is warm and inviting, especially at Christmas with the multicolored lights lining the gables, green wreaths with red ribbons at the entrance to the large porch, and the red and green vertical decorations that seem to be growing out of the flowerpots accenting the front door. "Nichol and I often clash over decorating ideas, as we probably should since I am an interior designer, and he is a mechanical engineer," Yvonne mused. "The multicolored lights were really Nichol's idea, but we agreed pretty quickly on something different from the white lights that are so popular.

"We collaborated on the wreath on the door. Sometimes when you combine your opposing ideas, the result is a little of the best of both of them," she shared. The pretty wreath combines greenery from pine branches with red poinsettias, ribbons and holly berries. There is also a white accent from a painted pinecone.

The Christmas decor in the dining room takes a little different turn as the family table is decorated with a white tablecloth covered with lace, and the chairs are accented with lime green bows rather than the more traditional hunter green. The bows blend admirably with the contrasting copper accents, such as the reindeer centerpiece and the chargers at each place setting. The copper accents continue on the

oday in America, nearly everyone celebrates Christmas, but the real reason for the season is sometimes overlooked. So what's Christmas really all about? Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus over 2,000 years ago. He is the Son of God, the promised Savior, sent to save people from their sin and restore relationship with God (Matthew 1:21). The truth is that everyone has sinned and is in need of a Savior. We've all told lies and a number of other wrong "sins" (Romans 3:23). We all need a Savior (and should be thankful for Christmas) because the consequence for sin (like lying) is separation from God for eternity (Romans 6:23). Jesus died to save us from the consequence we deserve (1 Peter 2:24). The Bible teaches that in order to be "saved" a person has to believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths that Jesus is who He said He is; the Son of God, sent to save the World (Romans 10:9)! How simple! And it gets even better - once we say this prayer, we can lean on Jesus in anything we might face in life (Isaiah 26:4)! JESUS

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wood and glass chandelier over the table and into the large serving window from the kitchen. Built-in curio cabinets that extend to the ceiling and go perfectly with the china hutch along the far wall frame the serving window.

"I would have to say my favorite thing about our home is the large living area," Nichol said. The room flows seamlessly from the kitchen. The vaulted ceilings are accented with large, dark-stained beams that contribute to the warm feeling the room projects.

"The mantle is my favorite decor," Yvonne said, "Because of the white lights, it is kind of my spot." On the mantel hang traditional red stockings for each of the family members, and on the very end is a fifth stocking for their pet Labrador Retriever. The mantel draws the eye to it, with decorations of lights, glass globes and traditional greenery and poinsettias.

Perhaps the focal point of the room during the Christmas season is the unique painting of Santa Claus that hangs over the center of the mantel. "The painting was another joint effort," Yvonne explained. "Nichol saw a similar one while he was in Fort Worth and sent a picture of it to my phone. I do not paint a lot, but since it was somewhat abstract, I felt like I could pull it off, and I created it with pastels."

Behind the living room sofa is a halfcircle table covered with stuffed Santas. "Most of them are just some we have collected ourselves, some have been gifts," Yvonne continued. However, one is particularly significant. "When Nichol and I were dating, he gave the Santa Claus to me the day before my birthday. I thought it was pretty unusual, especially since





my birthday is in July, but it was an OK 'Christmas in July' present. The next day he gave me my real gift, which was my engagement ring. So, that Santa Claus is pretty special."

One of Yvonne's favorite rooms is the kitchen, with a combination of granite and quartz countertops. "We passed by the brown-gold granite samples several times and just kept coming back to them. We chose to use it for the islands," Yvonne said. The countertops under the cabinets complement them in white. Even with dark-stained cabinets, the kitchen is bright and comfortable, with Christmas greenery decorating the lights over the island and other fixtures. Nichol and Yvonne enjoy cooking together.

The tree is an eclectic collection of ornaments acquired by the family over the years. Some were purchased to commemorate particular family events. There is a sand-dollar ornament they picked up on a trip to Ocean City, Maryland, during the time they lived in Pennsylvania. There is a pewter guitar reminiscent of Nichol's youth in Memphis.

"When we had our first child, we decided that we would spend Christmas morning in our own home. Our family is welcome to be here, and we may travel to visit with other family during the holidays. We may have as many as four Christmases as we travel, but one of our traditions is to have Christmas morning at home," Nichol explained.

Their Christmas decorations have their own closet in the Monaghan home, because the meaning of Christmas is important to them. "We don't go overboard with gifts and such. We have a budget that we stay within," Nichol said. "Christmas is about the birth of Christ and what that ultimately means." NOW





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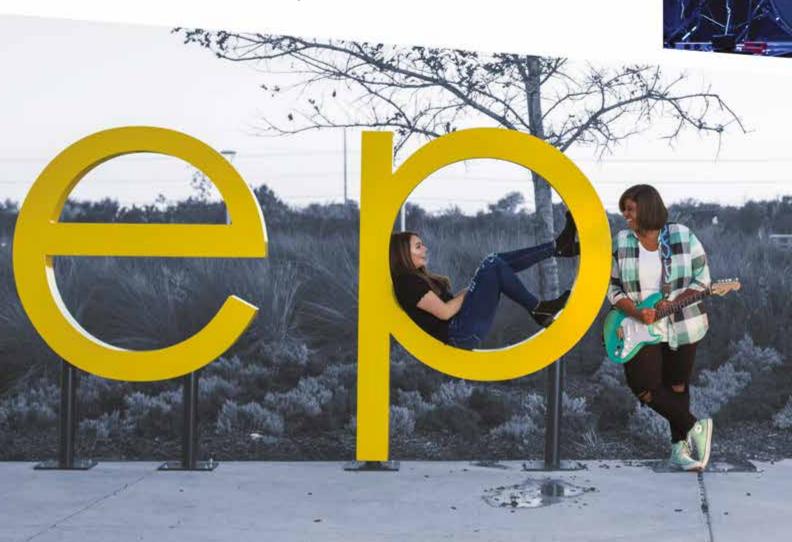
HORE THAN HER HORE THAN HER

— By Melissa Rawlins

With stars in her eyes and light in her soul, punk-rock-loving Breanna Hardin has found what works for her. And she's only 16. "My passion is guitar, but I love singing, too," Breanna said. A Lake Ridge High School junior who has performed in a local band, Breanna is learning how to navigate her talent through the ins and outs of the music industry.

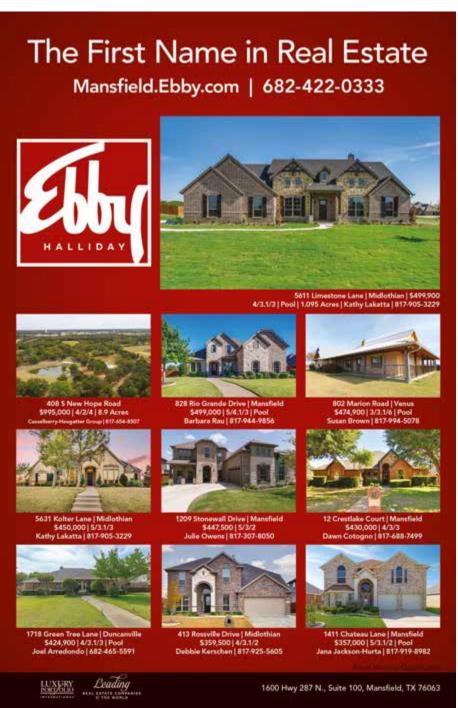
With 12 other students, she is part of an artist development group called The Spotlight Society. Hosted by Destiny Studio in Mansfield, these talented teens each sing and play one or more instruments. The studio owner, Sarah Darby, and manager, Shelby Smith, provide the program for participants from Mansfield and nearby communities with serious intentions of performance and music. With coaching from Shelby and Sarah, each young musician has taken the stage individually at different venues in Midlothian, Dallas, Arlington and Mansfield since March 2018.

"Performing is a way to have the body express emotions some people can't do face-to-face," Breanna reflected. "I used to have stage fright. Through Spotlight Society, I can now connect with people in the audience. You can see the connection in their eyes. It's indescribable."













Breanna showed definite signs of creativity early on. Since second grade, she has sung in school choir. "When family reunions happen, you really recognize that we forget about our problems as one through music," she said. She holds dear to her heart a vivid memory of a party hosted by her uncle. "My mom got together with my aunts and did a little dance, and they had karaoke to old school songs. I also played the 12-bar blues on guitar, which they were impressed to see me know."

Through six years of seriously playing guitar, Breanna has acquired two acoustic guitars and one electric guitar. Music is more than her hobby. Breanna and her friends started a band they called Crash Through the Floor. "I was drummer, mainly. We were very interchangeable," Breanna said. "The band was a really important part of my life."

Several of her band mates, as well as her friend, Kiara Mullins, were in Spotlight Society, and Breanna attended one of their showcase performances. "When I saw my friends up there, choosing the songs they wanted and performing with a band, that was eye-opening. The emotion you see emanating from them on the stage is just love, from the bottom of their hearts," Breanna said. "No matter who you are, what race you are, music connects everybody." While driving home from that performance, she and her mother talked about Breanna signing up for Spotlight Society.

"My band accelerated when I started with Spotlight Society," she said. In their roles as artist development coaches.





both Shelby and Sarah helped Breanna with not only voice lessons and technique, but also her approach to the business side of the music industry. As soon as Breanna learned information about marketing, she began applying it in real time. "So for the band, I started branding and booking shows."

Practicing at home for at least two hours a day, Breanna finds herself writing tunes and lyrics. "Usually when I write, the song happens out of nowhere. I always end up crying, because it's what Shelby calls a magical little moment," Breanna said. "I find a melody, note or chord I really like, then I'll find a subject to write lyrics about."

Breanna is willing to play any role in a performance band, as long as she can play guitar. Whether performing as background vocalist or lead guitarist, her satisfaction comes from working out her struggles with people who are also working out theirs.

"The connection here is definitely strong. We can have that intimate conversation here about God and about music, because they know those things are really important to me," she said. "Everybody's unique and encourage each other in our own ways."

The members of Spotlight Society regularly collaborate to produce showcase performances. Breanna brings a different song and genre every time they have a show.

For this year's final showcase at The Epic Theater in Grand Prairie, she performed a beautiful duet with Kiara called "Air." The lyrics include the line, "You are the air that keeps me strong."

For Breanna, Spotlight Society has been an experience of finding herself and what she wants to do in music. "Find love, create connections, find your happiness," she summarized. "I'm really happy where I am now and will pursue music in college." She's already achieving her mission, to give happiness through her gift of music. NOW







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By Alan Whiteshoes and Melissa Rawlins

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Jennifer McMahon simply wanted to help people feel better, be healthier and, hopefully, live longer. She also wanted a program that would allow those participating to do so without feeling trapped in a system that is, well, not enjoyable.

So, she created Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers nine years ago. Mansfield is home to her original office, but now she has

three more locations. Burleson is wrapping up its first year (after seven years in Crowley), Arlington and Waxahachie, which was her first franchised office.

Jennifer explained that DSC is built on teaching people how to shop for healthier options at the grocery store, rather than restricting patients to only 400 or 500 calories a day or depending on prepackaged microwavable meals. They provide patients with natural pills and shots that are vitamin-based. There are no prepackaged foods in the program, though they do offer healthy options that can be purchased if so desired.

Plans start at \$200 per month. And while they don't accept insurance, they do accept CareCredit. Weekly visits monitor a patient's progress to keep them accountable in their individualized plans.

Accountability and support are heavily encouraged and play a key role. In fact, Mansfield Office Director Mika Saucedo said she often gets calls after hours from someone wanting

to make a better/healthier choice — and she always has a suggestion. Mika encourages both phone calls and Facebook messages. She believes that having this after-hours support keeps patients on track and shows them that DSC truly wants them to succeed.

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DSC even recommends eating out. They provide patients with a list of acceptable foods for not only sit-down restaurants but local drive-thru, fast-food restaurants, as well. "Also, if someone is eating at one of the nicer places, they can email or call me," Mika said. "I'll look at the menu and tell them what's good for them to eat."

Mika is able to make this program doable daily, because she understands that weight-loss journeys bring out both tears and laughter. She shares her personal experiences of being on the diet, telling patients how she lost 45 pounds and has kept it off for more than a year. "You will never feel alone as a patient at DSC with Mika as your support system," Jennifer said.

The staff at the Mansfield office also includes Plan Consultant Ronda Lane, Plan Consultant Ashley Barling, Media Director Haley Ashby and Dr. Richard K. Knight. Together, their goal is to help patients make lifestyle changes that support weight management, not just weight loss. They also work to help folks get the most out of the only life they have.

Jennifer personally chooses organic food for herself and her family, which includes her husband and Diet Solution Chief Operating Officer Brandon, and their three children, sons Eli and Jase (ages 13 and 15), and daughter Bella (14). She understands the switch can be expensive, so the transition usually starts slowly.

DSC's main goal is to help their patients lead their best life possible. Jennifer said, "You can't go wrong with Mika and the rest of the Mansfield staff as your personal cheerleaders every week." NOW





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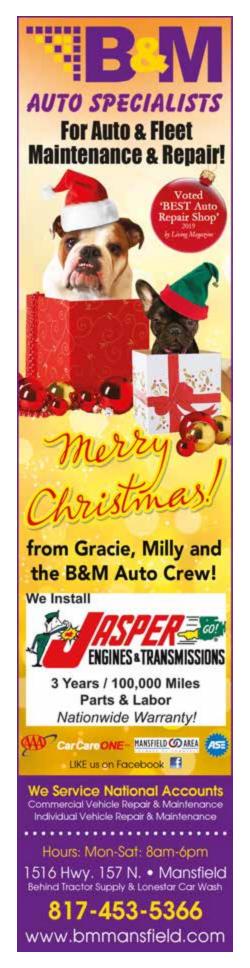


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Celebrating their 1-year anniversary, Mike Summers and Karen Martin share Halloween photos of themselves together.

Zoomed In:

By Melissa Rawlins

Stephanie Gibson-Schoendienst

"As a mom, adult, community member and teacher, I always feel it is important to dress to impress," said Stephanie Gibson-Schoendienst, M.Ed. That's a good thing, since representatives of the MISD Education Foundation entered her classroom with no notice, but full of huge smiles, balloons and an unexpected check providing a great opportunity to fifth and sixth grade science students at Mary Lillard Intermediate School.

Ms. Gibson-Schoendienst spent hours with her colleague, Mr. J.T. Roe, applying for a grant to supply all her science learners, including her special education students, handson experience with growing plants. "Our goal," Ms. Gibson-Schoendienst explained, "is to allow students to grow, cultivate, study and eventually beautify the campus through basic horticultural practices while keeping data to record progress of different plant species."



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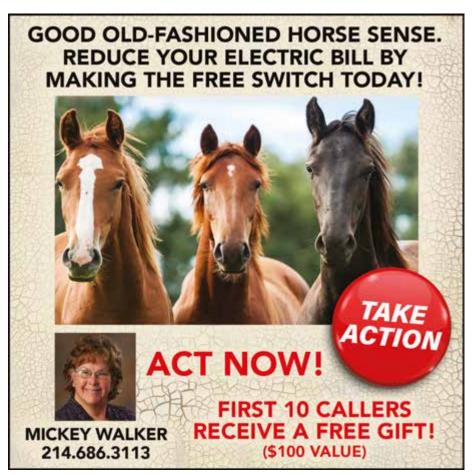
Starting her "better life" every day with exercise, Amy Craft prepares for her run at Elmer Oliver Park.



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Alysia Sims has come a long way from making late-night Pillsbury hot dog pockets, with half a slice of American cheese, in her Beverly Hills, California, childhood home. By the age of 8, she was cooking beef bourguignon and peanut brittle, using a 1970s-era spinning barstool to help her see into the pots. Self-taught, with some inspiration from Graham Kerr, Jeff Smith, Julia Child and June Cleaver, Alysia cooked everything from scratch when she married and started a family.

Since moving to Mansfield last year and opening Kumon Math and Reading Center of Arlington-Southeast, Alysia finds herself preparing curried chicken with chickpeas and cauliflower for her daughter. As Christmas approaches, Alysia's tamales are, once again, her daughter's first request. Now

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3/4 cup corn kernels

1/2 cup green bell pepper, diced

1 Tbsp. garlic, chopped

1 Tbsp. jalapeño, minced

2 tsp. chili powder

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. cumin

1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper

1 lb. chicken, cooked and shredded

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- **3.** Add the chicken, chile peppers and cilantro; cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Remove the pan from heat; let sit until cool enough to handle. When cool, fold in the goat cheese.
- **4.** For dough: Place 2/3 cup solid shortening in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment; cream until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes.
- **5.** Combine the masa harina and salt in a

bowl. With the mixer on medium speed, alternately add the masa harina and chicken stock to the whipped shortening, thoroughly mixing after each addition. Gradually add 1/3 cup melted shortening to the dough mixture with the mixer on medium speed. 6. Place one large, soaked cornhusk on a flat work surface. Using a 1/4-cup measure, spoon 1/4 cup of the masa batter into the center where the husks join. With the back of a spoon, spread batter into a 4-inch square. Place about 1 generous Tbsp. of the chicken mixture into the center of the masa. As though wrapping a package, fold the sides of the husk over the filling, and then bring the bottom and the top over the filling, overlapping as much as possible to tightly enclose the filling. (You now will have a small package, measuring approximately 3-inches by 2-inches.)

7. Wrap a piece of kitchen twine around the middle of the tamale, as though wrapping a present, twisting the twine up and down at the middle to tie around all 4 sides, and knotting the twine at the top. Place the filled tamale on a large platter or in a roasting pan. **8.** Lay or stand the tamales in a steamer. Insert 2 inches over a pot of gently boiling water, being careful not to pack them too tightly. Cover the top of the tamales with a layer of the remaining cornhusks, then cover with a lid. Steam the tamales, covered, over the boiling water for 2 hours, replenishing the water as needed, so the pot does not go dry. Remove the tamales from the steamer insert; let cool for 10 minutes before handling. 9. To serve, unwrap the tamales and top

Mama's Pound Cake by Paula Deen

dollop of sour cream.

2 1/2 sticks butter, plus more for pan

each with a spoonful of chile verde and a

1/2 cup vegetable shortening

3 cups sugar

5 eggs

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

1/2 tsp. fine salt

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 cup milk

I tsp. vanilla extract

- **I.** Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. With a stand mixer, cream butter and shortening together. Add sugar, a little at a time. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating after each addition.
- **3.** Stir dry ingredients together in a bowl; add to mixer alternately with milk, starting with the flour and ending with the flour. Mix in vanilla.



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4. Pour into a greased and floured tube pan; bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean.

Holiday Mashed Potato/Cauliflower

3-4 large white potatoes
Water, enough to cover
potatoes
Salt, to taste (divided use)
1/2 head large cauliflower
4 Tbsp. butter
White pepper, to taste
1/4 to 1/2 cup milk

Peel and cube the potatoes into 1-inch squares. Add the potatoes to cold, lightly salted water. Bring to a boil; check for doneness 10 minutes after the water boils.
 Once the potatoes are done, pull them out with a slotted spoon, so that the water

- out with a slotted spoon, so that the water can be used for the cauliflower. Break the cauliflower into florets. Boil for 3-4 minutes.
- **3.** Using a potato ricer, mash the potatoes.
- **4.** Once the cauliflower is soft, put it in a blender with the butter, salt and pepper and



1/4 cup milk. Be very mindful when adding the milk, because these potatoes can easily become watery due to the water content in the cauliflower.

5. Add the blended cauliflower to the potatoes. (Additional milk can be added to reach desired consistency.)

Black Bean Salsa by Paula Deen

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- 2 15-oz. cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 17-oz. pkg. frozen whole kernel corn, thawed

- 2 large tomatoes, seeded and diced
- I large avocado, peeled and diced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1/8 to 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. lime juice, or more to taste
- I Tbsp. red wine vinegar Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste
- **1.** Mix all ingredients thoroughly in a large bowl. Cover; chill overnight.
- **2.** Taste and add salt, pepper or more lime juice as necessary.
- **3.** Serve with Tostitos Scoops as an appetizer, or with grilled chicken breast as a meal



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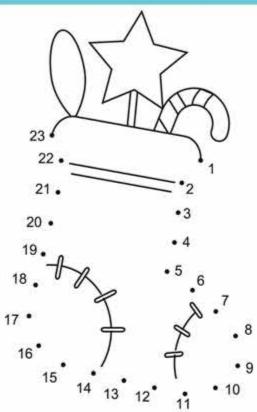


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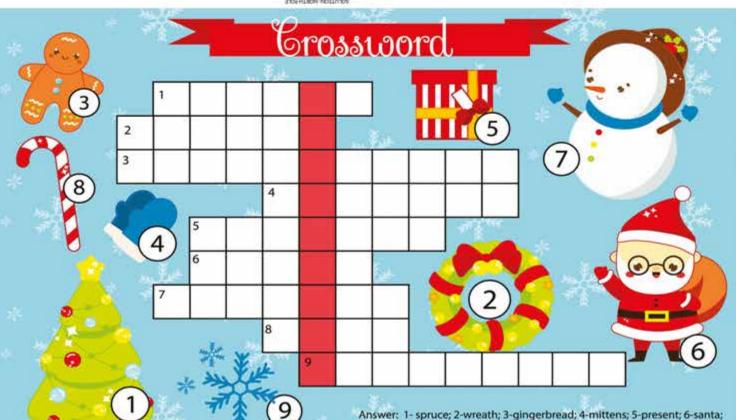


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- 14 Legally bind
- 16 Floor covering
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- 19 Shows approval
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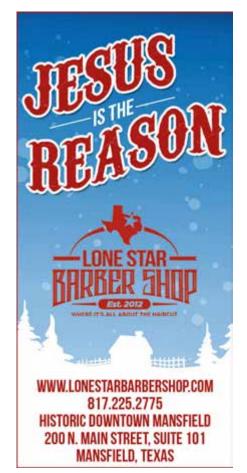
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- 7 Scottish landowner
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- 10 Cozy
- 13 Period of human life
- 15 Hoedown female
- 18 Spirit
- 20 Cathedral fixture
- 21 School leader's degree
- 22 Golf tourney
- 23 Kind of suit
- 25 They're known to noses
- 26 Organization
- 29 "Game of Thrones" patriarch --- Stark
- 31 Lawyers' gp.
- 32 Old soldier

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12/6-12/7

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12/7-12/8 & 12/14

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12/14: 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Farr Best Theater, 109 N. Main Street.

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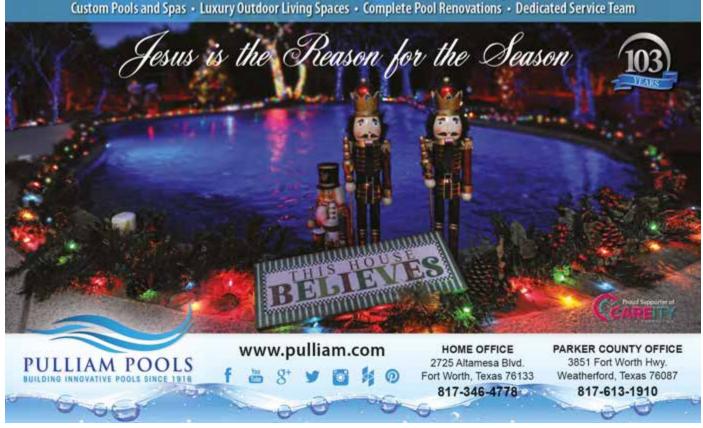
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