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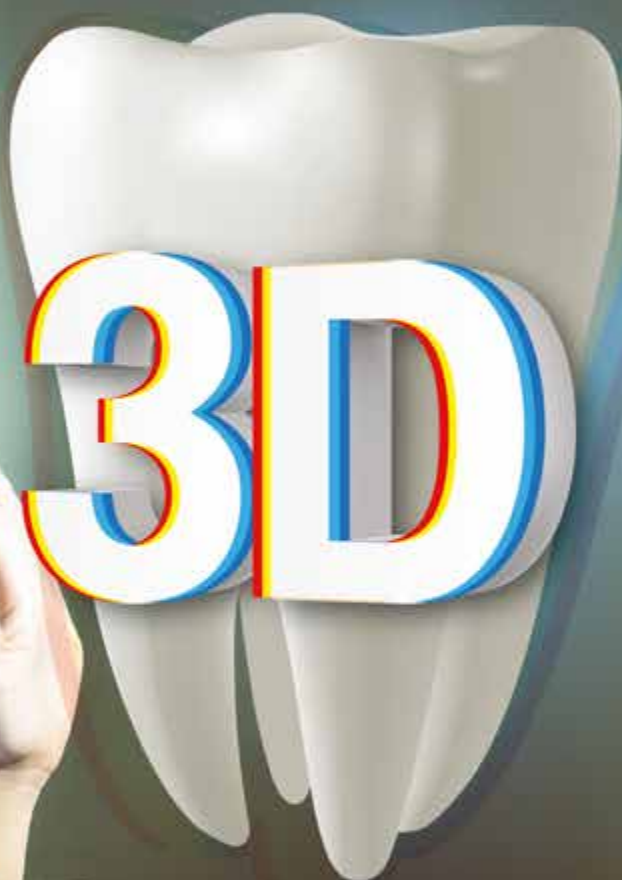
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Welcome to 2021!

As we enter this New Year, does life look like you expected? Maybe not. Reality seldom resembles those dreams we carry forward perhaps from childhood. I definitely don't have a prince charming catering to my every need, while we live in a magnificent castle. Honestly — not sure I want that life anyway. The grass may look greener on the other side, but ask the cow with her head stuck between the barbed wire if it tastes any better. If she could talk, her response might sound like, "Nooooo."

Regardless, I love January. After a hectic two months of holidays, life tends to slow down a little. Of course, a slower pace might be a new normal for many people these days. This month, it seems we don't plan as much — it might snow or turn icy after all. That happens sometimes in our area. So, what better time to sit back and take a good look at last year — or not. At any rate, we have a new year before us.

Perchance 2020 didn't end the way we wanted. You know what? It doesn't matter how last year ended. What we do with this new year matters more. We choose whether we sit and wallow in the past or, whatever happens, look forward to how we can make 2021 our best year. And that power belongs to us — with a little grace and a lot of faith.

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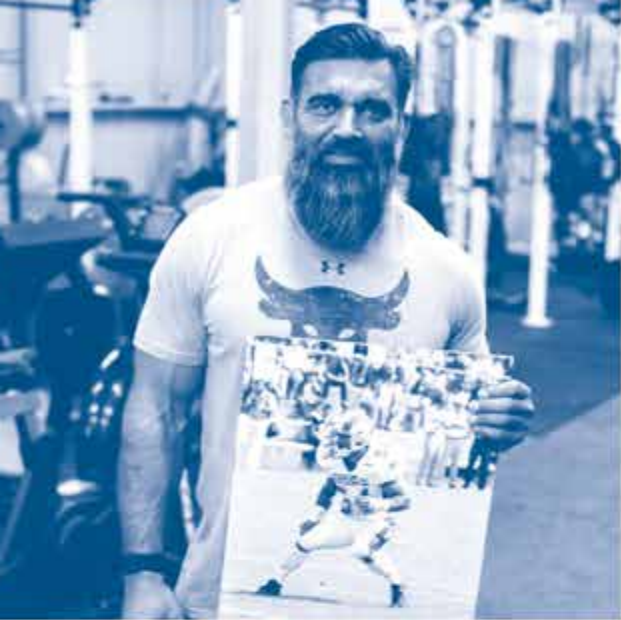
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In 2003-2004, he played for the Barcelona Dragons and Amsterdam Admirals, in the NFL Europe League, and for the Houston Texans, in the NFL. But Antonio Rodriguez didn't succeed easily. Football great, Vince Lombardi, said, "It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." Throughout life, Antonio overcame adversity, not only giving him a spot in professional football, but also teaching him to persevere in all situations. With those experiences and a passion for helping people, Antonio gives back by training those who need it most — not only athletes.



Antonio's family came from Monterrey, Mexico, although he started life in Houston, Texas. Life's first obstacle came for him at the age of 3 when their apartment burned down. The family moved back to Monterrey. When they returned to Houston around his eighth-grade year, he spoke little English. With ESL for every class, he often endured bullying. "It kept me from socializing with other Americans," he shared. "But I knew it was not like that everywhere. There are good and bad people in every culture, race and religion."

Knocked down early, he indeed got back up. His dad's choice to move from Houston to the suburb of Alief changed Antonio's outlook. "It was different there. Everyone was the same and got along. It was my parents' best move." At Alief High School, Antonio only had ESL for English and Health. He socialized more and admitted it helped improve his English.

During his junior year, Antonio was one of few Hispanics playing football. At the end of a JV scrimmage against the varsity team, the coach asked him to stay and play in the varsity game. The following Monday, he

PERSEVERANCE IN ADVERSITY



joined varsity as a starting defensive end and stayed in that position through high school. He was chosen as team captain by his peers.

But adversity found Antonio again his senior year. One morning, his mom woke him to say she was leaving. He could come or stay with his dad. He stayed. Before long, his dad left for work in North Carolina, but Antonio stayed in Alief with friends. He finished the school year, bouncing between friends' homes, eventually living in a storage building.

Antonio struggled with his parents' separation. "I lost my faith, wondering whether God existed," he shared. "I did nothing wrong, and all these bad things kept happening to me." Passionate about playing football, he

A black and white photograph of a man with a full beard and long hair, wearing a light-colored t-shirt, lifting a large hexagonal dumbbell with his right arm. He is in a gym setting, with a squat rack visible in the background. The image is partially covered by a large, bold, black and white text overlay on the left side.

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pursued grants, loans and scholarships to attend college. He tried out for the football team at Blinn College in Bryan but didn't make it. Later, his dad sent money for an apartment in Houston, and Antonio commuted to Bryan. Life didn't ease.

During his freshman college year, Antonio dropped out because of depression and not keeping up with schoolwork. He then joined a semipro football team that played a scrimmage against Monterrey Tech. The school invited him to try out for their team. "It wasn't my first choice," he admitted. "But I had nothing going in Texas, so I went for a tryout."

Before leaving for Monterrey, Antonio visited cousins in Del Rio, separating his clavicle in a paintball game. A direct hit during the tryout probably meant surgery. His doubts about God grew during the long bus ride. At the school, a mere handshake caused excruciating pain. He smiled and made his way to a third-floor dorm room. Alone, he spit anger toward God, spending one to two hours putting on pads with another hour removing them.

Then, the young man broke. He released years of pent-up anger and sadness, praying for the first time. "I thought, maybe if there is a God, I'll ask Him to show me, and I'll surrender, opening my heart to Him," he said. "I went to the window, and two blocks away, neon lights around a cross caught my attention. He showed Himself."

The next morning, Antonio took an hour to dress out. Beginning drills, he took a hit that filled him with nausea. He talked to the coach, who assured him it was OK and then benched him. With low expectations, he woke the next morning and headed down to catch a taxi to the bus station. A young athlete said he was in the paper. Picking up a copy, Antonio found a full article welcoming him to the team.

"At that point, I realized God answered my prayers. I saw everything differently after that," Antonio shared.

For the next three years, he played for Monterrey Tech, switching from defensive line to linebacker his senior year. Impressing scouts, several teams showed interest, but he went to Barcelona. Effort, persistence and passion paved the way for success.



Years later, Antonio ended up on four acres in Weatherford. With a home and gym on his property, he now spends time doing what puts a smile on his face — helping others. Using his skills, he provides training for anyone, but he especially enjoys working with kids. Sometimes, parents seek help for a child. He talks with the kids whether training or not. He also has a heart for veterans, helping them recover through fitness. He aids those with PTSD to gain confidence and get healthier, never shying away from double amputees or organizations for wounded warriors.

“I have a passion for helping people through sports and physical training,” he said. “That’s what makes me happy. I believe God put me on Earth to do this — my calling.”

Invited to Honduras last year for a sports camp, Antonio took another step from his personal comfort zone. The in-person event was canceled because of COVID-19, but he conducted a two-hour presentation online, a first for him. After several more online sessions, Chip Smith asked him to certify trainers in Spanish. “I always wanted to prepare international athletes for professional and the Olympic level,” he said. In late 2020, that desire became a reality, training a promising athlete from Monterey Tech with NFL potential.

Among his greatest achievements, Antonio counts his three beautiful children. All three participate in sports while earning college degrees. With Antonio’s influence, they will no doubt go on to live successfully.

Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry said, “A champion is simply someone who did not give up when they wanted to.” Despite much adversity, Antonio chose not to quit. Instead, he persevered, becoming a champion to many long after his football career ended. **NOW**



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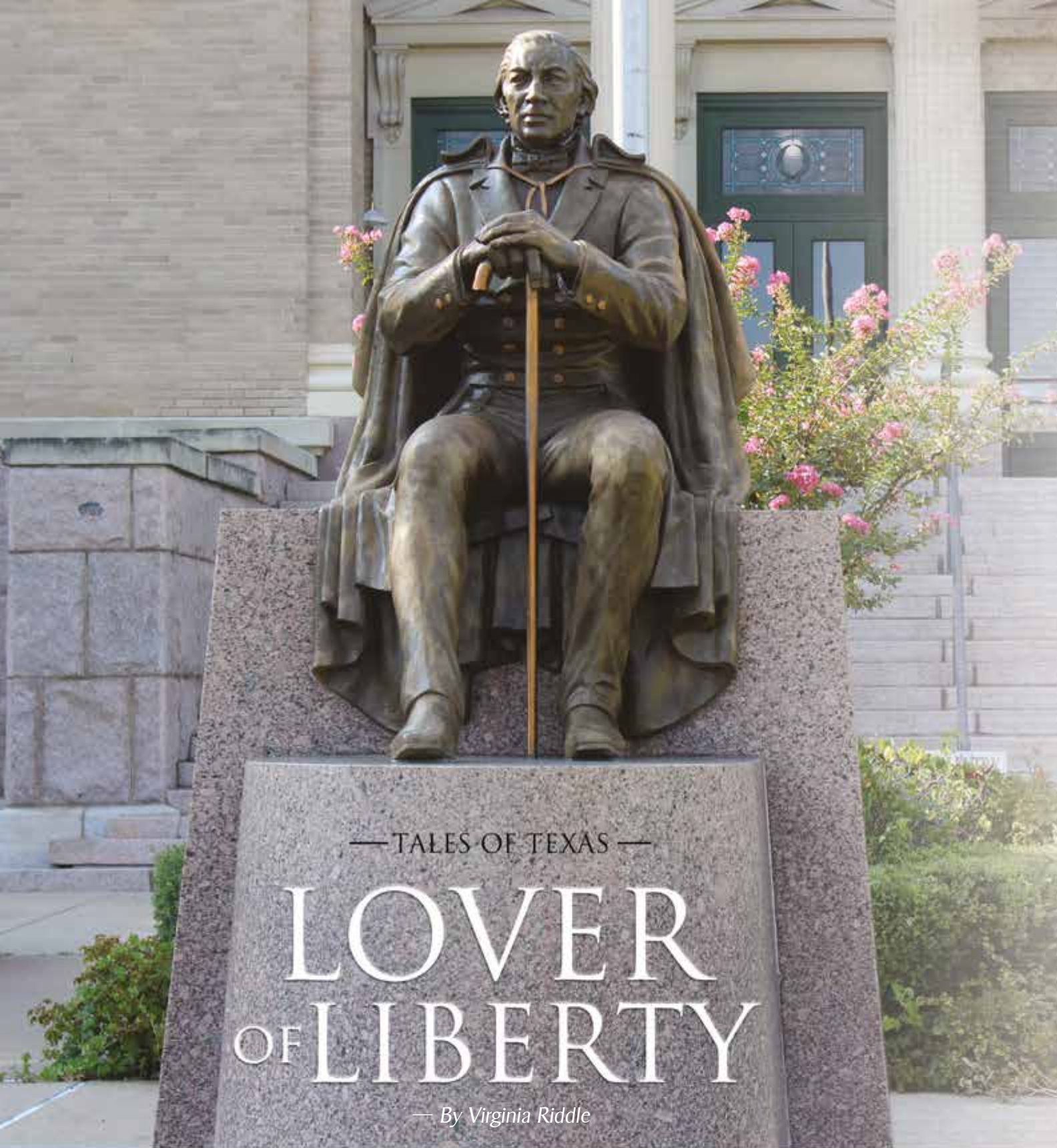


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José Antonio Navarro's life and contributions to the birth of Texas are reflected on his historical marker erected in 1936 as part of the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Texas independence from Mexico. Born in 1795, José Antonio saw his native land through much turmoil, war and change.

José Antonio's journey into Texas history began with his father, Don Ángel Navarro's (1748-1808) decision to leave his native Isle of Corsica to journey as a cabin boy aboard a Spanish galleon to Veracruz, Mexico. He became a successful merchant and married Maria Joséfa Ruiz, an aristocrat and native of San Antonio. He made his family's home in Texas for the remainder of his life. Don Ángel believed in truth, honor and freedom and passed those beliefs to his son, José Antonio.

A Mexican army unit led by a Spanish general, Joaquin de Arredondo, entered San Antonio in 1813. Jose Antonio's older brother, Jose Ángel Navarro, was a lieutenant in the infantry at the time. These lands had been claimed by the French, Spanish, United States and various Native American peoples. When Jose Ángel refused to carry out orders against these occupying persons, and it became clear that the family supported Mexican independence, he was relieved of his command and fled for his life to the interior of Mexico.

José Antonio was educated in Mexico but had left school at age 13 to help support his family in San Antonio following his father's death. When José Ángel was relieved of his command, the rest of the family had to flee as well. Maria took the minor children with her, and José Antonio, who was 18 at the time, went to Louisiana. Three years later, he returned to find his mother and siblings nearly destitute, so he went to work to support the family. Mostly self-educated, he became successful as a merchant, rancher and land investor. In 1825, he married Margarita de la Garza y Flores, a native of San Antonio. The couple would have seven children.



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The following year, José Antonio was elected to represent Bexar District at the Washington-on-the-Brazos convention. He became the seventh signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. José Antonio was one of three Mexican signers, and one of two native-born Texas signers.

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Upon arrival, José Antonio was interrogated and offered freedom and a return to government service if he would renounce allegiance to the Republic of Texas. He chose not to and was convicted of treason and sentenced to death. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. José Antonio endured Mexican dungeons for four years, until he escaped and boarded a ship from Veracruz, Mexico, to Cuba. From Cuba, he sailed to New Orleans, and then to Galveston. He returned to his ranch in



1845 and was welcomed as a hero. He was the only Tejano delegate to the 1845 Constitution Convention and was twice elected to the state senate. In retirement, José Antonio became a historical and political writer and newspaper contributor.

Respect for José Antonio Navarro's patriotism and leadership, granted to Texas in its formative years, has led to the naming of Navarro County and several schools and streets in his honor and memory. The city of Corsicana, Texas, was named by José Antonio in honor of his father's homeland. In 1871, he died at his San Antonio home, now Casa Navarro State Historic Site. **NOW**

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involvement. “I want to be as involved as I can be,” he added. “That is the ideal for the school. God’s ideal, not ours.” Biblically based, they strive to maintain a close relationship with each parent, requiring two mandatory meetings per year. Before COVID-19, they also required parents to volunteer at the school. With a partnership mentality, CCSMW remains a small school with a family atmosphere.

But they prove that size does not dictate success. In a strong academic environment, they also have sports, such as football, basketball, track and volleyball, and they plan to add baseball soon. In addition, they have a robust fine arts program that includes art, music and drama — all of which frequently win awards. And high school students at CCSMW can take dual-credit classes in partnership with Weatherford College.

In fact, Jordan Mazik, the first ever student at Weatherford College to graduate with an associate degree and high school diploma at the same time, attended Community

Christian School. Four years later, she not only earned her bachelor's and master's degrees, but she currently attends The Chicago School of Professional Psychology as a doctoral student. She paved the way for others.

"Nearly every student graduates with some credits for college. But we prepare students for life — not just college," Mr. Jefferson shared. "We have incredibly successful alumni." He mentioned an anchor in Washington, D.C., many doctors and business owners and one in Africa who runs a hospital and orphanage, where she literally operates on babies in the womb. "Our alumni are all over — far reaching. We're very proud of our academics and our ideal," he said.

The school offers 4-year-old pre-K through high school and a homeschool partnership program. While they maintain excellence in academics, sports and fine arts, as a nonprofit organization, CCSMW takes pride in lower tuition than many schools. Despite their small size, they host a state fine arts competition festival each year, earning multiple state championships.

All students take part in local volunteer opportunities, with a reputation as a group people can call on for help. The school also sponsors an annual missions trip for senior students and chooses the location depending on input from the students. In the past, they went to Kansas City to serve in a homeless shelter, worked in a soup kitchen in Austin and plan a trip to Denver this year. "The trip starts with serving," Mr. Jefferson divulged. "But it's also a fun trip. They get to see all kinds of stuff. It's part of who we're teaching them to be."

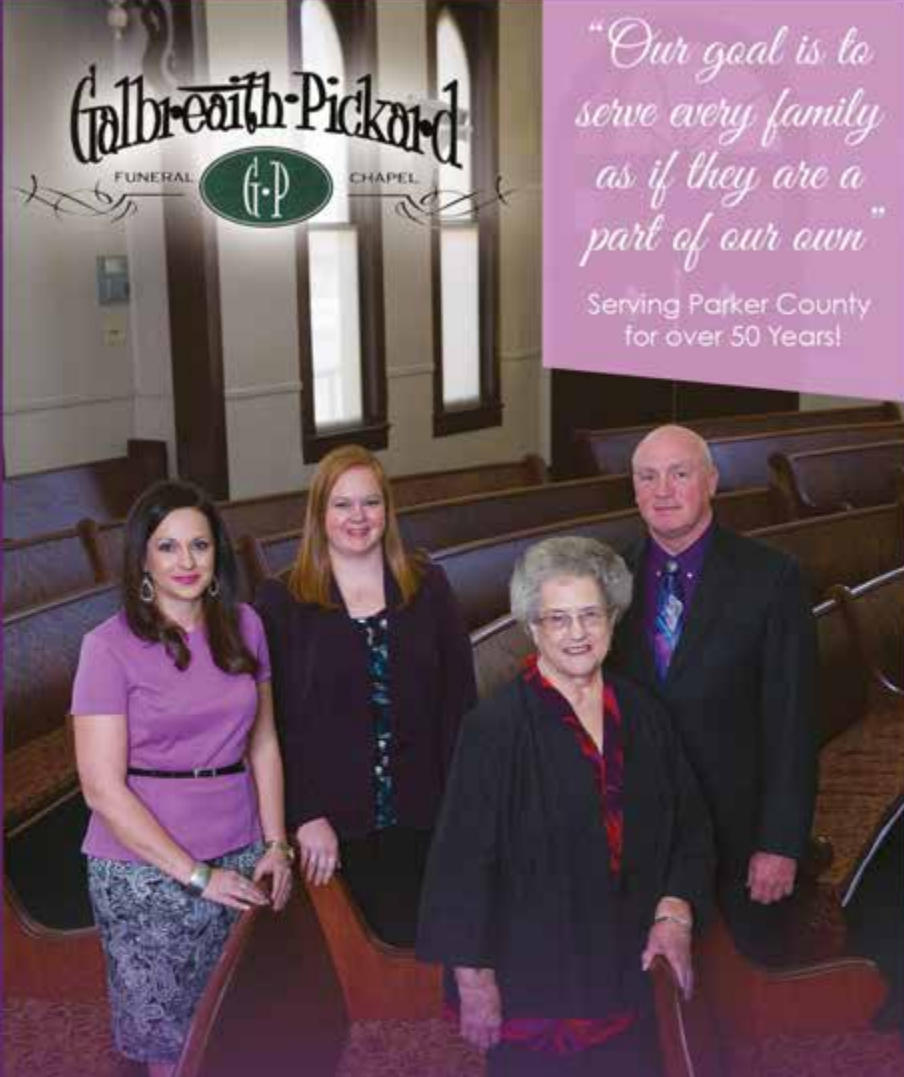
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Pictured with Jayden Key and Baby, Madison Hines takes pride in her membership with Weatherford FFA. "I like showing animals," she said. Offering to let people pet Baby and the other chickens puts a smile on her face, while she teaches people about the animals. "Chickens are very soft," Madison shared as she stroked Baby to keep her calm. The FFA program provides students with opportunities to work around animals and learn about them, but it also opens doors for leadership and other skills that serve students well in their future endeavors.



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— By Lisa Bell

In a family that loves to cook, third-grader West Austin learned a lot. She also watches cooking shows. “I love food,” she said. “I find a lot of recipes on Pinterest.” She has healthy substitutions to most recipes. West’s favorites include Italian, Czech family recipes and comfort food, using salt, pepper, butter and cream. According to her dad, you can never go wrong with those ingredients.

“At my age, I have had quite a few disasters because I don’t like to ask for help,” she admitted. “My successes have been being awarded first place honors and the 4-H Food Show.” Other than cooking for family, friends and elderly neighbors, West enjoys showing cattle, archery and playing with her dog, Brownie. **NOW**

Grandmother Paul’s Sour Cream Pound Cake

Makes 10 servings.

1/2 lb. (2 sticks) butter
3 cups sugar
1 cup sour cream
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
3 cups all-purpose flour

6 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. almond extract

1. Preheat oven to 350 F
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine and cream the butter and sugar; add the sour cream.
3. In a separate bowl, sift the baking soda, salt and flour together.
4. Add the sifted flour mixture to the

creamed mixture, alternating with eggs, beating each egg one at a time. Start with flour and end with flour.

5. Add the vanilla and almond extracts; pour the mixture into a greased and floured 10-inch tube pan. Bake for 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Mac N Cheese Bake

1 15.25-oz. can whole kernel corn
1 14.75-oz. can cream-style corn
1 cup elbow macaroni
1 cup Velveeta, cubed
1/2 cup real butter, cubed

1. In a bowl, mix together all ingredients; pour into a 9x13-inch pan.
2. Bake for 30 minutes at 375 F. Stir and serve.

Pasta Carbonara

Salt, to taste
2 large eggs, plus 2 additional large egg yolks, room temperature

1 oz. (about 1/3 packed cup) pecorino Romano, grated, plus additional for serving
 1 oz. (about 1/3 packed cup) Parmesan cheese, grated
 Black pepper, coarsely ground, to taste
 1 Tbsp. olive oil
 3 1/2 oz. slab pancetta, bacon or turkey bacon, sliced into 1/4- to 1/3-inch squares
 12 oz. spaghetti

1. Place a large pot of lightly salted water (no more than 1 Tbsp.) over high heat; bring to a boil.
2. Fill a large bowl with hot water for serving; set aside.
3. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs, yolks, pecorino and Parmesan. Season with a pinch of salt and a generous amount of black pepper.
4. While the water is coming to a boil, heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the pork; sauté until the fat just renders on the edge of crispness, but not hard. Remove from heat; set aside.
5. Add pasta to the boiling water; boil until a bit firmer than al dente. Just before pasta is ready, reheat the guanciale (pork) in the skillet.
6. Reserve 1 cup of the pasta water; drain the remaining water. Add the pasta to the skillet over low heat; stir for 1 minute or so.
7. Empty serving bowl of hot water; dry it. Add pasta mixture. Stir in the cheese mixture, adding some of the reserved pasta water, if needed, for creaminess.
8. Serve immediately, dressing it with a bit of additional grated pecorino and pepper.

Favorite Barbecue Meatballs

Makes 40 meatballs.

Meatballs:

1 13-oz. can evaporated milk
 3 lbs. ground beef
 2 cups oats
 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 1 cup onion, chopped
 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
 2 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. pepper
 2 tsp. chili powder

Barbecue Sauce:

2 cups ketchup
 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
 2 Tbsp. Liquid Smoke
 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
 1/2 cup onion, finely minced

1. For meatballs: In a bowl, mix together all meatball ingredients. Shape the mixture into balls the size of walnuts.
2. Place the meatballs in one layer on a flat pan.

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- 3.** For barbecue sauce: Mix together all sauce ingredients in a small saucepan. Stir until the sugar dissolves.
- 4.** Remove the sauce from the heat; pour the sauce over the meatballs. Bake at 350 F for 1 hour.

Chicken Gnocchi Soup

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil**
- 1 stalk celery, chopped**
- 1/2 white onion, diced**
- 2 tsp. garlic, minced**
- 1/2 cup carrots, shredded**
- 3-4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and diced**
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth**
- Salt, to taste**
- Pepper, to taste**
- 1 tsp. thyme**
- 16 oz. potato gnocchi**
- 2 cups half-and-half**
- 1 cup fresh spinach, roughly chopped**

- 1.** Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add celery, onions, garlic and carrots; sauté for 2-3 minutes until the onions are translucent.
- 2.** Add the chicken, chicken broth, salt, pepper and thyme; bring to a boil. Gently stir in the gnocchi.



Chicken Gnocchi Soup

- 3.** Boil for 3-4 minutes longer, reducing heat to a simmer. Cook for 10 minutes.
- 4.** Stir in the half-and-half and spinach; cook another 1-2 minutes, until the spinach is tender. Taste; add salt and pepper, if needed. Serve.

Cheeseburger Soup

- 1 lb. lean ground beef**
- 1 cup carrots, thinly sliced**
- 1 cup celery, thinly sliced**
- 1 yellow or white onion, finely diced**
- 2 tsp. dried basil**
- 2 tsp. dried parsley**

- 1/2 tsp. salt**
- 1/2 tsp. pepper**
- 1 32-oz. carton chicken broth**
- 4 cups potatoes, peeled and chopped (Russet are best.)**
- 3 Tbsp. butter**
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour**
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk**
- 8-12 oz. Velveeta cheese, cubed small**
- 1/4 cup sour cream**

- 1.** In a large soup pot over medium-high heat, add beef, carrots, celery, onion, basil, parsley, salt and pepper. Cook until the beef is no longer pink, about 5-8 minutes; drain the grease.
- 2.** Add the chicken broth and potatoes; bring to a boil. Cover; reduce heat to medium. Let simmer for 10-15 minutes.
- 3.** While the soup is simmering, prepare a roux by melting the butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. When melted, add the flour, whisking for 30 seconds. While whisking, slowly add the milk.
- 4.** Whisk until combined. Let the mixture cook, stirring frequently, until thickened, about 3-5 minutes.
- 5.** When the soup finishes simmering, add the roux and cubed Velveeta. Stir until the cheese melts completely, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in the sour cream.

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— By Angel Morris



Taking down tough-to-remove wallpaper became less of a problem when it went out of style. In recent years, however, papering a statement wall or an entire room has come back en vogue. Fortunately, however, the application and removal of wallpaper has come a long way, and long hours need not be required when you want to change patterns or brighten up a space.

The first step is to select the wallpaper that best suits your style and room. Spaces where moisture is expected, like bathrooms and kitchens, are better suited to vinyl wallpapers, while fabrics or non-woven papers can be used in bedrooms and other spaces. Your paper selection will determine the type of adhesive needed, and instructions within each roll should explain this. You might also choose from a variety of self-adhesive wallpaper, which makes the task of hanging and removing far less daunting.

The next step is measuring your space to determine the number of rolls for the task. Ordering an extra two to four

rolls helps ensure you don't run out midway through the job and gives you some leeway if any paper gets damaged during the hanging process.

Once you have selected and ordered your paper, you will want to prepare your space by filling, then sanding, any areas of your wall that are not smooth. Afterward, it is wise to clean entire walls with a damp sponge to remove any residue.

If your paper requires adhesive application, you will need a clean work surface on which to lay paper. Remember, place strips face down on the table, as adhesive must be painted on the back opposite the print side.

Some papers may recommend placing adhesive directly to the wall rather than the paper. Consider this when selecting the paper with which you will feel most comfortable working.

In preparation for hanging your first strip of wallpaper, you must measure the height of your wall, adding upwards of 100 millimeters for your drop length, and cutting your first and subsequent strips accordingly. You may mark your drop length on the back of your paper to make your cuts.

Now you are ready to apply adhesive according to your paper's specifications and recommended soak times. Peel-and-stick papers allow you to avoid the adhesive application portion of the process altogether and may be better options for novice paper hangers.

With subtle-patterned papers, start in a corner and at the ceiling. Choose the least conspicuous portion of a room, such as behind a door, if possible. Bolder patterns may be more successfully hung if you start hanging them in the center of a wall, working toward corners instead.

Apply your first strip of wallpaper, lightly attaching the top while ensuring it is straight using a level or a straight vertical line you have drawn in advance. You will affix the rest of the wallpaper using a wallpaper tool, gently applying pressure from the middle up, then middle down and around all edges until you reach the floor. With a sharp razor, trim excess paper at the floorboard.

Because not all rooms are level, every strip may not be the exact same measurement. It is important to be mindful that not only is each piece straight, but that your patterns are lining up accordingly. Wallpapers may be labeled as “straight match” or “drop match,” impacting how you will need to align your strips and patterns. Follow paper instructions to best align your paper’s design.

Repeat these steps — cutting, applying adhesive and hanging — aligning each strip with the pattern of the one before it. Papering around corners, windows and outlets requires some measurement and precision cutting. Online videos can assist in these trickier aspects of the wallpapering process.

Make sure to quickly clean off any paste that finds its way onto the front of your paper during the hanging process. A wet sponge is your best tool for this purpose, and it is wise to clean each strip prior to hanging the next.

If these steps seem daunting, remember that peel-and-stick versions of wallpaper are more forgiving than ever. Misaligned strips can be removed and rehung relatively easily. Whether you go with traditional or self-adhesive, having an assistant to help you hang strips is another way to ease the installation process as you welcome back wallpaper into your home. **NOW**

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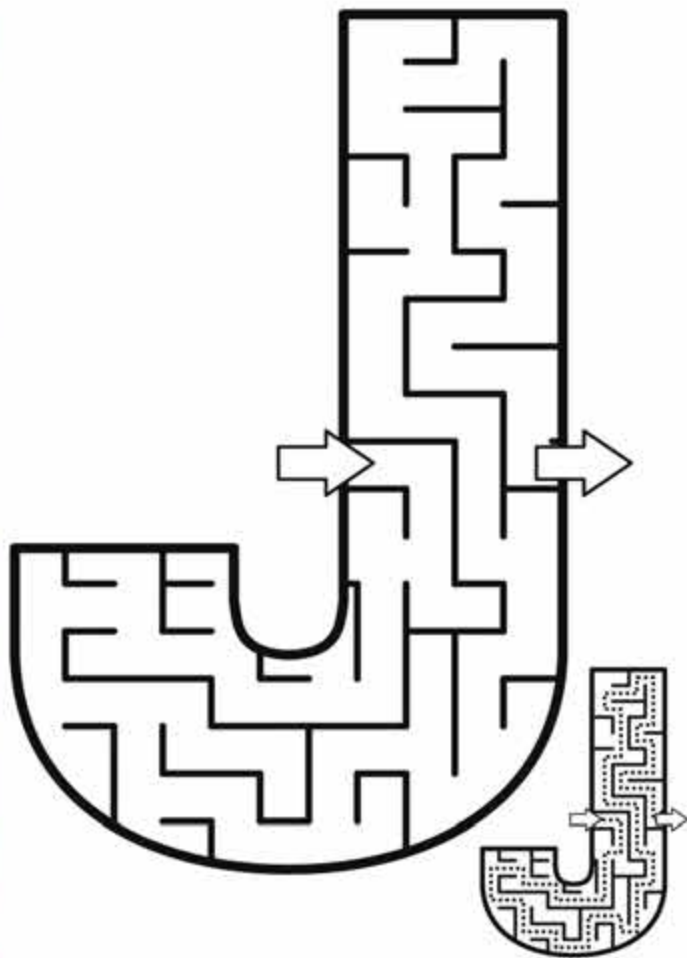
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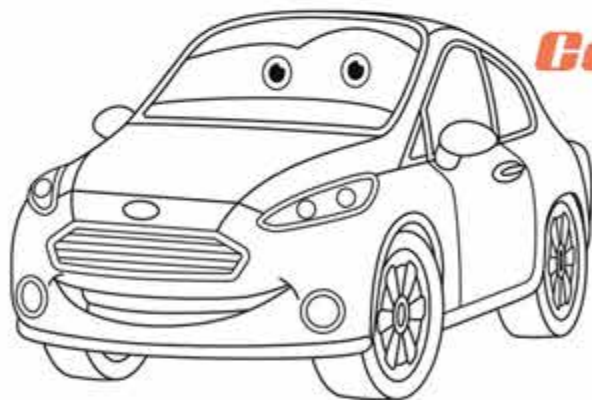
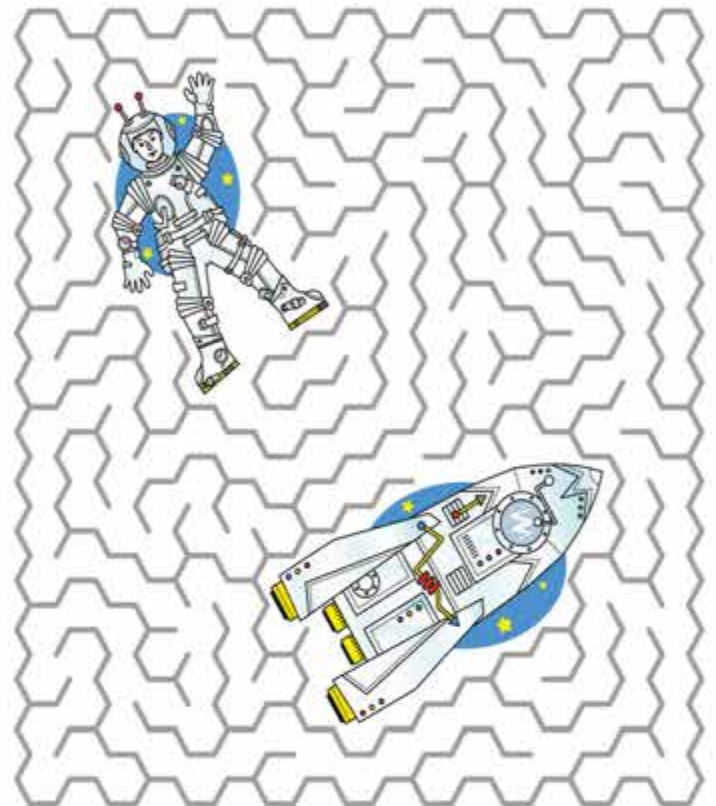
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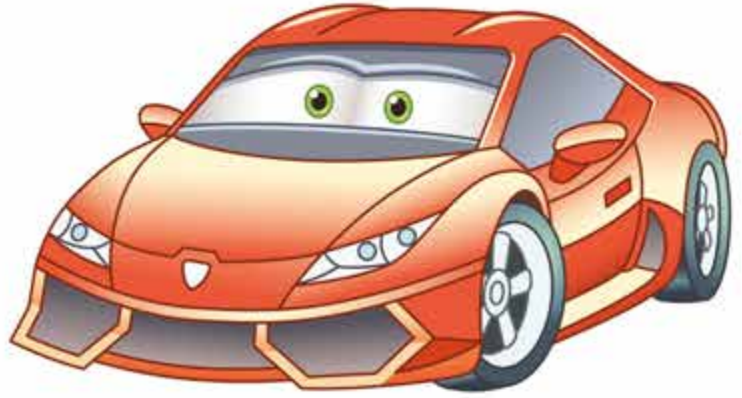
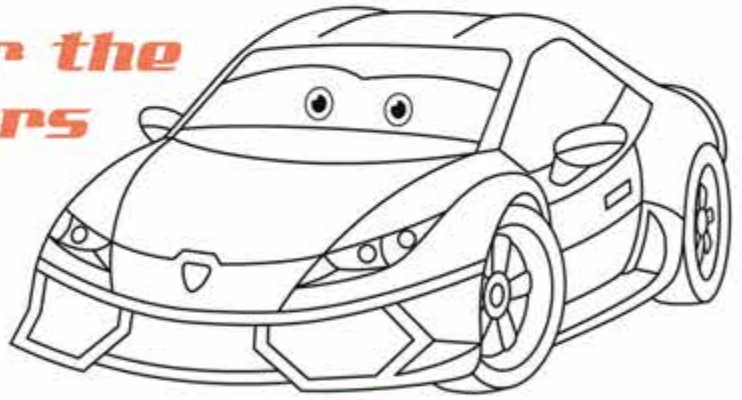


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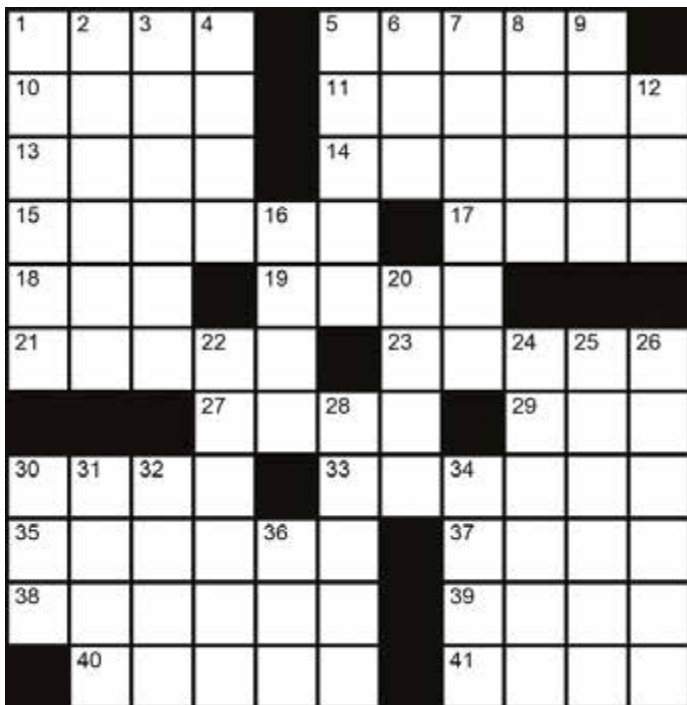
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10	C	L	U	E		11	S	U	N	N	I	S	
13	T	O	G	A		14	S	O	M	A	L	I	
15	I	B	E	R	I	16	A			17	A	T	O
18	N	A	N			19	S	M	U	T			
21	G	L	E	N	N			23	G	E	A	R	Y
						27	E	T			29	F	A
30	R	I	S	E				33	C	Y			
35	I	D	I	D	I	T				37	H	A	S
38	M	E	T	T	L	E				39	O	M	I
						40	A	H	O	L	D		
										41	P	E	N

Easy

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

Medium

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