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### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

And a Ho, Ho, Ho!

Is there anyone sad to see 2020 nearing its end? This year has been a rough ride for many of us, as we all shared the challenges COVID-19 presented. We're survivors of this pandemic, and progress has been made in treatments. Here's a huge salute to our medical folks who have risen above all expectations. Another salute goes to all the stakeholders — school personnel, students and adult family members — who have taken on remote schooling with a week's notice. Here's saluting employees/employers who have found new ways of working efficiently from home. And, finally, another salute goes to the emergency management teams who have made tough, sometimes unpopular, decisions while navigating uncharted waters.

Some great things happened, too. Neighbors helping neighbors in Navarro County stayed the norm, even as we self-quarantined and isolated. While sports teams across the county were sidelined by the pandemic, the slogan of our Navarro College cheer team, which became famous on Netflix, became the county's mantra and appeared in local store windows: "We Can, We Will, We Must." Residents shopped locally, saving many of our county's businesses. Some new businesses opened this year, too. We learned to use Zoom, Google Hangouts and Google Meets, and new technological and medical terminology snuck into our vocabulary. We all adapted and adjusted, so we can find our "new normal" whatever that might be.

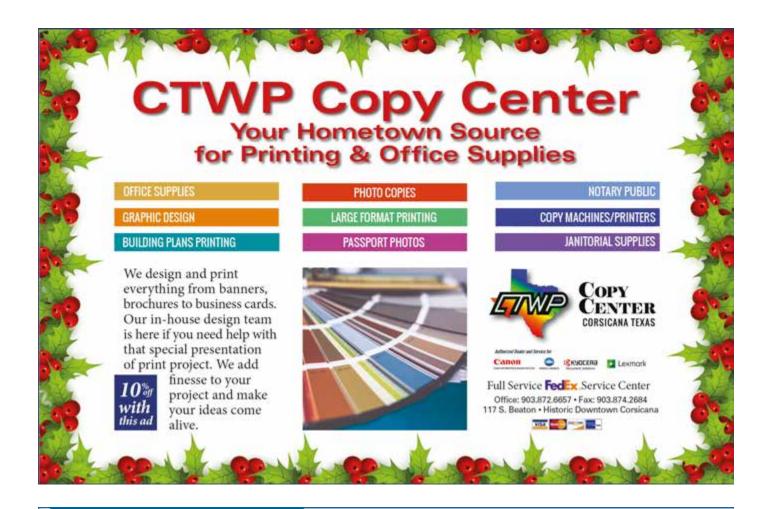
To the graduating classes of 2020, you had quite a unique time to share during future class reunions. However, we've all gone through this experience, have learned, grown and have our own unique remembrances.

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# BRIDGING

The scents of gingerbread and cookies baking waft on the air, as visitors cross over the threshold after being greeted by the lifesize nutcracker guarding Danny and Denise Gordon's home. The couple's Christmas decorations and traditions create a bridge between holidays past and present, while creating happy memories to share into the future. "I like to put up angels," Denise said. "I have several in remembrance of my mom, who passed away on a Christmas Eve. It makes me feel like she's there watching over us during this special time of year."

More nutcrackers stand at attention on an antique china cabinet and buffet in the home's den. A Santa tree skirt adds festive color to the coffee table display. "I display a large papier-mâché reindeer, an estate sale find, in my Christmas tree," Denise added. Many decorations, collected over the years, are tastefully displayed throughout the home.

Handmade sequined Christmas stockings are a touch from the past. "Danny's mom made them years ago, so they're a



# — By Virginia Riddle

# At Home With Danny and Denise Gordon

special remembrance of her," Denise added. Many of the trees' ornaments are of places the couple and their children, now adults, have visited over the years. "Every year, I purchase a new ornament to bring back fond memories of our trips," Denise explained. There are ornaments from Hawaii, Mexico, Las Vegas, Boston, Maine, Italy and the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina. One of the couple's favorite pastimes is to take to the roads in their travel trailer to explore new places together.

Celebrating the past is important, but even more crucial is making memories each Christmas that will carry over into the future for this couple's children and grandchildren. "Our son, Jarod Gordon; his wife, Casey; and their two sons, Bennett and Gunner, live in Corsicana," Danny said. "Another son, Eric Gordon; his wife, Elizabeth; and their two daughters, Olivia and Chloe, live in McKinney, Texas." The couple's two dogs, Coco and Lola, round out lively Christmas gatherings.

"We put up a life-size Santa by the fireplace. He talks, and the grandkids sing karaoke with Santa," Denise added. "Our grandkids gather around the kitchen table to decorate sugar cookies for Santa, and this past year, since the children were getting older, they decorated a gingerbread house. Christmas is a special time for me. It brings back childhood memories."

Another house can be found within Danny and Denise's













home and is decorated with miniature lights, a wreath and nutcrackers at the door. In the bedroom belonging to the "grand girls" is a dollhouse purchased in Danny's hometown of Vernon, Texas. "This dollhouse is special because it was made by a retired builder. It is detailed with columns and is very colonial," Denise shared. All the grandkids enjoy riding a toy horsey that shares the bedroom.

Denise, a Corsicana native, graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler with an education degree. She retired from teaching in Corsicana ISD after 29 years of service. Danny is a Texas Tech University graduate with a business management degree. He has served as the district manager for Beacon Building Products for 25 years. The couple met at a party in Dallas and have been married for 37 years. "After we married, we moved here from Dallas because of Corsicana's small-town atmosphere. We love that hometown feel because both of us were raised in small towns," Denise explained.

Their home, built in 1960, was on their radar early, but as usual, timing is everything, and the couple made the



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hard decision not to purchase it when they first saw it on the market. "Our children were in high school when this home, our dream home, became available. With two sons ready to go to college, the timing wasn't right. However, as luck would have it, about eight years later, the owners decided to sell to move closer to their children in Austin," Denise recalled. This time, the couple didn't hesitate. "We purchased our 'new to us home' in May 2016 and moved into our dream home, after all, the first weekend of June," Denise added.

Then it was time to put their own designs into the home. "We both love to DIY and enjoy decorating," Danny said. Going to estate sales is one of their hobbies, and their home's furnishings reflect that love of the hunt. Updates to the home followed the move-in. Carpet was replaced with wood flooring. Rooms were repainted, and the windows were replaced.

"Then we put a new roof on," Denise said. "Replacing the roof was no easy chore because we had to remove the two iron widow's walks first. It took five men to bring the walks down from the roof and two weeks to paint them both before they were put back on top of the roof. I refused to leave them off because I felt the widow's walks added so much to the character of the house."

As author Gladys Taber once wrote, "We need bridges as the river of time flows past." From Christmases past to memories made that will be recalled years from now by their grandchildren, Danny and Denise are the bridges across time, who bring the season alive for their family and friends. Denise concluded, "The season gives us a special time to be together as a family and reflect on our blessings." NOW



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Located on the historic square in Fairfield, Brenda's Closet offers small-town, friendly service with the fashion flair of the DFW Metroplex. Brenda greets customers herself, along with her dog, LuLu. Whether Brenda knows your name or not, you become "Honey" or "Darlin" quickly. "The greatest joy I have owning this boutique is the people," Brenda revealed. "The ladies who come in the door have become my friends."

With a handy sitting area, Brenda enjoys seeing customers relax and enjoy her down-home ambience. Color pops from

everywhere in the boutique's three shopping areas. Ladies clothing for all ages and shapes is the mainstay, but the boutique carries gift items, purses, shoes, boots, jewelry, wall hangings, candles, signs, caps and crosses. Brands include L&B, Crazy Train, Pink Panache and Louis Vuitton. "When I go to market, I pick out things I like and what I know my customers will like," Brenda explained. She accepts all major credit and debit cards, cash, checks and PayPal.

Two small-town, personalized services are standard practice at Brenda's Closet. "The boutique is on Facebook, and if you see something you like, you can let me know, and I will put it in the back and hold it for you," Brenda said. She will also let customers place items in layaway with no money down.

As an owner of an oilfield-related business, Brenda hadn't planned to be a boutique owner, but she couldn't ignore the signs and opportunity. After the purchase of a downtown Fairfield building, she was contemplating what to do with it when she and her brother, Bubba, made an RV trip to East Texas to visit family. A chance stop in Emory, Texas, allowed

Brenda to shop at a boutique. "I fell in love with the merchandise and told the owner her shop was beautiful. She replied that she would sell everything to me. I bought it all, loaded it in the RV and later used another trailer to bring it to Fairfield," Brenda recalled. The former shop owner/seller helped Brenda set up shop in her building. Brenda's Closet opened in 2015 and expanded to its current location on the square in 2017. "It was all pretty amazing," Brenda said. "Friends and family helped. I didn't even know how to run the register at first!"

"THE GREATEST JOY I HAVE OWNING THIS BOUTIQUE IS THE PEOPLE," BRENDA REVEALED. "THE LADIES WHO COME IN THE DOOR HAVE BECOME MY FRIENDS."

Thrust from a male-dominated business into a female-dominated business, Brenda has learned to meet the challenge of staying on top of fashion changes. A difference she's discovered is that men tend to be more "whatever," but women appreciate perfection. The business is a Fairfield Chamber of Commerce member and a member of the National Federation of Independent Business. Brenda is a Chamber volunteer, and the business was named the Chamber's Business of the Year in 2017. "We support community-based causes and events," Brenda said.

A Paris, Texas, native, Brenda was raised in Dallas, but moved to the Fairfield area in 1998. She has siblings who live nearby. When not working in the shop or at market, Brenda enjoys RVing, hunting, fishing and hanging out with her dogs at home on her 10-plus acres. "I volunteer with my church, and I look forward to doing more volunteering," she said.

Brenda's philosophy is stated on a rock displayed in the shop. *Be Blessed, Be Strong, Be Beautiful, Be You at Brenda's Closet.* 



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# **Zoomed In:**Heather Douglas

A Corsicana native, Heather Douglas and her husband, Ryan, can't imagine living anywhere else. "I love the small-town feel of everything," she said. "Everyone always has a helping hand nearby."

Heather worked horses in Palestine, Texas, and was briefly in the oil business in California. "I grew up with my mother, Paula Fugate, who was a teacher." Heather attended Navarro College and Texas A&M University-Commerce. She teaches English, reading and science at Collins Middle School.

"Lots of people know who I am, but there's more to me and to everyone's stories," Heather stated. "I love journalism. I like to tell people's stories." She's written both non-fictional and fictional short stories and a few songs. Heather's hobbies include horseback riding, kayaking, swimming and traveling.



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By Virginia Riddle



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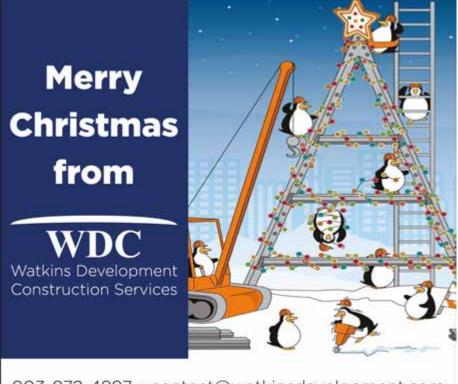


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Allison Melton remembered baking Christmas cookies at a young age and her grandma's chocolate cake. Watching her mom make dinner and watching the Food Network sparked her culinary interests. "I spent sleepovers at my best friend's house, and we dreamed of having our own bakery," Allison recalled.

Today, she passes on her skills through her blog, *Wooden Spoon Diaries*, and through teaching private cooking lessons. Allison's the advanced culinary arts teacher at Corsicana High School. Additionally, she's earning a culinary arts degree at Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts.

"I created these recipes to bring warmth and love into homes. They're great for holiday parties and family gatherings," Allison shared. Her Creamy Hot Chocolate recipe is one of her favorite winter drinks, topping off soup and banana bread. Now

#### Spiced Oatmeal Cream "Pies"

#### Dough:

I cup butter, softened

1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening

1 1/2 cups light or dark brown sugar, packed

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 large eggs

1 1/2 Tbsp. dark mild molasses

2 tsp. pure vanilla

3 cups quick oatmeal (not instant)

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

I tsp. baking soda

l tsp. salt

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/8 tsp. ground cloves or allspice

#### Filling:

1/2 cup butter, softened

1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening

I tsp. pure vanilla

2 cups powdered sugar2 Tbsp. cream or half-and-half1 7-oz. jar marshmallow fluff

- **1.** For dough: Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.
- **2.** Using an electric mixer, cream the butter, shortening, brown sugar and granulated sugar; beat for 2 minutes until fully combined.
- **3.** Add the eggs, molasses and vanilla to the creamed mixture; beat for 1-2 minutes until creamy. Scrape the sides of the bowl periodically.
- **4.** In a separate bowl, using a whisk, blend together the oatmeal, flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and cloves or allspice.
- **5.** Lower the mixer's speed; gradually add the oatmeal mixture to the creamed ingredients. Scrape the sides of the bowl, as needed; the dough will be thick.
- **6.** Using a medium ice cream scoop or tablespoon, divide the dough equally into mounds of approximately 2 Tbsp. each. Place on baking sheets, leaving at least 3 inches between mounds to allow spreading.

- **7.** Bake in batches for 10-12 minutes, or until the edges are lightly golden. Cool for 5 minutes on baking sheets; move to cooling racks to cool completely.
- 8. For filling: Using an electric mixer, cream butter, shortening and vanilla. Lower the mixer's speed gradually, adding the powdered sugar and cream. Once combined, add the marshmallow fluff; beat on high for 2 minutes.
- 9. Divide the filling evenly among 18 "pies." Top each with a matching size "pie."
- 10. These may be stored at room temperature for 1 day. For longer storage, keep chilled in an airtight container with waxed paper between layers. Bring to room temperature before serving.

#### **Creamy Hot Chocolate**

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1/3 cup granulated sugar Dash of salt

1/3 cup boiling water

3 1/2 cups milk

3/4 tsp. vanilla

1/2 cup half-and-half Whipped cream or Baileys Irish Cream, to taste

- **I.** In a saucepan, combine the cocoa powder and sugar.
- 2. Add the salt and boiling water; bring the mixture to a slow boil, stirring continuously.
- 3. Once boiling, turn down the heat to a simmer; stir for 2 minutes. Stir in milk. Heat until very hot, but not boiling. Remove from heat.
- 4. Add vanilla: stir.
- 5. Divide the hot chocolate between 4 mugs. Add the half-and-half to cool to drinking temperature.
- **6.** Top each drink with whipped cream, or add a splash of Baileys Irish Cream.

#### Chicken Lettuce Wraps

This recipe goes well with different Asian sauces, such as a sweet and sour sauce or Trader Joe's Garlic Gyoza Sauce.

1 1.15-lb. pkg. ground chicken

2 carrots, peeled and diced

1 8-oz. can water chestnuts

I cup mushrooms, diced

2 garlic cloves, chopped

1 tsp. ground ginger

1/4 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup teriyaki sauce

2 Tbsp. brown sugar

1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes Green onions, to taste

1 9-oz. bag romaine lettuce

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- **I.** Brown the ground chicken; set aside. In the same skillet, cook the carrots, water chestnuts, mushrooms, garlic and ginger for about 8 minutes on medium heat.
- **2.** Add the soy sauce, teriyaki sauce, brown sugar and pepper flakes; mix together. The sauce will thicken.
- **3.** Add the browned ground chicken; mix.

Cook about 2 minutes more; remove from heat.

**4.** Add the green onions as a garnish. Add the chicken mixture to lettuce before serving.

#### **Holiday Pink Fluff**

- 1 12-oz. pack cranberries, washed
   1 8-oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
   1/2 cup sugar
   2 Tbsp. lemon juice
   1 8-oz. tub Cool Whip
   3/4 of 1 10-oz. bag mini marshmallows
- **1.** In a food processor, add cranberries; pulse into small bits.
- **2.** In a bowl, mix the cranberry bits, pineapple, sugar and lemon juice; let set for I hour.
- **3.** Add the Cool Whip and mini marshmallows. Mix; refrigerate for 4 hours before serving.

#### **Eggnog French Toast**

1 14-oz. brioche loaf

4 eggs

1 cup eggnog

1/8 cup sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

#### 1/2 tsp. nutmeg 1 tsp. rum extract Pinch salt

- **1.** Slice the loaf into thick 1/2- to 3/4-inchthick slices.
- **2.** Whisk remaining ingredients together until mixture is smooth; set aside.
- **3.** Preheat a large cooking pan over medium heat; once heated, lower heat to medium-low. Grease the pan with butter. *Hint:* Cooking French toast slowly over low heat makes sure the inside is cooked and the outside doesn't burn.
- **4.** Dip both sides of each slice into the egg mixture; cook for 3-4 minutes per side. If the pan is large enough, 3-4 slices can cook at a time.
- 5. Serve while still warm.











# SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS!



Joleen Boyles, winner of \$50 cash, said, "I absolutely love the scavenger hunt in the CorsicanaNOW. In my opinion, it's such a fun little way to get readers more engaged, and I look forward to it each month."



Lylah Putman, winner of \$50 cash, said, "I like looking at CorsicanaNOW because I find cool things going on in Corsicana. I like looking at the recipes, and it lets me know all the events coming up. The scavenger hunt is so fun, and it is something fun we do as a family."



Colorful stuffed bears smile back. Toy cars and trucks are ready to rev up, and dolls are dressed in their finest for Christmas Eve under the tree. They are all part of the collection of toys that have been lining the shelves in the Corsicana Police Department for several months as funds, toys and clothing have been collected for Operation Blue Santa. "It brings joy to us members of the Corsicana Police Officers Association to give back to families in our community," Isis Valdivia, a telecommunicator in the Dispatch Division, said.

Since the early 1970s, Operation Blue Santa, has been adopted by law enforcement agencies nationwide. CPD joined other Texas departments in 2019 through a collaborative effort led by Sean Frasier and Isis. "Isis is awesome at getting everything organized and flowing, and I assist her with any logistical matters, in getting the word out, collecting gifts or monetary donations and in

preparing the gifts for delivery," Sean, this year's CPOA president, stated. "Other CPOA members help."

Sean, who is currently a detective assigned to CPD's Criminal Investigation Division, has been involved with Operation Blue Santa for many years, starting when he worked for the Fairfield PD. "When Isis brought it up, I was on board and carried ideas from FPD," he explained. "This nonprofit program enables us to give to children of less fortunate families and make this a happier holiday for the children and their families."

Anyone who lives within Corsicana's city limits and has children ages newborn to 18 years old and currently enrolled in school can fill out an application. "A lot of our families are nominated by close friends or loved ones because they are families that wouldn't have necessarily reached out for any type of assistance during the holidays," Isis said.

"This is a donation-run program that relies on community involvement," she continued. "Last year, our community was incredible, and we received enough donations to assist everyone who had applied. We assist with gifts, food and clothing. As the program grows, we hope to be able to assist adults, too, but for now, our focus is on families with children. Donated clothing must be new with tags still attached, and toys must be in the original packaging."

COVID-19 is expected to influence this program, as it has nearly everything else in life this year. CPOA is expecting possibly



a lessening of donations and an increase in families needing assistance. "We will be disinfecting donated items as they come in," Isis explained. One week before Santa is ready to deliver the gifts, families will be contacted to find out how delivery will be made. This year, families will be able to pick up their items, one person at a time, or the gifts will be delivered to families by CPOA members at a time and date that works for the families.

Donations are accepted year-round, but the program really kicks into high gear about August. Sixteen families received gifts last Christmas. A memorable moment for Isis was when a single father with four children received gifts. He hadn't applied for assistance because other programs would only help his two younger children, not the two teenagers. That was OK with them, but not with their dad. "He had decided they would make do and be grateful for what they had — faith, each other and health. Nominated by a family member, when I reached out to him, he was incredibly happy we would assist everyone," Isis recalled.

Future plans include working with other organizations. "The CPD and CPOA are always looking for events to become involved in," Sean stated.

A Corsicana native. Isis stated, "Police/ community relations programs build trust. It grows when there's a strong foundation. Dispatchers take calls when people are experiencing an unpleasant event or the worst moment in their lives. Officers respond and must resolve situations, or at times, just be there for someone."

Both Isis and Sean credit the people of Corsicana and Navarro County for making the area a great place to work. Isis added, "We're hoping to make this Christmas special for even more families through Operation Blue Santa." NOW



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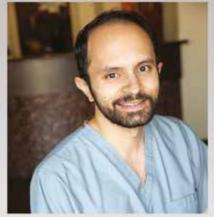
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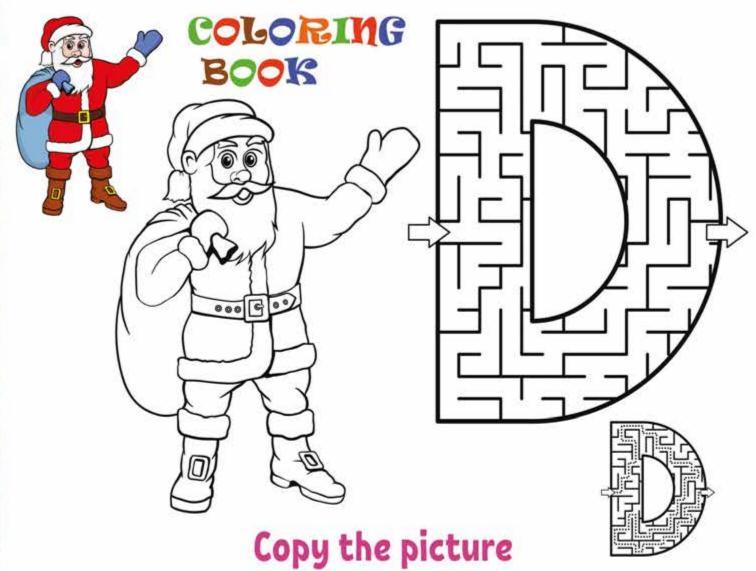


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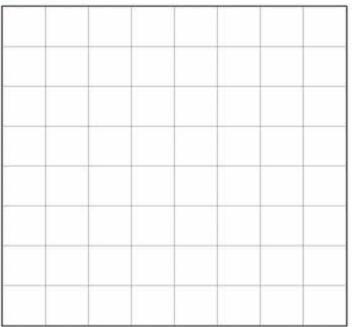
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#### Across

- 1 National economic yardstick
- 4 Islamic sect
- 8 E.g. King Cole's fiddlers
- 9 Greet the judge
- 10 County whose most populous city is Yonkers
- 13 Nose bag grain
- 14 CD---
- 15 Mischievous person
- 16 Intoxicated state
- 18 Long hard walk
- 19 Palindromic competition vehicle
- 21 First Pauline and now Jeanne Phillips
- 23 Discharge
- 26 Fur scarf
- 27 III. neighbor
- 28 Go right, to a horse
- 29 Focus
- 32 Rifle accessory
- 33 Working tirelessly
- 34 Campsite accommodation
- 35 "— rather go naked than wear fur" (slogan)

#### Down

- 1 Dandyl
- 2 Hullabaloo
- 3 Poker chips
- 4 Part of a wineglass
- 5 Owns
- 6 Pump
- 7 \*25\* album singer
- 8 "Terrible" time for tots
- 9 Water's edge
- 11 Foam clog
- 12 Murder victim of 6/6/68
- 17 Fork over
- 18 "I Tawt I Taw a Puddy --- "
- 20 "--- bon!"
- 21 "General Hospital" network
- 22 Encouragement
- 24 Stinking to high heaven
- 25 Stocking fillers?
- 27 Exuded
- 30 Swindle
- 31 Untrained

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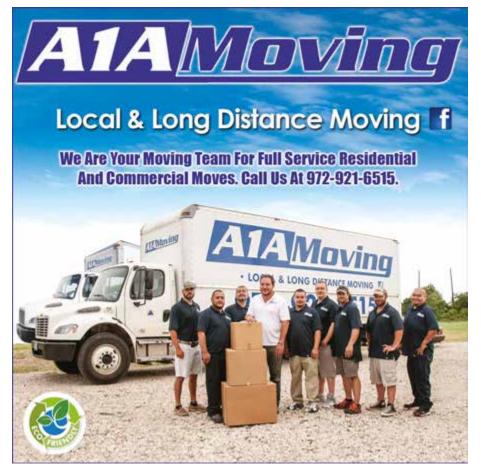
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### Through Spring 2021

#### Navarro County's Loughridge Family Civil War Experiences:

This new exhibit relates one family's separation by war and their hardships as told through letters. **Monday-Friday:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Pearce Museum at Navarro College. (903) 875-7642.

#### 12/1-12/5

### Navarro College Faculty Art Show:

New works by full-time and adjunct art teachers are featured in this juried show. **Monday-Friday:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Pearce Museum at Navarro College. (903) 875-7642.

#### 12/1-12/6

#### A Doublewide, Texas Christmas:

This comedy is about Christmas in the newest and tiniest town in Texas. **Tuesday-Friday:** 7:30 p.m.; **Saturday:** 2:30 p.m. matinee, Warehouse Living Arts Center. www.theWLAC.com.

#### 12/1, 6, 10, 17, 29

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services live webinars:

These sessions will be for adults interested in adopting and/or fostering children. Times vary. For a link to the webinars, call (800) 888-1904.

#### 12/4-12/5

#### Angels of Corsicana Troop Support Packing Day: Help "Send smiles across the

miles at the annual packing of the stockings/prep. Friday: 9:00 a.m., First Baptist Church Corsicana; General packing on Saturday: 9:00 a.m., Grace Community Church, 227 N. Beaton. cyndiparrish2002@yahoo.com.

#### 12/5

#### Jingle Bell Jog:

Come join the fun and run the 5K or 1-mile race. Registration fees are \$50/family, \$25/adult and \$15/minor child. Register online or at the YMCA. 9:00 a.m., Corsicana YMCA. https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/ Corsicana/.

#### **Christmas Parade:**

6:00-9:00 p.m., Downtown Corsicana. For more details, visit visitcorsicana.com.

#### 12/5-12/6

#### **Ranch Sorting:**

Check website for times, Navarro County Expo Center. www.navarroexpocenter.com.

#### 12/10-1/9

#### Western Artists Roundup Show and Sale:

Creative new works by a consortium of self-described "cowboy artists" are featured. Leading western artists will share techniques with the public through hands-on demonstrations. Opening reception: 5:30-8:30 p.m. **December 10;** show hours: **Monday-Friday:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Pearce Museum at Navarro College. (903) 875-7642.

#### 12/11

#### Navarro County Retired Teachers Zoom Meeting: 9:45 a.m. glyn84@hotmail.com.

#### 12/17

### Brass Transit presents A Rockin' Christmas:

All seats will be socially distanced. 7:30 p.m., Corsicana High School Auditorium. www.corsicanapalace.com.

#### 12/19

#### Navarro Fiber Friends Meeting:

Bring a project to show and/ or work on while sharing skills. Mask and distancing protocols will be observed. 10:00 a.m.noon, Corsicana Senior Center. bhadradharma2gmail.com.

#### Second Tuesdays

#### American Business Women's Association Meeting:

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cook Education Center. Dana Collins, (903) 851-2965.

#### Second Thursdays

### Navarro County Christian Singles Worship Service:

7:00-8:00 p.m., Corsicana Opry & Event Center. www.corsicana.org.

#### Second Saturdays

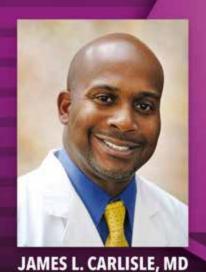
#### Mimosas at the Market:

Hosted by Merle Norman. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Downtown Corsicana. visitcorsicana.com.

#### **Coyote Squadron Meeting:**

Join the squadron for lunch and a program that is a wrap for 2020. Anyone interested may attend. 10:30 a.m., Hardgrave Hanger, Corsicana Municipal Airport. ota@hughes.net.

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