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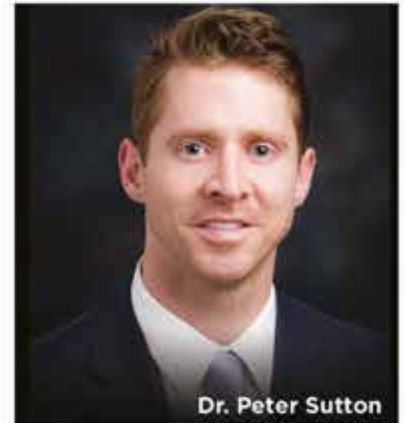
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*Christmastime is here!*

When December rolls around, I can't help thinking about Christmas. From childhood until now, I love pulling out the tree and decorating it. As an adult, I enjoy making decorations, adding to my extensive collection. During this favorite time of the year, I relish the handmade items, most of which carry sweet memories. They all fill my home with the beauty and special feelings of the season, creating an extra warm and inviting atmosphere.

With grown children and grandchildren, Christmas Day may or may not bring people into my home. Often, we celebrate as a family on another day of the month. I learned long ago to share my daughters with their spouses' families or allow them to enjoy the day at home. Personally, I enjoy sleeping in on Christmas morning, waking to a leisurely breakfast and time of reflection. Rather than feeling lonely, I embrace the solitude, knowing I have a variety of options for later that day. Like many things in life, the way I approach Christmas comes from a conscious decision. When I sit back and reflect on the true meaning of the day, any sadness of being alone washes away in the awe and mystery of a tiny baby in a manger.

This year, as you prepare for Christmas, perhaps you will spend the day and season alone, or so wrapped in activities you wish for a moment alone and still. Whatever the season brings, love lives at the heart of Christmas. When we remember that and give away love, we're never truly alone, and we can rejoice.

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# FRIENDS AND TRADITION

At Home With Janice Campbell

— By Lisa Bell

*Janice Campbell grew up in Loomis, California, a small town in a farm and ranch area above Sacramento. “I call it God’s country,” she said. Her son moved from Indiana to Texas, and her daughter plans to join them in the Lone Star State. In March 2018, Janice traveled with her daughter to visit. While spending two weeks with her son, she knew within three days she wanted to live in Texas. Visiting Burleson, she liked the town. Selling her house, she made the move on June 5, 2018. “I knew it was where I wanted to be,” Janice shared. “I’ve met so many wonderful people and made great friends.”*

In moving, she brought a time-honored tradition with her. “I started when I ended up on my own,” she reminisced. An avid lover of Christmas, she had little decor at the time, but to celebrate, she made a lot of food and opened her home to her postal co-workers. “I kept it open all day. The event became an annual celebration as it grew to include church friends and others. One year, she had about 100 people show up. Over time, her number of decorations grew until they filled her home.

The decorations and tradition now live in Burleson with Janice. Around October each year, she pulls out cookbooks and plans the event, selecting 10-15 homemade candies and 10-15 desserts she will make. All year long, she saves money, so she can welcome her friends and family to celebrate Christmas with her.

Although she may put out a few villages, she waits until the day after Thanksgiving to begin decorating for Christmas. It takes days to finish, but every room in the house contains a reminder of the season. “It’s my way of celebrating Jesus’ birthday,” she said with a contagious smile.

Each room contains a tree and theme. The master bedroom features postal decor. When she delivered mail, many people on her route gave these items to her. While she retired years ago, she cherishes the reminders of those who became her friends and not just people who received mail.

Beside the large window in her office, Snowman Avenue greets visitors. Besides ornaments, snow people dot the room on shelves, furniture and even the beautiful hardwood floor. Red and white candy canes and peppermints, plus some added carolers, and even mounted ice skates brighten the room.











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Even with fewer decorations in the dining room, Janice adds her personal touch of Christmas dishes and a small white tree. With a welcoming table, she can entertain guests any time, but her favorite activity of the season remains her open house. Of course, in the kitchen, the tree contains food-related ornaments. The bathroom includes gingerbread houses and figures with other small touches. Every room leaves no doubt — Christmas is alive and well in the Campbell home.

Outdoors, Janice fills her yard with lights, blow-up displays, cute wooden cutouts and more. One of her favorites, two 8-foot-tall wooden soldiers, guard the house. "I went in a Home Depot, and they had the soldiers at the entrance. The woman who made them happened to be in the store that day," Janice recalled. "I offered to buy them after Christmas. The manager agreed at a reasonable price, but the woman shamed him because he intended to throw them away. He gave them to me for nothing."

Janice enjoys creating scenes in her yard and installed extra outlets to support her Christmas wonderland. The yard and open house allow her to give back to friends, family and community members who drive by to see everything. "It's like icing on a cake," she shared. "I get joy watching the joy on their faces."







Each year, on the day of her open house, Janice takes whatever family members join her out to breakfast. "It gives us time to think through everything. We work from a list, making it a family event," she said. "I make some things ahead of time and freeze them." Although she doesn't know from year-to-year who will come to help, she always counts on family members to show up. She expects nothing in return from visitors, although she allowed one neighbor to make a special dish one year. "It's my gift to those I love," Janice explained.

For the kids, she buys inexpensive mugs and fills them with hot chocolate mix and a mint spoon. They all respect her wishes not to touch breakable objects, including the train that runs around one tree. She enjoys sitting with the children and running the train as their eyes sparkle with delight.

All year long, Janice volunteers in Burleson. Involved with Russell Farm, she helps with the children's program and other events, knows some of the history and works in the community garden. After harvesting, she delivers produce to Harvest House and Promise. "It got me out and working outside," she stated. "But Pam and Mary Ann have become good friends."

In addition, Janice volunteers at First Baptist Church and Burleson Visitors Center and Museum. Involved with Eumathian Women's Club, Bible study and other church activities, she stays busy. Never too busy for her four children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, she looks forward to spending time with them and giving back to so many people who enrich her life daily. As she shares her love of Christmas, friends and family, she hopes it encourages others to do the same. **NOW**

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— By Lisa Bell

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The unique bakery makes only cookies and belongs to a national franchise that started in Logan, Utah, four years ago. Within three years, they had 100 stores across the country.



Joining didn’t come easy for the three co-owners in Burleson. “It took almost a year for approval,” Amber shared.

While visiting family, she wanted to check out the cookie place she heard so much about. “I love baking,” she admitted. “When I walked through their door, I smelled cookies. Amazing, unique atmosphere — I loved it. I thought it’d be fun to bring back to Burleson.”

After returning home, where they moved with his job three years ago, Amber convinced Morgan. They added her brother, Jordan, and began the arduous process for approval in August 2020, finally opening in June 2021. Since then, the community welcomed and encouraged the trio.

“I’m not the baker,” Morgan admitted, sporting a broad smile. “I just make sure she has everything she needs.”

“He makes things happen,” Amber said. “Jordan takes care of the finances and marketing.”

When Crumbl Cookies first opened, they offered only chocolate chip but soon added the sugar cookie. As people asked for other flavors, they developed recipes for common



cookies and unique tastes. Although the company now has 170 variations, they offer only six each week, with four rotating. Chocolate chip and sugar cookies, always available, join a variety of options like coconut lime, golden Oreo, cornbread cookies with butter and honey on top and others. On Sunday evenings, fans wait expectantly for a social media announcement to hit the Crumbl Cookie app, showing the week's offerings.

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Fun and sometimes surprising flavors amaze Amber and Morgan, but she loves letting customers watch the process. From the front entrance, highlighted by the famous pink wall with black lettering and company logo, anyone can watch as she and employees mix, scoop, bake and decorate each cookie.

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To support the community, they do fundraisers for all the area schools and donate weekly to Crowley House of Hope and Burleson Harvest House. Amber admitted their five children are as much a part of the business as they are. Who wouldn't want to end the school day — or any day — with freshly baked cookies? **NOW**

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By Lisa Bell

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Paulina looks back and declares the events blessings. "With everything shut down, we didn't have to worry about work. Family and friends had nowhere to go, giving them freedom to watch our daughter." Beating cancer, Peter wears an endearing smile. "He's such a little blessing. We see good even in the bad."



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### KIM ISBELL

— By Amber D. Browne



The holidays can be stressful for many. For Kim Isbell, cooking often relieves that stress and allows her time to create scrumptious meals to satisfy her family. Most of her recipes are discovered in family cookbooks, including some from her great-grandmother. “I am hoping to make a recipe book for my kids and grandkids, so one day, they can have the memories I have,” Kim said.

Kim’s love of cooking began at the age of 9 when she watched her grandmother in the kitchen. “I loved watching her take leftovers and make a completely new dish,” Kim said. Sharing favorite recipes has always been a family affair. “I have two adult daughters who both enjoy cooking. I love to get in the kitchen and cook with them.” **NOW**

### Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast Casserole

- 2 16-oz. cans large, flaky biscuits
- 1 lb. ground sausage
- 6 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 Tbsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. onion powder
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F Grease a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray.

- 2. Open the cans of biscuits; cut each biscuit into quarters. Layer half of the biscuits in the pan; bake at 400 F for 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from the oven.
- 3. Brown the sausage until fully cooked. Once cooked, add the flour and the next 4 ingredients. Stir until the dry ingredients are completely absorbed.
- 4. Add the milk and heavy cream; stir until thickened. Pour the gravy over the bottom layer of baked biscuits; add the remaining uncooked biscuits on top of the gravy.
- 5. Bake for an additional 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown. When done, remove from the oven; brush the tops of biscuits with melted butter.

### Chicken Pot Pie

- 2 refrigerated piecrusts
- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, diced and cooked
- 2 14.5-oz. cans mixed vegetables
- 1 26-oz. can cream of chicken soup
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 3/4 cup heavy cream or milk

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a deep pie plate with cooking spray; add 1 piecrust to the pie plate.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine the chicken and remaining ingredients. Pour into the piecrust; top with the remaining crust. Pinch the piecrust sides together to seal.
- 3. Bake for 35-40 minutes at 350 F. *Note: If you have leftover turkey from the holidays, you can use turkey instead of chicken.*

### Pea Salad

- 3 15-oz. cans sweet peas, drained
- 1/2 small onion, diced



**1/4 cup cheese, shredded**  
**2 Tbsp. sweet relish**  
**1 Tbsp. dill relish**  
**1 hard-boiled egg, diced**  
**1/4 cup Miracle Whip**  
**1/4 cup mayonnaise**  
**1 Tbsp. mustard**  
**Paprika, to taste**

1. In a large bowl, mix together all the ingredients, except the paprika; sprinkle with desired paprika. Place the covered bowl in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

## Green Beans

**2 10-oz. pkgs. frozen green beans**  
**1/4 cup water**  
**3 Tbsp. butter**  
**3 garlic cloves, sliced or minced**  
**1/2 tsp. salt**  
**1/2 tsp. pepper**  
**1/2 tsp. lemon juice**  
**Chopped bacon and slivered almonds (optional)**

1. In a medium-sized skillet, add the green beans and the next 5 ingredients. Cover; cook on medium heat until tender.  
 2. Add the lemon juice; cook for an additional 3 minutes. Top with chopped bacon or slivered almonds before serving, if desired.

## Mashed Potatoes

**6 cups water**  
**1 1/8 tsp. salt (divided use)**  
**8 medium-size russet potatoes, peeled and cubed**  
**1 tsp. pepper**  
**1 1/2 sticks butter**  
**3/4 cup heavy cream**

1. In a large pot, boil water with 1/8 tsp. salt. Add the potatoes; cook until tender. Drain.  
 2. In a stand mixer or large mixing bowl, add the potatoes, remaining salt, pepper and butter. Mix on low until the butter melts. Add the heavy cream; mix until creamy.  
 3. Add additional salt and pepper to taste or additional cream for desired consistency.

## Mac and Cheese

**1 16-oz. pkg. elbow macaroni, cooked**  
**1 12-oz. can evaporated milk**  
**1/2 cup heavy cream**  
**1/2 tsp. salt**  
**1 tsp. pepper**  
**1 tsp. ground mustard**  
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**2 cups American cheese, grated**  
**2 cups cheddar cheese (divided use)**  
**1 cup Colby Jack cheese**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray; add cooked macaroni to a pan.
2. In a medium saucepan, combine evaporated milk and the next 5 ingredients. Stir in the American cheese, 1 cup cheddar cheese and Colby Jack cheese.
3. Stir until the cheese melts; pour over the macaroni. Top with the remaining 1 cup cheddar cheese; bake at 350 F for 30 minutes.



Chocolate Pie

## Chocolate Pie

**1 frozen deep-dish piecrust**

*Filling:*

**1 1/4 cups sugar**  
**1/3 cup cocoa powder**  
**1/3 cup cornstarch**  
**1/4 tsp. salt**  
**3 cups milk**  
**3 egg yolks, slightly beaten**  
**2 Tbsp. butter**  
**1 tsp. vanilla**

*Whipped Cream:*

**1 1/2 cups heavy cream**  
**1/2 cup powdered sugar**  
**1 tsp. vanilla**

1. Bake the piecrust on 350 F until lightly brown.
2. *For pie filling:* In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, cocoa powder, cornstarch and salt.
3. Stir in the milk; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until the mixture boils. Once it's boiling, stir for 1 minute; remove from heat.
4. Gradually stir a small amount of the chocolate mixture into the egg yolks; blend well. Return the egg mixture to the chocolate mixture in the pan.

5. Stir and heat just until boiling. Remove from heat; and blend in the butter and vanilla until combined. Pour into the piecrust; refrigerate until completely cool and set.

6. *For whipped cream:* In a medium bowl, add all the ingredients. Using an electric mixer, beat on low speed, gradually increasing the speed until stiff peaks form. Serve with the pie.

## Pecan Crackers

**1 sleeve Club Crackers**

**1 stick real butter**  
**1 stick margarine**  
**1/2 cup sugar**  
**1 cup pecans, finely chopped**

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray. Lay the crackers with sides touching on the cookie sheet; set aside.
2. Boil the butter, margarine and sugar for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; pour in the pecans and mix well. Pour over the crackers, spreading evenly. Bake at 350 F for 5-7 minutes, or until golden brown.
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# SOWING for the HARVEST

— By Bill Smith

*Harvest House began with the vision of the Burleson Ministerial Alliance in 1984 when a holiday event served 26 families. “It has grown into a true community organization,” Director Jennifer Woods explained. “Burleson is a generous city. The need for Harvest House is greater than ever, and the community keeps providing.*

*“Today we are an independent, faith-based, nonprofit organization. We have nine board members who give*

*generously of themselves. You may find them here volunteering their time. We provide food, clothing and financial assistance, but a major goal we have is restoration. We want to help individuals and families get back on their feet.”*

*Part of what they do is getting to the root of their subjects’ problems. “Not long ago, we had a man who came by several times asking for assistance with his mortgage,” Jennifer said. “He was concerned about losing his home. When we finally asked why he was having trouble working, he said it was because his truck would not run. Once we found out the real problem was his truck, we were able to help get it running, and he was able to get back to work and pay his mortgage. We have found it helps to build relationships with the people we serve.”*

*With her previous nonprofit experience, Harvest House has been a great fit for Jennifer. She has served as director since 2016. “I am originally from Minnesota, but I have been in this area since 1997 when I moved to Fort Worth. I worked for the YMCA for four years, then became the training and events director for Big Brothers Big Sisters before the opportunity to work for Harvest House became available. My husband and I had moved here. We went to church here, and I wanted to be a part of the Burleson community. I actually went to the Chamber of Commerce and asked if they knew of any nonprofit organizations that might be hiring, and the Harvest House opportunity had just become available.”*

*The COVID-19 pandemic affected everyone in some way or another during*





the past year, and organizations like Harvest House are no exception. "Not only have our clients been affected, but so have our volunteers. We are volunteer driven, and there has been a decrease in the number of those who come in to help. The community constantly answers our call when we need help. Further, while we still see people who are unable to work because of reasons unrelated to the pandemic, we are seeing more people from what is traditionally considered the middle class, who have never been out of work, now having to seek assistance."

Harvest House has a lot to offer, and one of their primary offerings is food distribution. Their pantry looks like a small grocery store, and they even provide shopping carts. "We are a 'choice pantry,'" Jennifer explained. "We found that providing a box of food that we

select for our clients may not meet their needs and may also lead to items being wasted. For example, peanut butter may be a good staple for many families, but if someone in the family is allergic to peanuts, the peanut butter will probably not help them and may be thrown away. Our clients can shop in our pantry just as if they were in the grocery store. They have choices."

In addition to the food pantry, Harvest House also provides a clothing resale shop. "We provide vouchers for our clients to use that are like a non-cash value card. If they want to purchase some things that exceed the value of the voucher, they can at a very moderate cost. Any excess money goes to support operational costs," Jennifer said.

Harvest House has its largest annual fundraiser during the fall each year. The

Harvest Feast features entertainment, such as comedians, magicians, music and speakers. There is a gourmet dinner and auction, as well as a number of sponsorship opportunities. This year's event will even include a raffle for a new car.

The community also supports Harvest House through food drives in the schools. And Harvest House supports school children with its Little Red School House program, where they provide backpacks and practical clothing items for those in need.

The thing Jennifer loves about her job is the people Harvest House serves. "We want people to be seen. They are valuable regardless of their current status. We love to see people start feeling better about themselves. They are valuable to God, and they are valuable to us." **NOW**



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A city twinkling with small-town personality, come visit and explore all the hidden treasures the charming community has to offer. From wildflowers in the spring to historic sites, wine trails to Christmas lights, Johnson City has something for the entire family. Johnson City's convenient proximity to the state

capital keeps you connected while still affording the benefits of small-town living. In the words of Lyndon B. Johnson, "All the world is welcome here."

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While in Johnson City, explore the great outdoors at Pedernales Falls State Park. You can camp, hike, mountain bike,





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picnic, geocache, bird-watch and ride horses. On the river, you can swim, wade, tube or fish. Look for local wildlife and plants at the bird blind and butterfly garden. It's the perfect way to spend time outdoors with your family or friends.

Local shops offer an array of items, including specialty items unique to Johnson City. Our art galleries are unrivaled in the area. We have several wineries, breweries and distilleries. Your journey across the 290 Texas Wine Trail starts here and works west to Fredericksburg, Texas.

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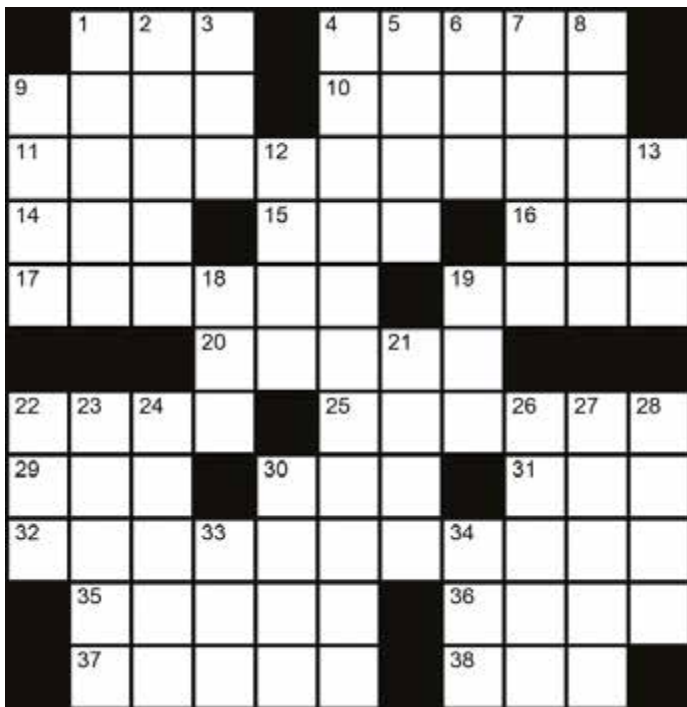
During Christmastime, Johnson City features Light Spectacular. The community transforms itself from a slow-paced, presidential hometown nestled on the banks of the Pedernales River, into a bright beacon of light like a guiding star, welcoming visitors with good old-fashioned Christmas cheer. Included on multiple top Christmas towns in Texas lists, consider making this a memory of a lifetime or a regular tradition for your family.

Whether you decide to stay for a weekend, a week or a lifetime, come see why Johnson City is the Crossroads to Texas Hill Country. It's a trip you may want to repeat often. **NOW**

*By Mayor Rhonda Stell and Frances Giron, executive director, Johnson City Visitors Center/Chamber of Commerce. Photos, unless otherwise noted, courtesy of Johnson City Chamber and Visitors Center.*



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## Across

- 1 Rotten
- 4 Wanted an answer
- 9 Art movement intended to shock
- 10 Official Texas state dish
- 11 Wiping out
- 14 Thick mane
- 15 Youngster
- 16 Found in the middle of Arizona
- 17 We're all --- together
- 19 Heat up
- 20 9/11's mastermind
- 22 Polar shipping hazard
- 25 Donned for dinner
- 29 Abu Dhabi is its capital
- 30 Artificial locks
- 31 What a captured soldier becomes
- 32 Confused pooches test vet's instrument
- 35 Jakarta-based inter-governmental organization
- 36 Finishes off a cake
- 37 Written phone messages
- 38 Withdrawn

## Down

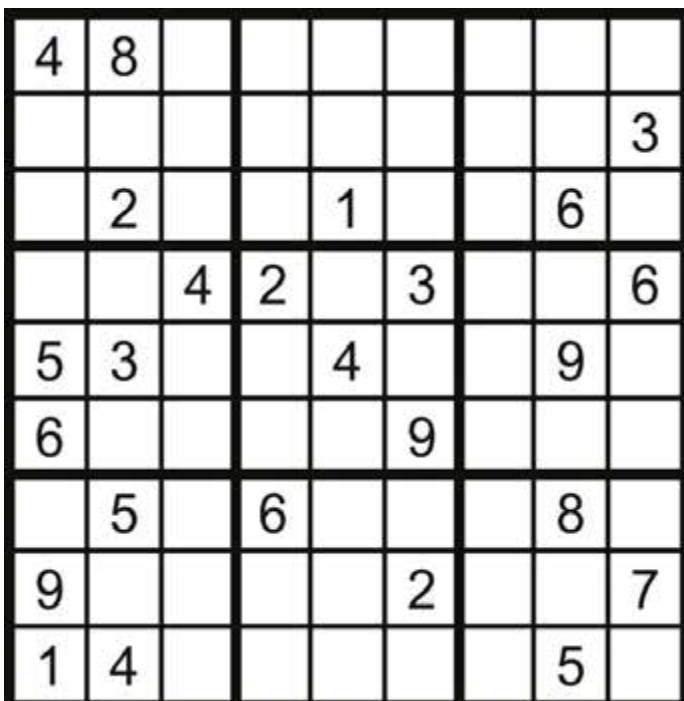
- 1 Beef cut for a nobleman?
- 2 Adjust to fit
- 3 The old man
- 4 Charges
- 5 Food fish
- 6 Baby ferret
- 7 Higgins's prodigy
- 8 Casual eatery
- 9 Bruce's ex
- 12 Sacred Egyptian bird
- 13 Sparkler
- 18 Harley
- 19 Grow
- 21 Faces
- 22 Type of conductor
- 23 --- Joe's (classic gustatory exhortation)
- 24 Della ---, jazz and Gospel singer
- 26 Bit of a period
- 27 One of a famous septet
- 28 Has yet to settle
- 30 "Huh?"
- 33 Man from Dallas or Amarillo, perhaps
- 34 Successor to the U S S R

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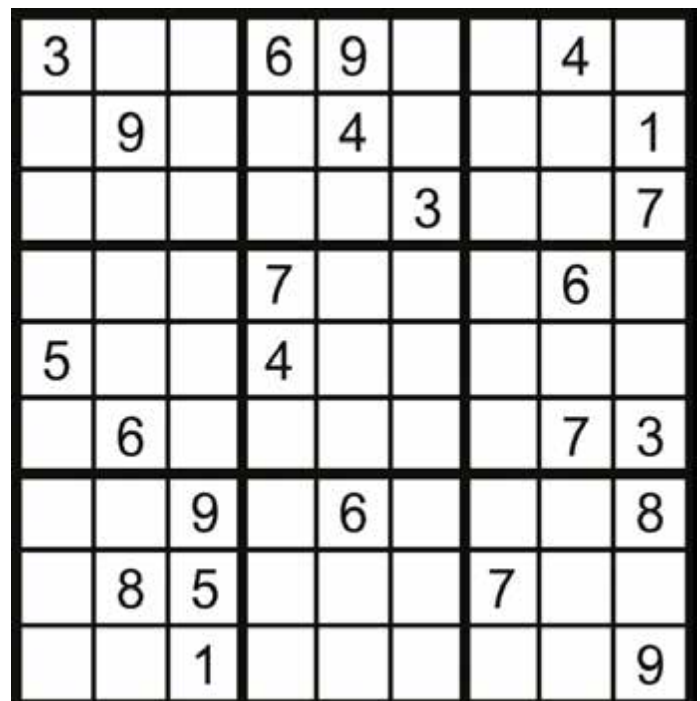
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Easy



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Medium



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12/4

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### Craft Fair & Bake Sale:

Christmas shopping. All items handmade. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Mariposa at Elk Drive, 155 Elk Dr. Patricia Sartori, (817) 876-4928.

### Christmas at the Library:

Make ornaments. Refreshments, prizes. Local author book signing. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

Burleson Public Library. For more information, visit [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

### Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting & Fireworks:

Annual community event. Parade: 6:00 p.m.; Tree Lighting: 8:00 p.m.; Fireworks: ending. Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza.

12/4-12/5 and  
12/10-12/11

### Nights of Lights:

Enjoy the Christmas spirit at Russell Farm Art Center. Lights, hot beverages and music. Free. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Russell Farm. [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

12/10

### Red Chair Lecture:

Featuring Emily Broussard and Shellie O'Neal. Art lecture and exhibit. 7:00 p.m., Russell Farm, 405 W. CR 714. [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

12/11

### Christmas Craft Fair:

Homemade crafts, unique items, jewelry, local vendors. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Burleson Senior Activity Center. [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

### Christmas on the Farm:

Christmas-related activities. Craft stations, a donkey in antlers

(bring camera). 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Russell Farm. [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

12/14

### Polar Express Pajama Party:

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Easy

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Medium

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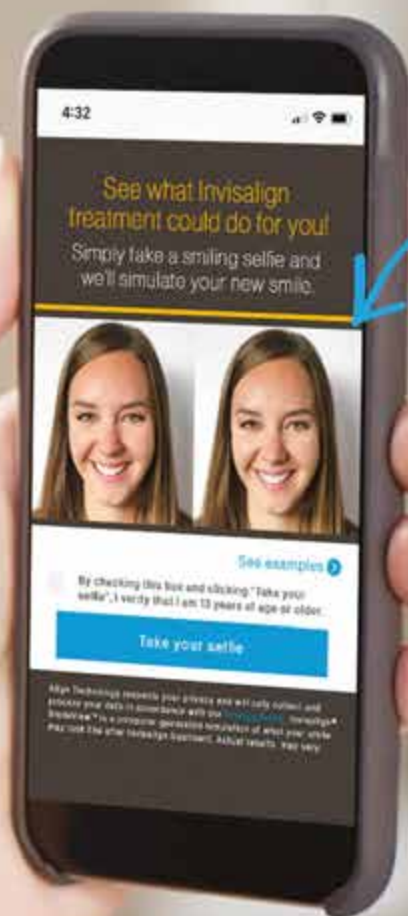
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