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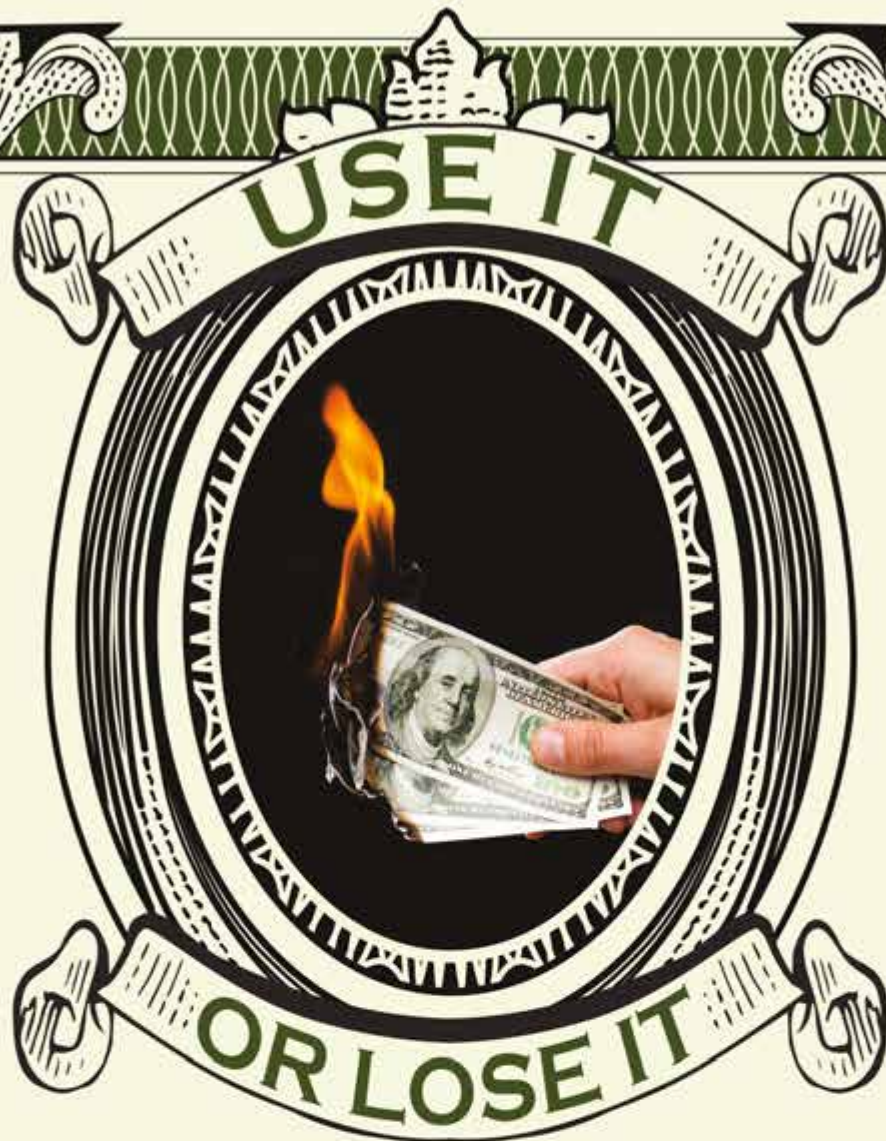


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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*Christmas in the air ...*

Umm ... In all the craziness of the season, I somehow find time to stop and treasure the music, decorations, aromas — everything about this time of year. I marvel at how people show more kindness at Christmastime. If we can capture the attitudes of this season, perhaps we can make every day like Christmas. Can you imagine a world filled with joy, love and peace? Can we really do that?

Why not? Do we lose those attitudes because the music changes? Perhaps we need to hold tight to why we celebrate December 25th. After all, the ultimate gift of love, Emmanuel — God with us — prompts us to show more love during this time of the year. Why do we forget about it when the trees go back into storage and all the decorations disappear? When the cheesy Christmas movies fade away, along with beautiful carols and sweet aromas of the season, we don't have to lose that Christmas feeling.

Perhaps as we navigate through the busiest time of the year, we can go back to the things we love most about the holiday season. Not only the gifts, parties and perfectly decorated homes, but the family time, showing our love and breathing in peace on Earth. If we carry those things into the new year, maybe every day becomes Christmas all over again — without the stuff that can so easily entangle us. Try it and see if the rest of the year seems a little brighter.

*Have a merry Christmas all year long!*

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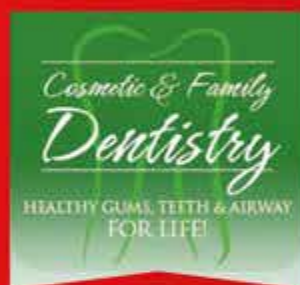


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# THE SNOOPY HOUSE

— By Lisa Bell



*In their modest, open-concept home, Gary and Sharon Jordan offer an inviting atmosphere, where they love bringing family together for holidays. Often known as “The Snoopy House” or “The Peanuts Gang,” they adore Christmas. But characters from Charles M. Schulz make everyone happy all year long. Sharon and Gary first decorated their yard with cutout characters in the ‘80s, and they add new scenes throughout the year. People in Weatherford enjoy driving by to see the cheer they spread every month, but come December, visitors make sure to enjoy the scene of the entire gang. Even the couple’s grandsons get into the spirit by interacting with Charlie Brown and his friends.*

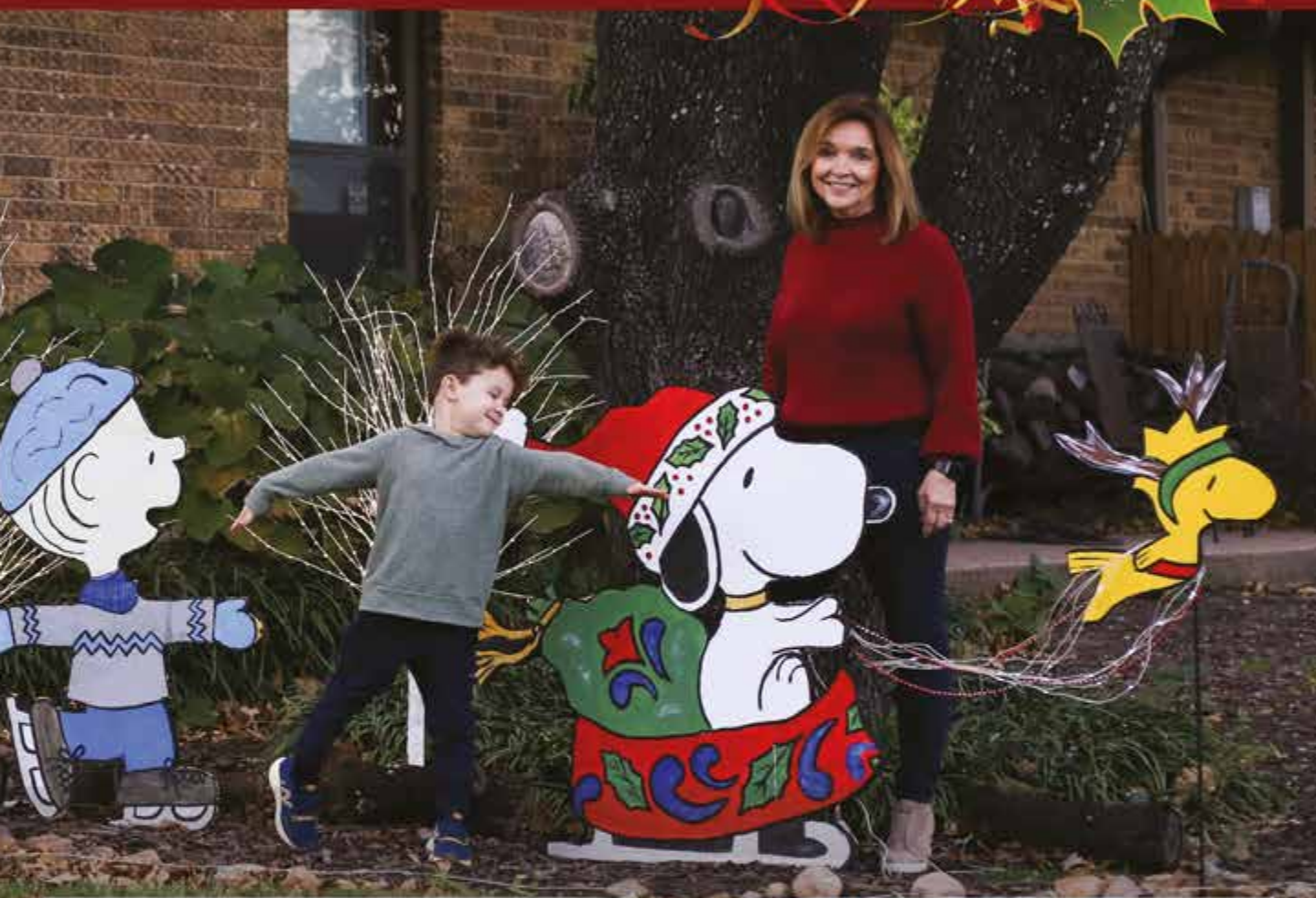
Gary grew up in Weatherford and Sharon in Poolville. They met at Weatherford College and eventually spent years in Lubbock. But they always considered Weatherford home, and after returning, they never regretted it.

Sharon’s first attempt at yard decorations came in the form of Jobe the Scarecrow made from 100 percent plywood. “Jobe’s retired now,” she related. “But my girls won’t let me get rid of him.” When they moved to their current home, they chose to create scenes with the beloved characters of Peanuts. As a budding artist, Sharon drew inspiration from Schulz, not only in his creativity but also in his tenacity. “His work is timeless, continuing even after he became terminally ill. For us, sharing the scenes is about bringing smiles.”

During the pandemic, Snoopy hugging Woodstock became her isolation project. And in the scorching heat of summer 2022, she created a Beagle disguised as a scarecrow and Snowpy, who joined everyone in wishing for snow. When Snowpy comes down, the scarecrow will appear. In late fall, a massive, complex Christmas scene arrives, mixed with lights and pure joy. With the constant creation of new pieces, Gary and Sharon can display fresh scenes by mixing and changing out characters annually.



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Rather than using plywood, Sharon opted for a lightweight material. She traced the image to foam board, then cut it out and painted it. Her grandsons, Pearce and Jordan, asked to help one year. Instead, she helped them make one for their house. They did all the painting. Of course, Sharon never sells the characters, although people request them. But Gary and Sharon have a multitude of stories from people who stop by or leave a note in the mailbox or at the door.

A retired attorney, Gary said, "Making a Snoopy mailbox was my first retirement project. We really enjoy doing it — giving back to the community." He also helps with cutting out the shapes and setting up the display. At Christmas, he owns putting up all the lights.

"Generations know and love the Schulz characters, and our simple decorations bring joy and comfort for many," Sharon said. One man drove his 90-year-old father by the house because he always loved Snoopy. Another couple asked to take a photo with a scene for Dad. A younger man caught them during a garage sale. Having recently lost his wife, who loved driving by to see the scenes, he shared the story, and they all cried together. Many other tales inspire the couple to continue. "It's common for people to ring the doorbell to thank us or ask permission to take a photo with the scenes," she continued. Many of the stories bring the couple joy from knowing they achieve their goal of inspiring others.

"We appreciate the responses. It's nice to know people enjoy it. For us, it's a labor of love, but we owe it all to the creativity of Charles Schulz," Sharon stated.







Married for 46 years, Sharon and Gary both claim Christmas as their favorite holiday. On a traditional tree, they hang ornaments the kids and grandkids made through the years, alongside many Snoopy decorations throughout the home. Each year, as a family, they watch *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, enjoying their grandsons dancing to the theme song.

"We always get a picture of the boys with the year's scene," the couple said. "But the best part is being together, reminiscing, just being family."

They also have fun playing a Saran Wrap ball game. Within a massive ball of plastic wrap, they intricately place tons of layered goodies, each surprise growing better the further into the ball they go. The first person unwraps the ball, hoping to make it to a goodie before the one on his or her right rolls doubles on a pair of dice. And everyone wants to earn the awesome prize in the middle.

Although she claims not to be much of a painter, Sharon dabbles in original artwork. She hand-painted cards, featuring subjects like cardinals, snowmen, deer and angels, some of which she kept for use on the tree or to adorn the fireplace mantel. She gave away many of the cards to friends and family, continually working to improve her skills as an artist.

In a world sometimes filled with difficulties, Gary and Sharon take pride in providing a bright spot for people. "We're fortunate to have this location where people can enjoy our gift," Sharon communicated. The simple effort of creating a scene can bring a smile, and that knowledge makes the entire process worth it for them. **NOW**

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Dental Hygienist Christy Taylor said, “It’s a good practice to work for. Several staff members have been here almost as long as I have.” A dental hygienist for more than 30 years, she came on board 25 years ago. “I love the doctors’ philosophy of whole health — their genuine concern.” With her father as a dentist, Christy chose this profession. She continues because of relationships built over the years at Weatherford Cosmetic & Family Dentistry.

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and staff credit long-term relationships and care for the overall health of patients as reasons for their success.

Dr. Decker always wanted to be a dentist. She had great dental experiences growing up and strives to make trips to the dentist enjoyable. “I like the interaction with patients and the relationships,” she said. “This is more than a workplace. It’s like a family. We pray together each morning during staff meetings and share experiences.”

A dentist’s son, Dr. Mulkey chose dentistry mainly because of his dad. Although he loved baseball, he gave up that career but still coaches. “I came to Weatherford because of the small-town feel,” he shared. “I want to thank all our patients for coming all these years. We get to know everyone who comes in — kind of like family.”

Dr. Romack concentrated on unique issues related to dentistry. With more than 1,000 hours of continuing education, she focuses on functional orthopedics, orthodontics, TMJ and cold and light laser therapy for various treatments, specifically tongue and lip tie in infants and beyond. She can treat teens and adults who suffer from this issue. Dr. Romack also treats sleep disorders, one of the few area dentists with training to determine whether an oral appliance provides the best option for patients.

Dr. Mulkey and Dr. Decker became two of the first dentists in Parker County to offer Bioclear treatments, a minimally invasive, less-expensive option for restructuring and repairing cosmetic flaws. Dr. Mulkey specializes in overall smile enhancement. Dr. Decker recently trained in Invisalign, boosting her ability to brighten smiles.

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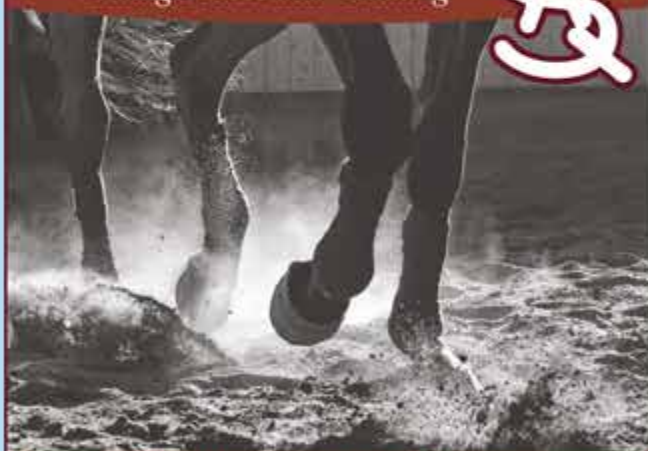
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## Zoomed In: Peggy and Robert Crutsinger

By Lisa Bell

For eight years, Peggy and Bobby Crutsinger helped homeless veterans. Bobby even gave many tents for shelter, eventually befriending an 80-year-old, who fought in three wars, living in Weatherford woods. "A veteran should never have to live on the street," Bobby said. "One day, I asked what if someone gave him an RV. He told me, 'No one'll ever do that.'"

In the summer of 2021, however, the Crutsingers started the nonprofit Operation Texas Strong. Before Christmas, Bobby presented the elderly veteran with an RV. "People donate the RV or travel trailers, and we sign over the title to homeless veterans," Bobby explained, and October 29, 2022, they gave away the 107th RV. "We're not rich, but we are blessed. We could use a truck to move the RVs."



*Pictured with Publicity Chair Anita Beckman and President Chris Thomas, Jay White, Texas Gardener Magazine, shares native Texas plants with Master Gardeners.*



*Visitors enjoy Golden Reward Sanctuary's annual open house.*



*Peach Tree Place welcomes kids for trunk or treat.*





Aubrey Woolverton poses for a fall photo op.



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## CookingNOW In the Kitchen With NOW COMMUNITY EDITORS

— By Lisa Bell

A special thanks to The Lighthouse Church in Midlothian for the use of their kitchen for the photo shoot.

At NOW Magazines, community editors enjoy creating monthly cooking features — a favorite of readers. Here we share some of our own special holiday recipes.

Angel Morris covers *MidlothianNOW* and *NorthEllisCo.NOW*. She enjoys baking because she said all her teeth are sweet. She most enjoys breakfast for dinner with her family. Virginia Riddle, editor for *CorsicanaNOW*, enjoys traveling. Her Grandmother Bates always brought ingredients for ambrosia. “The smell of the oranges was so rich and heavenly.”

*EnnisNOW* editor, Bill Smith, said, “While my wife, siblings and in-laws helped with holiday meals, everyone knew Mom was in charge, and she set a high bar for all the food.”

Editing *MansfieldNOW*, Sandra Walters shared, “My husband’s grandmother (Nebber), mother-in-law (Gail), Mrs. Scales and Mama Gee always created exquisite meals during the holidays.”

Adam Walker, the *SouthwestNOW* and *WaxahachieNOW* editor, loves exploring the world of food. “But I’ll stop anywhere that has good chocolate,” he admitted.

Covering *BurlesonNOW* and *WeatherfordNOW*, Lisa Bell grew up as Mom’s baker and said, “I come from a long line of fantastic cooks.” **NOW**

### Pretzel M&M Hugs

Angel Morris — a fun way to involve kids in the kitchen.

Servings: One bag of Hugs contains about 75 pieces (one batch). The bags of M&Ms and pretzels yield 4-5 batches total.

**1 16-oz. bag Snyder’s Snaps Pretzels, square shaped (not butter flavored)**

**1 11-oz. bag HERSHEY’s Hugs chocolates (or your favorite flavor)**  
**1 11.4-oz. bag red and green M&Ms**

**1.** Preheat the oven to 200 F. Line a cookie sheet with a baking mat or parchment paper. Place the pretzels on the cookie sheet in a single layer; top each pretzel with 1 HERSHEY’S chocolate.

**2.** Bake 4-6 minutes, or until the chocolate is shiny and soft, not totally melted! Remove from the oven; carefully place 1 M&M in the center of each soft Hug. Press down on the M&M to spread the chocolate.  
**3.** Place in the freezer or refrigerator for 10-15 minutes, allowing the chocolate to set. Store in an airtight container. *Note: If using multiple flavors of HERSHEY’S Kisses, make each flavor in its own batch as melting times will differ from flavor to flavor.*

### Ambrosia

Virginia Riddle — 4 servings (can double or triple)

**2 cups fresh oranges, cut into bite-size pieces**  
**1/4 cup coconut, shredded**  
**1 20-oz. can pineapple tidbits**  
**19 maraschino stemless cherries, halved (Reserve 4 whole cherries with stems for topping.)**  
**2 tsp. sugar**  
**1 8-oz. tub Cool Whip (optional)**  
**3/4 cup pecans, chopped (optional)**

**1.** Combine all the ingredients; stir well.  
**2.** Serve as an appetizer or dessert in compote dishes; use whole cherries with stems to top each dish.



## One Dish Chicken, Potatoes and Green Beans

Bill Smith

Spray cooking oil

2 14.5-oz. cans green beans

2-3 chicken breasts; cubed

3-5 small to medium potatoes

1 pkg. dry Italian dressing mix

Black pepper, to taste

1 stick butter, melted

1. Lightly spray a 9x12-inch baking pan with the cooking oil. Drain the green beans; place them in 1/3 of the pan area.
2. Add the chicken next to the green beans; then add the potatoes. The chicken, green beans and potatoes should each cover about 1/3 of the pan.
3. Sprinkle the dressing mix over everything. Add black pepper to taste.
4. Drizzle the butter over the top. Cover with foil; bake at 350 F for 1 hour and 10 minutes.

## Nebber's Rolls With Modern Twist

Sandra Walters

1 cup shortening

2 1/4 cups water (divided use)

1 1/2 cups sugar

1 1/2 tsp. salt

3 pkgs. instant dry yeast

3 eggs

8 cups flour

2 sticks butter, melted

1. Place the shortening, 1 1/4 cups water, sugar and salt in a bowl; heat the ingredients in the microwave for about 30 seconds. Stir until the shortening is melted; cool to lukewarm.
2. In a large bowl, dissolve the instant dry yeast in 1 cup lukewarm water.
3. Add the shortening mixture and eggs; gradually add the flour, beating well with a spoon.
4. Once combined, knead until soft, circular and elastic. Place the dough in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top of the dough.
5. Cover with a cloth; let rise in a warm place for 10-15 minutes.
6. Roll out flat; cut using a small, circular cup on a flat surface. Dip the cut out dough into the melted butter. Fold in half; place the dough close together in greased baking pans.
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## Chocolate Ribbon Pie

Adam Walker

4 oz. cream cheese

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 2 4-oz. pkgs. chocolate fudge  
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1. In a bowl, beat together the cream cheese, sugar and 1 Tbsp. of the condensed milk until smooth. Gently fold in half of the Cool Whip. Spread on the bottom of the crust.
2. In another bowl, combine the milk and remaining condensed milk. Add pudding; whisk for 2 minutes. Pour over the cream cheese layer.
3. Refrigerate for 4 hours, until well set and chilled. Top with the remaining Cool Whip; spread evenly. Garnish with cocoa powder or chocolate shavings.

## Lazy Day Soup

Lisa Bell — perfect for large gatherings when people want to eat at various times.

1 medium onion  
 1-2 Tbsp. olive oil  
 2 lbs. lean hamburger meat  
 Garlic powder, to taste

Salt, to taste  
 Pepper, to taste  
 1/2 to 1 tsp. cumin  
 2 Tbsp. cornstarch  
 1 2- to 3-lb. bag frozen mixed vegetables  
 1 46-oz. bottle V-8 Juice  
 Sour cream, for garnish (optional)  
 Cheese, for garnish (optional)

1. In a large skillet, sauté the onions in the olive oil until softened. Add the hamburger; brown, stirring in the seasonings. (I usually add other favorite spices.) When the meat finishes cooking, stir in the cornstarch.
2. Transfer the meat to a 6- or 8-qt. Crock-Pot. Add the frozen vegetables and V-8 Juice. Stir everything well; cook on low for at least 4 hours. Add water or broth if extra liquid is needed.
3. Serve in individual bowls with sour cream and cheese, if desired.

## Cherry Pecan Bread

Becky Walker, Managing Editor

1 16-oz. jar maraschino cherries  
 2 cups flour  
 2 tsp. baking soda  
 2 tsp. cinnamon  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1 1/2 cups sugar

1 cup vegetable oil  
 1 tsp. vanilla extract  
 3 large eggs  
 1 cup pecan pieces  
 1 Tbsp. cherry juice

1. Remove the cherries from the jar. Reserve the juice. Slice each cherry in half; set aside.
2. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and sugar.
3. Add the oil, vanilla, eggs, cherries and pecans; mix together. Add the cherry juice; mix well.
4. Evenly divide the batter between 2 well-greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 F for 50-55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

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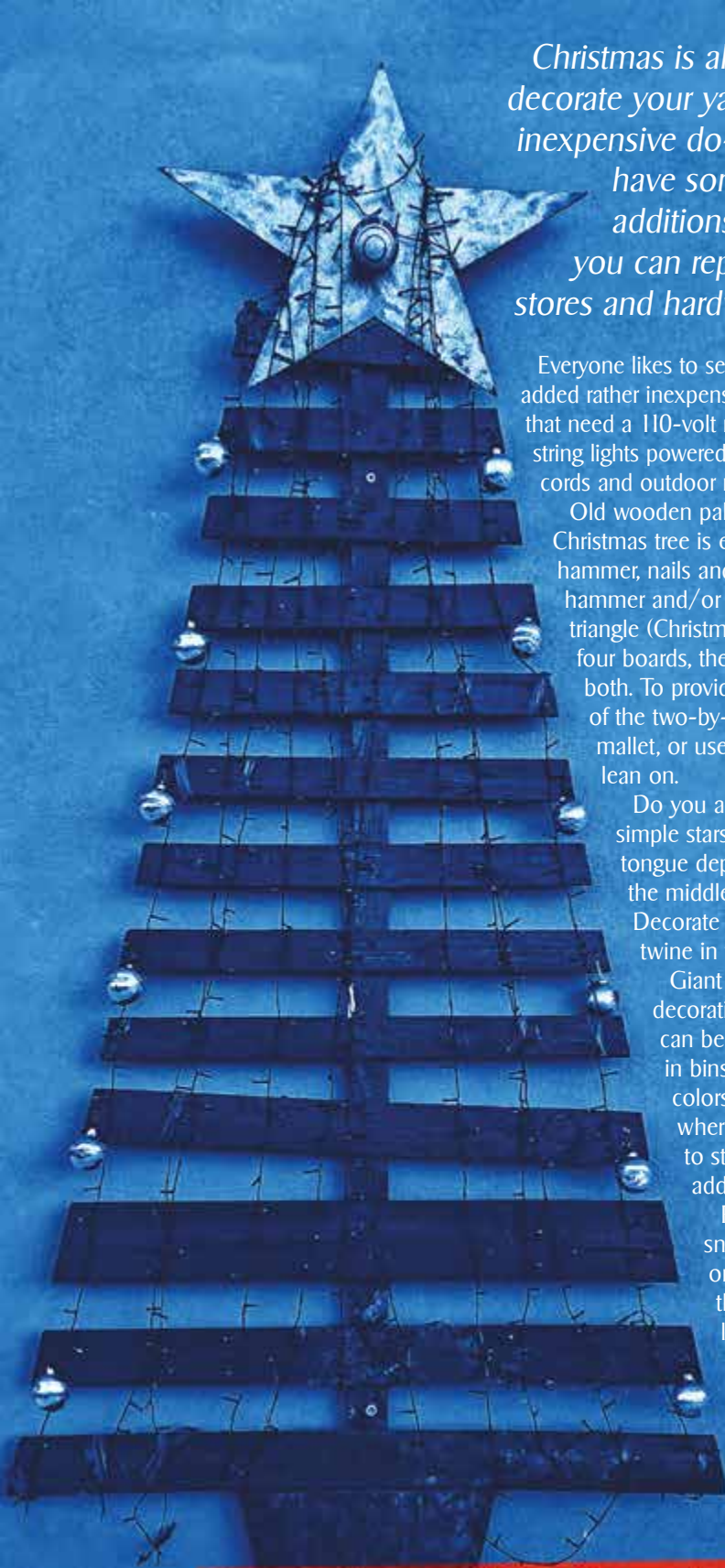
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Everyone likes to see Christmas lights as part of decorations, and they can be added rather inexpensively to most of these projects. Long strings of large bulbs that need a 110-volt receptacle can be used, but with the availability of LED string lights powered by either replaceable or rechargeable batteries, extension cords and outdoor receptacles may not be necessary for these ideas.

Old wooden pallets can be a crafter's delight. A wooden-pallet Christmas tree is easy to make, and the only tools required are a claw hammer, nails and a saw. Carefully take the pallet apart using a claw hammer and/or a pry-bar, cut the one-by-four boards into a large triangle (Christmas-tree shape) and reattach them to one of the two-by-four boards, then either paint your decorations on, add string lights or both. To provide additional support for the tree, you can sharpen one of the two-by-fours into a stake and drive it into the ground with a mallet, or use the two-by-fours as supports behind the tree for it to lean on.

Do you already have trees in your yard to decorate? Make these simple stars and snowflakes using craft sticks (Popsicle sticks-tongue depressors). Just stack several of the sticks, glue them in the middle, and arrange them to look like stars and snowflakes. Decorate them with paint and glitter. Maybe add some binder's twine in the middle to hang them from your tree branches.

Giant round ornaments are a popular addition to outdoor decorations, and an easy and inexpensive do-it-yourself project can be made with large, inflated plastic balls that you can find in bins at big-box stores. Just spray paint the balls in holiday colors, add a wooden dowel with a spot of glue in the hole where the ball is aired up, and they should be relatively easy to stick into the ground. Add ribbon to the dowels for an additional touch.

Repurpose your plastic Halloween pumpkins into a snowman! If the plastic jack-o-lanterns have a handle on them, remove them, then just use a glue gun to hold three of them stacked together. (If there is a jack-o-lantern face on them, just turn it to the back.) Spray paint them white, glue on some large black buttons and paint a face on or use other craft items for the nose, mouth and eyes. A couple of sticks from your yard form the arms, and of course you can add a scarf and a hat. Look at Frosty go!

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Paper-plate lollipops may be the least expensive decoration that you can imagine, but they may also be the most decorative and unique. Simply glue or tape a half-inch wooden dowel, (you might want to use differing lengths for variety, one foot to three feet long) to the inside of a paper plate. Glue another paper plate, upside down, to the edges of the first plate, covering the dowel. Paint both sides of the lollipop solid, with stripes or other shapes. Cover the lollipops with cellophane joined to the dowel with a ribbon, then place the lollipops in groups around your yard with the dowel driven into the ground.

Finally, make large candy-cane decorations with three- or four-inch PVC pipe. Use a long, straight piece to make the candy cane as tall as you desire, probably three or four feet, then glue elbows and small sections to the top to make the hook shape. Paint the candy cane with white spray paint. Allow it to dry, then use painter's tape to circle the candy cane at an angle from top to bottom. Spray the area between the tape with red paint to complete the decoration. Slide the bottom of the candy cane over a two-by-four stake driven into the ground to make the candy cane stand up.

Outdoor decorations are done! Now, let's trim the tree! **NOW**

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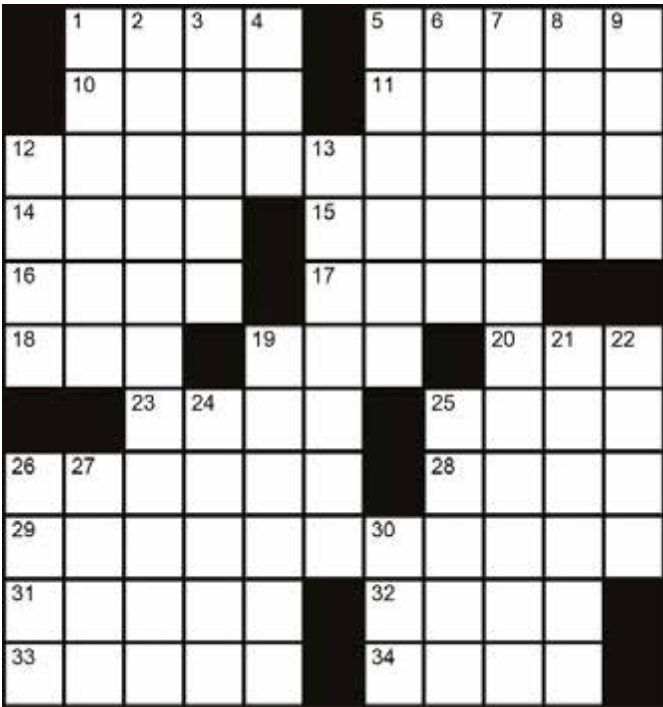
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| 10 Half of a boilermaker                           | 3 Preliminary races   |
| 11 Two-wheeled Delhi carriage                      | 4 Set to go off   |
| 12 Like the best of U S?                           | 5 One kind of jacket  |
| 14 "But, --- I what light ... " (Romeo and Juliet) | 6 Composure   |
| 15 Bricklayers                                     | 7 Embody  |
| 16 Purposes  | 8 "A Visit from the Goon Squad" writer                                |
| 17 Bridge support                                  | 9 Rather and Duryea   |
| 18 It precedes beauty?                             | 12 Serving in the navy, perhaps                                       |
| 19 Shot  | 13 Invest with authority  |
| 20 Top private                                     | 19 "To strive, ---, to find, and not to yield." (Tennyson, "Ulysses") |
| 23 Going with it is usually the easy option        | 21 Large wine holder  |
| 25 Barry Manilow's faded showgirl                  | 22 Legal proceeding   |
| 26 Relaxing order                                  | 24 Frothy milky espresso  |
| 28 Nest eggs, briefly                              | 25 Became cheerful  |
| 29 Most prominent position                         | 26 N T book   |
| 31 Discrimination                                  | 27 Small dabbling duck  |
| 32 By its own action                               | 30 Brazilian saint  |
| 33 Silky   |   |
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## DECEMBER

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### 11/30-1/1

#### **Holiday in the Park Pathway of Lights:**

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### 12/1

#### **Homeschool Hour:**

Supplement home education with this month's holiday crafts. 2:00 p.m., Weatherford Public Library. [www.weatherfordtx.gov/142/Library](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/142/Library).

### 12/2

#### **Careity Celebrity Cutting:**

Yellowstone meets 1883. Tickets available now. \$20-\$30. 7:00 p.m., Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. [www.careity.org](http://www.careity.org).

### 12/2-12/3

#### **The Wizard of Oz:**

Three showings presented by WHS KangaCO. \$10/ticket. **Friday:** 7:30 p.m.; **Saturday:** 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Durant Auditorium, Weatherford High School. [kangaco.weebly.com/musical.html](http://kangaco.weebly.com/musical.html).

### 12/2-12/18

#### **Suite Surrender:**

Live performance. **Fridays and Saturdays:** 8:00 p.m.; **Sundays:** 2:00 p.m., Theatre Off the Square, 114 N. Denton St. [www.theatreoffthesquare.org](http://www.theatreoffthesquare.org).

### 12/3

#### **Christmas on the Square and Light the Night Parade:**

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#### **Cowboy Santa & Live Llamas:**

9th Annual Christmas on the Tracks. Train rides, bounce house and slide and more. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Peacocks, 122 W. Water St. [www.facebook.com/events/1249109332263751](http://www.facebook.com/events/1249109332263751).

#### **Photos With Santa:**

Hosted by Friends of the Library, take photos with Santa (bring camera) and enjoy kids crafts to make there or take home. Free event. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Weatherford Public Library. [www.weatherfordtx.gov/142/Library](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/142/Library).

#### **Aledo Arts & Crafts Fair:**

Enjoy dozens of artisans during the 45th annual event. Shop for unique gifts. 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Downtown Aledo. [www.aledotx.gov](http://www.aledotx.gov).

#### **Christmas Tyme in Aledo:**

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### 12/4

#### **Holiday Memorial Service:**

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### 12/5

#### **Bi-annual Visual Art Exhibition:**

WC Fine Arts fall semester art reception. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Alkek Fine Arts Center, 225 College Park Dr. [www.wc.edu](http://www.wc.edu).

### 12/6

#### **Adult Artistic Expressions:**

Make a Terracotta Gingerbread House. 6:00 p.m., Weatherford Public Library. [www.weatherfordtx.gov/142/Library](http://www.weatherfordtx.gov/142/Library).

### 12/8

#### **Let's Jingle & Mingle:**

Food, entertainment, Santa, local vendors and \$5 carriage rides. \$10 includes dinner and hot chocolate bar. 5:30-8:00 p.m., Weatherford Senior Center, 1225 Holland Lake Dr. [www.weatherford-chamber.com](http://www.weatherford-chamber.com).

### 12/10

#### **Holiday Market:**

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### 12/12

#### **Teen Legion:**

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