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December to remember ...

Even in the midst of the joy I find in December, I'm invariably melancholy toward another year gone by. The decorations, twinkling lights and carefully wrapped packages warm my heart, at the same time causing me to reflect ... on loved ones lost, on those facing hardships, on the mess of a world just outside my window. This past year, and those in recent times, have seemed so unusually hard, and it is easy to lose sight of one's blessings.

I tend to be of the belief that we are not necessarily better or worse off than generations past — experiencing hardships and successes throughout history. We have made much progress as a society, but we continue to find ways to regress ... pitting anyone against others any way we can. Age, race, gender, income, education, the neighborhoods we live in, the cars we drive, even the pets we own can be used to divide us. Still, these are also things that bring us together through commonality. The problem lies in being unable to recognize the worth of those outside our own spheres.

What better time than December to consider our similitude? The Christmas parable, in fact, is a reminder that we are all born, and we all die. We all live through joy and sorrow. In between is the opportunity to make each others' lives better or worse. The gift of this season is not just receiving hope, but in sharing it ... with those different and alike.

A blessed opportunity to keep in mind year-round!

P.S. The publisher and staff of NOW Magazines would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of holiday seasons!



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AT HOME WITH JOHN AND HEATHER DONNER

— By Angel Morris

The image of a vintage red truck hauling a Christmas tree harkens simpler times. For the Donner family, it is the epitome of the holidays. “Something about that little truck just spoke to me, and it has become a staple of my decor,” Heather noted.

John, hailing from Houston, and Heather, from Dallas, might never have found their Christmas style, had it not been for a chance setup by a friend in 2006. “I was just about to move to my favorite city, Chicago, when a friend called and said there was someone she wanted me to meet,” Heather recalled. “I have to say it was love at first sight. I said, ‘This is the guy I’m going to marry.’ We started dating from that point on.”

The couple married in Maui in 2008, and shortly thereafter, they began looking for a home. “I had worked retail for a number of years and had customers mention Midlothian to me. Neither of us had ever heard of it,” Heather admitted.

In 2009, the couple came across an area they liked in Midlothian. “What drew us to the neighborhood is this tree tunnel that goes up a country road to all these big, open lots,” John recalled. “We looked at a two-story, then went a block over and found this one. We thought, *Great! Now we won’t have to clean a second level*, and the deal was done.”

The Donners knew they wanted to start a family and considered the open-concept home on an acre lot across from a farm the perfect spot. Today, their sons, 10-year-old Heath and 8-year-old Graham, enjoy their parents’ choice. At Christmas, the home is even more special.

“The first year we were here, I decorated in jewel-tone colors and used peacock feathers in the tree. Now my style leans much more traditional,” Heather explained. “I call my style ‘country charm.’ I like traditional things and traditional colors, especially when it comes to Christmas decorating. I get much of my decor at Vintage Vibe in Mansfield!”

Once the little red truck caught Heather’s attention, there was no turning back. “There are so many different uses of that truck. Every year, I have friends who buy me something to do with the truck. I use it year-round with trucks for fall, Halloween, I even have a spring truck,” Heather listed. “My husband drives a truck, and Heath is a fan of cars and trucks. It makes decorating fun for them, too.”

John added, “The boys love this big truck we set under the Christmas tree with Santa in it that’s decorated with lights. Another of our favorite pieces is this chalkboard a friend painted listing all our favorite traditions. It even has our dogs’ faces on it.”





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Although everything centers around the truck, the Donners also have a section of nutcrackers, an area of snowmen and even some Christmas gnomes. "Heather definitely has different groupings. She gets started decorating at the beginning of November because she likes to have it all done before Thanksgiving," John explained.

While she starts and finishes early, Heather admits she will change and update her holiday-tiered tray throughout the season. "The big stuff is done early, so I can just enjoy the time with my family, but I will change things up here and there all season," she said.

A special area is the dining room, where Heather said her country charm style is on display with decorated orbs, reindeer and Santa Claus. A twiggy tree with multicolored lights showcases her collection of Lolita glassware. "The brand makes glasses and has many ornaments. I put the mini glasses on a tree I call my little wine tree," Heather described.

Besides decorating, the Donners have some favorite traditions. "We have an elf, Mr. Bojangles, who appears at the beginning of December and keeps the boys entertained," John said. "We also like to have people over to look at all the decorations."





Heather hosts a brunch featuring a white elephant gift exchange with friends, and the couple always visits with extended family the day before or after Christmas. "I had two sisters, and being with family is most important for us. Growing up, we attended Christmas Eve service, and we continue that tradition with our boys," Heather reflected. "The main thing for us is to be home with just our family on Christmas Day. One of the shenanigans I've continued from my childhood is to wrap my son's gifts in unusual boxes. They may open up one and wonder why they are getting a box of cereal or muffin mix. We've always just enjoyed seeing their faces during all the experiences of Christmas morning."

As the boys mature, John and Heather hope to make holiday travel more the norm. "It becomes less about the gifts and even more about having experiences together," John said.

Sports are already a part of the Donner family experience. "We're a big sports family. Our boys are in baseball and basketball," John listed. "This has been the best community for raising our family, and we couldn't imagine living anywhere else."

Christmas is the perfect time for the Donners to reflect on their life in Midlothian. "I also love decorating for Halloween, but this is just my favorite time. I post a lot of pictures of the decorations and have friends over to see what I've put out this year," Heather shared. "I cook a big casserole on Christmas Eve to have for breakfast the next day. Then it's a joy to watch our boys play the whole day." Simple pleasures, brought in by that little red vintage truck, round out the Donners' holiday. **NOW**



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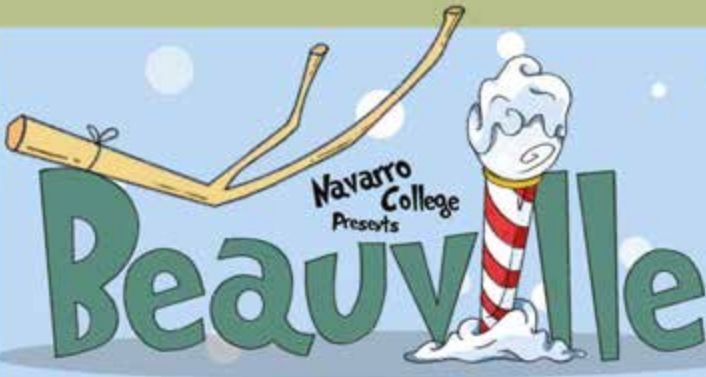
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Zoomed In: Andy McClendon

By Angel Morris

Andy McClendon recently graduated from the American Legion Texas Boys State program, which educates future leaders about government, civics and patriotism. Captain of the Heritage High School Tennis team and member of the Midlothian ISD Superintendent Advisory Committee, Andy represented MISD in the program. Delegates are handpicked by teachers, counselors and local American Legion posts throughout Texas. Former Boys State graduates include Neil Armstrong, Michael Jordan and Rush Limbaugh, as well as many congressmen, senators and CEOs.

During the one-week interactive seminar, Andy was elected mayor of Moore City, where his favorite part was the competitiveness and camaraderie among delegates. He said, "I'll also never forget getting to know the local American Legion members who invested so much time in helping me prepare for Boys State."



Angela Ewton poses with Midlothian Plumbing's contribution to the annual Scarecrow Festival.



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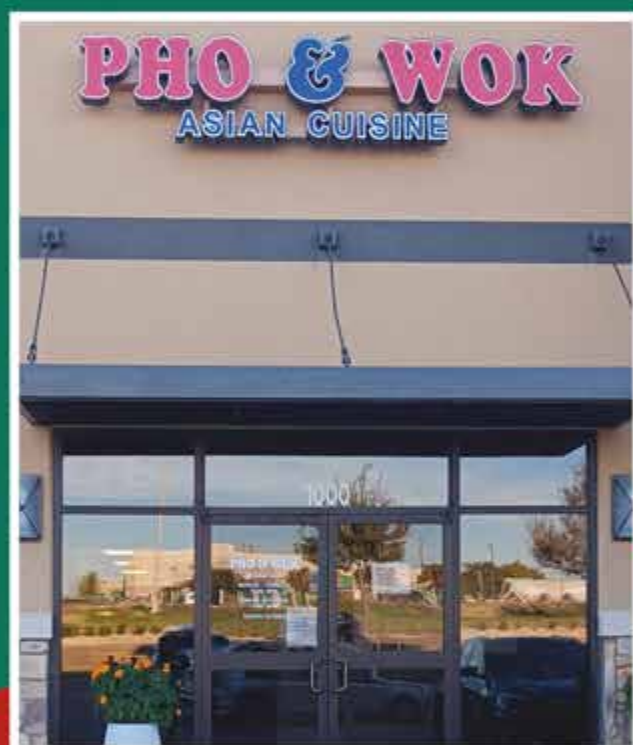
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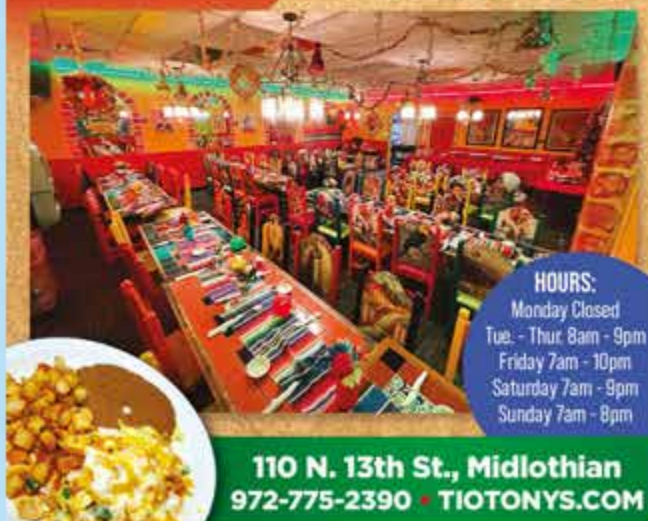
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CookingNOW *In the Kitchen With* LESLIE CHANDLER

— By Angel Morris



Leslie Chandler is from a long line of cooks, including a father who embraced cuisine from around the world. “Our house was always filled with people and a mouthwatering variety of smells coming from the kitchen,” she recalled fondly.

Leslie’s “foodie family” enjoys trying new things but appreciates holiday favorites. “I’ve been making Peppermint Marshmallows since the girls were 2. Now, they are teenagers in the kitchen carrying on the tradition,” Leslie noted. “We also enjoy hopping in the car with hot chocolate for a Christmas lights tour, going to ICE! at the Gaylord Texan and making edible gifts to share!”

Leslie is founder of National Charity League, Southern Star, a volunteer organization for Ellis County moms and daughters in seventh-12th grades. She currently serves the group as vice president of philanthropy. **NOW**

Raspberry Chipotle Tenderloin

Our favorite quick holiday dinner!

2 trimmed pork tenderloins
1 15.75-oz. jar Fischer & Weiser Original Roasted Raspberry Chipotle Sauce
1 yellow onion, roughly chopped
8-10 peeled garlic cloves
Coarse black pepper, to taste

Sea salt, to taste
Dash of garlic powder

1. Put the tenderloins into a large Ziploc bag with the raspberry chipotle sauce. Marinate in the refrigerator at least 4 hours, or, even better, overnight!
2. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Place the tenderloins side by side with about 2 inches

between them. Pour half of the remaining marinade over the tenderloins.

3. Place the onions and garlic cloves around the tenderloins. Season with pepper, salt and garlic powder. Seal the top of the tenderloins with another layer of foil; cook for 25 minutes. Check the temperature with a meat thermometer. Once the thickest part reads an internal temperature of 155 F, it is done; allow to rest 10 minutes before serving.

Peppermint Marshmallows

3 1-oz. pkgs. unflavored gelatin
1 cup ice water (divided use)
12 oz. (about 1 1/2 cups) granulated sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1/4 tsp. kosher salt
3/4 tsp. peppermint extract
1/4 cup powdered sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
Nonstick cooking spray
2 drops red food coloring

1. Place the gelatin into the bowl of a stand mixer, along with 1/2 cup water. Have the whisk attachment standing by.

2. In a small saucepan, combine the remaining water, granulated sugar, corn syrup and salt. Place over medium-high heat. Cover; allow to cook for 3-4 minutes. Uncover; clip a candy thermometer onto the side of the pan. Continue to cook until the mixture reaches 240 F (about 7-8 minutes). Once the mixture reaches this temperature, immediately remove from the heat.

3. Turn the mixer on low speed; while running, slowly pour the sugar syrup down the side of the bowl into the gelatin mixture. Once all the syrup is added, increase the speed to high. Continue to whip until the mixture becomes very thick and is lukewarm (about 12-15 minutes). Add the peppermint extract during the last minute of whipping.

4. While the mixture is whipping, prepare a pan as follows: Combine the powdered sugar and cornstarch in a small bowl. Lightly spray a 9x13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Add enough of the sugar/cornstarch mixture to completely coat the bottom and sides of the pan. Return the remaining mixture to a bowl for later use.

5. When ready, pour the mixture into the prepared pan, using a lightly oiled spatula for spreading evenly. Drop food coloring onto the marshmallows, swirling it into the marshmallows. Dust the top with enough of the remaining sugar and cornstarch mixture to lightly cover. Reserve the rest for later. Allow the marshmallows to sit, uncovered, at least 4 hours and up to overnight.

6. Turn the marshmallows out onto a cutting board; cut into 1-inch squares. (I use oiled kitchen scissors or a pizza wheel dusted with confectioners' sugar). Dust the sides of each marshmallow with the remaining sugar/cornstarch mixture, using additional if necessary. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 weeks. *Note: It keeps well in cellophane bags for gifting with hot chocolate!*

Sugared Bourbon Pecans

- 1 cup white sugar**
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg**
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon**
- 1/4 tsp. salt**
- 1/3 cup bourbon**
- 1/3 cup water**
- 2 cups pecan halves**

1. Cook the first 6 ingredients together until the mixture reaches soft-ball stage on a candy thermometer.

2. Stir in the pecans; spread out on waxed paper to cool.

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1. Start by placing small bowls atop a board; fill them with jams, jellies and nuts. Slice cheeses and spiral them out from the bowls filling in between the spaces with crackers and bread.

2. Finish with chocolates, fruit and cookies. Garnish with rosemary.

Christmas Breakfast Casserole

Prepare on Christmas Eve for Christmas morning.

1 lb. spicy or mild ground pork sausage

1-2 tsp. mustard powder

1/2 tsp. salt

4 eggs, beaten

2 cups milk

6 slices white bread, toasted and cubed

8 oz. mild cheddar cheese, shredded

1/2 tsp. cayenne

1. Crumble the sausage into a medium skillet. Cook over medium heat until brown; drain.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the mustard powder, salt, eggs and milk. Add

the sausage, bread cubes, cheese and cayenne; stir to coat evenly. Pour the mixture into a greased 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover; chill in the refrigerator for 8 hours or overnight.

3. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Cover; bake 45-60 minutes. Uncover; reduce temperature to 325 F. Bake an additional 30 minutes, or until set.

4. Note: We double this recipe to fill a large casserole dish.

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Mini MASTERPIE

— By Angel Morris

Salt dough ornaments are one of the things some adults remember making with their grandmothers as children. Even though these ornaments only required three ingredients and little skill, they thought they were creating masterpieces. Since the activity can still be recalled decades later, perhaps they really were!

If you're looking for a relatively easy DIY to enjoy with your children or grandchildren this holiday, salt dough ornaments may be the solution. Here are 10 steps to making mini masterpieces, and lifelong memories, from flour, salt and water.

Supplies:

Cutting board
Rolling pin
Cookie cutters
Drinking straw
Cookie sheet
Acrylic paint
Paint brushes
Ribbon

Ingredients:

2 cups flour
1 cup salt
1 cup water (divided use)

STEP 1: Preheat the oven to 150-170 F (If your oven runs hot, go for the lower temperature, as higher temperatures decrease the chances of your dough remaining flat.)

STEP 2: Combine the flour, salt and 1/2 cup of water in a bowl. Blend the ingredients by hand. Blend in the remaining water, kneading until well combined. More water may be added, little by little, to eliminate any stickiness and achieve a smooth dough.

STEP 3: Cover a cutting board with flour. Knead the dough ball atop it.

STEP 4: Roll out the dough with a rolling pin to about 1/4-inch thickness.

STEP 5: Firmly cut shapes out of the dough with cookie cutters. Once you've cut out as many shapes as you can from the flattened dough, carefully remove all of the excess dough. You can reform another ball with the remaining dough, roll it out again and cut more shapes, repeating until all dough has been used.

STEP 6: Use the drinking straw to poke a hole through the top of every shape, so you can tie a ribbon through it for hanging on the tree.

STEP 7: Gently transfer cut-out shapes from the cutting board to the cookie sheet. Bake for about 3 hours.

STEP 8: Remove the ornaments from the oven when they feel solid to the touch, but before they begin to turn brown. Allow them to cool for at least 1 hour.

STEP 9: Paint the cooled ornaments however you like! You may want to choose a color palette in advance, so they all match — whether that's pastels, rainbow brights or traditional Christmas colors. You can also add texture to the ornaments with craft supplies, such as glitter, sequins, beads or even buttons.



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STEP 10: Loop a ribbon through the pre-cut hole atop each ornament, tying a knot so the ornament may be securely hung on tree branches. These cut-outs can also be used as gift tags or even serve as gifts themselves.

Shapes like candy canes, pine trees and stars are holiday classics, while snowflakes, hearts and alphabet initials can hang around the house throughout winter. Maybe you let the kids select themes, like animals or nature, choosing your cookie cutters accordingly in advance.

However simple or involved you want to make the experience, salt dough ornaments are a fun family activity for any age or skill level. If you'd like, you can have each little artist sign and date them on the back with a paint pen or permanent marker, so your family masterpieces commemorate this moment and memory for all time. **NOW**

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Dr. Allala is a graduate of the Texas A&M School of Dentistry. "When I started there, it was still Baylor. My diploma has both names on it," she recalled. "I specialize in oral surgery, and we're really good at it. I'm nothing without my team. We do everything in dentistry. I like being well rounded. I enjoy being an overachiever, so I'm constantly taking continuing education, keeping up with all the

newest techniques and technology. I'm also a native Spanish speaker. I grew up speaking both languages. Our YouTube videos explaining procedures are available in both English and Spanish."

Dr. Allala is proud of the service they provide at Serenity Advanced Dentistry. "I think we give five-star service. And I know my staff is five-star. We know what works and what doesn't. I know it sounds corny, but this is my life's work. Most of my staff have been with me for years, at different locations around DFW, before I came to Cedar Hill. I met Mariela seven years ago, in Pleasant Grove. It was my first job out of school. Racine has been with me four years, and Jazmine three years, both in Red Oak. Our newest team member is Jessica. She found us three months ago when she emailed me looking for an opportunity to shadow a dentist."

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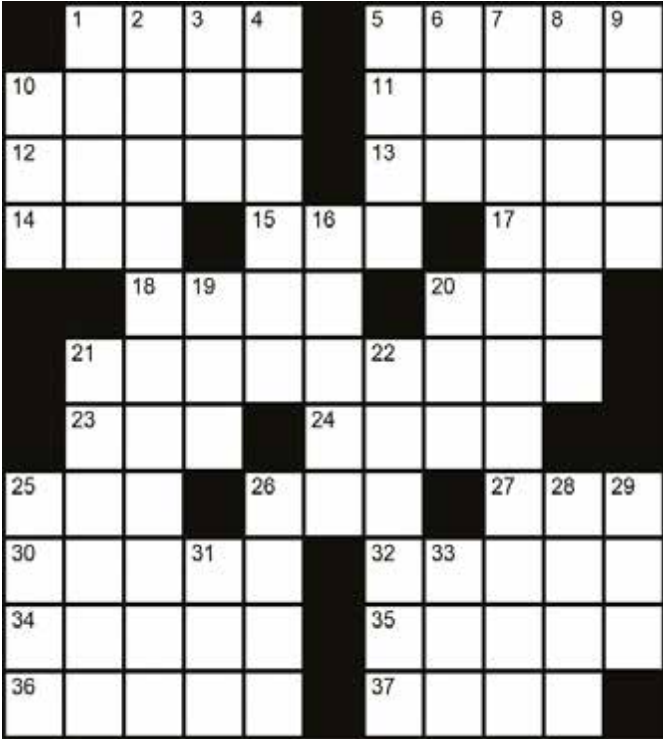
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- 15 Cut and dried grass
- 17 Saturn's wife
- 18 Decorated
- 20 Front end cover on a car

Down

- 21 Excels
- 23 Drug also known as "ozone"
- 24 Involved with
- 25 It regulates flyers
- 26 Bring to bear
- 27 Hoppy beer
- 30 No fun
- 32 Shun
- 34 It's an honor
- 35 They are often checked
- 36 Short literary composition
- 37 Act fresh
- 1 "Deal!"
- 2 Dr Cid reacts about ways to pay
- 3 Mandela's party
- 4 When that time arrives
- 5 Lean and muscular
- 6 Commotion
- 7 Noon burials arranged for bodies in the workplace
- 8 Patronize
- 9 Strong attraction
- 10 Head honcho
- 16 Ethiopia's capital, --- Ababa.
- 19 Bottle top
- 20 Discontented shout from the bleachers
- 21 Suit passed out
- 22 Untrustworthy people
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DECEMBER 9

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Looking for a fun and creative way to celebrate the holiday season? Join us for our Christmas Craft Class where you'll learn to make beautiful, handmade holiday wreaths, and we will have gifts for sale.

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DECEMBER

Some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled while we were at press. Check with individual organizations or your city or Chamber websites to verify dates and times.

12/1

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:

Kick-off the holiday season at this reverent event. 6:00-7:00 p.m., Heritage Park, 234 N. 8th Street. Rainout date is 12/3.

12/2

Jingle Belles 5K & Rubies I-Mile Fun Run:

Supporting the Heritage Belles Dance and Drill Team as well as the Rubies Dance and Drill team. A portion of proceeds benefits Bridges Foundation.

Rubies Fun Run: 8:00 a.m.;

Jingle Belles 5K Run: 8:30 a.m., Midlothian Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St.

Hometown Christmas Craft Show:

Vendor booths, holiday music, handcrafted gift items, holiday treats, free drawings and prizes, plus visits from Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Grinch.

\$3 admission. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle Dr.

City Christmas Festivities:

Explore Santa's Village, take selfies with Santa, enjoy make-and-take activities, shop the arts and crafts market and more. Free. 1:00-4:00 p.m., Midlothian Community Park, 3601 S. 14th St.

Santa at the Ranch:

For families with special needs.

Meet with ranch animals, visit with Santa, play games, create crafts and enjoy holiday refreshments. Free. Donations welcomed. 2:00-4:00 p.m., Paws for Reflection Ranch, 5431 Montgomery Rd.

For more details, visit <http://www.pawsforreflectionranch.org>.

Annual Holiday Light-Up Parade:

This year's theme is "Believe." 6:00-7:00 p.m., route will follow S. 14th St. from Midlothian Community Park to Mt. Zion Road.

12/6

Christmas in Ovilla:

Snow slide, a visit with Santa, mini carnival rides, vendors and more. 6:00-8:30 p.m., Ovilla Road Baptist Church, 3251 Ovilla Rd.

12/8

Merry Movie Night:

Featuring Dr. Suess's *The Grinch*. Free burgers from In-N-Out Burger while supplies last. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Midlothian Community Park, 3601 S. 14th Street.

12/8-12/9 and 12/15-12/16

Carriage Rides for CASA:

Step back to yesteryear and support children's futures. Railyard Park, 455 S. College St., Waxahachie.

12/9-12/10

Historic Waxahachie Christmas Tour of Homes:

Tour five historic homes decorated in unique holiday styles. 2:00-8:00 p.m.

For tickets and details, visit <https://www.historicwaxahachie.com/2023-christmas-tour-of-homes/>.

12/16

Kids' Crafty Saturday:

Christmas-themed crafts for children in the first-fifth grades. Free. 11:00 a.m.-noon, A.H. Meadows Public Library, 923 S. 9th St. Register online at Midlothian.tx.us.

Wednesdays

DivorceCare:

Group sharing for those who have gone through or are going through divorce. DivorceCare for Kids ages 5-12 meets at the same time. Care for younger children available. 6:30-8:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 800 S. 9th St. For more information, call (972) 775-3993.

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Reservations due each Thursday before the meeting. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Waxahachie Country Club, 1920 W. Hwy. 287 Business. For more details, contact Dee Ann Ellis at (972) 921-6221 or deeanellis@sbcglobal.net.

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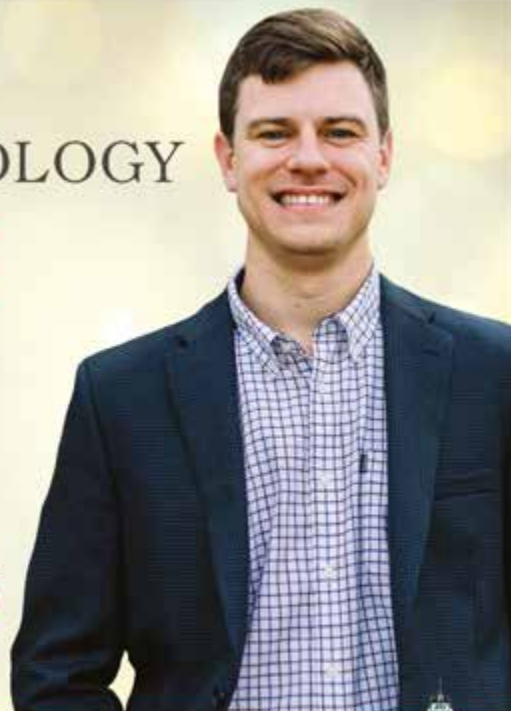
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