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Welcome to 2026!

It's rare that I get to spend time with my extended family, since we're spread far and wide across this nation. But during the past two months, I've been able to make new connections with the latest arrivals to our family tree and reminisce with the older branches of that tree, all while making new memories. The best thing about the first event, a family reunion, is that after 10 years of not seeing each other, we've committed to holding the reunion every two years. Anticipation is a great way to start this new year! We had over 80 participants from six states and Paris, France, during the three-day weekend.

Thanksgiving brought another gathering of friends and relatives in New Mexico. We camped in Alamogordo together, thanks to my youngest granddaughter's wish to return to White Sands National Park. For a week, folks came and went as their work schedules and other holiday plans allowed. There's nothing quite like gathering around a campfire and telling tall tales of family lore while roasting

marshmallows for s'mores. Brilliant sunsets and soft twilight colors falling over the sand dunes after each day of sledding the dunes were special treats that allowed for some great photo ops.

And, finally, my family gathered to celebrate my youngest daughter's graduation from her Texas Tech University medical studies. She will chart a new career path in neurology ICU starting next month.

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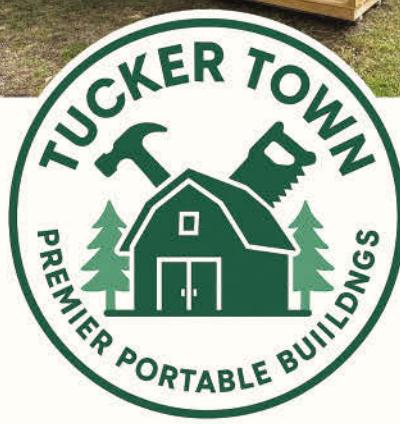
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The need for a new animal shelter for Corsicana is about to become a reality. “It’s been a long time coming,” stated Ashley McCalvin, Corsicana’s shelter manager. “The Humane Society of Navarro County members started seeking community support for the idea, but when Jim Holgersson stepped in as city manager and CPD Chief Robert Johnson got behind the idea, the public really rallied behind the need.”

Since construction of the new shelter was approved and passed by the Corsicana City Council in spring 2025, the HSNC has been an active partner with plans to also construct an adjacent building for the nonprofit. Andrea Kurtz and Christina Robinson, board members of the Animal Shelter Project, have been working hard with others to help with the new shelter’s design, raise funds through the Corsicana Animal Shelter Fund and generate community interest and support throughout the construction and beyond. “The location of the new shelter will be at 2800 Drane Road,” Erin Abay, HSNC program director, explained. “The city



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— By Virginia Riddle

already owned the property, and now we’ll be neighbors. It’s part of the former state home property across from the I.O.O.F. “The HSNC and fund have nonprofit status. We’ve hit the ground running seeking funds and grants.”

Erin continued, “It’s confusing as to how the HSNC and the shelter work together. The HSNC mission is to reduce pet population through our spay and neutering program. It’s kind of like having both defense and offense working

together to win the game.”

Jim was charged with forming a committee to oversee the design of the new facility. The committee worked with architect Ron Hobbs, who is experienced in designing animal shelters, as well as Chief Johnson and Ashley. “We looked at studies, visited other sites and trusted Ron,” Ashley said.

The resulting plan will include nearly twice the capacity of the outdated and overcrowded shelter currently in use.

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“There’s also room for expansion,” Ashley added. “There will be a real office that we don’t have to share with animals, and the overall flow will be better and will help the adoption process. There will be an isolation room, play yard, meet and greet room, and everybody will be inside. Our cats

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A licensed rehabber, Ashley pointed out, "There will be room for other animals besides dogs and cats." We get some calls from around the county and calls about wildlife as well as other domesticated animals and household pets such as goats, pigs, hamsters and ferrets. They all need help, too."

Ashley and Erin are continually challenged both to interest people in adopting or fostering the available animals and by the task of educating pet owners about spaying and neutering. "Funding will be an ongoing job, and finding more volunteers to work with the animals is also on our list of challenges," Andrea added. Kids ages 12-17 can volunteer with a parent or legal guardian to help, and adult volunteers are welcome. Another program, Ducky's Pet Food, so named for Erin's dog, Ducky, can always use helping hands to bag and distribute dog and cat food to pet owners who need a little help feeding their canine or feline friends.

Ashley, a Denton, Texas, native, began her work at the Corsicana Shelter

13 years ago as a kennel tech. She has gained her vet tech and animal control certifications since then. While animals are her passion, she also enjoys gardening, cooking and singing. "My best memory so far was the day I was made shelter manager," she said.

A Corsicana native, Erin is very passionate about animals. "They are a source of comfort and companionship for so many people," she said. "My bond with Ducky, who is nearly 14 years old, is huge." Erin enjoys spending time with her husband, parents and granddad; reading; and is a music aficionado.

Andrea is from Oklahoma. Three years ago, she and her husband, Jeffrey, moved to their Richland Chambers home full time. "I enjoy people and am very goal oriented," Andrea explained. She enjoys boating and traveling, especially to Mexico. Equally passionate about animals, Andrea enjoys her volunteer roles at the shelter, Angels of Corsicana Troop Support and her subdivision's HOA. "We love how little traffic there is in Corsicana," she added. "We know all our neighbors, and it's peaceful here."

Ashley, Erin and the team of

volunteers and employees of HSNC/CAS were honored to have a float in the 2025 Festival of Lights Christmas Parade, and Ashley and Erin were named the parade's co-grand marshals. Supporters have attended the sellout fundraisers this past year with enthusiasm, but the biggest celebrations will be at the groundbreaking and the ribbon cutting on the new Corsicana Animal Shelter and the adjacent HSNC office. "We want the community to be able to walk through the new facility, so everyone can see where the money has been spent," Andrea revealed.

Erin added, "We have been so amazed at how dedicated people, really the whole community, has been to this project. Everyone has come with a 'dog with a bone' type tenacity. It just shows how much people care and love being a part of something that will benefit our pets, pet owners and community for years to come." **NOW**

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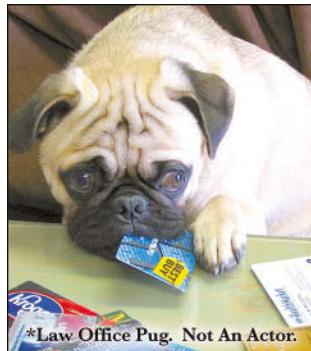
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Zoomed In: Mckenzie Jenkins

A Navarro County native, Mckenzie Jenkins graduated from Rice High School and headed for Texas Tech University from which she received her degree in psychology. After earning her master's degree, Mckenzie was a community health professional before purchasing the Turquois Pistol Boutique. "My degrees are very versatile," Mckenzie remarked.

She volunteers through her church and loves baking "since I was little bitty," cosmetology, shopping, reading and "drinking good coffee." She treasures going to lunch after weekly church services with her family, which includes her mother, a nurse; her dad, a firefighter; and her grandparents. Mckenzie and her husband — also a firefighter — like to take two trips annually. "I'm a beach girl, and he likes winter weather," she explained. "Our community, however, is the best!"

By Virginia Riddle



Ruby Williams and Joe Brooks pause for a photo while painting during the Community Paint Day.



Linda Lammers, Val Mattice and Peggy Nirider, all Newcomers Club members, enjoy the Kinsloe House Fall Fashion Show.



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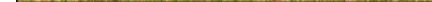
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care. "We work with hospice companies as well," Justin said. Pets are allowed on an individual approval basis in the independent and assisted living areas only, but they can occasionally visit other areas of the facility. Through the Connected Care Center portal, offered by the facility, relatives and/or friends, with permission from their resident, can access daily updates on their loved one's care, health and wellness. Family and friends are encouraged to visit during the posted visiting hours.

"We're only as good as the team, and we work as one big house and family.

The care facility has received Best of the Best honors and was listed in Newsweek's 2026 listing of U.S. Best Nursing Homes. Tours of the facility are encouraged, and staff are available to potential residents and their family members to work through social, medical and financial issues. Payment can be made through Medicare/Medicaid, private pay or private insurance. Regulated by the Texas Health and Human Services Department, the facility has received a recent deficiency free inspection. It's a member of the Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce.

Justin's a new face at Heritage Oaks, but not to Corsicana folks, since he's a Corsicana native and member of the CHS Class of 2001. He attended McMurry University on a soccer scholarship, Navarro College and graduated with a degree in business management from Texas Tech University. Justin received his administrator's licensing studies through McLennan Community College. With 12 years' experience, he enjoys seeing people doing therapy and returning home, building a team and creating a homey atmosphere. An avid vinyl record collector, hunter and fisherman who enjoys traveling with his wife and blended family of four kids, Justin concluded, "Best of all, I love seeing the grandmas and granddads who I had known while growing up thrive at The Village at Heritage Oaks." **NOW**



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Hot or cold, bathed in or sipped, derived from springs or wells, surfacing in grand hotels or in natural grottos, the mineral waters of Texas have long been believed to provide cures for many of the ailments people have suffered through the ages. The crudely shaped bathtubs carved by long-ago indigenous tribes in the Boquillas Hot Springs, located in what is now Big Bend National Park, can still be seen and used today by adventurers. Hispanic and Anglo settlers found springs in nearly every part of this state, and many of the towns' names reflect the lifegiving importance the early settlers attributed to the springs.

Texas naturalist, Gideon Lincecum, highlighted the “medicated waters of Texas” in the *Texas Almanac* for 1868. In remote areas, the mineral springs, mostly containing sulfur, hydrogen sulfide or iron, remained privately owned and quietly used by local townsfolk, but the popular “taking the waters” movement of the 1800s also urged developers to commercialize springs located near larger cities and railways in hopes of attracting a following to their luxury resorts and hotels.

which featured the medicinal waters. From Cypress, Mineral Wells, Marlin, Lampasas and San Antonio to nearly 50 other Texas cities, bathhouses and bottled waters became hot commodities and were a source of income for these cities which welcomed travelers from afar. Prosperity flourished in those cities, and even today, homes and businesses from that era reflect the riches derived from the springs.

Sadly, however, the “taking the waters” movement peaked in the 1890s and declined for the next 30 years. Most of the former glory existing in those cities is now in decay or has disappeared, such as San Antonio’s Hot Wells Hotel. Its three stories featured first-class rooms; shopping; ballrooms; meeting rooms; pools; Turkish-, Roman- and Russian-style baths; modern conveniences for 1901 when the hotel was completed; and masseurs. A film company and other attractions developed around the resort, which boasted its own railway spur. Among the notable guests were Rudolph Valentino, Will Rogers, Douglas Fairbanks and Mrs. Teddy Roosevelt, who traveled there in their private railway cars. During WWI and the Prohibition Era, the hotel housed military officers stationed at Brooks Field, and then became a school. It was destroyed by fire in 1925.

Time hasn’t been kind to other hotels and resorts that once were glamorous and relaxing getaways either. However, there’s a movement afoot to bring some of that glamor back. The city of Mineral Wells has



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— By Virginia Riddle



had two decaying downtown hotels that were once great destinations for taking the waters — the Crazy Water Hotel and the Baker Hotel. The former has been restored and is open to the public, and the latter is due to be reopened in early 2028.

The original Crazy Water Hotel was completed in 1912. Following a fire in 1925, it was rebuilt in the late 1920s by Dallas developers and has recently been brought back to its former glory, largely due to townspeople investing in the remodeling needed. A historic structure, the doors and configurations are original. The basement spa area has been remodeled and reopened with the mineral waters pumping again through new pipes. The rooftop boasts a bird's-eye view of the town and surrounding hills from its outdoor patio and indoor glass-walled ballroom. Visitors can sample the waters at a lobby bar to see what number they prefer. The higher the number, from 1-4, the more minerals are present. It derives its name from the Crazy Well, one of several wells drilled in Mineral Wells shortly after the city was established. Legend has it that a woman drank from the Crazy Well twice daily and was cured of her mental illness.



Known as the Grand Old Lady of Mineral Wells, the Baker Hotel was completed in 1929. Another historic building, its beautiful Spanish Colonial Revival architecture will be retained and restored. Built by T.B. Baker at a cost of \$1.7 million originally, it rises 14 stories high and was the first Texas hotel to offer a swimming pool. A hotel entrepreneur, Baker owned and/or built the Baker Hotel in Dallas; the Menger, Gunter and St. Anthony hotels in San Antonio; and the Galvez Hotel in Galveston, among many others. The Baker Hotel in Mineral Wells closed first in 1963, reopened and closed again in 1972. Today, it stands as a testament to Texas' rich hospitality history. **NOW**

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CookingNOW

IN THE KITCHEN WITH KATHY WELLS

— By Virginia Riddle



Kathy Wells' love of baking started early in life with her Easy-Bake Oven. "My mother was born and raised in Corsicana," Kathy said. Later, during Kathy's childhood, when her family came to visit her grandparents, she loved sitting in her grandmother's kitchen watching and learning. She especially recalls the making of fig preserves. "My grandmother gave me a pound cake recipe that I made in 4-H, and I won first prize," Kathy added. "I've enjoyed experimenting with baking and cooking ever since — a recipe is just a guide."

Three years ago, Kathy moved to Corsicana so her mother, a dementia patient, could return to her roots. "Thankfully, a wonderfully supportive Caregivers Support Group meets at the Corsicana Senior Center on Mondays," Kathy said. "When the group celebrated its one-year anniversary last August, I made cupcakes." **NOW**

Chicken Pot Pie

Pie Filling:

Butter, margarine or cooking spray, for greasing

3-4 boneless/skinless chicken thighs, cooked (or use rotisserie chicken)

1 10.5-oz. can cream of chicken soup

1 15-oz. can mixed vegetables (or mix chunks of desired vegetables)

1 14.5-oz. can green beans or 1 15-oz. can corn (optional)

1 14.5-oz. can potatoes (or use 10 small potatoes or 2 large potatoes, cooked, diced)

8 slices American cheese or any other hard cheese, cut

Season with desired seasonings, to taste

Topping:

1 cup pancake mix

2/3 cup water

1 egg

1. For the pie filling: Grease a casserole dish; preheat the oven to 375 F.

2. In a large bowl, mix all the filling ingredients well; pour the mixture into the prepared casserole dish.

3. For the topping: In another bowl, mix

all the ingredients well; spread the topping mixture over the filling.

4. Bake for 35-45 minutes, or until the topping is golden brown.

Wilton Buttercream Icing

1/2 cup vegetable shortening

1/2 cup butter, softened

1 tsp. Wilton Clear Vanilla

4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar

2 Tbsp. milk or water

1. With a mixer, cream the vegetable shortening and butter; add the vanilla. Gradually, add the sugar 1 cup at a time while beating on medium speed. Scrap the bowl's sides and bottom often.

2. After the sugar is added, add the milk or water; continue to beat on medium speed until the desired consistency is achieved.

3. Leftover icing can be refrigerated for use later; warm to room temperature, and rewhip by mixer before using. *Note: A Wilton 1M tip can be used to make roses or classic swirls.*

Yellow or Chocolate Cupcakes or Cake

1 yellow or chocolate cake mix

1 egg

4 Tbsp. The Saco Pantry Cultured Buttermilk Blend

1. Blend the cake mix according to package directions, adding the extra egg and cultured buttermilk blend.

2. Continue to follow the cake mix package directions to make either the cupcakes or cakes.

3. Frost yellow cupcakes/cake with chocolate icing. Frost chocolate cupcakes/cake with Wilton Buttercream Icing. *Note: Homemade icing is very easy to make and so much better.*



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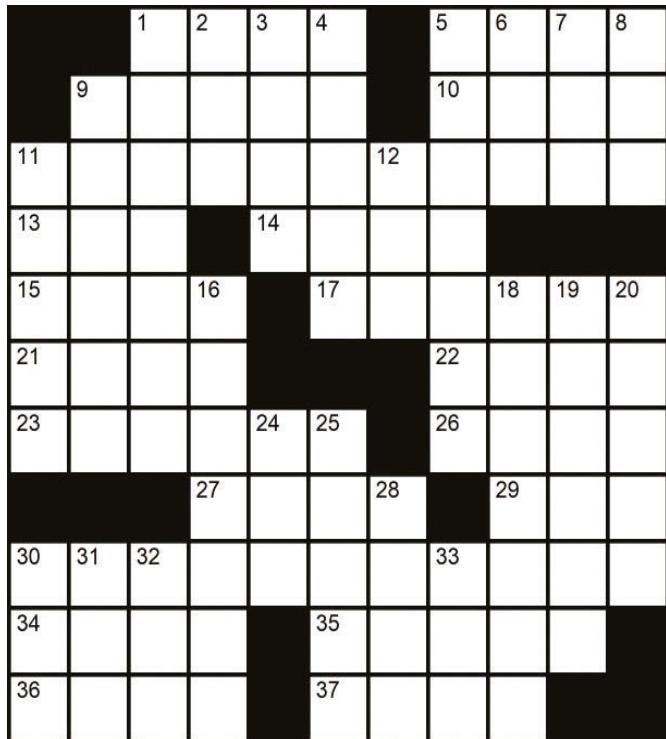
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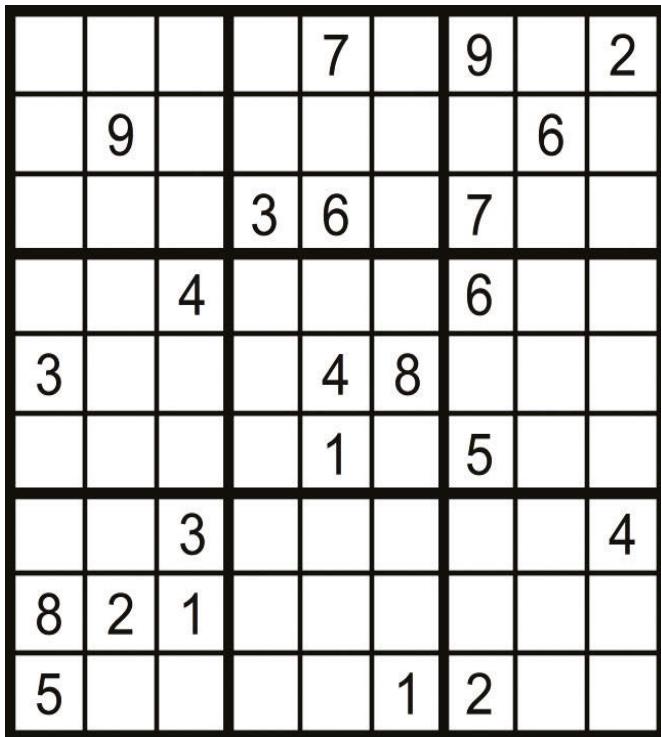


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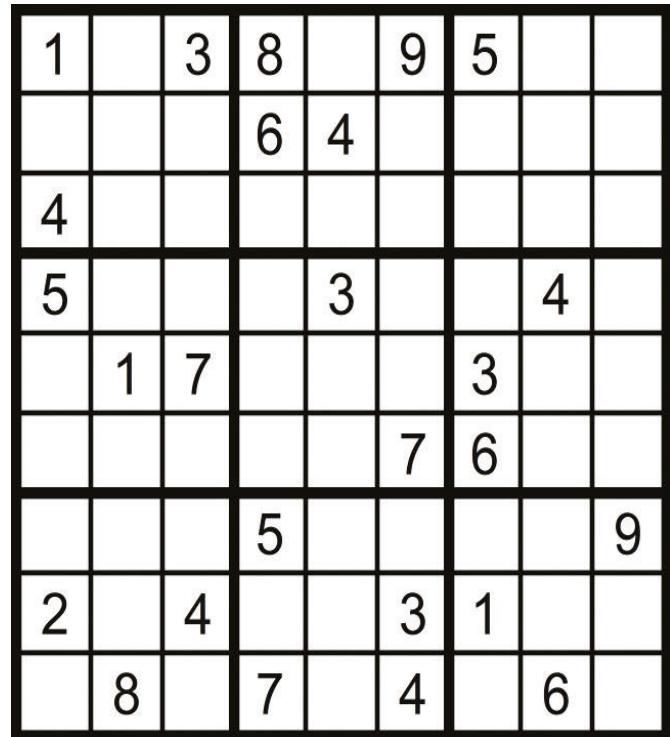
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www.americanplainsartists.com.

1/3

Puzzle Swap:

Bring, work on and/or take
a jigsaw puzzle. 10:00 a.m.,
Corsicana Public Library, 100 N.
12th St. Facebook: Corsicana
Public Library.

1/7, 1/14, 1/21

Kinsloe House Luncheons:

Reservations required. Noon,
Kinsloe House, 618 W. 3rd Ave.
(903) 874-5791.

1/10

Olive Branch Book Club Meeting:

Noon, Olive Branch Eatery, 409
N. Beaton St. (903) 602-5000.

1/19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration:

"The Power of a Dream Where
Do We Go From Here?"
Speaker Tannis Manning 10:00
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Park Rd; youth program with
speaker Shayla Johnson: noon,
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1/23

The Oak Ridge Boys:
7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre,
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1/27

Game Night:
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Meeting:**

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www.rotarydistrict5870.org.

Caregiver Support Group:
4:00 p.m., Corsicana Senior
Center, 919 W. Park Ave.
(828) 228-3579.

Tuesdays

Lions Club Meeting:
11:30 a.m., Bulldog Board
Room, Navarro College-
Corsicana Cafeteria, 3200 W.
7th Ave. Facebook: Corsicana
Lions Club.

Yoga at the Library:
Bring your own supplies. 6:00
p.m., Corsicana Public Library,
100 N. 12th St. Facebook:
Corsicana Public Library.

Third Wednesdays

Senior Fun Day:

Lunch, crafts, bingo, dominoes
for age 60-plus seniors.
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,
MLK Center, 1114 E. 6th Ave.
For more details, call
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Wednesdays

Storytime:

10:30 a.m., Corsicana Public
Library, 100 N. 12th St.

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Corsicana Public Library.

**Corsicana Rotary
Club Meeting:**

Noon, Corsicana Country Club,
4100 Country Club Dr.
www.corsicanarotary.com.

Second Thursdays

Savvy Seniors:

Lunch, games. 11:30 a.m.,
Corsicana Senior Center, 919 W.
Park Ave. (903) 654-4980.

Fourth Thursdays

Corsicana Newcomers

Club Meeting:

Reservations required. New
officers will be installed. 11:00
a.m., Kinsloe House, 618 W.
Third Ave. Annie Avery,
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Third Fridays

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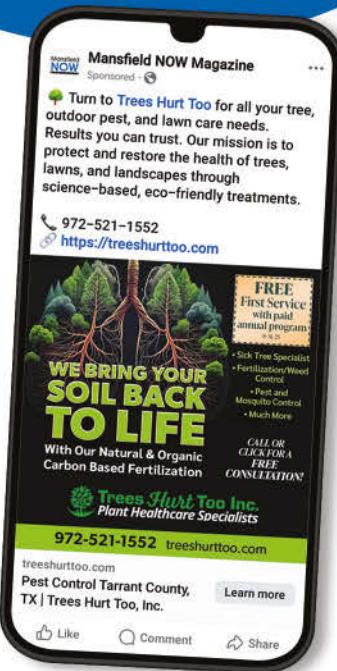
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