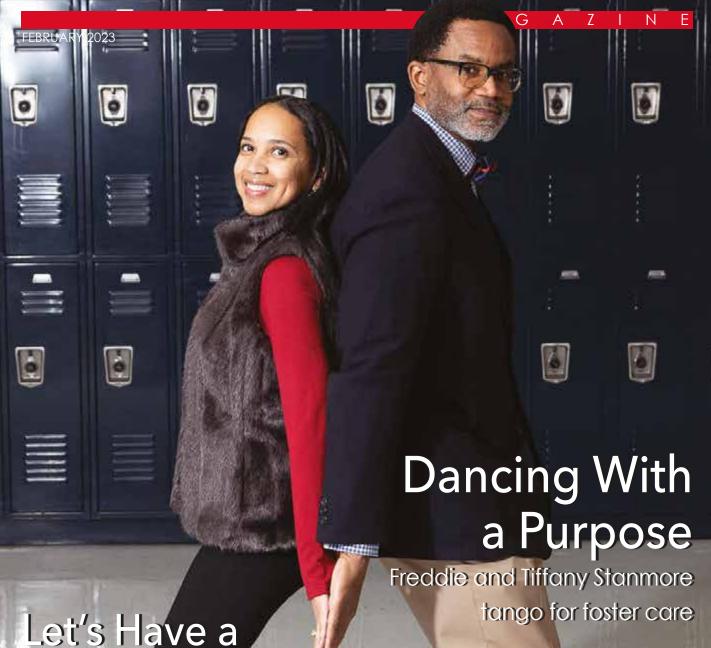
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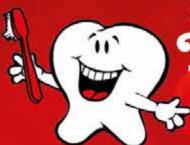
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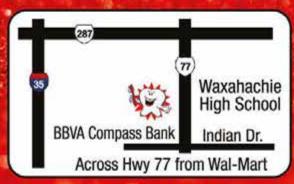
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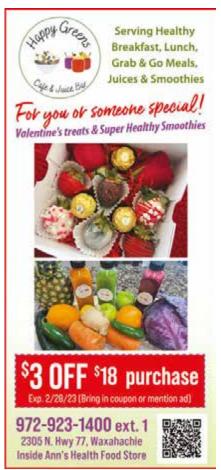


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EDITOR'S NOTE

Love is a confusing word ...

In English, we love our parents, our children and our spouse with the same word we use to love our friends, our dogs and video games. We love cars, romantic comedies and udon noodles. It's really confusing. What do we really mean when we say we love someone?

When we're talking about things, we usually don't really mean love. Normally, we only *eniov* movies or comic books or orchids. We say we love them, but that's not what we really mean. We just mean those things give us pleasure. They make life more fun. They help us relax and breathe a little easier. Maybe they even add a little meaning to life.

When we're talking about our pets, the feelings can get really intense. Dogs and cats form bonds with us, depend on us, give and receive affection. Having an animal in your life can even make you live longer. And the cuteness can just overflow. Losing a pet triggers real, lasting grief. There can be real love there.

Love for your friends is a different sort of love. You can relate to other people in ways that you can't with dogs. Sometimes that's a good thing, and sometimes you wish your friends were more like Fido.

Relationships with parents can be complicated, but a good relationship with a parent lasts forever. Love for spouses can be complicated, too, and sometimes it goes wrong and ends ugly. But when it's good, it's great. Love for children is an awesome thing to behold. A woman in mama-bear mode can take on an army!

None of these are quite the same thing. All of them are good.

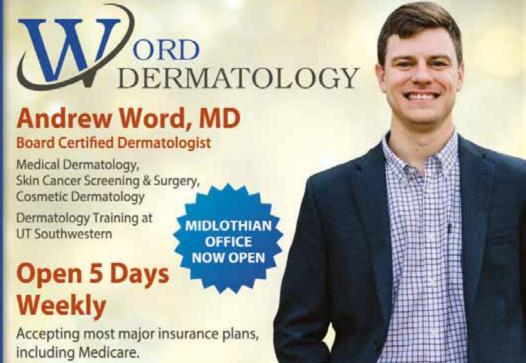
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Dancing With a Purpose

Freddie Stanmore is an educator. His wife, Tiffany, works in the film and TV industry. Neither one of them is a dancer, but when Kelly Saunders from the Texas Baptist Home for Children approached them about participating in their Second Annual Dancing With the Ellis County Stars fundraiser, they couldn't say no.

"One of my Life School parents works at TBHC. I was principal for her oldest daughter and am currently for her youngest daughter. There wasn't much to think about," said the principal of Life Middle School Waxahachie. "It was an easy yes. It's for the kids."

"It wasn't that easy for me," Tiffany admitted. "I didn't want to get out there and embarrass myself! But I decided it would be fun."

The Stanmores are one of six teams competing. "There are five couples and a family competing," Tiffany explained. "We don't know what dances the others are doing. I chose the tango because I had always wanted to try it. There was a little discomfort at first, after the first couple of practices, but after a lot of practice at home, I said, 'OK, we can do this!"

The Stanmores, like all the other couples, are asked to raise donations for the TBHC while they are learning their dance. "We've raised over \$1,500, and we're hoping to raise quite a bit more," Freddie informed. "About half of the staff at our campus bought seats for the performance. The winner is chosen by voting at the event. It costs \$5 per vote. You can also watch online the night of the event and vote. We've asked for donations from friends and strangers alike. Again, it's for the kids."

The hardest part of the experience for Freddie has been scheduling the practices around his duties as a principal. "I've been at Life School









for 14 years. I've been the principal for five years. Before that, I was assistant principal for three years and an eighthgrade science teacher. Chemistry was my major in college."

"For me, it has been learning the routine, what comes next," Tiffany confessed. "I've worked in film and television as a second assistant director. I've also worked in casting, wardrobe and production management. I've done work as an extra for several projects including playing a PE teacher in a movie filmed in Red Oak." So performing is nothing new for Tiffany, just the dancing in public.

"Julie Grayson, from Danceworks, is our choreographer. She's been great to work with," Tiffany added. "For years, every time I heard that beat, I could see myself dancing a tango. Now, I'm actually doing it. It's just bizarre! Our dance is only two minutes. Everyone gets two minutes." They're dancing to an instrumental version of a Jasmine Sullivan piece that was inspired by the song titled "Bad Man Waltz," that may be familiar, even if you never knew the name of it.

Even though the performance is still days away, Freddie and Tiffany have had so much fun that they're already considering next steps. "I think we'd like to explore this a bit more. I'd like to launch into more dance lessons and learn more styles," Freddie explained. "I've enjoyed spending time with my wife, and I'm excited about getting to perform."

"I've enjoyed learning the steps. Dancing is really fun. And getting to



dress up and have a good time for a good cause is nice," Tiffany added.

This fundraiser was very successful for TBHC last year, and this year is looking like another success, so Dancing With the Ellis County Stars is likely to become a feature of the community. If asked to participate again Freddie and Tiffany are open to the idea. "I think we'd do it again," Freddie said. "I give everything I've got for the kiddos. And I hope we can inspire others to do the same, to step outside their comfort zone and do something for someone else. It's my calling. It's what I was made to do, to help other people. This (serving) is something I'm good at. This is a fun way to give."

Tiffany agreed. "Dr. King said, 'Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve.' Our goal is to inspire service. And there are many ways to give: money, physical labor, donating time. We're all here to serve. This is just a fun way to give."

Judging by the responses they've had, that goal is working out. "We've had several people ask, 'How can we participate?' I give them the information for TBHC and encourage them to reach out to the team there," Tiffany added.

Dancing With the Ellis County Stars will be held on February 11 this year. The live event will be held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, but it will also be available online. Votes for your favorite team help support TBHC's work with foster care, adoption, care for teen mothers and expectant mothers. **NOW**



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If you are a die-hard football fan, then the Super Bowl is all about watching the game. If you are a casual football fan, but really enjoy viewing your local or regional team, and they make it to the Super Bowl, you want to watch the game. But even if you are not really into the game, you might still enjoy the commercials that Madison Avenue develops, and the advertisers pay serious money to have them aired during the big contest. Still not a fan? The halftime show is just for you!

Whatever category you fall into, hosting a Super Bowl party can be a lot of fun for both the hosts and the guests. If it is your turn to put on the party, here are four focus areas that can make your party a hit with apparel, decorations, games and food!

There are a couple of ways to go with apparel. Rather than

your invitation saying "casual dress," why not say "football related attire"? Most of your guests will arrive wearing the jersey of their favorite team, but some might get creative and come as cheerleaders, referees or play-by-play commentators. These days, most invitations are sent by email, and it would be easy to offer some subtle hints by attaching pictures of some alternatives. Or you could offer, "optional dress, come representing your favorite Super Bowl commercial." Imagination takes over, and someone shows up as a Pepsi can or a Budweiser Clydesdale!

Decorate the space for the party with balloons, paper lanterns, streamers, pom-poms and other party decor in the teams' colors. Paper plates and plastic cups are fine for this casual affair, and your local party supply or big-box store will probably have them in team colors. You can probably find a green tablecloth marked with yard lines to look like a football field. If you have some green cloth, you can make your own yard lines with a simple piece of white chalk. Goal posts are simple to make with a few straws, a hot glue gun and a couple of squares of Styrofoam to support them. Use a big water cooler (the kind they use at the end of the game to dump Gatorade on the winning coach) for holding punch, and maybe a bucket of ice decorated with streamers to hold other canned or bottled beverages.

Some guests will be too far into the game to want to participate in other games, but others may want some side action. An inexpensive football board that pays a dividend on the score at the end of each quarter may actually spark some additional interest in the game. Some other games can be played before the big game comes on and during half time. Challenge your friends to a football trivia contest, and award a simple prize to the winner. Change it up a little by having a Super Bowl commercial trivia contest! A 1992 Nike ad showed Michael Jordan playing hoops with what cartoon character? (Bugs Bunny!) Another idea for the commercial lovers is charades, but all of the clues are acting out a Super Bowl commercial from prior years, and the opponent tries to guess what product is being advertised. If you can take the games outdoors, bean bag toss is popular, and if you have time to make the bean bags in the shape of footballs, even better. Smaller children could even have a variation of the game indoors, using a green felt "football field" with a large round or square design to land the fleece football on, Kids love LEGOs, so you could have them make goal posts with the LEGOs and use them either on a table or on the floor with paper triangle "footballs." (Warning — the dads may take over this game!)

Finger foods rule at a Super Bowl party, and guests are often more than happy to bring simple things like chips and dip. Staying with the football theme as the host, you might want to have a "concession stand" with food like your guests would find if they were at the stadium — corn dogs, fries and popcorn. If Buffalo is in the big game, Buffalo wings might be in order. If it's Kansas City, how about barbecue? Serve Tex-Mex if Dallas is playing. Philadelphia would lead us to cheesesteak! You get the idea.

Just remember, it's not whether your team wins or loses, it's just about how much fun we have. Now get ready for the kickoff! NOW

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Around Town



Rama Landers, Joyce Grant, Sherry Mondragon and Kat Seeds share a few yarns while learning to knit.

Zoomed In: The Wilsons

Chase Wilson took advantage of an extra day off to get some time at Getzendaner Park with his daughter, Kezie, and nephew, Will. "I teach at Waxahachie High School," he mentioned. "We were supposed to have an in-service training day today, but they notified us we didn't have to come in today after all. I brought my kids (my son's around here somewhere) and my nephew up here for some time outside and to enjoy some activity on a sunny day. I think they may have spent too much time on the tire swing, spinning around," he laughed.

Chase teaches welding at the high school and is excited about how the welding program is growing. "We got to hire a couple of new teachers for the program this year!"



Aaron Velasquez gets a start on his New Year's resolution.



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The cast of John Lennon & Me poses onstage at Life High School Waxahachie.

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Christian Clardy finishes off a cup of coffee after his Bible study time at White Rhino.



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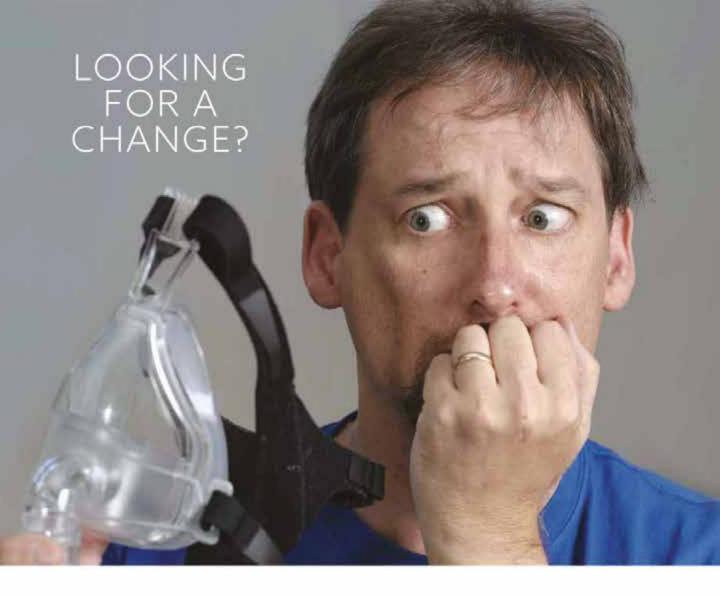
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Dustin Leek, MD is double board-certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Pain Medicine, and starting in May, he will be the medical director for the new ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Waxahachie. "I treat all forms of pain, from headaches and fibromyalgia to spine, joint and nerve pain, but I take a whole-person approach. I don't really like the word management because it sounds like a road to nowhere. I want to help my patients recover."

Many of Dr. Leek's patients are dealing with neck and lower back issues. "I have patients of all ages, but many of my patients are 50 to 60 years old and have several health issues, such as obesity, diabetes or insomnia. They suffer from low back or joint pain, especially in the shoulders and knees. Many of them have already been to several pain doctors."

Dr. Leek looks at the physical condition of his patients. "We may order imaging of the bones and joints, or do a nerve study, an EMG, to diagnose conditions like sciatica and carpal tunnel syndrome. We also run labs to check the blood and urine to assess levels of inflammation."

But he also looks at the social and spiritual condition of his patients. "We look at diet and sleep patterns. Social support and spiritual health also can influence the resilience and purpose our patients may feel and directly affect longterm recovery."

So many Americans are living with pain. "On average, there are nearly 30,000 patients suffering with pain per board-certified pain doctor in the U.S. That's why I'm putting an emphasis on social media. I have a studio

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Cooking is part of Darlene Vasquez's life. "I started cooking when I was 16. Some things my mother-in-law taught me, and some my mother taught me. But mostly, I just learned by trying to make dishes and just got better with time. I find new recipes online, in recipe books or from friends. I make them my own by just leaving some things out or not putting as much as they call for, especially with spices. Some recipes call for too much of certain spices.

"I was born and raised in Waxahachie. If you asked me if I was going to work in a cafeteria, I probably would've said no. But I've been cooking for I8 years now with WISD, and I enjoy cooking for the kids." Now

Crock-Pot Roast With Pinto Beans

- 2 cups dry pinto beans, washed and drained
- 1 10-oz. can diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
- I small onion, chopped
- 1/8 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt

- 1 tsp. chili powder 1/2 tsp. beef bouillon 2 to 2 1/2 lbs. boneless chuck roast Salt (optional) Pepper (optional)
- **1.** Pour the beans into a 6-qt. Crock-Pot; set aside.
- **2.** In a small mixing bowl, stir together the canned tomatoes, onions and all seasonings, including the bouillon; pour over the beans and stir.

- **3.** Lay the roast on top of the beans. Season the surface with salt, pepper and more garlic salt, if desired, to taste. Add enough water to cover the beans and half the roast.
- **4.** Cover the Crock-Pot; cook for 4-5 hours, until the roast falls apart and the beans are tender, adding more water as needed throughout cooking. Serve with cornbread.

Crock-Pot Chicken Spaghetti

- 1/2 cup yellow onion
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper
- 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- 1 10.5-oz. can cream of chicken soup
- I can chicken broth
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese (divided use)
- 1 lb. spaghetti

Oil

1. In a Crock-Pot add the onions, bell peppers, spices, chicken, soup, broth and I cup of the cheese. Stir to mix. Cook 3-4 hours, until the chicken is done. With a fork and knife, shred the chicken in the pot.

2. Cook the spaghetti in a pot of water with a little oil, to prevent it from sticking together. Once tender drain the spaghetti

2. Cook the spaghetti in a pot of water with a little oil, to prevent it from sticking together. Once tender, drain the spaghetti, and add it to the Crock-Pot along with the remaining cheese. Keep the Crock-Pot on warm, until the cheese is melted.

Crock-Pot Menudo

3 lbs. honeycomb beef tripe

1-2 lbs. pig's feet

45 oz. canned hominy (1 30-oz. can, plus 1 15-oz. can)

1/2 cup onion, chopped

I tsp. minced garlic

2 bay leaves

1 tsp. oregano

5 Tbsp. menudo spice mix

1 tsp. salt

1 14-oz. can chicken broth

I. Add all the ingredients to a Crock-Pot. Cover with water.

2. Set to cook for 10 hours.

My Grandma's Coconut Pie

I deep dish pie shell

2 cans evaporated milk

4 whole eggs

1 1/2 cups sugar, plus 2/3 cup (divided use)

4 tsp. cornstarch

1 Tbsp. vanilla flavoring

1/2 cup coconut

6 egg whites

- **I.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. Cook the pie shell until done.
- **2.** In a medium saucepan, add the evaporated milk, whole eggs, 1 1/2 cups sugar, cornstarch, vanilla and coconut; cook on medium heat, stirring constantly until thick. Pour into the cooked pie shell.
- **3.** In a bowl, beat the egg whites, on high speed, until foamy. Once foamy, slowly add the remaining 2/3 cup of sugar; continue beating until stiff peaks form.
- **4.** Spread the meringue over the filling, sealing to the edge of the crust. Sprinkle with more coconut; bake until the meringue is lightly browned, approximately 15 minutes.

Banana Nut Bread

8 ripe bananas

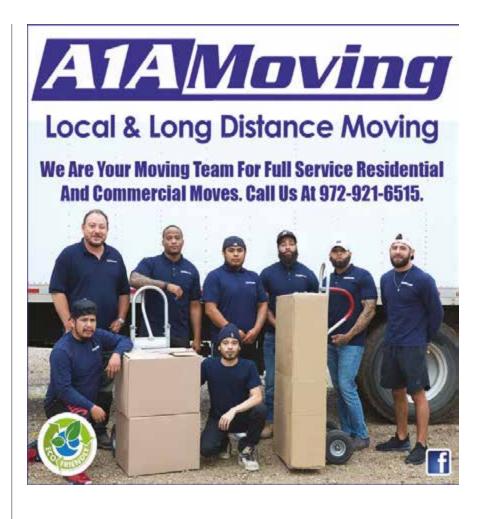
4 eggs, beaten

I cup vegetable oil

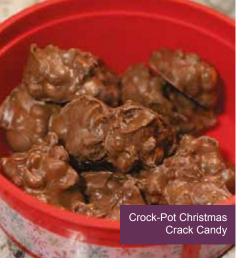
6 Tbsp. milk

2 tsp. vanilla flavoring

4 tsp. butter flavoring







1 tsp. salt2 tsp. baking soda1 tsp. baking powder2 cups sugar

4 cups flour 2 cups nuts, chopped

1. Place the bananas in a bowl. Using a stand mixer or a hand mixer, beat them until they are all mashed up. Add the eggs, oil, milk, vanilla and butter flavoring; mix. Add the salt, baking soda, baking powder, sugar and flour; beat until well combined. With a spatula, fold in the nuts.

2. Divide equally between 2 greased loaf

pans. Bake at 350 F for 40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Peach Cobbler

Cinnamon sugar

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1 2-ct. box frozen Hill Country Fair piecrusts
1 cup melted butter
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. vanilla
Pinch salt
2 29-oz. cans sliced peaches, drain and reserve juice

1. Prepare an 8x 10-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Put 1 frozen piecrust in the bottom of the pan; bake at 350 F until brown.

2. In a saucepan, on medium heat, combine the butter, sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, salt, peaches and 1 cup of the reserved juice. Cook until it thickens.

3. Pour into the baked piecrust. Top with the remaining raw piecrust, either unrolled

as a sheet, or cut into strips to make a

lattice. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Bake until the top crust is done and brown.

Crock-Pot Christmas
Crack Candy

Makes about 40 pieces.

1 16-oz. jar unsalted peanuts

1 16-oz. jar salted peanuts

1 12-oz. bag semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 12-oz. bag milk chocolate chips

2 10-oz. bags peanut butter chips

2 1-lb. pkgs. white almond bark or vanilla candy coating

1. In a Crock-Pot, layer all the ingredients, starting with the peanuts. Turn the Crock-Pot on low, cover with the lid and leave for 2 hours. Remove the lid; stir to combine. Leave for another 30 minutes; stir again.

2. Using a cookie scoop, place the mixture on waxed paper; allow to cool for I hour, until fully set.



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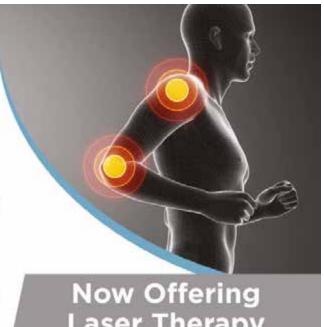
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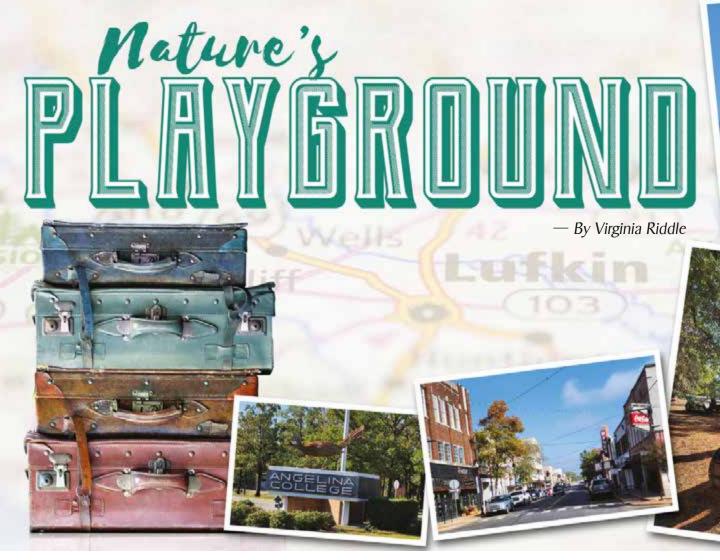
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The smell of pine is usually in the air, especially on dew-filled early mornings. Birds chirping busily in trees and logging trucks hitting the roads, it's another busy start to a day in Lufkin, Texas.

The city was founded in 1882 as a depot stop for the narrow-gauge Houston, East and West Texas Railway. A debate exists over the city's namesake. Some records show it was Abraham P. Lufkin, a Galveston merchant, and some records list Edwin P. Lufkin, a civil engineer and surveyor. The city was incorporated in 1890 and became Angelina County's seat in 1892. Surrounded by towering forests, its major industries are foundries and wood and paper mills, the largest of which was Temple Industries, now Temple-Eastex.

The legend of Angelina, for whom the county is named, dates to 1690 when the Spanish Franciscan fathers explored the Piney Woods and befriended Angelina, an indigenous girl from the Hasinai Tribe. Her name graces a river, a village, a national forest and the county. Of Texas' 254 counties, only Angelina is named for a woman.

In the 1930s, land was acquired by the United States to create the Angelina, Sam Houston, Sabine and Davy Crockett national forests in East Texas, making the Neches River Valley

the largest continuous wildlife area in East Texas. Lufkin and the surrounding national forests and state parks provide plenty of outdoor, family fun. Bikers of all proficiencies can enjoy the Azalea Trail, Crown Colony Loop and Old Orchard Park. Birding and golfing are available. Hiking and running trails are in city parks, on a college campus and nearby Angelina National Forest; Davy Crockett National Forest, which also offers horseback trails and camping; and the Sabine National Forest. Lake Sam Rayburn and the Cassels-Boykin County Park Lake offer fishing, boating and swimming. Want to paddle your own canoe or kayak? Alligators, otters, birds and other wildlife can be viewed along the 9.2-mile Neches-Davy Crockett Paddling Trail, a designated Texas Paddling Trail.

Family fun continues with the dinosaurs in the Naranjo Museum of Natural History or with lumberjacks at the Texas Forestry Museum. Parks and playgrounds are available in all parts of the city. Lufkin is also home to Atkinson Candy Company, maker of Slo Poke, Chick-O-Stick and other vintage favorites. Visit the Ellen Trout Zoo, the Hijinx Trampoline Park, Pawsitive Animal Encounters, Skate Ranch and city splash parks.

Lufkin, a Main Street member since 1983, boasts a vibrant downtown with restaurants, businesses and entertainment. Come enjoy SpringFest, Halloween, Heritage Festival, Flag Day and Christmas events. Lufkin and Angelina College offer



great shows in the Pines Theater, as well as art exhibits showing creations from a thriving local art community. Downtown murals brighten several buildings.

From barbecue to hamburgers, pizza, seafood, Italian, Asian, Cajun or downhome Southern comfort food, Lufkin has a restaurant that will please palates. Fast food, bakeries, restaurants, delis and coffee shops are available. B&Bs, camping, RV parks, hotels and motels are available in all price ranges. Come stay for a day, a weekend or longer. NOW

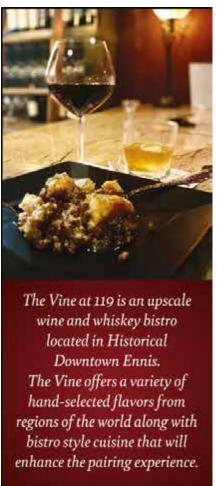
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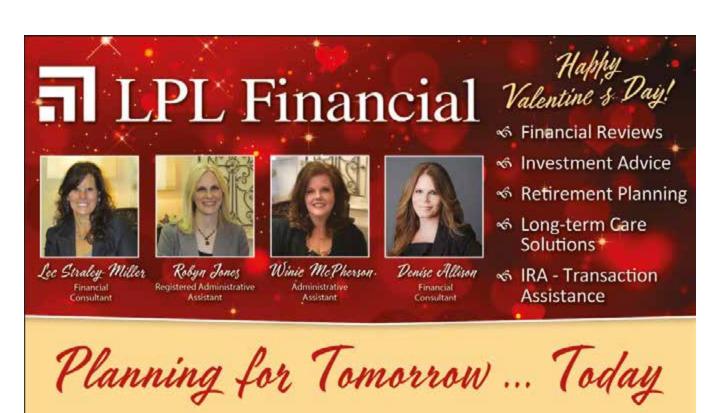
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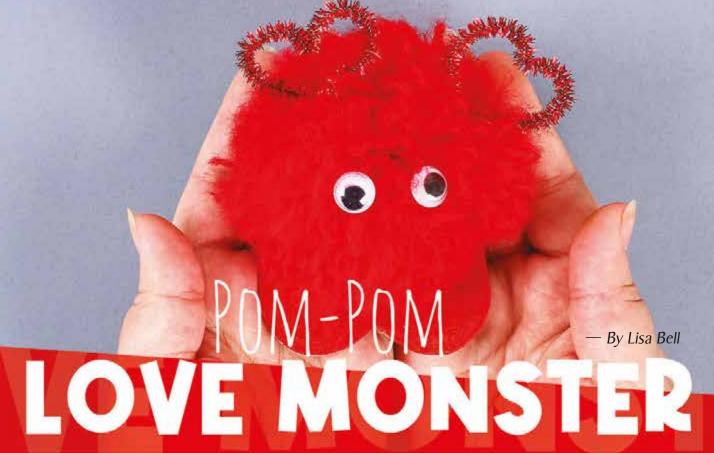
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Looking for a quick, easy craft this month? Easy enough for children, these adorable pom-pom love monsters make a fantastic, inexpensive gift to show love. Even grown-up kids can't resist the cuteness of these miniature monsters. And the best part, by changing colors and shapes, imagine what you can do for the rest of the year!

A perfect craft for a cold winter day, consider experimenting with various colors. For other holidays, get creative with the ear shapes and colors used. This also can use leftover yarn from other projects, keeping the cost even lower.

Ideas for various months include shamrock ears and green yarn in March, flower ears and bright colors for spring. Red, white, and blue work for May and July. You might incorporate miniature hats for Fourth of July, January, October and December. Add a bow or try variegated yarn. Let your creativity run wild with this craft, and in the process, make

memorable moments with children and grandchildren. Perhaps create the creatures for each other, and every time you look at them, cherish that memory of a fun craft day.

Whatever you choose to create, follow these simple instructions and vary them to fit your style.

Step 1: Gather supplies.

You need red yarn, 2 googly eyes, 1-2 red chenille sticks, cardboard, red marker, empty toilet paper roll and a hot glue gun or strong craft glue.

Step 2: Make a pom-pom.

Start with an empty toilet-paper roll and red yarn. *Note:* Use any smooth cylindrical item to create multiple sizes of pom-poms. A rolling pin, straight glass or bottle, vitamin bottles, etc. provide a base for different sizes. Wrap the yarn loosely around the roll to the desired fluffiness. Carefully slip the yarn from the roll, keeping it in a loop. Using a separate piece of yarn, tie the middle of the yarn together securely.

Next, cut through the loops and use a makeup comb to separate and fluff your pom-pom. Finish by trimming the pom-pom to even out the different lengths. Set aside.





Step 3: Create the feet.

Cut a heart shape from the cardboard, and color it with a red marker. As an alternative, you can use red foam or felt or a pre-cut sturdy heart shape. You might want to use a wooden heart and paint it red.

Step 4: Form the ears.

Using the red chenille sticks, bend into heart shapes and secure them together at the bottom. Leave about 1/4-inch at the bottom, and trim away the excess. Wire cutters or sharp scissors work well for cutting these, but never use Mom's sewing scissors.

Step 5: Assemble your creature.

While hot glue guns dry immediately, they also can cause burns. Warning: parents should always monitor children closely when using hot glue. A sturdy craft glue works well but requires time to dry after finishing the project.

Glue the ears to the top of the pompom and the eyes in the appropriate position. For more fun, make the eyes uneven if desired. Glue the pompom to the prepared heart shape with the round part in the front and the point in the back. Let it dry.

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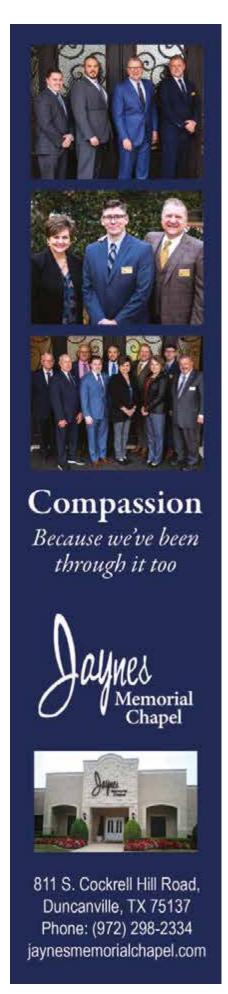
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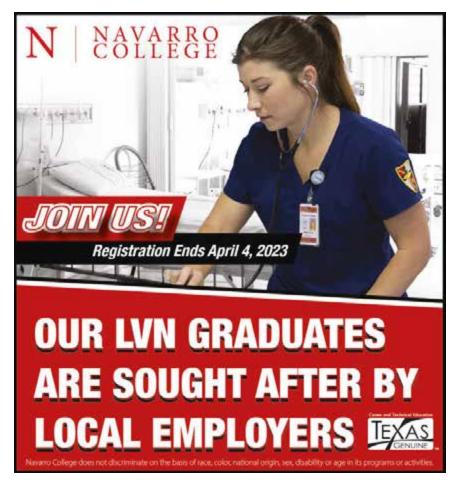
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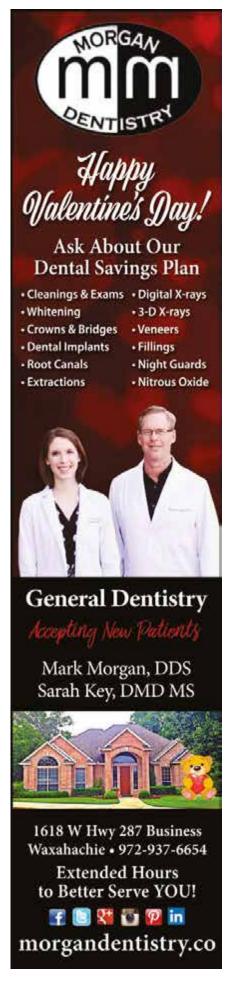












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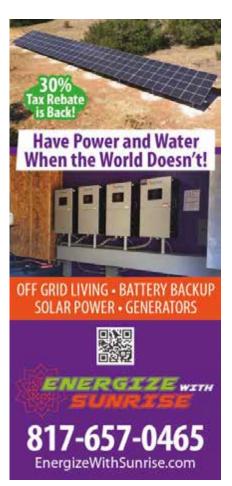












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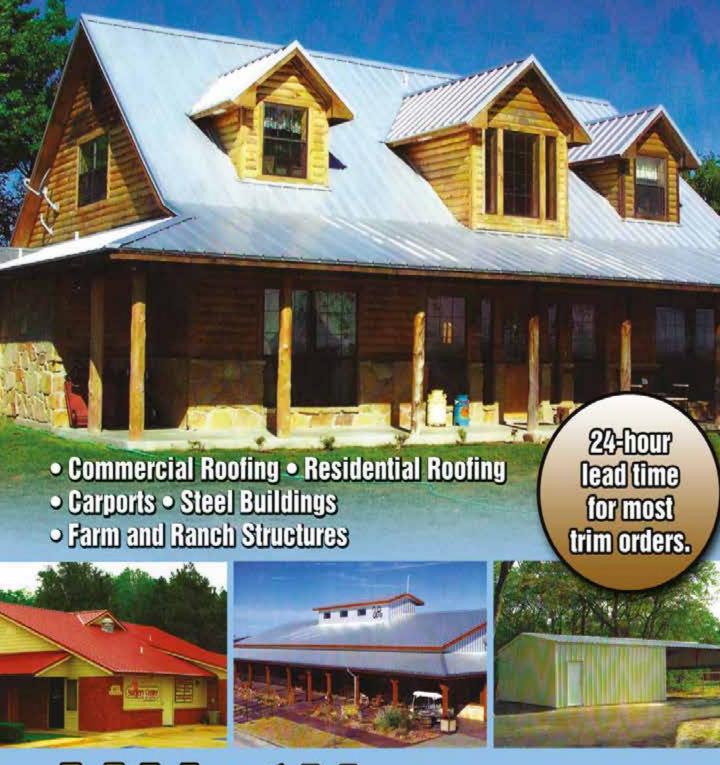
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