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*Expecting a great harvest ...*

The air is full of my favorite smell this time of year! I'm not referring to the scent of first-bloom roses or just-mown grass. What sends my olfactory cells into frenzy is the smell of freshly turned soil. I've contemplated this "quirk" (as some sympathetically refer to it) and have determined the reason is my gene pool. My family hails from a long line of sharecroppers and farmers. Dirt is in my blood, it seems.

Last fall, I traveled to the site of my family's century-old farm near Lamar, Missouri, still owned by my great-aunt, Zelma. Though she looked a bit perplexed, she allowed my siblings and me to dig up a few bags of our ancient soil. This year, outright hysterics threaten to replace my usual giddiness as I blend my family's historic Missouri soil with my now-beloved North Ellis County soil.

Sinking my hands into the warm, moist dirt, smelling the richness of the generational- and geographical-linking hybrid soil, I anticipate a bumper crop of container tomatoes and reflect on the "bumper crop" of growth happening all over North Ellis County. Such growth isn't happenstance. I believe it's the result of our "hybrid soil," if you will, of the goodwill and optimism so prevalent in those who live in our unique blend of communities. As homes, businesses and new neighbors sprout up in record numbers, let's continue sowing seeds of helpfulness and cheer, so we can anticipate a harvest of unity and prosperity.

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"Wherever I've worked and lived, the people there have become like family to me. One of my favorite memories is of traveling and selling my paintings with my gallery to the international furniture market in the spring and fall for two weeks a year in Highpoint, North Carolina. That was a very special time," she recalled.

Working mostly in oil, Alicia enjoys hiking and exploring, so she can take photographs of sunflowers, bluebonnets and the broad Texas landscapes that become part of her colorful scenes on canvas. "I like the big, Texas sky and clouds," she said enthusiastically.

For Alicia, connecting with nature has inspired some of her favorite paintings. "I love to paint flowers and grasses with the curve of the pallet knife and the flick of my wrist. When the paint consistency is just right on the brush, the palm trees, sea oats or tall grasses come alive with movement," she said, revealing both her passion and her skill.

Alicia has been in Texas since last summer and has taken full advantage of her time here to discover the beauty of North Ellis County's varied flora. "What I fell in love with this summer were all of the wild sunflowers off of Ovilla Road. At each cross-street I found these bursting yellow flowers commanding my attention. Different from the large, eight-foot-tall sunflowers I grow in my backyard, these have a happy fireworks-type energy all their own. I painted *Sunflowers and a Cattle Gate* to capture their essence," she said of one of her recent works.

Another painting inspired by her time here is *My Mother's Bluebonnets*. "I did that after a day's drive through the bluebonnet fields off the highways all around Texas. We even climbed up the embankment for the best views," she said.



# ART FROM A Gypsy Heart

— By Virginia Riddle



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Most of Alicia's works are commissioned or sold through her social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook. "I work mostly by commission from photos or pictures, customizing the piece to the owner's color scheme. I like to paint what people like and then put my own twist and style on the scene," she explained.

"One of my favorite paintings comes from a picture I took while walking through fields of Queen Anne's Lace in Morocco. The only things in the painting are the grasses and the big flowering heads of this whimsical flower. The flower brings back memories of my childhood when I used to pick and dye the flowers different colors. The painting always evokes feelings of childhood and grasses blowing in the wind," she said, somewhat sentimentally. For obvious reasons, Alicia never sold that particular painting. "It still hangs over my favorite chair in the den."

Alicia credits her mom as being the person who piqued her interest in art. "I grew up taking art lessons with my mom, and my grandfather, a civil engineer, painted," she recalled. "I always knew I wanted to be an artist."

Alicia graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in art history and counts her college art teachers among her many mentors. Having worked previously in art galleries from Pennsylvania to Atlanta, Alicia enjoys touring galleries and museums. "I like to study the techniques and textures used by master painters," she said.

When she looks at a painting, she notices the brush strokes and layering of paint on the canvas. "There is an amazing difference in looking at an original painting and a printed photograph in an art book," she noted, adding that impressionist greats such as

Van Gogh, Cezanne and Gauguin have influenced her own work.

Alicia credits her gallery work in framing and as an in-house artist for giving her a “good eye.” “When I was doing gallery work, I thought too many paintings looked flat and contrived,” she said. “I thought I could do better.” Alicia has worked as an in-house artist in Atlanta and was a featured artist at the Metropolitan Art Gallery in Manhattan, New York.

Alicia’s creative method often involves painting the canvas with a sketch made with thin layers of paint using different sized brushes. Using only highly pigmented paint for bright, rich colors and a technique known as impasto, she applies layers of oil paint with a knife to create texture. After the oil paint dries, a coat of varnish completes the painting.

“A blank canvas is a challenge to my creativity. I always have confidence that a painting will come together to please my customer,” she said. Celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Michael Bolton and Regis Philbin are some of those customers. Her art also hangs in several prestigious country clubs, including the West Palm Beach Country Club and the Childress Winery in North Carolina.

“When a scene is coming together well, painting is a joy, and I can paint for hours,” she said, happily.

While oil is her first choice of mediums, watercolor is a close second. “In watercolor, the colors blend together nicely, and happy accidents occur,” Alicia remarked. “My watercolors are impressionistic, so a rose won’t be exactly a rose. My technique will give the impression that it is a rose.

“My reward comes when a client appreciates and buys my work,” Alicia remarked. “A painting is personal, and there’s just something special about a hand-painted picture.”

Alicia feels each painting carries a piece of her, and she hopes her customers get many years of enjoyment from her work. “My passion is to beautify homes, vineyards, restaurants, anywhere and everywhere, with beautiful original art.” **NOW**

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Mark is a member of Boy Scout Troop 524 in Ovilla and recently reached the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest level attainable in Scouting. Mark's father, Sam Fuentes, smiled with pride when speaking of his son's accomplishment.

"One thing about Mark — he's that kid that when he makes a decision to go for something, he doesn't stop until he gets there. He put his nose to the grindstone and decided early on he was going for his Eagle. I remember him telling me, 'I'm going to get my Eagle,' when he was about 13. I said, 'Well, go for it!' and he never stopped.

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Mark understands the significance of the achievement that only 7 percent of Scouts attain. He said the commitment and hard work helped him "learn so much about how to become a better man and be more prepared for life."

Mark also knows his hard work will make a difference in his future. "It's going to make me a better person and make me stand out," he said. "Scouting has made me more committed to things and made me realize that in the world around me, everyone is different and you shouldn't judge," he added with humility. "It's also made me understand more how the world works, and it's taught me to be very civic."

One of the final steps in becoming an Eagle Scout is completing a community service project. As his service project, Mark chose to make some much-needed improvements to Red Oak's Cherry Creek Preserve Disc Golf Course. Hours of planning, building and help from his fellow Scouts culminated in the completion of the project that included adding four benches and 17 tee pads to the disc golf course.

"I picked it (the disc golf course) because it was unique. It was different from most of the projects. I felt like the Cherry Tree Nature Preserve really needed improvement," Mark shared.





As part of the project, Mark had to present his ideas to city officials at a Red Oak Parks and Recreations Board meeting. Board members questioned Mark about the work, and he explained the reasons he chose the project and outlined for them how the work would be completed and what the outcome would be.

Gaining the city's approval was just the beginning. Next, Mark began several months of comprehensive planning of every piece of the project. Each step of the work included details, such as precise measurements and knowing exactly what type of and how much material would be needed, right down to the number of bolts and nails. The adult leaders in his troop had to review and approve each piece of the work. Sam said the detail in Mark's planning was "over the top" as he continually impressed his leaders.

Mark completed his Eagle project at 16, younger than most Scouts, according to Sam. Mark credits his family with instilling in him the work ethic that's helped him achieve such an important goal at his age. "I feel like I've accomplished a goal that most people never do," he remarked.

Kevin Crain, Red Oak Parks and Recreation board member, said the improvements completed by Mark and Troop 524 made a "night-and-day" difference in the facilities. "All the local disc golfers are really impressed by the job they did," Kevin said.

Currently a junior at Red Oak High School, Mark also is a member of the marching band. His plans are to enlist in the Army upon graduation and later attend college where he will pursue an advanced degree in business. **NOW**



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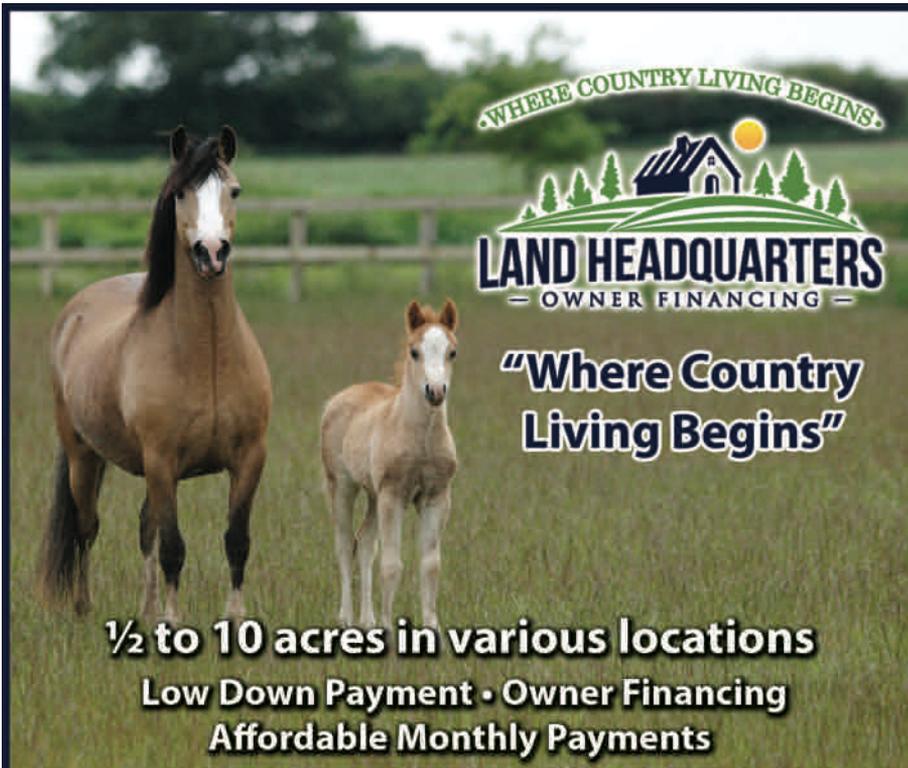
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— By Sally Fuller

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Dr. Virginia Williams is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M College of Dentistry. She is a sixth-generation dentist and was privileged to be mentored by her brother, Dr. Charles Williams II; her father, Dr. Charles Williams I; and her uncle, Dr. Jack Hollingsworth. After 12 years in practice, she said she is amazed by the technology available today. Dr. Williams is now one of the first dentists in North Ellis County to offer crowns in one visit, painless laser fillings and snore therapy.

“We’re talking about being able to do fillings without anesthetics, drilling or cutting,” Dr. Williams said of the new painless procedure. “A small cavity can be treated with laser light therapy, eliminating the need for numbing with a shot or cutting with a bur. The laser simply penetrates the enamel and removes the cavity using light,” she explained.

The state-of-the-art technology Dr. Williams uses also reduces the required time for routine teeth whitening down to 30 minutes or less and improves the success rate of root canals. “Where an average root canal has a success rate of 92 percent, we’re going to see those numbers increase,” she said.

As if painless fillings, much shorter teeth whitening treatments and more effective root canals were not enough, Dr. Williams also offers laser snore therapy. “Snore therapy is also a no-shot, no-drama procedure,” she said. “A warm light is placed on the palate, which tightens the soft palate, tightens the floor of the mouth and opens up the airway,” she explained.

“We are doing a lot of snore therapy,” Dr. Williams said. While it is not a replacement for a sleep study and a CPAP machine, Dr. Williams said her patients experience a significant reduction in snoring after the first 20-minute treatment. Commonly, patients will have three treatments, 21 days apart with a short “touch-up” every six months with their regular routine cleaning.

Dr. Williams admittedly enjoys learning how to use the newest technology to better serve her patients, but the real motivation behind her continued quest for innovative treatments is more personal. The goal of Dr. Williams is to create a dental office that patients look forward to visiting, and most importantly, where they feel like “part of the family.”

Dr. Williams is now one of the first dentists in North Ellis County to offer crowns in one visit, painless laser fillings and snore therapy.

“We’re a small community, and it’s very personal,” she said of her practice. Dr. Williams takes pride knowing her patients have a choice when it comes to their treatments. For the nervous patient, Ferris Family Dentistry offers nitrous oxide, conscious and IV sedation, as well as pain-free laser procedures. One-day crowns mean patients no longer have to wait days or weeks and wear temporary crowns. Dr. Williams accepts most PPO insurance, major credit cards and Care Credit.

The team at Ferris Family Dentistry knows that consistent dental home care and quality professional dental care are fundamental to a lifetime of not only good dental health but also overall health. Through modern technology, innovation and a passion for the practice of dentistry, Dr. Williams and Ferris Family Dentistry continue to make the very best dental health more accessible to patients. “You no longer need to travel to North Dallas to receive the best dental care,” Dr. Williams said. “You have the very best modern dental care in your backyard.” **NOW**

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## Zoomed In: ROHS Shotgun Team

By Sally Fuller

Marquita Paschall, Rachel Edgar, Kloe Jansonius and Katelyn Edgar and the rest of the ROHS Shotgun Team braved nearly freezing temperatures and battering winds to compete in the “Winter Blast” Scholastic Clay Target Program. “It’s very hard to hit moving clay targets with the wind, but even with the wind, I love shooting skeet!” Marquita, a sophomore at ROHS, said.

Assistant Coach Bob Ramsden concurred. “In spite of the awful weather, everyone had a blast,” he said.

The shotgun team is comprised of sport-shooting enthusiasts from schools across North Ellis County and beyond. “We have great coaches who are always supportive and very encouraging,” Marquita said. “They help with our shooting skills and help foster the love we all have for the sport.”

The team’s next competition is March 23 in Teague, Texas. “Hopefully, the weather will cooperate,” Bob said, “but if not, we’ll still be out there breaking clays.”



Cathy Gaeta, planning and administrative assistant, and Ashley Thompson, customer service representative, are two of the great city employees that keep Ovilla running and growing.



Karen Santos takes a morning stroll around the lake at Red Oak’s Pearson Park.



Ferris High School 1994 State Championship Basketball Team members and legendary coach, James “Buck” Rogers, are honored at a recent home game.



Ferris’ Ingram Elementary PK4 students receive achievement awards from Principal Vickie Griffith and Assistant Principal Tonya Kramer.



April West, Palladium Glenn Heights community manager, and Ron Adams, Glenn Heights mayor pro tem, do the honors at the Palladium Apartments ribbon cutting.



Celtic guitarist Jerry Barlow (far right) visits with (from left) T.J. Richards, Brittany Richards and Terry McAdams after a performance at the Red Oak Library.



Glenn Heights Police Officers Johnson, Womack and Terry enjoy lunch at a local Italian restaurant.



Rosaura Mahmood of Red Oak takes a break from shopping to share some memories of her city.

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*In the Kitchen With*

GHADA MUKDAD

— By Sally Fuller

Ghada Mukdad has loved cooking since she was 14 and decided to surprise her mother's friends by inviting them to sample her *Sheikh al Muhshi*, a dish popular in her home country of Syria. "I know they are very honest and will tell me the truth about my food," Ghada said. Her judges "were head over heels" for the dish. "The kitchen has been my choice since then," she added.

Ghada's cooking is influenced by places she's lived. Raised in Daraa city, she once worked for the Kuwaiti Embassy in Damascus. After marrying, she moved to Kamishly city (near Turkey). Today, she lives in Ovilla, where she's known for sharing her cooking with neighbors.

"I am totally inspired by the appreciation of my family when they show me their satisfaction and love [of the food I prepare]," she said. Ghada also enjoys organic gardening and working in her yard. **NOW**

### Akrass Bread

- 4 cups flour
- 2 Tbsp. anise
- 2 Tbsp. fennel seeds
- 1 Tbsp. crushed fennel seeds
- 1 tsp. crushed nutmeg
- 4 Tbsp. powdered milk
- 1 Tbsp. sugar (increase to 1/2 cup for sweet bread)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 6-7 Tbsp. black caraway seeds
- 5-6 Tbsp. sesame seeds
- 2 Tbsp. yeast, mixed with 1/2-cup water and a pinch of sugar to activate
- 3 Tbsp. sweet butter

Warm water for kneading dough (Dough should be soft.)

- 2 Tbsp. Mazola oil (to cover the dough on all sides before setting it aside to rest)
- 1/2 cup olive oil (for brushing on hot loaves)

1. Mix all dry ingredients; add activated yeast and butter. Knead with warm water until a soft dough forms.
2. Form dough into small balls; place on a tray greased with Mazola oil.
3. Lightly brush each ball with Mazola oil. Cover dough and allow it to rest for approximately 30 minutes.

4. While dough rests, heat oven to 400 F.

5. When ready, roll each dough ball into desired thickness using Mazola oil to keep dough soft and moist.

6. Place dough on tray on oven's top rack; bake for 15-20 minutes, checking frequently to prevent overcooking.

7. Remove from oven; immediately brush each loaf twice with olive oil.

### Makloba (Upside-Down Eggplant With Rice)

- 4 large eggplants
- Oil of your choice, for frying and sautéing
- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 2 tsp. salt (divided use)
- 2 tsp. black pepper, or more to taste
- 2 cups white rice (soaked in hot water for 30 minutes)
- 3 cups hot water
- 3 Tbsp. pine nuts

1. Cut eggplant into thin slices; fry until golden brown. Set aside on paper towels to absorb oil.
2. Sauté ground beef in a medium-size pot with 1 tsp. salt and pepper. When the meat is cooked, layer the eggplant over the meat.
3. Drain and rinse the rice two times with cold water; layer the rice over the eggplant in the pot.

4. Add hot water and 1 tsp. salt. Cover; cook over low heat for approximately 20 minutes.
5. While rice cooks, sauté pine nuts in oil.
6. When rice is cooked, place a large plate over the top of the pot; turn the pot upside-down to remove the Makloba.
7. Top with sautéed pine nuts.

### Kebab Hindi

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 Tbsp. black pepper
- Pinch of cinnamon
- Pinch of cardamom
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 lbs. tomatoes, peeled and cut into pieces
- 3 medium onions, cut into pieces
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into pieces
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil

1. Heat oven to 350 F. In a medium bowl, use your hands to mix ground beef and spices until well blended.
2. Form meat into small balls; set aside.
3. Place vegetables in a baking dish; top with meatballs. Add olive oil.
4. Bake for 30 minutes. Broil for 5 minutes to brown.
5. Serve with white rice or pita bread.

### Shakeria Ballaban (Yogurt With Meat)

- 2 lbs. beef stew meat
- 5 cups water (divided use)
- 4 cups plain yogurt
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Pinch of black paper
- Pinch of cardamom
- Pinch of cinnamon

1. Boil meat in 2 cups water for approximately 10 minutes. Strain; rinse the meat. Put the meat back in a clean pot with remaining water.
2. In a bowl, mix yogurt and cornstarch. Stir yogurt mixture into meat and water; stir in spices.
3. Heat meat, yogurt and spices over medium-low heat, stirring constantly until thick and creamy.
4. Serve with rice.

### Warak Enab (Grape Leaves)

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 tsp. salt
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Makloba  
(Upside-Down Eggplant With Rice)

- 2 cups white rice, soaked in hot water for 30 minutes**
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil**
- 1 lb. fresh grape leaves (or 1 jar)**
- 2 lbs. beef stew meat**
- Water, enough to cover ingredients**
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice**

1. In a large bowl, mix ground beef and spices.
2. After rice has soaked, strain, rinse and pour it over the ground beef.
3. Add olive oil; mix beef and rice together.
4. Open a grape leaf, rough side up; add a

- pinch of the meat/rice mixture. Roll the leaf up. Repeat with remaining grape leaves and meat/rice mixture.
5. Place stew meat in the bottom of a large pot. Place rolled grape leaves on top of stew meat in the pot.
  6. Once all grape leaves are in the pot with the meat, add water, lemon juice and a pinch of salt.
  7. Cook over low heat for 1-2 hours. When done, place a large serving dish on top of the pot; turn over to remove from pot.
  8. Serve with salad or yogurt.

## Bamiah (Okra and Beef)

- 2 lbs. fresh or frozen okra**
- 2 lbs. beef stew meat**
- 2 cups water**
- 8 fresh tomatoes**
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil**
- Pinch of black pepper**
- Pinch of cinnamon**
- Pinch of cardamom**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice**
- Pita bread or cooked rice**

1. Wash and strain okra; set aside.
2. Boil stew meat in water for 10 minutes. Strain meat; place it in a separate, clean pot.
3. Add okra, tomatoes, olive oil and spices to meat; cook for 10 minutes over medium-low heat. When cooked, add lemon juice.
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— By Kelly Shannon

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Natural scenic beauty; fun-filled, year-round activities; and luxurious accommodations make the Pocono Mountains the perfect

place for a romantic stay. The region has become a haven of world-class, luxury spas incorporating breathtaking, natural surroundings. Romantics indulge in decadent amenities, such as saunas, massage tables, log-burning fireplaces and whirlpool baths.

Accommodations are as varied as the Poconos’ landscape. Consider a bed-and-breakfast atop a mountain peak overlooking one of the Poconos’ many quiet coves, or an inn nestled among rolling hills and scenic mountains. Alternatively, visitors can stay in a historic, downtown boutique hotel that caters to romance with its vintage charm and warm hospitality.

The past decade has transformed the region into a family-friendly destination. Endless entertainment is provided, whether it be in the form of indoor water parks, arcades, adventure parks, NASCAR races, scenic train rides, festivals, ski/snowboard lessons, snow tubing or a resort with daily activities tailored to children. Options

are endless, and families return time and time again.

The Poconos' bountiful nature makes the destination shine. There are nine states and two national parks, more than 261 miles for hiking and biking, dozens of majestic waterfalls, rivers for whitewater rafting, more than 35 golf courses and lakes for boating, fishing and jet skiing. Even just driving around, visitors can catch grand scenic overlooks.

Winters offer guests the opportunity to ski or snowboard 163 ski trails, snow tube (including galactic tubing and family-style tubing), snowmobile and even snowshoe their way through snowy wonderlands.

The family will love the Pocono Mountains' miles of snowmobile trails in the winter and its wonderful selection of family-friendly resorts, motels, cottages and condos just steps away from the many lakes in the summer.

The region's water park resorts welcome families to splash and stay in any season, as they are always 84 degrees. Full-service hotels and resorts serve up extensive amenities and make for a well-appointed home base while exploring. A variety of campgrounds can be found along the rivers, lakes or in the woods.

Foodies will have a field day at a variety of restaurants around the region. Find upscale French flair at the Delmonico Room at the Hotel Fauchere, or at the French Manor Inn & Spa. End the family-fun day at Kalahari's indoor water park with a juicy burger and a milkshake — topped with a donut at B-Lux Grill & Bar. Share a sunset toast with your travel buddy at The Dock on the third largest lake in the state, Lake Wallenpaupack.

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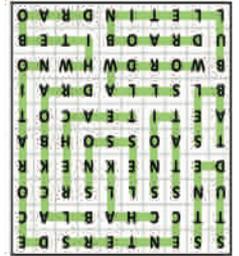
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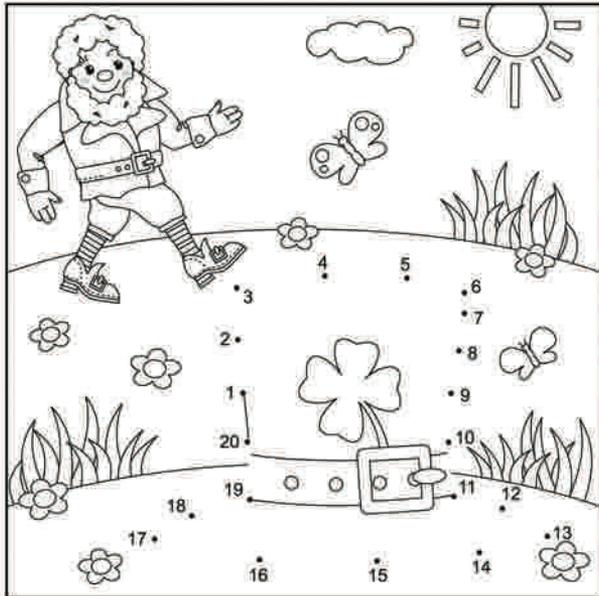


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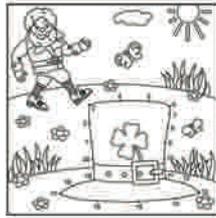
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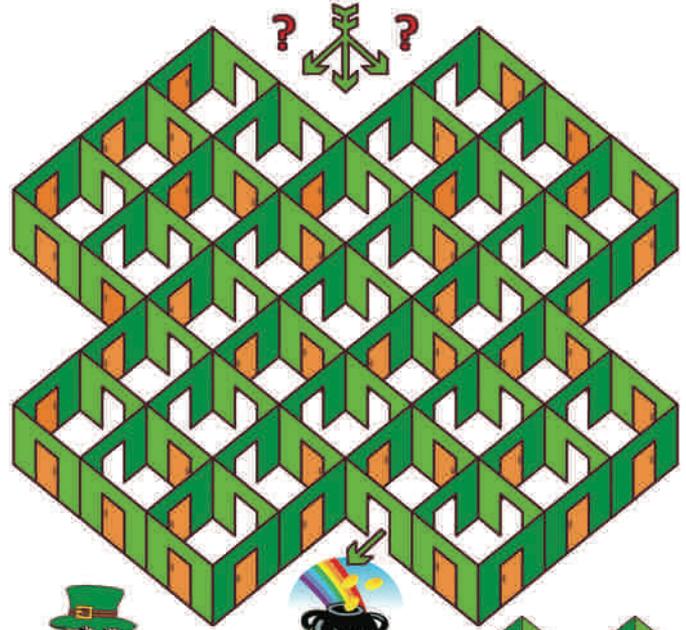
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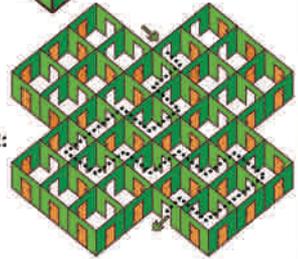
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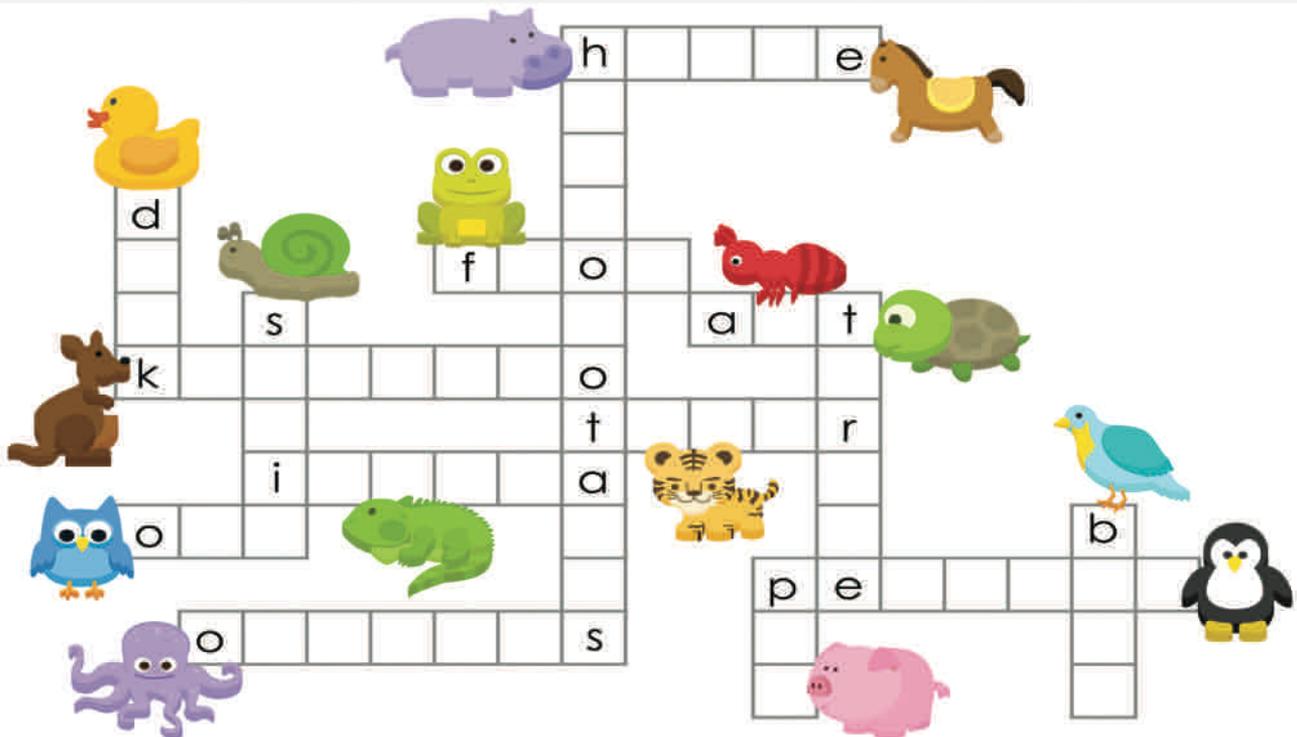
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## Animals Crosswords



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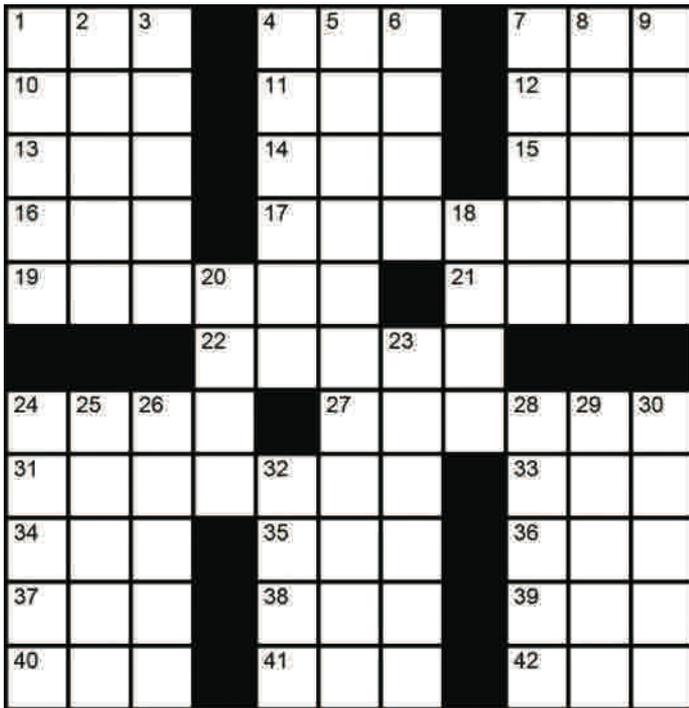
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## Across

- 1 British Delta Force equivalent
- 4 Short change?
- 7 Iraq war *casus belli*
- 10 Presidential advisory grp.
- 11 "Figured it out!"
- 12 Weeding implement
- 13 Diamonds
- 14 Actor --- Gibson
- 15 Admiration
- 16 Fiver
- 17 Built
- 19 Party, south of the border
- 21 Blades
- 22 Drop by unannounced
- 24 Transfer legally
- 27 Cover completely
- 31 Drafted
- 33 Observe
- 34 Free
- 35 El operator
- 36 Highest mountain in Crete
- 37 Repetitive behavior condition, for short
- 38 Atmosphere
- 39 Crackpot
- 40 Might
- 41 Statute
- 42 Navigational aid

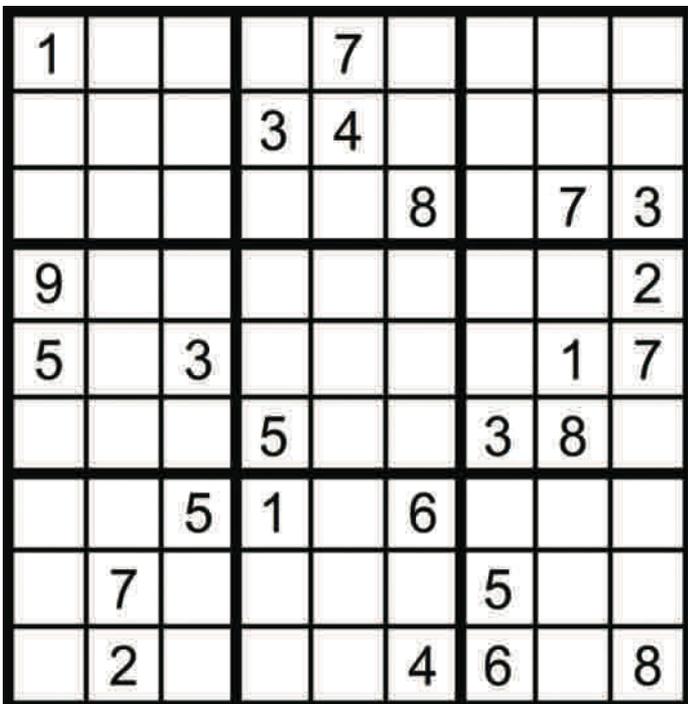
## Down

- 1 Smell
- 2 Computer data character set
- 3 Part of an act
- 4 Woke up
- 5 Healing
- 6 An auction
- 7 "Oh, --- Beautiful Mornin'"
- 8 Lawn-care buy
- 9 Real estate documents
- 18 Nam force
- 20 Vomit
- 23 To a certain extent
- 24 Information holder
- 25 "Fear of Fifty" author --- Jong
- 26 Annie's Lieutenant-General
- 28 On drugs
- 29 Introduced, with "to"
- 30 Achievements to be proud of
- 32 College sporting org.

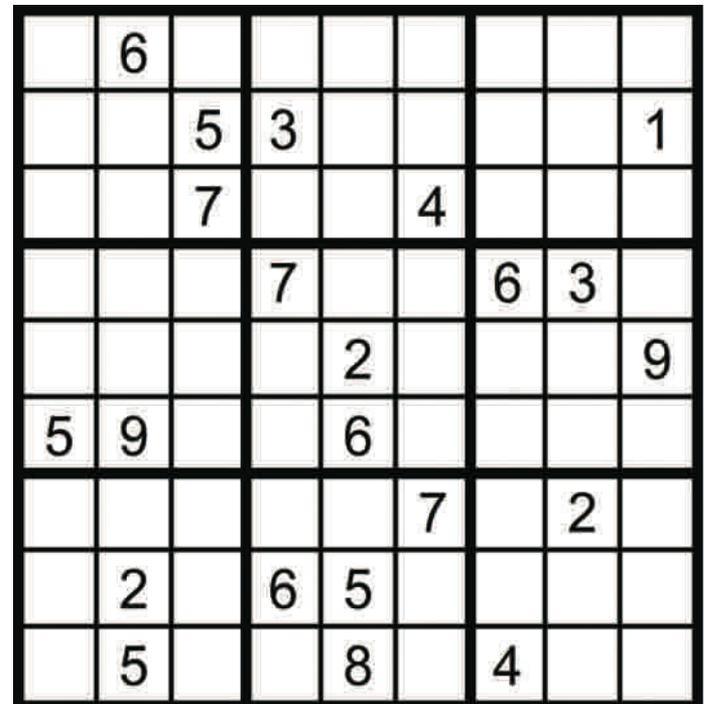
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### Ash Wednesday Service:

All are welcome. 7:00 p.m., Red Oak First United Methodist, 600 Daubitz Rd. (972) 617-9100.

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### Fish Fry and Polo Match:

Dallas Polo Club matches are open to the public. Noon-3:00 p.m., 730 Bent Trail, Red Oak. (214) 979-0300.

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### Virtual Dementia Tour:

Caregivers and family members gain a greater understanding of the challenges of those suffering from dementia. Free. 10:00 a.m., 101 Austin Blvd., Ste. 800, Red Oak. Call to schedule (972) 576-1100.

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### Handbags For Hawks:

A night of bingo, auctions, a raffle, beverages and snacks benefiting the Red Oak

Education Foundation. 6:45 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle, Midlothian. [redoakisd.org/Domain/1085](http://redoakisd.org/Domain/1085).

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### Ellis County Youth Expo Livestock Show and Rodeo:

Nine days of activities that start with professional rodeos and live concerts and continue with a full schedule of events every day. Ellis County Fair and Rodeo: **21-23**; Stock Show: **24-30**. Ellis County Expo Center, 2300 W. Hwy. 287, Waxahachie. [ecyexpo.com](http://ecyexpo.com) for tickets.

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### Tulipalooza 2019:

Fun for the whole family benefiting the YMCA and people with intellectual developmental disabilities. There will be picnic areas, food trucks, playground and a concert. General admission: \$10 (under 10 free); showcase and concert: \$40. Noon-5:00 p.m. (concert at 2:00 p.m.), Poston Gardens at Getzendaner Park, 900 Cantrell St., Waxahachie.

### Herb and Vegetable Gardening Seminar:

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### Third Mondays

#### Red Oak Book Club:

Adults age 21 and older. 6:30-8:00 p.m., Red Oak Public Library, 200 Lakeview Dr. (469) 218-1230.

### Tuesdays

#### Red Oak Library Toddler Playtime and Story Time:

Free crafts, story time and learning games for children 18 mo.-5 yrs. accompanied by a parent or caregiver. 9:45-11:00 a.m., 200 Lakeview Dr. (469) 218-1230.

#### Ferris Public Library Game Day:

Young people 7 to 17 can play PS4 and Wii in the library's meeting room. 3:30-5:30 p.m., 301 E. 10th St. (972) 544-3696.

#### Lariat Bridge Club:

6:30 p.m., Boy Scout Cabin, 1139 Brown St., Waxahachie. (505) 270-4017 or [weatherscf@yahoo.com](mailto:weatherscf@yahoo.com).

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12:30-1:30 p.m., (469) 383-5365 or [joanpomero@att.net](mailto:joanpomero@att.net).

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

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##### Outreach Assistance:

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### Wednesdays

#### Ferris Public Library Story Time:

Preschool children and their caregivers are invited for stories. 11:00 a.m., 301 E. 10th St. (972) 544-3696.

### Wednesdays and Thursdays

#### Red Oak Senior Citizens Group:

Join other seniors for games and activities. Light breakfast provided both days. Lunch provided **Thursdays**; \$2 per week membership fee. 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 207 W. Red Oak Rd. (972) 571-0632.

#### Red Oak Disc Golf Mini-Tournaments:

6:00 p.m., Cherry Creek Preserve



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**ROHS Band Car Show:**

Red Oak High School's Jazz Band will perform while attendees enjoy the show of dragsters, race cars, hot rods, motorcycles and more. Food trucks and a bake sale will be on site. 1:00-5:00 p.m., ROHS, 220 Hwy. 342. (Rainout date 3/23).

Disc Golf Course (located at the end of Pecan Street). Facebook: Red Oak Disc Golf.

**Second Thursdays**

**Ovilla Service League:** Projects include annual fundraisers to support the Ovilla police and fire departments, collecting food for local charitable organizations and providing support for Heritage Day. 10:00 a.m., Ovilla City Hall, 105 Cockrell Hill Rd. Jane Watson (214) 769-8591.

**Third Thursdays**

**Ferris Lions Club:** 6:30 p.m., Scout House in Mutz Park, 514 S. Mabel St. (972) 842-2136.

**Third and Fourth Thursdays**

**God's Woven Hearts Ministry:** Bring your talents and join in efforts to gather and create items for homeless veterans and to visit the elderly to do crafts. 7:00 p.m., Lone Star Cowboy Church,

1011 E. Ovilla Rd., Red Oak. (214) 417-1173.

**Second Saturdays**

**Red Oak Opry:** 7:00-9:00 p.m., Lone Star Cowboy Church, 1011 E. Ovilla Rd. www.redoakopry.com.

**Third Saturdays**

**Ferris Trade Days:** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 101 S. Main St. (817) 992-9204.

**Self-Defense Class:** 9:00-11:00 a.m., 301 Locust Dr.,

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Medium

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