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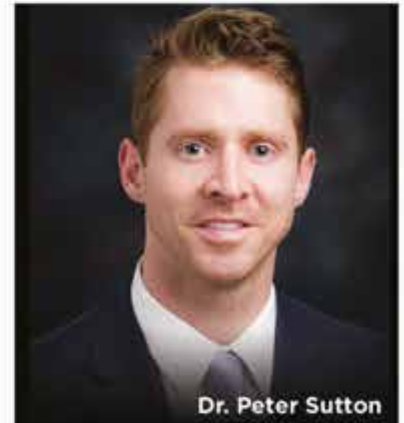
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*Another month of new beginnings ...*

Am I the only one who feels like March brings fresh energy? Perhaps we cherish the rich sunshine coupled with warm breezes instead of northern iciness in the air. As new buds on trees and plants appear, it restores our faith in a rebirth and hope for the future. It almost feels like we begin the new year again. Interestingly, on ancient Roman calendars, with a 10-month year, March ushered in the new one, until they added January and February, changing to a 12-month year.

Intriguing. It fits since March officially brings spring with it. Who begins a year in the middle of a season? Obviously, someone with a higher pay grade than this editor. I don't make decisions of that magnitude. Not everything in life makes sense, and perhaps that doesn't matter. Trying to figure out motivation and reasoning can make us mad as a March hare.

Then again, that might explain why things feel so fresh this month. Many animals emerge from hibernation, seeking a mate to ensure the future of their species. New life flows abundantly in nature, and as humans, I suppose we want to take part in renewal ourselves. Ironically, U.S. statistics show March as the most unproductive month of the year. Puzzling. Unless you once raised or taught young children. Like them, don't we all honestly want to get outside to enjoy the fresh air and warm sunshine? While we can't forget about work, maybe we need to give in a little and welcome the changes in nature.

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A young boy with brown hair, wearing a black t-shirt and large black headphones, is sitting at a desk in a gaming room. He is smiling at the camera while his hands are on a keyboard and a mouse. The desk is cluttered with gaming equipment, including a large monitor displaying a racing game, a smaller monitor to the left, and a microphone on a boom arm. The room has purple walls and a purple gaming chair. In the background, there are more monitors and a sign that says "STREAM ROOM".

*"I MOST LIKE PLAYING GAMES  
AND WINNING TOURNAMENTS."*

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*In a world where kids — and adults — love playing video games, parents often wonder where to draw the line. While Kayden Foy doesn't spend all his time on the computer, taking video games to the higher level of e-sports helps him level the playing field of navigating social interactions.*

Although diagnosed with social anxieties, Kayden enjoys attending school at Game Development Design School (formerly known as REALM). "Math is my favorite class," Kayden said. "I just like my teacher."

He also excels at coding according to his mother, Vicki Utley. "He struggled at first, but he adjusted well," she shared. "I like the smaller environment. Specifically, for him, I think high school credits starting in seventh grade are great."

Kayden has many friends, some of them since elementary. A group of them spend a lot of time with

Kayden at his grandparents' house. Sam and Jenna (known as Nini) Rhodes created a video gaming room for the kids and love having them there, and she bakes for them. Since they live only two blocks away from Kayden's house, Sam spends a great deal of time playing e-sports with his grandsons and their friends.

Kayden first began playing video games around 2 years old. "He's actually good at any game he decides to play," Sam said. "Then he switched from controller to keyboard. He operates at a different focus level. He sees things faster than I do, and it helped him learn the keyboard better."

"The keyboard is what professional gamers use to play," Vicki divulged. "I was always the mom who said, 'No video games.' Learning that e-sports gave kids opportunities for scholarships changed my mind."

As popularity grew, public schools and colleges formed e-sports teams. Some colleges recruit students for those teams like they do for physical sports. Unlike playing video games simply for fun, e-sports require communication. The players learn to work together, fostering good teamwork skills. The online world levels the playing field for those who can't physically compete in sports. Girls face off against boys, and some with disabilities excel in e-sports.

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video-game player, research now supports using online games to benefit the elderly. Studies show improvement in psychological and mental strength among older people who play video games. Many assisted living and retirement facilities use them to stimulate the brain, making people think and exercise different functional areas of the mind. The games may also prepare children for a future begging for code writers.

A little over a year ago, Kayden entered the competitive level of e-sports. For most games, the competitor must be at least 13. While he started with online games designed only for fun, he first competed with Rocket League, with competition available to younger players. After practicing for only two weeks, he won second place. He also won second place in a BISD tournament.

"I most like playing games and winning tournaments," Kayden admitted. "I'm just happy I get to play."

During the summer of 2021, Kayden built a computer. He helps set up and run the PCs where he and Sam compete with neighborhood kids. They have five computers (four plus a PlayStation) in the gaming room. With a gift card he received, Kayden opted to purchase a snack rack where they keep snacks readily available for gaming sessions.

While the young player likes the competition, Sam and Vicki agree it has benefited Kayden, transforming him into a different person socially when he plays. "We were used to his nonsocial behavior, but when he plays, he becomes a different person, talking, laughing and enjoying live-streaming," Vicki said. "He's better at self-control and not blaming others."

Sam added, "A lot of less social kids feel more comfortable online. E-sports is



good for kids, but it has to be controlled. Parents must support video games responsibly, balancing screen time with physical activity.” He plays with the kids often, but they never have an adult far from the room when online.

Vicki doesn’t hesitate to take away screen time if needed for discipline. While competition can trigger rage modes, they learned to watch for signs. When Kayden gets upset, they have him step away for five minutes. When he returns, if he quickly gets upset, he walks away for another five minutes. This cycle repeats until he can play without getting angry. When game time ends, they don’t experience any “one more game.”

Besides playing e-sports and video games for fun, Kayden loves skateboarding. He also plays football, basketball and baseball, and he likes tennis. Shooting pool or playing chess or cards also fill his time. He especially enjoys helping his mom coach volleyball. “I can yell at the girls,” he said. Heading outside after time on the computers, Kayden joins neighborhood kids with shooting hoops or other activities. “I love dogs,” he stated, playing with his mixed-breed dog, Buddy.

While he sometimes finds his 8-year-old brother, Charlie, annoying, he enjoys playing video games with him. “He’s not annoying when we play games,” Kayden explained. At home, his stepfather, Charles, joins the boys in playing for fun.

While not all of Kayden’s online time involves competition, he gets serious about Rocket League, where the gamers play soccer with cars. He also plays a lot of Fortnite, Minecraft, Valorant and others. Avid fans of e-sports wait for new seasons and watch with as much enthusiasm as some watch physical sports broadcasts.

Sam and Vicki see Kayden’s passion for video games and e-sports as a tool that helps with discipline. “Restricting screen time changes behavior. It’s also a great reward system,” Sam confided. “Add-ons and v-bucks give us a great tool to motivate him to do well in school.”

In the future, Kayden wants to become a professional gamer, but he won’t stop there. He also plans to design roller coasters, become a chef and an engineer. Perhaps winning competitions will give him tools to achieve those goals. **NOW**



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# GNOMES Started

— By Lisa Bell

*As a teenager, Raquel Meza learned to sew. “My mom always sewed,” she said. “She still does, making clothes for her kids and now grandkids.” With two professional seamstress aunts, she learned a lot from her family and while taking home economics during middle school. She stuck with decorative projects, and during adulthood, she lost interest in sewing. But a Texas Pinners Conference three years ago revived her interest, and a tiny spark flamed into passion. It all started with a gnome-making class, and now her sewing machine sees more activity than she ever imagined.*

After the class, Raquel said, “I can do this.” She enjoys making the gnomes because of the creativity involved. “I can’t draw or paint, but I can sew.” Her unique gnomes grow from raw materials, and as she works on them, each takes on a distinct flair. “I like them because you can make unique characters. They have personalities,” she shared.

While she mainly makes gnomes, Raquel loves all crafting, and while they don’t all involve sewing, she prefers sitting at her machine and watching a project take shape. During the pandemic, she made thousands of masks, primarily from scraps of fabric. The initial 150 for her friends led to donating masks to various local organizations, hospitals, the police department and nursing homes. “I had a single-woman assembly line,” she said, grinning. “I tried to get my family involved. Nobody helped.”

Raquel usually makes functional items. “Functional items come out of necessity,” she said. When she sees a need, she enjoys visualizing what she might make to solve that necessity. She creates festive kitchen towels that resemble tiny dresses and aprons that wrap around dishwashing liquid bottles. She admits sewing intimidated her, but at the Pinners Conference, she took every sewing class offered. Making a gnome in class built her confidence.

Before sewing, Raquel made birthday party decorations,

especially after her granddaughter arrived. She made a lot of mums, too. She admitted, “I save everything. My husband doesn’t understand, but I find uses for those items eventually and save money.”

After learning about zippers at the 2021 Pinners Conference, she wants to try her hand at making small, zippered bags. This summer, she plans to attempt sewing children’s clothes. Raquel sometimes uses patterns, but she enjoys tweaking them and making an original design rather than simply following instructions. As she adjusts a pattern, she makes notes for herself, using the personal tips the next time she creates a piece from that design.

She once created monster hats for children. “They were adorable. I had to tweak the pattern and made four, took them to a show and attached eyes while sitting there,” she shared. “I couldn’t finish fast enough to keep up with those who wanted to buy one. They challenged me more than any other project. I haven’t attempted them again.”

While Raquel makes enough from selling her projects to support her love of crafting, she doesn’t know if she’ll ever make much money from it. “I’d rather people have, enjoy and use my work than to make a lot of money,” she explained.

With several types of craft projects on her list to make, she prefers working on one at a time. As she gets into the rhythm





of making one thing, she produces more than if she tries to switch from one project to another. As she works, sewing or crafting relaxes her. "I can lose myself in it," she said.

Her ideas grow as she works on anything. While she may see the overall concept, she adds trims, ribbons and other embellishments until the finished artwork arises. She stocks up on materials, especially after any major holiday, insisting she needs a stash.

Eventually, Raquel plans to pursue quilt making using leftover fabrics, although she hasn't yet overcome the intimidation of such a daunting task. In the meantime, she works on learning pottery to expand her talents. "It's hard work — a learning process," she shared. "I appreciate the finished products more because I know what goes into them. Sewing feels the same."

After three years of learning and practicing with new creations, Raquel takes pride in her work. As her art comes to life, she's thankful for the stress release it brings. After retiring in February 2021 to help her mother care for her dad, she takes her tools and materials with her when she needs to be with her parents. Pushing past the intimidation, she discovered the artist inside and marvels that a gnome started it all. NOW

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## Zoomed In: Jennifer Braley

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After weeks of being cooped up, Jennifer Braley ventured out with her loyal service dog, Lucy. "I've had her since she was a puppy," she shared. The 4-year-old companion absorbed the warmth of sunshine, staying close to Jennifer. Obviously excited about being outdoors, Lucy faithfully stuck near, never rushing or holding back during the walk. "She's a good dog. When the buzzer goes off, she knows it's time to work," Jennifer said.

Jennifer's family insisted the two accompany them on a trip to play disc golf. Although hesitant at first, both enjoyed getting out in the fresh air and taking in some much-needed exercise. Lucy is one of three dogs Jennifer includes in her family that support her needs.



*Enjoying the sunshine, the Ledesma family visits the park.*



*New to Burleson, the Yutzy family gets outside after February's winter storm.*



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# A REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PATRIOT

— By Virginia Riddle



*Born in Germany on April 5, 1801, Nicholas Adolphus Sterne was the oldest son of Emmanuel Sterne, who was an Orthodox Jew, and his wife, Helen, who was a Lutheran. At age 16, Adolphus was working in a passport office when he learned he was going to be conscripted into German military service. He forged his own passport and emigrated to America through New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1817. He found employment in a mercantile and studied law.*

Having become a businessman with interests from New Orleans to Nashville, Tennessee, Adolphus made Nacogdoches, Texas, his home around 1824, and upon joining the New Orleans Masonic Lodge in 1826, he became one of the first Masons in Texas. He became friends with Sam Houston through business interests. Despite having taken the required Mexican government's loyalty pledges, Sterne assisted in Nacogdoches' 1826 Fredonian Rebellion by smuggling weapons for the War Dog rebels, a local militia group that was attempting to establish their own republic due to the political and cultural differences between the Anglo-Americans and the Mexicans.

Adolphus was tried for treason by the Mexicans and ordered shot. While his case was reviewed, he was incarcerated in the Stone House, now the Old Stone Fort in Nacogdoches. The New Orleans Masonic Lodge interceded, arranging his parole. He was released, agreeing to never take up arms again against the Mexican government.

He helped in the Battle of Nacogdoches in 1832 but did not take up arms. In violation of the Texas Constitution of 1824, Mexican Colonel José de las Piedras ordered townspeople to surrender all firearms to his 300-plus troops. Instead, residents of Nacogdoches and surrounding towns formed a National Militia. The militia marched to the square where the Mexican army opened fire and hand-to-hand combat began. Sterne instructed the San Augustine Red-Landers how to outflank the Mexicans trying to flee. A peace treaty was signed, and Mexican troops were never again garrisoned in East Texas.

Attempting to raise funds and recruit fighters for the New Orleans Greys, who fought in several battles, including the Alamo, during the Texas Revolution, Adolphus spoke at their first rally. Volunteers filled the Grey's first two companies, and thousands of dollars were donated to support the cause for religious freedom and the establishment of the Republic.

Adolphus supported most of Houston's policies during the Republic's early days, except his Indian policy. Sterne commanded a militia company at the Battle of the Neches in 1839, expelling the Cherokees from East Texas.

Between 1840 and 1847, Adolphus became the Nacogdoches postmaster and a land agent. He served Nacogdoches County as court deputy clerk, associate



justice, justice of the peace, the board of land commissioners' clerk and the commissioner of roads and revenues clerk. In 1847, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives and served a second term. In 1851, he served in the Texas Senate.

He and his wife, Eva Catherine Rosine Ruff, had seven children. Adolphus enjoyed dancing, occasional drinking and playing games of that era. His published diary, with entries from 1840-1851, chronicles early life in Texas. He owned 16,000-plus acres of land worked by slaves. Self-educated, Adolphus was an interpreter in English, French, Spanish, German, Yiddish, Portuguese and Latin.

After passing away on March 27, 1852, in New Orleans while on a business trip, Adolphus was buried there but was later interred in Nacogdoches' Oak Grove Cemetery. His home, built in 1830 at 211 S. Lanana Street in Nacogdoches, is now the Sterne-Hoya House Museum. Sterne, an early colonist, businessman and politician, hosted prominent guests, including Davy Crockett and Sam Houston. Sold to the Hoya family in 1866, the home was donated to the city of Nacogdoches in 1958. The museum and library hold the history of the early days of Texas, including Sam Houston's sword and Adolphus' published diary. **NOW**

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— By Amber D. Browne

As a Food and Drug Administration investigator, Adam Hipko has the ability to nurture his curiosity about food, its origin and how it's produced. Raised in the North Country of New York, Adam's passion for cooking began at an early age when exposed to a wide array of cuisines.

Adam's travels and exploration of area restaurants serve as inspirations for his cooking. He often replicates dishes at home for his wife, Toya, and 3-year-old daughter, Savannah. "We recently added another to the mix, but currently she's only on milk," Adam shared. "I also cook a lot for myself because I need fuel for powerlifting — another passion of mine."

He enjoys teaching his young sous chef, Savannah, the art of cooking. "I want to instill in her the ability to cook confidently." **NOW**

#### **Pfannkuchen (German Pancakes)**

**4 eggs**  
**2 1/4 cups milk**  
**1 1/2 cups flour**  
**Cooking spray**  
**Syrup (optional)**  
**Fruit or fruit spread (optional)**

- 1.** In a bowl, beat the eggs. Add the milk and flour; mix well.
- 2.** Heat a large-diameter frying pan on medium-high heat; spray the pan with cooking spray. Once heated, spoon 1/4 cup of batter into the pan.
- 3.** Lift the pan by the handle and swirl the batter around for 10 seconds; cook for another 20 seconds. Flip and cook for 30 seconds.

- 4.** Add syrup, fruit or spreads in a center line and roll. Serve with whipped cream.

#### **Pork al Latte**

**1/4 cup, plus 1 Tbsp. olive oil**  
**(divided use)**  
**2 slices bacon, coarsely chopped**  
**1 1/2 lbs. pork shoulder, cut into**  
**2-inch chunks**  
**Salt, to taste**  
**Black pepper, freshly ground, to taste**  
**1 small yellow onion, diced**  
**4 garlic cloves, sliced**  
**1 1/4 cups chicken broth**  
**1/2 cup crème fraîche**  
**2 Tbsp. fresh sage leaves, chopped**  
**1 pinch red pepper flakes, or to taste**  
**15 whole fresh sage leaves**

- 1.** In a skillet, heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil over medium heat; add the bacon; cook for about 5 minutes, stirring until the bacon is crisp and the fat has rendered. Remove the bacon;



set aside, reserving drippings in the skillet. Increase heat to medium-high.

**2.** Season the pork cubes with salt and pepper; add them to the skillet; cook for about 5 minutes per side until browned. Transfer the meat to a bowl, reserving drippings in the skillet.

**3.** Decrease the heat to medium; add the onions and a pinch of salt. Cook for about 5 minutes, until the onions are translucent and slightly browned. Add the garlic; cook for 1 minute.

**4.** Pour the chicken broth and crème fraîche into the onion mixture; whisk until smooth. Scrape and dissolve any browned bits of food on the bottom of the skillet; simmer.

**5.** Add the cooked bacon and chopped sage; mix well. Return the pork to the sauce; decrease the heat to low. Cover; simmer for 1 hour until the meat is almost tender.

**6.** Increase the heat to medium; cook, uncovered, for about 20 minutes, until the sauce thickens and the pork is tender. Add the red pepper flakes to the sauce; stir.

**7.** In a separate skillet, heat the remaining 1/4 cup olive oil on medium heat. Add the whole sage leaves, tossing them in the oil about 10-15 seconds until crisp. Drain the sage leaves on paper towels; crumble over the pork before serving with rice and broccoli florets.

## Hipko Chili

**1 Tbsp. butter**

**4 lbs. ground meat (pork, sausage, beef, turkey or combination)**

**5 Tbsp. chili powder**

**1 Tbsp. garlic powder**

**1 tsp. mustard powder**

**1 Tbsp. oregano**

**2 Tbsp. cumin**

**1/4 tsp. cayenne (optional)**

**1 tsp. salt**

**1 bay leaf**

**1 Tbsp. black pepper**

**2 bell peppers, chopped**

**8-10 cloves garlic, chopped**

**1/2 white onion, diced**

**1 poblano pepper, chopped**

**1 jalapeño, chopped**

**1 soaked dry chili, chopped**

**1 15-oz. can black beans**

**1 15-oz. can small red beans**

**1 24-oz. jar spaghetti sauce**

**1 16-oz. jar salsa**

**1 Tbsp. tomato paste**

**1.** Add the butter and meat to a large soup pot on medium heat. While browning the meat, add the chili powder and the next 8 ingredients. Cook until the meat is browned; drain the excess grease.

**2.** Add the bell peppers and the remaining


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ingredients; mix well. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer for 2-3 hours.

3. Serve with sour cream, cheddar cheese and green onions.

## Pecan Sour Cream Coffee Cake

*Crumb:*

- 1 1/2 cups pecans, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. butter, melted

*Cake:*

- 1 7/8 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. fine sea salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup sour cream or crème fraîche

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter an 8x10-inch baking dish.

2. For crumb: In a bowl, mix together the pecans and the remaining ingredients until all components are coated with butter.



Pfannkuchen  
(German Pancakes)

3. For cake: In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda.

4. In a separate large bowl, mix together the butter and sugar with a spatula until well blended. Add 1 egg at a time, whisking until the mixture is smooth. Add the vanilla and sour cream or crème fraîche; whisk together.

5. Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients, whisking until the flour disappears. *Note: Do not overmix.*

6. Spread half of the batter evenly into the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Scatter half of the crumb mixture evenly over the top of the batter. Spread the remaining batter evenly on top of the crumb mixture. Top

with the remaining crumb mixture. Gently press the crumbs into the batter.

7. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until a bamboo skewer comes out clean. Cool slightly before serving.

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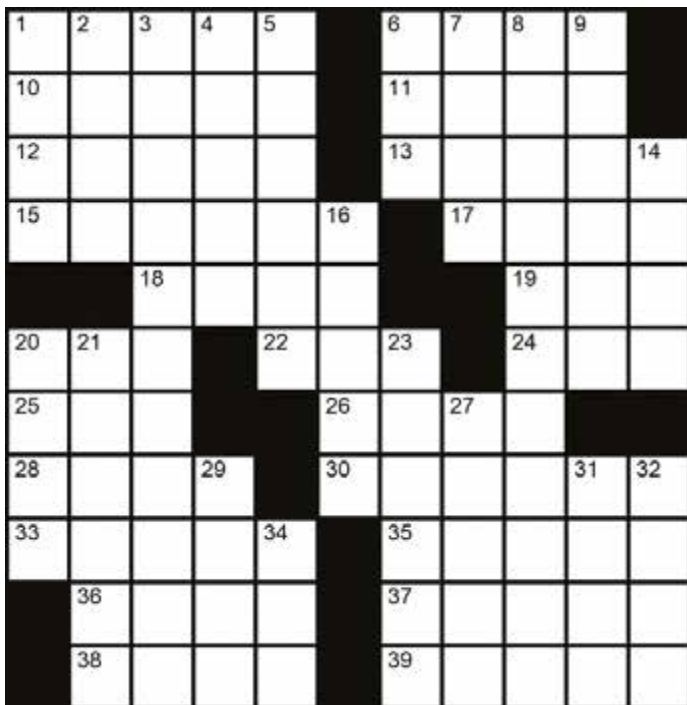
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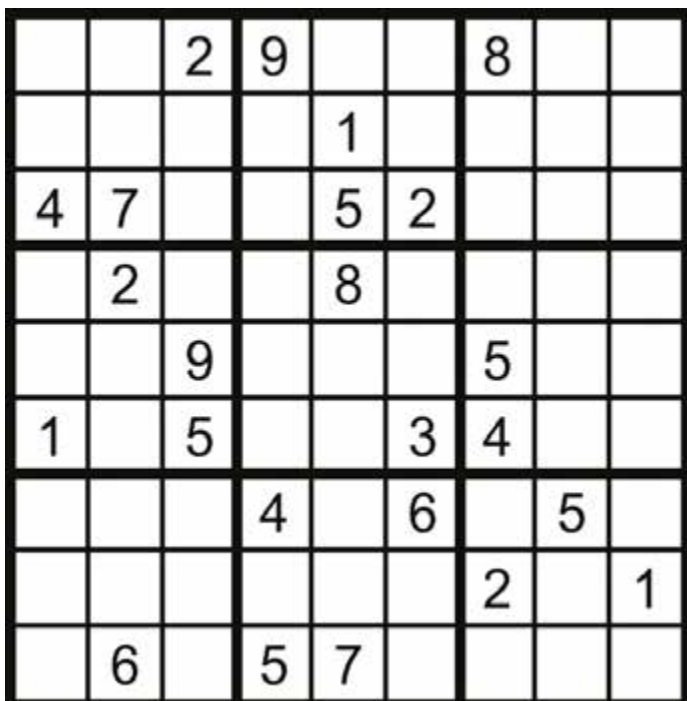
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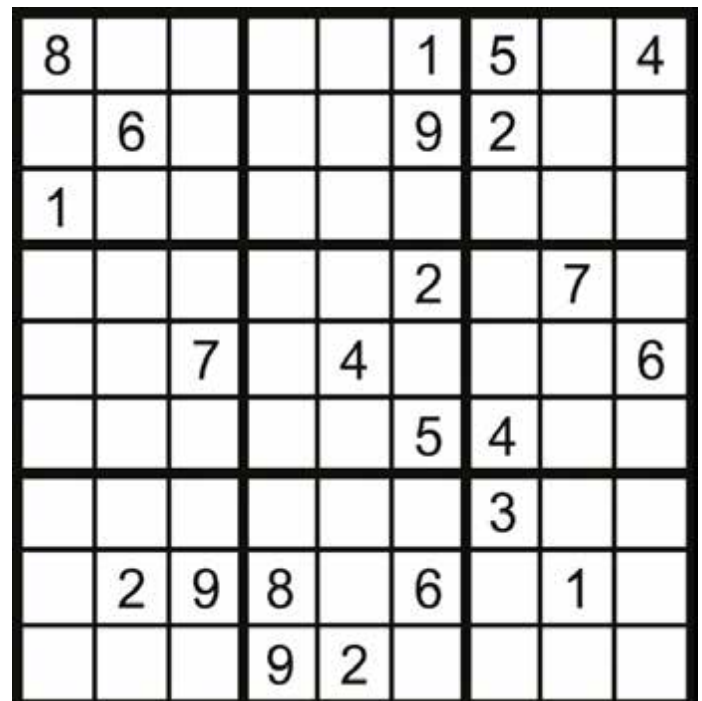
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# St. Patrick's Day

## MARCH

Due to COVID-19, 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.

### 3/1

#### **Mardi Crow:**

First ever Mardi Crow celebration features crawfish boil, live jazz music, cornhole tournament and more. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St. [www.burlesontx.com/2394/Mardi-Crow](http://www.burlesontx.com/2394/Mardi-Crow).

### 3/3, 3/8, 3/23 and 3/28

#### **Foster & Adoption Online Session:**

Hosted by Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, learn about fostering and adopting children. 7:00, 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. (varies per date), online meeting. For link, call (512) 212-5700 or email [FosterAdopt@pchas.org](mailto:FosterAdopt@pchas.org).

### 3/11

#### **Food Truck Friday:**

Check out a variety of food trucks at a local park. Activities for the entire family — bounce house and DJ keep good times going. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E. Renfro. [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

### 3/11 and 3/12

#### **Spring Fling:**

Ages 10-16 enjoy a "date night" with a book. Must register with active Burleson library card. Surprise book (based on preferences) and goody bag.

Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com);  
[www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

### 3/19

#### **Freedom & Liberty Cruise and Car Show:**

Community event includes a cruise and cars, trucks and bike show. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 7536 FM 916, Grandview. For information, visit [www.jcvtx.com/cruise-car-show](http://www.jcvtx.com/cruise-car-show), or call Debbie Kilen at (832) 746-8550.

### 3/26

#### **Vietnam Veterans Celebration:**

The city of Burleson proudly celebrates Vietnam War veterans in March every year. Honor guards from both the Police and Fire departments present the nation's colors, lay a wreath and play "Taps" in tribute to military veterans. 2:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Plaza. For more information, visit [www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com).

### 4/3

#### **Vineyard Vibes Community Concert:**

Support Harvest House while enjoying country atmosphere, live music and wines. Shop with local businesses, indulge in your favorite food trucks, enter the cornhole tournament. Noon-6:00 p.m., Lost Oak Winery, 8101 County Rd. 802. [www.burlesonchamber.com](http://www.burlesonchamber.com).

### Second Tuesdays

#### **National Active and Retired Federal Employees:**

Monthly meetings of NARFE Chapter 1191 feature guest speakers. Open to federal employees. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., various locations. Follow on Facebook. [rjcarey1@gmail.com](mailto:rjcarey1@gmail.com).

### Third Tuesdays

#### **Heart & Soul Writers:**

A Christian writers group designed to encourage, support and improve skills. Zoom option may be available. 7:00-9:00 p.m., Alsbury Baptist Church, 500 NE Alsbury Blvd. Contact [lisabell@bylisabell.com](mailto:lisabell@bylisabell.com), (817) 269-9066.

### Wednesdays

#### **Baby Storytime:**

Fun time where we read books, sing songs and play together. This story time is geared for babies (0-2 years old). Older siblings welcome. 9:30 a.m., Burleson Public Library. [www.burlesontx.com/1539/Story-Time](http://www.burlesontx.com/1539/Story-Time).

### First and Third Wednesdays

#### **Senior Bingo:**

Have fun and win prizes. 10:00 a.m., Burleson Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson.

For more information, visit [www.burlesontx.com/320/Senior-Activity-Center](http://www.burlesontx.com/320/Senior-Activity-Center).

### Second and Fourth Wednesdays

#### **Burleson Lions Club:**

Local Lions meet bi-monthly for lunch, a speaker and to plan upcoming community events. 11:45 a.m., Ol' South Pancake House, 225 E. Renfro. [www.burlesonlions.org](http://www.burlesonlions.org).

#### **Burleson Writers Group:**

Join Burleson area writers. Mini workshops on various topics on aspects of writing and publishing, with in-depth review of members' works. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library. [www.burlesonwritersgroup.com](http://www.burlesonwritersgroup.com).

### Thursdays

#### **Toddler Storytime:**

Join staff to read books, sing songs and make a craft together. Geared toward 2- to 4-year-old children, but families welcome to attend together. 9:30 a.m., Burleson Public Library. [www.burlesontx.com/1539/Story-Time](http://www.burlesontx.com/1539/Story-Time).

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