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In like a lion ...

Texans are hardy souls when it comes to our ever-changing weather, and spring is the most challenging time. I enjoy camping, especially in remote state parks like Caprock Canyon in the Texas Panhandle. Ranch land, jack pumps and critters abound, and the "grid" is far away. Last March, I arrived just in time to hook up my RV before a looming storm burst forth with 2-inch hail, torrential rain and high winds. My satellite device enabled me to text with my daughter, who let me know a tornado warning was in effect. The next night was a repeat for a nearly three-hour bombardment of hail. March had arrived like a lion, but all was well at sunrise.

This last Christmas, I headed west to my New Mexico family while it was still warm and overnighted in Sweetwater with plans to leave before dawn, and that bitterly cold arctic blast arrived. As I loaded my SUV at 5:45 a.m., it was 34 F. When my dog, Jazz, and I left 30 minutes later, the south wind had turned and was blowing a nor'wester. It was already below freezing. By the time I filled up with gas again in Midland (yes, I opted to use Mother Nature's tailwind and go through the mountains at El Paso rather than have a head wind, dust/dry snowstorm and tumbleweeds experience through Lubbock or Amarillo before turning westward) the temp was 19 F with a wind chill of -1 F. It was not a pleasant time to pump gas! El Paso was 68 F when I gassed up again. I had set a personal new record for the biggest drop/gain in a daily temp without traveling by airplane — 69 degrees!

... out like a lamb, we hope!

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It's cold and 5:00 a.m. as Linda Lammers and her husband, Mark, ride to the blind with 12 other hunters, guides and dogs to land south of Haskell, Texas. They are on the hunt for geese and sandhill cranes feeding near the waterline. The beauty of the sun rising over the water is just another perk of getting up so early and enduring the cold. Never one to be deterred, Linda stated, "I grew up fishing, and my dad and brother fished. But Mark was into trap shooting, and I was going to join him. We joined a sportsman club after we were married."

She grew up in Wisconsin in the country but near a small town. "Mark and I were two years apart in the same high school," she recalled. "Our families attended the same church." Linda, an accomplished musician who started taking piano lessons at age 8, was playing the church's organ by high school. She studied social work and music at La Crosse University and received her master's degree in administration

from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She taught music for 21 years and was a principal for 22 years before retiring. She's taught swim classes for all ages and played in a fastpitch softball league.

Linda's hunting and shooting abilities began with attending a hunting safety course. She recalled, "I was the only adult in the class. I started with bow hunting since Wisconsin has a short season for gun hunting but a longer season for bow hunting. I'm very competitive, and there were few to no opportunities for girls to compete in sports when I was growing up. I found I enjoyed the competition in shooting, and I like to learn and do things better. Fishing with my dad was more relaxing, but there's still the time spent in hunting sitting in a blind waiting for critters to come."

Linda and Mark moved to Texas in 1998 due to his job transfer, and Linda became a principal in two Texas districts, Little Elm and Keller. She and Mark enjoy shooting sporting clays. They have been on hunts in East Texas, the Hill Country, south of Wichita Falls and had a lease near Throckmorton until last year. "We hunted mule deer in Paducah, Texas," she recalled. "We've hunted turkey and hogs, too, over the last 25 years."

Shooting sports and hunting has grown among women, who traditionally, only cooked the meat brought home by the men. Linda has been at the forefront of bringing more women to the sport. "I enjoy hunting with my husband,

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— By Virginia Riddle

yes, but I also was one of the 30 or so women in Dallas who met with Judy Rhodes, founder of DIVA-WOW (Women Outdoors Worldwide), in 1999. I was a life member from the first, and I hunt with women only groups sometimes,” she said. She has competed in some sporting clay shoots sponsored by Women on Target, part of the National Rifle Association. “I enjoy competing in Branson with that group annually,” Linda explained. One day’s competition is between women, and the next day’s is team competition, and I compete with Mark. It’s a fundraiser for Shriners Hospitals for Children.”

Linda’s gun choices include 12-gauge shotguns, a rifle for hunting and a pistol she uses in pistol shooting league competition. “I enjoy the camaraderie, and belonging to a group of people who all like to compete is a fun thing to do. I meet people of all ages, and I enjoy meeting new people and seeing friends,” she said. She also enjoys the challenges competition

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town, we enjoy Corsicana's small-town atmosphere, and there's a great community at the lake. We've found shopping and medical services we like here," Linda added.

Linda and Mark have been married for 41 years, and have grown children in Wisconsin, Kansas and Texas. They are grandparents to 11 and have one great-grandchild. "We have a time share and like to get the family together there

or here as often as possible," Linda remarked. "The grandkids fish, and our son in Wisconsin hunts."

During spare moments, Linda enjoys researching her family history, reading, gardening on their six-plus acres, being outdoors and watching movies on television. "I enjoy having coffee every afternoon with Mark," she said.

Memorable moments have been many, but Linda shared two. "I'm proud of the number of deer I've brought home, including an 11-point buck," she recalled. "Also, in a Women on Target in Branson there was a 10-shot, five station, shoot-off for an engraved shotgun. That's been the only time I've felt 'in the zone.' I was so focused, and I won that shotgun. It's displayed on our home's wall."

Albert Einstein once stated, "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." Linda and other women hunters have discovered that to be true and aren't stopping at breaking that "glass ceiling" in women's gun sports. The goal is that limitless sky above. **NOW**



brings. "I always want to do better than before, but since moving to Corsicana, we haven't been practicing as much.

"God opens doors," Linda said. After hearing about Corsicana at a boat show, the couple moved to Navarro County in 2016. "We became members of First Methodist Corsicana and love our church. I serve as a trustee and substitute organist, and I'm in a church circle. I've played the accordion at church and volunteered for Art Camp and Food for Fitness." Before COVID, Linda volunteered at Mildred ISD. She joined Corsicana Newcomers Club and is its president for 2023-2024. "Having grown up near a small

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Zoomed In:
Marco Ochoa

By Virginia Riddle

Marco Ochoa, a scholarship recipient at the Navarro College Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast, presented his essay, gaining a standing ovation and a smile from his proud mom, Julia Guerrero. A Rice High School senior and possible valedictorian, he plans on becoming an ER nurse. "I want to rise higher," he said.

An employee of Chick-fil-A in Corsicana, Marco stays busy serving as drum major, Key Club president, NHS president and class treasurer. He plays in a mariachi band and a jazz band and is on the varsity tennis team. Also, spending time with family working on their farm and at church, Mario remarked, "I like to play the piano, sing and read. This community and my school are very supportive."



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customers as they stroll through children's clothing for both boys and girls, women's clothing and varied gift selections for every occasion. "We take pride in offering the best customer service, and we work to make all customers feel satisfied," Sheila said.

Spring is here, and Prayers From Heaven has shorts, tops and jeans in all kids' and women's sizes. Accessorize with brightly colored beaded earrings, necklace and bracelet selections, as well as a collection of handbags, belts, shoes and hats. A cool lace cover up goes well with jeans or for dressy occasions. Need an Easter dress? Casual and dressy dresses for girls and women come in Easter egg colors and more. Love the show *Yellowstone*? Peruse through clothing featuring the *Yellowstone* brand. Want to tout Texas wherever you roam? There's a selection of T-shirts in all sizes with Texas-themed sayings and designs.

Bell bottoms, buttons, bows and ruffles abound in little girls' wear and jewelry and hat accessories. There's a selection of jeans and T-shirts for boys and girls. Toys and practical gift items, such as lunch boxes and sippy cups,

are available. For mom and dad, there are tumblers for their morning coffee. Baby and toddler sizes include onesies, dresses and pant/shirt and jean/T-shirt selections. Grandmother and grandfather themed T-shirts are available for those treks and times with the grands.

“We take pride in offering the best customer service, and we work to make all customers feel satisfied.”

Sheila doesn't stray far from her original mission of stocking religious-themed clothing and gifts. She founded the store in her home in 2012, so she could be self-employed and set high standards for customer service. In June 2013, she expanded the mission and store to her first Beaton Street location. Sheila announces newly arrived selections on the store's Facebook page from which customers can shop. Items can be picked up curbside or shipped to customers or be placed on hold for two days. “I love working with people and making sure my customers are taken care of,” she stated. Customers can pay online or in person through cash, check, most major credit cards, Venmo or PayPal.

The new location has allowed Sheila to expand selections. “I work diligently with my suppliers to keep popular and ever-changing new selections in stock,” she explained. Customers have shown their appreciation by voting Prayers From Heaven as the Best of the Best Gift Shop for both 2021 and 2022.

A Kentucky native, Sheila had 15 years of retail experience and management training prior to opening Prayers From Heaven. Her husband, Harold Moore, a brother and sisters enjoy living in Navarro County, and Sheila has earned the Chief's Coin of Excellence from CPD Chief Robert Johnson. On her days away from the store, Sheila enjoys fishing, playing bingo and cooking. She concluded, “I love that Corsicana is still a small town, and that I can know my customers personally. I enjoy making customers feel like family.” **NOW**

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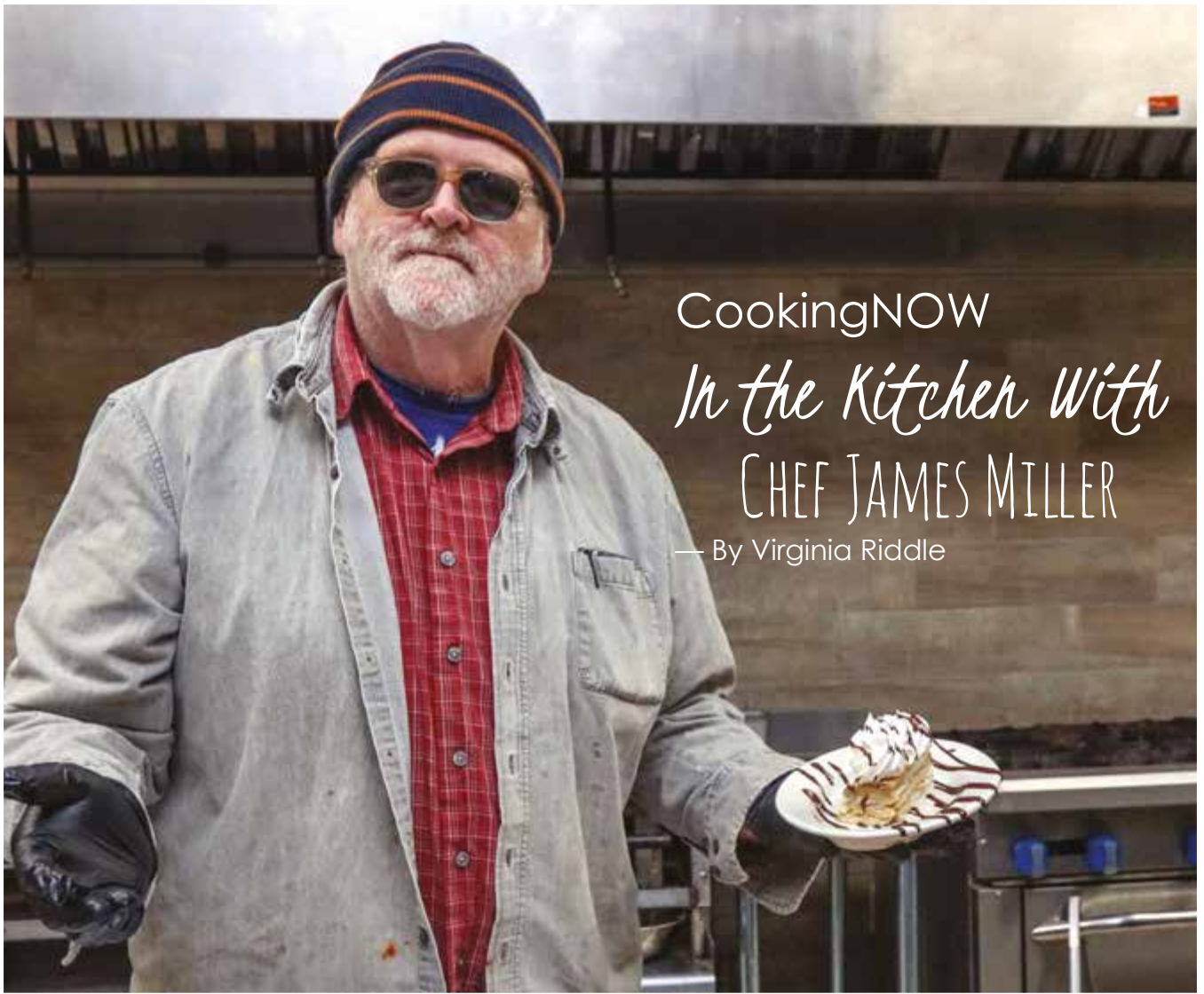


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— By Virginia Riddle

Growing up in the Coastal Carolinas gave Chef James Miller a taste for Low Country cooking, such as crab cakes, grits and shrimp. “I started cooking professionally in a resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains in 1985,” he recalled. He now rules over the new Corsicana Opry kitchen he helped design. “Cooking is one activity that uses all five senses and heightens them. Nutmeg’s my favorite spice, and it’s so underused. If I hadn’t become a chef, I would have liked to have been a chocolate taster,” he quipped.

Antiques and chess are two of James’ other passions. He elaborated, “I have rented space at antique stores in Texas for the past 15 years, and I played chess in high school and college and in tournaments throughout the Southeast.” **NOW**

Chicken and Dumplings

Makes 4 servings.

- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 1/4 cups White Lily Enriched Bleached Self-Rising Flour (divided use)
- 3 14.5-oz. cans chicken broth (divided use)
- 1/4 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 cups cooked chicken, diced

1. In a Dutch oven, melt the butter; whisk in 1/4 cup flour. Stir in the chicken broth, reserving 1/2 cup of the broth for later use. Bring the mixture to a boil.
2. In a large bowl, add the remaining flour; cut in the shortening with two knives until the crumbs are pea-sized. Stir in the

remaining chicken broth until the dough leaves the sides of the bowl.

3. On a lightly floured flat surface, turn the dough out of the bowl; knead 2-3 times. Roll the dough into a 1/8-inch thickness. Cut the dough into 2x1-inch strips. Return the chicken broth mixture to a boil; add the strips.

4. Reduce the heat to low; cover. Simmer for 15 minutes or until the dumplings are cooked; stir occasionally.

5. Stir in the pepper, milk and chicken; simmer for 5 additional minutes.

Cauliflower

- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 6.5-oz. jar pesto

1. Wash the cauliflower head; dry.
2. Rub the pesto over the head. Wrap the head completely in foil.
3. Bake for 20-30 minutes in an oven set at 350 F. Remove; carve the head like beef before serving.

Bread Pudding

- Pudding:*
- 2 cups granulated sugar
 - 5 large eggs, beaten
 - 2 cups milk
 - 3 cups Italian bread, cubed
 - 2 tsp. vanilla
 - 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
 - 1/4 cup butter, softened
 - 1 cup pecans, chopped

- Sauce 1:*
- 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter, melted
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 2 tsp. vanilla
 - 1/4 cup brandy

- Sauce 2:*
- 1 14-oz. can Eagle Brand Condensed Sweetened Milk
 - 1 oz. Frangelico or vanilla, or more to taste
 - 2 oz. butter, softened
1. For pudding: Preheat the oven to 350 F; grease a 13x9x2-inch pan.
2. In a bowl, mix the granulated sugar, eggs and milk. Pour this mixture over the bread; let it sit for 10 minutes.
3. In another bowl, mix the vanilla, brown sugar, softened butter and pecans.
4. Pour the bread mixture into the baking pan; top with the brown sugar mixture. Bake for 35-45 minutes.
5. For sauce 1: In a saucepan over medium heat, mix the sugar, butter, egg and vanilla; stir until the sugar is melted. Add the brandy; stir well. Pour the sauce over the prepared bread pudding; serve warm or cold.
6. For sauce 2: In a saucepan, slowly heat the condensed milk; when it's hot, stir in the Frangelico or vanilla and butter. Pour the sauce over the prepared bread pudding; serve warm or cold.

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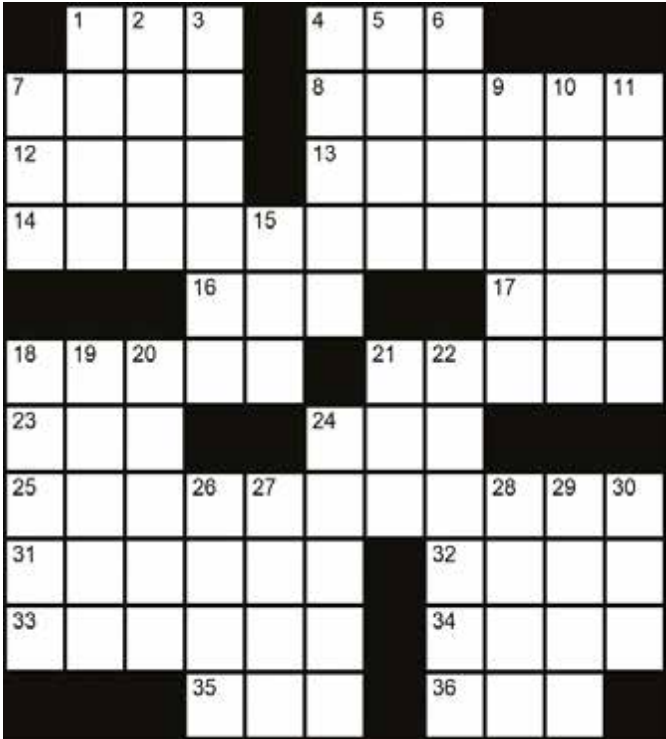
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- Across**

 - 1 L runners
 - 4 Viper
 - 7 "Chinatown" film genre
 - 8 Hits it off
 - 12 All time
 - 13 Auto garage service
 - 14 Concept in economic theory
 - 16 --- Harburg, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" lyricist
 - 17 Maxim
 - 18 Enjoy with relish
 - 21 Consumers
 - 23 "Halt! --- fire!"
- Down**

 - 24 Powdery residue
 - 25 British Fox News contributor and Trump supporter
 - 31 Skilled with
 - 32 Supercelebrity
 - 33 Work hard battering rivets
 - 34 Temperate
 - 35 Sailor
 - 36 Shareable computer file
- Down**

 - 1 Sheltered inlet
 - 2 Cake layer
 - 3 Gully
 - 4 Be a brat
 - 5 Run-down part of a city
 - 6 Engine knock
 - 7 --- Percé (Northwest Native American)
 - 9 Discontinue
 - 10 "Harold & --- go to White Castle" (2004 movie)
 - 11 Ejects forcefully
 - 15 Respectful form of address
 - 18 Vocal music
 - 19 Very funny
 - 20 Forceful exertion
 - 21 Where you are now, probably
 - 22 Bubba Gump offering
 - 24 Hunting
 - 26 Prepare for publication
 - 27 Kind of lamp
 - 28 Sour
 - 29 "A good walk spoiled" (Mark Twain)
 - 30 Conclusion

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