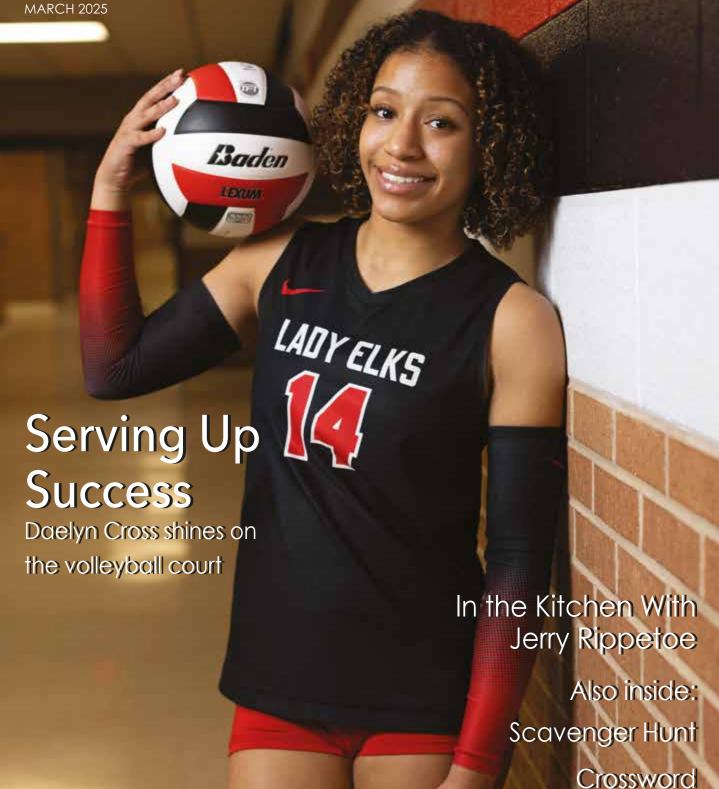
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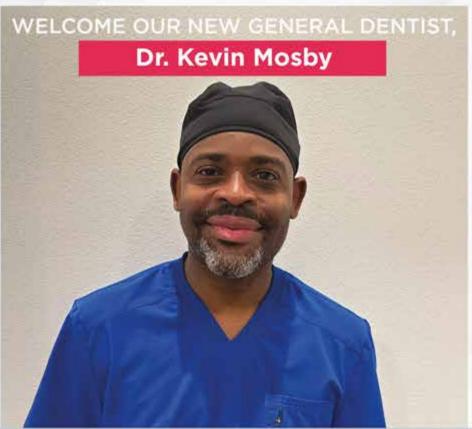
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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Spring has sprung!

At least according to the calendar. As a true Texan, I'm not sure how many more times winter will creep up on us, before it finally hibernates until the end of the year. Although it's uncertain if we'll be enjoying warm weather this month, there are many other things to enjoy, such as St. Patrick's Day, March Madness or National Women's History Month.

When I think of Women's History Month, I think of my college resident adviser, who grew up as a missionary kid in Hungary. She'd told us that Hungarians celebrate International Women's Day by giving the women flowers, so she'd give us each a flower on that day to honor us and the traditions of the country she loved so dearly. I think of my strong-willed cousin, who proudly welcomed her daughter into the world at the beginning of Women's History Month two years ago. I admire her determination to raise her child to have a strong sense of self, so the world won't knock her down. I think of all the women I've briefly connected with through a quick, "I love your earrings!" or, "Your makeup is gorgeous!" I think of all the awesome women who've shaped our world and all the women who carry on that work.

In this issue, you'll find stories about a young athlete, whose female coaches inspired her love of volleyball, and a Christian woman, who desired to build community with the ladies of her church. Whatever event you're enjoying this March, I hope it fills you with light.

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"I didn't really like volleyball in middle school," Burleson High School Varsity Volleyball player Daelyn Cross said. Before high school, she spent her time divided between volleyball and basketball. Coming into her freshman year, volleyball became her priority. "Coach Larissa Cantrell supported me. She pushed me to continue volleyball."

Before transferring to BHS for her sophomore year, Daelyn attended the Burton Adventist Academy in Arlington where her stepdad, Chris Webb, taught. When he picked up a teaching position at BHS, Daelyn moved with him, despite her being assigned to go to Crowley High School. "That summer, he was bugging [Coach Newton], telling her to look at me," she laughed. That summer, she attended her first BHS volleyball camp. "After that, she was very interested in me. She was asking him questions about me and talking to me, too!"

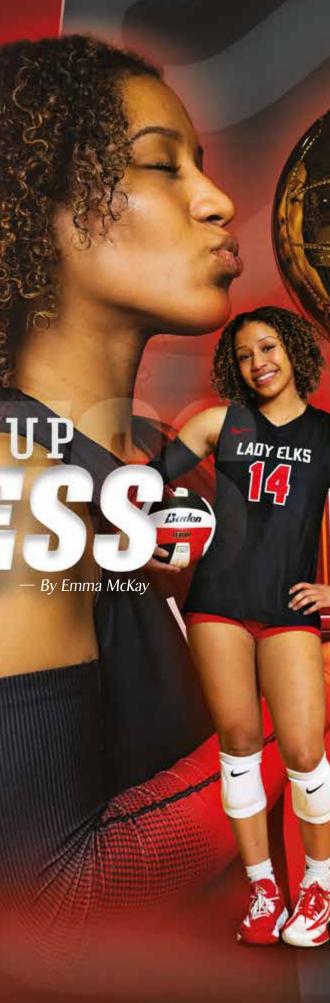
# SERVING-UP SICCES

During team tryouts, Daelyn made varsity, but because she lived on the Crowley side of the Burleson/Crowley border, UIL ruled that due to her transfer, she was ineligible to play varsity for a year. "I had to play JV," Daelyn said. Despite the heartache of not being allowed to play in the team she made, Daelyn is grateful to have played JV. "I was able to learn a lot of leadership skills. Coming from a private school, I've been friends with all of them for multiple years, so it makes you softer. I've learned to be aggressive on the court, but not aggressive toward my teammates.

"People don't see volleyball as an intense sport," the high school junior said. "But I like the really intense moments, where you really get into the sport and lock in on what you're doing." Daelyn enjoys letting her emotions out on the court. "Even if I have a rough day, I can use volleyball as an outlet," she explained.

Daelyn loves the moments in practice when something goofy happens and she and her team can't help but stop everything and laugh together. In addition to bonding on the court, she cherishes the time spent with her team off the court. "Yeah, we may be on the same team, but being able to connect with them outside of the sport is a lot of fun," she said.

"I always tell her it's cool that [her teammates] always come together when they do something [good] or pat each other on the









Daelyn appreciates the support her coaches have given her over the years. "Coach Larissa pushed me to try volleyball my first year. Coach Krystal Ellis taught me the fundamentals that I needed to learn," she explained. "I feel

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like off of her coaching, I have grown 20 times better. She was hard on me, and I'm thankful for that because I would not be the player that I am today." Daelyn also thanks the head coach, D'Anna Newton. "She's been hands on with me since the day I got to Burleson High School."

"Coaching Daelyn has truly been a blessing," Coach Newton said. "She is one of those kids when she takes the floor, her leadership and passion take over. Her hard work and dedication are unmatched. I love watching her play and can't wait to see her shine in her senior year and then get to see where she ends up for college ball."

"We've been so lucky that each coach she's ever had has been phenomenal," Danette stated. "That makes the difference when you have somebody that's really rooting for you. It inspires Daelyn to be better. She and I have talked about it multiple times, and part of her drive is like, 'All these women have invested so much time in me. Week after week, hours and hours and hours.' And I think from what I've heard her say, she feels that her excelling at the

sport is a way for her to pay them back."

In addition to playing volleyball with BHS, Daelyn plays club volleyball with Texas Advantage Volleyball South. "I play for 17 Royal. It's the top team," she said. This year, her team got their bid to compete in a regional tournament, which they hope will lead them to compete in nationals.

Daelyn has enjoyed many incredible achievements on the court. One of her favorites happened in a recent game. "It was our round one playoff game. There was just this one set where the setter, Brooklyn, set to me, and it was so perfect. And I hit it down the line, and it was right on the line." During that match, she scored 24 "kills," or, non-returnable hits, for her team.

Outside of volleyball, Daelyn wants to pursue a career in health sciences. "It's intriguing how things can become combined to create reactions, and seeing how the body reacts to certain things or how the body is." She has been debating between dentistry, physical therapy and pediatrics. "I love kids. They're so adorable. I feel like I can connect to them easily," Daelyn

said. She enjoys spending time with her younger sister, her cousins and even her coaches' kids, who frequently ask their moms when they can see her again.

After graduation, Daelyn hopes to attend a Historically Black College & University (HBCU) in Texas, such as Prairie View A&M. "My father and my stepmother helped me tap into my African American culture. I've kind of always wanted to know more about African Americans. I want to know more about what he did, what she did." Daelyn hopes that attending an HBCU will give her more opportunities to explore her culture's history and present. In the meantime, she has been exploring college campuses through participating in their summer volleyball camps. "I went to a few this [past] summer. I went to an HBCU camp, and the University of Oklahoma."

Daelyn wants to coach volleyball someday. "One of the practices with Coach Ellis, I was able to help her coach some kids. I've just been thinking about it ever since." She wants to help kids feel seen and supported, the same way her coaches have done for her. NOW



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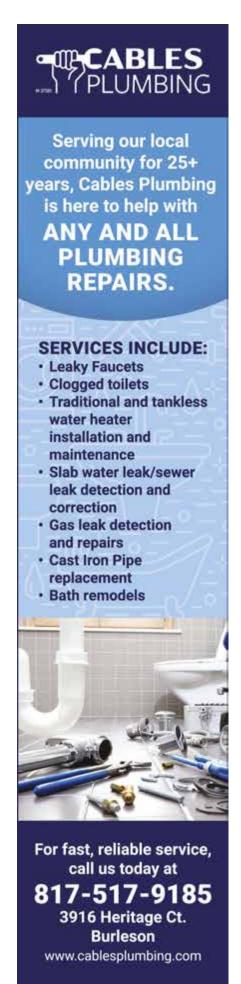
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#### **Around Town**



### Zoomed In:

By Emma McKay

#### Tracy Shakespeare-Branch

After a career in modeling and acting in California, Tracy Shakespeare-Branch (pictured on the right) moved to Texas. Since moving 26 years ago, Tracy has started a seating construction company and a women's ministry. "With Coffee Talk, I wanted something real. When you need someone, it seems like there's not a lot of people there. You need women who aren't going to walk out when everyone else does."

Through Coffee Talk, Tracy built community among the women in her church, giving them a place where they can feel supported. This month, the group is holding its 15th Annual Women's Conference, which came out of a desire to spend more time together in fellowship. "We have a lot of fun getting together and just being girls."



Dr. Pepper celebrates the grand opening of his new location.



Harley, Justin, Haisley and Jase Fowler enjoy a sunny afternoon in Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza.



Roel Rodriguez, Cooper Tracy, Jacob Bittner and Andrew Asalele play chess at Feng Cha.



The people of Burleson attend The Great Give Back to learn how they can aid their community.



The staff at Fancy's style the ladies of Burleson.



Vinson Tucker and Everett King spend the afternoon playing cornhole.



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## Nothing Bundt Cakes

- By Emma McKay

Nothing Bundt Cakes

"I fell in love with the cake," Vanessa Sheriff, owner of Burleson's Nothing Bundt Cakes, said about her first bite of the franchise's namesake. Vanessa spent her childhood in the kitchen, helping her older sisters and her mother bake. She especially loved baking cakes, dreaming of one day opening a bakery. So, when she discovered that Nothing Bundt Cakes was a franchise, she needed to know more.

"I told my husband we needed to look into it," she said. As a police officer for the city of Arlington, Vanessa's husband, Deric Sheriff, had worked shifts at the Cotton Bowl. "One of the guys he knew on the Cotton Bowl committee owns several [Nothing Bundt Cakes locations], so he helped us get into it." After 20 years working in health care, Vanessa decided to make the career change and follow her dreams. In February 2016, with the help of her son, Adam Ellis, she opened the doors to the Burleson Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Each location offers their core 10 flavors: Carrot, Chocolate Chocolate Chip, Classic Vanilla, Confetti, Gluten-Free Chocolate Chip, Lemon, Red Velvet, Snickerdoodle, Strawberries & Cream and White Chocolate Raspberry. While Red Velvet is their most popular, Vanessa loves the Chocolate Chocolate Chip, which is chocolate cake with mini chocolate chips inside.

Along with their standard flavors, Nothing Bundt Cakes offers seasonal flavors, such as Pumpkin Spice in the fall and a Gluten-Free Lemon Raspberry in the spring, "[The Pumpkin Spicel is so good!" Vanessa exclaimed.

They've also begun offering pop-up flavors throughout the year, which only stay in stores for two weeks or until they sell out. One such flavor is their Banana Cream Pie, which consists of banana flavored cake, banana pudding and their classic cream cheese frosting on top.

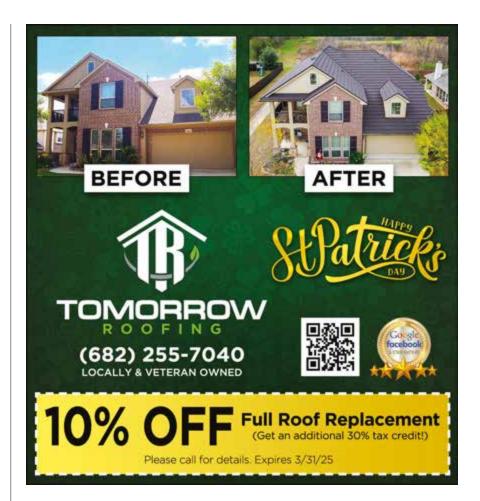
"We bake every day. The quality is amazing," she gushed. They keep their display case well-stocked throughout the day, so customers can always find their favorite flavor, especially if they have a last-minute cake need. "You could walk in right now and order a cake, and we could get it ready in anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes."

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Over the past summer, the franchise launched an app, allowing customers to order ahead and view the seasonal and pop-up flavors. Through the app, customers can earn "Joy Points" with each purchase. These "Joy Points" unlock rewards, such as free Bundtlets and \$10 off 8-inch or 10-inch Bundt cakes. "It's pretty exciting!

"I love what I'm doing," Vanessa said. "I had a lot to learn. It was tough, but the franchise is great." She has especially enjoyed getting to work with Adam, who is the main manager, and their team. "I've got a great staff. It's a hard job — the frosting and the baking. People don't realize how much work goes into it. I really appreciate the people that I have working here. And they're all awesome.

"I love the Burleson area, the community, the people. I love how it's growing. It's just a great town," Vanessa proclaimed. She delights in getting to share the cakes she and her team bake with her community. "It's been fun making people happy, especially people who haven't tried the cake before." NOW







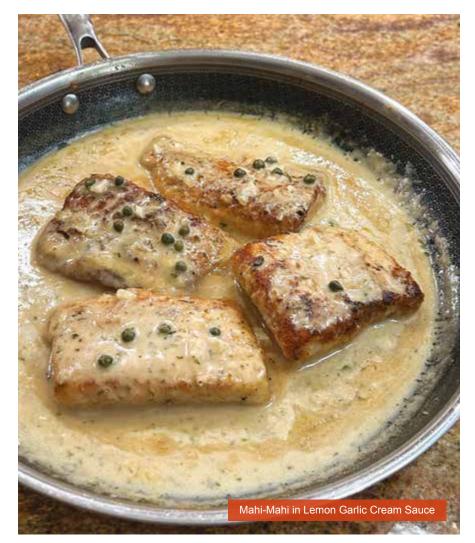
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### CookingNOW IN THE KITCHEN WITH JERRY RIPPETOE

- By Emma McKay



Jerry Rippetoe's first memories of cooking were observing his mother and sister working in the kitchen. "This knowledge helped me later on when I became a firefighter/paramedic. Each shift required three meals to be prepared, and by being the cook, it relieved me of having to wash the dishes," he said. Cooking at the station while being on call could be challenging at times. "I would have to shut off all the heat to whatever I was cooking and pick back up after we got back."

Jerry enjoys modifying recipes he finds in cookbooks and online. "I have learned to cook instinctively and not always follow the recipe exactly. Learning how to substitute certain ingredients or omit others has come in handy." Now

#### Cream Cheese Chicken Enchiladas

2 cups rotisserie chicken, pre-cooked 8 oz. cream cheese, cubed into small

1/2 cup sour cream

4 oz. green chilies

2 Tbsp. onion, finely chopped

1/2 tsp. chili powder

1/2 tsp. cumin

1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (divided use)

10 tortillas (Luse corn, but flour will work as well.)

20 oz. red or green enchilada sauce

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

- **2.** Debone the chicken and shred into small pieces.
- 3. In a large skillet, combine the chicken, cream cheese cubes, sour cream, chilies, onions, seasonings and 3/4 cup of cheddar cheese. Heat until all the cheeses are completely melted.
- **4.** Coat a baking dish with cooking spray. Scoop a heaping spoonful of chicken mixture onto a tortilla; roll and place the tortilla in the baking dish seam side down.
- **5.** Repeat until all the filling is used. Pour the enchilada sauce over the rolled tortillas.
- 6. Sprinkle the remaining 3/4 cup of cheddar on top; bake, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes.

#### Mahi-Mahi in Lemon Garlic **Cream Sauce**

Spice Rub:

3 Tbsp. flour

1 tsp. garlic powder

I tsp. onion powder

I tsp. salt

1 tsp. paprika

1/2 tsp. pepper

4 mahi-mahi fillets, 1 inch thick

1 Tbsp. unsalted butter

2 Tbsp. olive oil

Lemon Garlic Cream Sauce:

3 Tbsp. shallots, minced

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 Tbsp. cornstarch

1 1/4 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1/2 cup heavy cream

2 Tbsp. lemon juice, freshly squeezed

1/2 tsp. dried thyme

1/2 tsp. dried parsley

1/4 tsp. salt, or to taste

1/4 tsp. pepper, or to taste

**1.** For the spice rub: Mix all the spice rub ingredients in a medium bowl.

**2.** For the fish: Pat the mahi-mahi dry; rub

the spices into the fish.

- 3. In a large, heavy-bottomed skillet, melt the butter in the olive oil over medium heat. Once hot, add the fillets. Turn the heat down to medium; cook approximately 4 minutes. Flip the fillets; cook an additional 3-4 minutes. The fish should have an internal temperature of 135 F. Remove to a plate: tent with foil.
- **4.** For the sauce: Drain the oil from the pan leaving about 1 Tbsp. of oil. Add the shallots; sauté for 2 minutes. Add the garlic; cook for 30 seconds.
- **5.** Whisk the cornstarch into the chicken broth: add to the skillet. Add the heavy cream, lemon juice, thyme and parsley. Simmer until reduced by half and slightly thickened, about 4-5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- 6. Nestle the mahi-mahi fillets back into the skillet; spoon the sauce over the fillets. Garnish with fresh chives or parsley; serve immediately with rice, mashed potatoes or pasta.

#### Sopapilla Cheesecake

3 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened 2 cups white sugar (divided use) 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract 2 8-oz. cans crescent roll dough 1/2 cup butter, melted 1 tsp. ground cinnamon 1/4 cup sliced almonds

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- **2.** Beat the cream cheese with 1.1/2 cups of sugar and the vanilla extract in a bowl until smooth.
- **3.** Unroll the cans of crescent dough trying not to separate the pieces. Use a rolling pin to shape them into 9x13-inch rectangles. Lightly spray a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Press one piece of dough into the bottom of the baking dish; evenly spread the cream cheese mixture over the bottom piece of dough. Cover with the remaining piece of crescent dough.
- 4. Drizzle the melted butter evenly over the top of the cheesecake. Stir the remaining 1/2 cup of sugar and the cinnamon together in a small bowl; sprinkle over the cheesecake along with the almonds.
- 5. Bake until the crescent dough has puffed and turned golden brown, about 45 minutes. Let cool completely before cutting.

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    - 5 "We did it --we could"
    - 6 Strikebreaker
  - 7 PC linkup interest
  - 8 Signs idiot can sin badly
- 35 Political house-9 Tasty bit cleaning
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- 20 National Silverheels Popcorn 37 Kale South of Poppin' mo. the Border
- 38 Showing attitude

- 21 Ventilate
- 22 \*To thine own self --- " (Shakespeare, "Hamlet")
- 23 Friars Club events
- 24 The ---Commission on alleged NY P D corruption
- 27 Plays for a idiot
- 29 Takes a breather
- 30 Ruse
- 32 Gone by
- 34 "You must ask us how much it costs\*

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#### **Adult Spelling Bee:**

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#### Mardi Craw:

Let the good times roll! Join us for a Mardi Craw celebration featuring live music, a Mardi Gras-themed photo booth and more! Bring your own chairs, blankets and beverages. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.

#### 3/5 and 3/12

#### **Hunger Games Movie Nights:**

Join us for Wednesday movie nights as we celebrate the anticipated release of the new Suzanne Collins book Sunrise on the Reaping! Popcorn and drinks will be provided. 3/5, Mockingjay Part Two and 3/12, Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes. Free. 5:00-7:30 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.

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#### Coffee Talk Ministry's 15th Annual Women's **Conference:**

A morning of worship, prayer and fellowship. Motivational speakers, local vendors and a dessert bar. This year's theme is "Boots on the ground, calling heaven down!" A free breakfast will be provided. This is a free event, though donations are appreciated. 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Calvary Church Building #700, 100 McPherson Rd., Fort Worth.

#### Friends of the Library **Craft Fair:**

Come shop handcrafted items from local vendors to support the library's Summer Reading Club! 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.

3/8-3/15

#### **Bag of Books Bonanza:**

The Friends of the Burleson Library hosts their holiday library fundraising event. A \$5 donation purchases a single use bag to fill with books for all ages! This event takes place during the public library's normal operating hours. Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.

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#### Network@Night:

A night of networking, cocktails,

appetizers and door prizes with the Burleson Chamber of Commerce. Meet new clients, promote your business, and expand your network. 4:30-6:00 p.m., Elk Creek Assisted Living and Memory Care, 301 Elk Dr.

3/19

#### Spring Break Bingo & **Dogs With the Grands:**

Grab your grandkids and "relish" in an afternoon of fun. Free. Bingo: 10:00 a.m.; hot dogs: 11:30 a.m., Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.

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#### **Business Over Breakfast:**

Meet and connect with like-minded business professionals in a casual and friendly environment over a delicious breakfast. This is a great chance to learn something new while expanding your professional network. 7:30-9:00 a.m., BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd. To register, visit business. burlesonchamber.com/events.

3/29

#### Vietnam Veterans Celebration:

Join us as we celebrate the brave veterans who served during the Vietnam War. Free. 10:00 a.m., Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E. Renfro St.

#### Second and Fourth Wednesdays

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

Local Lions meet for lunch with a speaker and to plan for upcoming community events. 11:45 a.m., No Frills Grill, 12846 South Fwy., Ste. 100. www.burlesonlions.org.

#### Third Fridays

#### Sit & Stitch:

Calling all cross-stitchers. Bring a work in progress or come to learn. Must bring own supplies; feel free to bring a snack. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library. www.burlesontx. com/2245/Groups-Meetups.

#### Saturdays

#### **Saturday Morning Sketch Group:**

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