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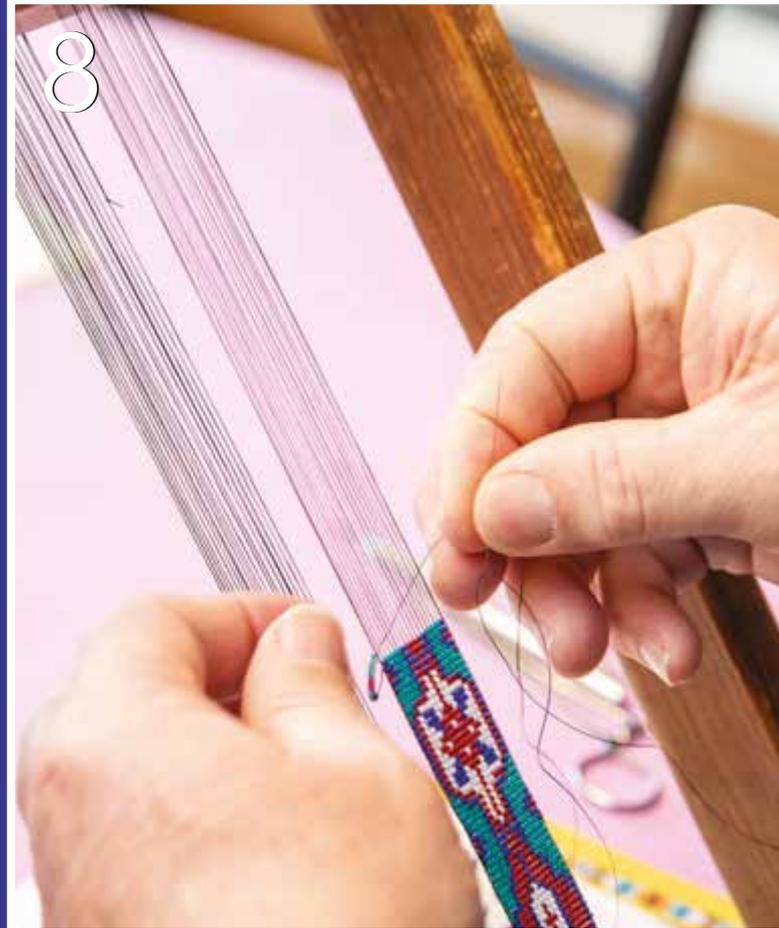
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Hello, Burlson!

April is, in several ways, the perfect month. It signals the end of the coldest days of winter, while around the corner is the consistent sunshine of summer.

In April, heavy jackets are replaced by a light sweater. T-shirts are worn more frequently. Blue jeans go in the closet, and out come shorts. Boots give way to sandals.

I can't wait to get out on the golf course more often. Unlike some enthusiasts, I draw the line at playing in any weather below 45 degrees. With the arrival of April, I'll likely be on the course each weekend. And now that we have reached daylight saving time, one evening a week will probably find me on an area par-3 course working on my short game.

Later this month, youngsters will hunt Easter Eggs. I've been on both sides of that joy, hunting for the treasures as a youth, and later playing the Easter Bunny as an adult. With granddaughters ages 5 and 3, I look forward to that special day even more now — but I'm not getting back in that sauna, err, costume.

And let's not forget that baseball, softball, track and field, tennis and the aforementioned golf control the spring sports scene. With the Texas Rangers' season now underway, spring is a time when everyone can still dream of a World Series.

Things are going to heat up soon enough. In the meantime, let's enjoy what may be the coolest month of the year.

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PRESERVING THE OLD WAYS

— By Melissa Rawlins

A fifth-generation descendant of Quanah Parker, Lance Tahmahkera, grew up in Richland Hills, Texas, in the 1960s. He remembers frequent visits to his Comanche relatives, including his father's uncle, Ben Tahmahkera. "When I was a child, we would go visit family in Oklahoma," Lance said. "During those visits, I would sit on Uncle Ben's knee, and he would tell me stories. It was the only time I ever heard him speak English, as he only used Comanche in conversation." Those stories were a way to teach character to Comanche youth. For instance, the moral of the children's story, How the Bat Came To Be, is that good things come to those who help others. Today, Lance, a longtime resident of Burleson with his wife of 30 years, Debi Tahmahkera, finds himself helping others by telling stories from the Comanche culture.

"I'm blessed to have this heritage," said Lance, who shares his wealth of cultural knowledge by speaking at libraries, heritage societies, schools or nature centers. "I take my sister's buck skin dress, and if there's a little girl in the audience, I'll put the top portion on her. If a little boy is there, I'll put the bandolier around his neck. The children get a charge out of that."

And Lance appreciates the people who give their time to come hear his family stories. "We really have a lot of fun talking about the things I pass around," he said, picking up an eagle feather. "The old way was that you don't collect the eagle feathers. You earn them by doing something brave. If you go to a powwow and somebody's wearing a war bonnet or a bustle filled with feathers, you step aside when they walk by, honoring whatever deeds they did to earn those feathers," he explained.

For more than 40 years, Lance has worked for Texas Health Neighborhood Care and Wellness-Burleson, and they are supportive when he's asked to speak. A self-professed introvert, Lance never sought out his storytelling opportunities. They all came to him. The first time was at least 25 years ago, when he was asked to speak to first-graders at Joshua Elementary School. "I said, 'I don't

normally do that, but I'll ask my dad,'" remembered Lance, referring to Monroe Tahmahkera, who frequently spoke at places such as Fossil Rim in Glen Rose.

"Dad was raised in the Comanche tradition. He war danced, gourd danced and was so involved with tribal things," Lance said. "But this time, he couldn't go. So, I said I would. These first-graders were all in a half circle around me, and I just told them children's stories about the Comanches and our way of life. When I was done, they had moved in at my feet, and for the next hour or so, I signed autographs. I realized how much fun it is."

Over time, the speaking engagements became more frequent. One year, he gave 36 talks, although the average is 12-20 per year. Last year, Lance shared Comanche culture with 70 people in the Burleson Public Library and more than 200 in the Weatherford Public Library.

He uses three different mediums to get his story across — PowerPoint slides, show-and-tell and storytelling. "People learn different ways — some more by holding an arrow in their hands, and some by seeing an image, while I tell about that era," Lance said.

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Oklahoma to visit family. That was just what you did on the weekends.” Lance spoke of Anna Tahmahkera, a lady who recently turned 100 and was raised by Topay, a wife of Quanah Parker. “Whenever I could, I’d visit her in Oklahoma. We’d sit in her kitchen, and I’d listen to whatever she wanted to share. Leaving, I’d sit in my truck and scribble down what I could remember that she told me.”

He continues to visit with the elders in Oklahoma, who continue to pour culture into him. “Every family has a different story, and we visit at powwows and share information back and forth about our beliefs and stories. I do feel like I have to work at it, to learn what the elders know,” Lance said. “Maybe 2 percent of our Comanche people can fluently speak Comanche. I know a bunch of words, but can’t carry a conversation.”

At evening dinners, Lance’s parents, Monroe and Patsye, taught their children Comanche words. “But there wasn’t the conversation Dad had when he was growing up,” Lance said, tracing his genealogy from Monroe to Quanah Parker. “Our last name switched from Parker to Tahmahkera three generations back. Dad was born in 1927 to Wilson and Ida Tomah Tahmahkera. Wilson Tahmahkera was the son of Werahre (wee-oh-dee) Parker Tahmahkera. Her mother was Weakeah, married to Quanah Parker, who was half white, son of Cynthia Ann Parker and Nacona of the Nakoni band of Comanches.”

Originally, Lance’s ancestors only had one name. “Quanah became Quanah Parker after he surrendered in 1875,” Lance said, moving into another story.





“The first thing Quanah wanted to know was, ‘What became of our mother?’ The agency man said, ‘I don’t know, Quanah, but I know there are Parkers living in East Texas. Go visit with them, and they’ll tell you about her.’ When he went there, he started to realize he was one of them, so out of respect, he added on their name, ‘Parker.’”

Considering himself an American in citizenship and a Comanche by culture, Lance admires his great-great-grandfather, Quanah Parker’s, leadership, which helped the Comanches become Americans. “We were free on the plains, but when we had to surrender, he transitioned our tribe and the others to help convert them to become Americans,” he said. His father, Monroe, learned to speak fluent English at Fort Sill Indian Boarding School. Then, Lance’s first language was English. “In my generation, our family completed the Americanization process.”

Beyond storytelling, Lance practices beadwork to keep his culture alive. His first efforts, 30 years ago, resulted from lessons from his mother and his aunt, Anna. “It’s a form of art, and I like art,” he said. His most recent works are unique, 3-D symbols, the logo of the Comanche Nation and the Peyote Bird, beaded onto looms floating above a frame — all inspired by an antique loom that belonged to his grandmother. “There are so many other Comanches,” he said, “doing so much more in so many different ways to keep us from losing our heritage.” **NOW**

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Cooper Care Baskets include such items as a full-size soft towel, washcloths, a blanket and full-size toiletries. There are also special items, such as a knitting kit for girls and a Nerf gun for boys. "Cooper loved to shoot the nurses with the Nerf gun," Heather said, smiling and adding that another of his favorite pastimes was riding tricycles in the hallway. In his memory, the foundation has provided five tricycles to the playroom on the fifth floor at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. "He really got around on that tricycle,"

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They started making Cooper Care Baskets in September 2017. They also put together a Momma's Night Out event in March 2017 that raised \$28,000. They changed its name to Night Under the Stars in April 2018, and it raised \$32,000. This year's event is scheduled for April 13 at the Rio Brazos Music Hall in Granbury.

Heather followed up on the idea for Momma's Night Out after speaking with another mother whose daughter had incurable cancer. From there, she made a trip to the MNO headquarters, and the idea became a reality. "I flew to California and met with them," Heather recalled. "Our first Momma's Night Out was such a success. I know Cooper would be so thrilled."

She also organized an event that is the foundation's other major fundraiser. The first Tippin' Our Hats to Cooper Max was held on September 9, 2018. The date for this year's event has not yet been announced.

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"This is a way for me to put my grief to work, and to maintain his legacy," Heather said. "One of my biggest fears was that people would forget him."

Heather has help with the Cooper Care Baskets in her 14-year-old stepson, Brayden, whom she said was Cooper's biggest fan. "The night before we deliver the care baskets, he helps me put them together."

Heather always includes a special note. It simply tells the youngster they are loved, and she includes her phone number to contact her for comfort. She also remembers often how Cooper would pray for other children. "I get texts and pictures," she said. "I know Cooper would be so proud of all of this. He would say, 'Good job, Momma. Good job, Daddy.' And he'd be right in the middle." **NOW**

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knew something in class,” Wendy said of one of her students. “That’s what I want to hear.”

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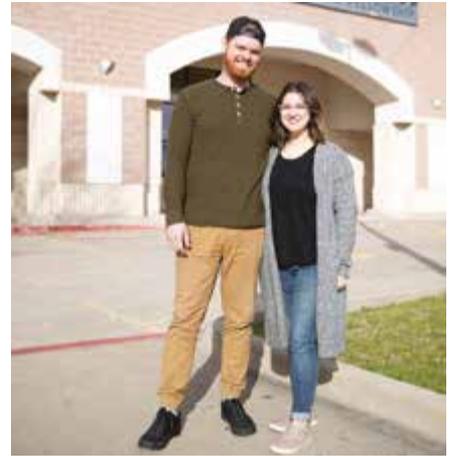
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Zoomed In: By Rick Mauch Lonny Raye and Chase Herron

Lonny Raye and Chase Herron are game enthusiasts, and one of their favorites is a military form of chess called Kill Team. They gather regularly to play each other or with others in tournaments a couple times each week.

"I play a lot of video games. I'm just getting into tabletop games," Chase said. "I feel like this is a very fun, interactive game."

In the game, players put together their own army. They then are matched against each other in strategic battles to see whose army can emerge as the conqueror.

"Video games are getting old," Lonny said. "This is a different challenge."



Mound Elementary Principal Marla Bennett poses with teacher Lindsey Muse at the Academy of Leadership and Technology. She was recognized at the 23rd Annual Jack Harvey Exemplary Teacher Awards Banquet at Weatherford College for her teaching skills.



Burleson High Lady Elk soccer players Madison Hein (right) and Taylor Winn, both seniors, enjoy a break from competition.



Participants enjoy a good time at the Burleson Police Department's awards banquet.



Jordan and Bryce Bennett were able to mark Graceland off their bucket list.



Student Kaylan Brown, at Academy of Nola Dunn, channeled her inner Granny for the 100 Days of School celebration.



The Power of Heels women's division of the Burselson Chamber and Christy Milam celebrate supporting women while listening to Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price.



Sawyer Jennings shows off her creative side as she draws with chalk.

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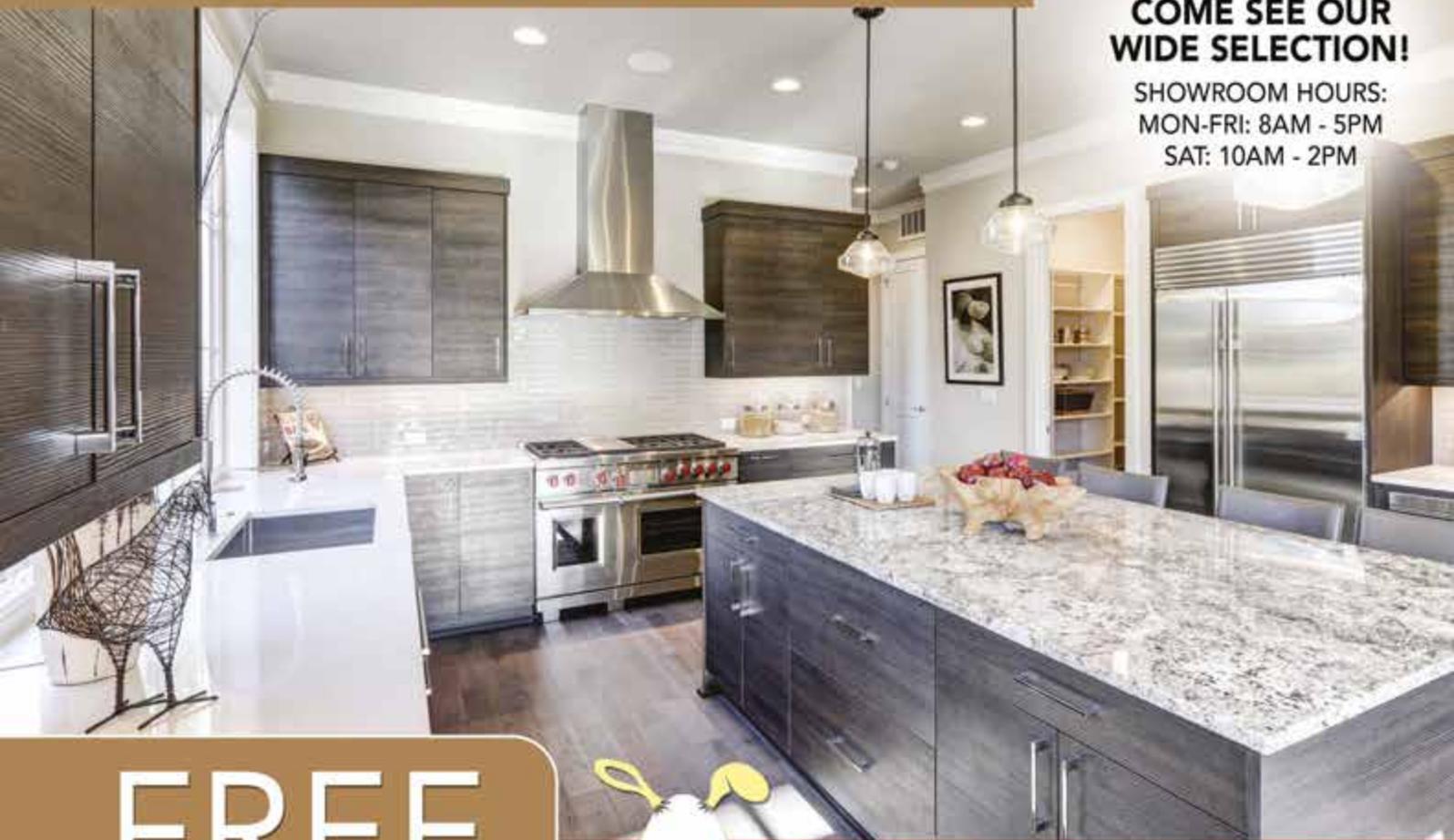


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— By Rick Mauch

Laurie Fish remembers her youthful years watching her mother in the kitchen. “I aspired to be as good as my mom one day. I cooked with her every chance I got to learn more about cooking,” she said.

Laurie grew up and became a flight attendant. As she traveled internationally, her taste buds began to enjoy new cuisine. “I love working on presentation and making a colorful meal full of flavor,” she said. “My family lives in Georgia, so I enjoy cooking for my roommate and friends.

“My dogs have also benefited. Dakota, my youngest, had surgery to help him swallow and could only eat soft food. It took several attempts to come up with the perfect combination.” **NOW**

Grilled Salmon With Caper Pontchartrain Sauce

Caper Pontchartrain Sauce:

1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
1/4 cup mushrooms, finely chopped
1 small red bell pepper, finely chopped
2 Tbsp. capers
1 cup Chardonnay wine
1/2 cup, plus 1 Tbsp. butter (divided use)
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 Tbsp. flour

1 cup fish stock
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
Cayenne pepper, to taste
1 Tbsp. Cajun seasoning (such as Slap Ya Mama), or to taste

Salmon:

1 1/2 to 2 lbs. salmon, skin on
Lemon or jalapeño olive oil, to taste
(May also use plain olive oil.)
Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste
Lemon slices

- 1. For sauce:** Cook the onion, mushrooms, bell pepper and capers in Chardonnay on low until the vegetables are tender and the wine is reduced.
- 2.** Melt 1 Tbsp. of the butter in a saucepan; add garlic. Whisk in flour until smooth with no lumps. Add fish stock slowly until blended and thickened.
- 3.** Add vegetable mixture to the stock mixture. Cover; simmer for approximately 10 minutes. Remove from heat; add remaining butter that has been cut in 1 Tbsp.-size pieces. Stir until melted.
- 4.** Blend well over very low heat. Add salt, pepper, cayenne or Cajun seasoning to taste.
- 5. For salmon:** Rub salmon with olive oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Top salmon with lemon slices.
- 6.** Wrap salmon tightly in foil; place on the grill for approximately 15-20 minutes, or until the salmon flakes when a fork is placed in its thickest part.

7. Spoon Pontchartrain Sauce over the top of the salmon; serve.

Boudin-stuffed Colored Bell Peppers

4 bell peppers, one of each color
4 boudin links, casings removed
2 cups cheddar cheese
1 can Ro-Tel With Green Chilies
1/2 cup Panko chips
2 Tbsp. butter, melted
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

1. Remove tops of bell peppers and inside pulp and seeds.
2. Place peppers in a pot of cold water; bring to a boil for 5-10 minutes, or until slightly tender. Remove from water; drain and cool in a CorningWare or Pyrex dish.
3. Place boudin in a medium-size bowl. Add cheddar cheese and Ro-Tel; mix. Stuff cooled peppers with the boudin mixture.
4. In a small bowl, mix Panko chips, melted butter and Parmesan cheese. Place on top of stuffed bell peppers.
5. Add 1 inch of water to the bottom of the baking dish. Cover with foil; bake on 350 F for 30 minutes.
6. Remove foil; broil for 5 minutes, or until topping is browned.

Ultimate Blueberry Swirl Cheesecake

Blueberry Sauce:

2 tsp. corn starch
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 Tbsp. warm water
2 cups fresh blueberries (not frozen)
2 Tbsp. white sugar

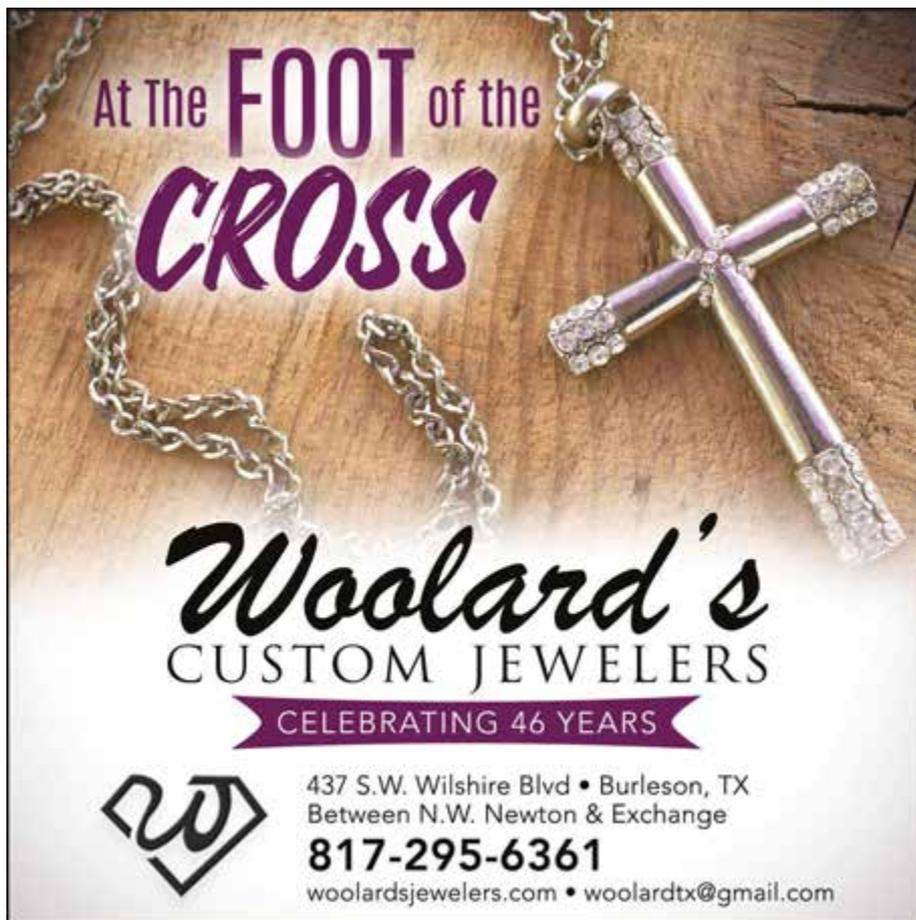
Crust:

1 1/2 cups (1 sleeve) graham crackers, crushed
6 Tbsp. butter, melted
1/3 cup white sugar

Filling:

24 oz. (three blocks) cream cheese, softened to room temperature (Do not use low-fat.)
1 cup white sugar
1 cup full-fat sour cream
2 tsp. vanilla extract
3 large eggs, room temperature

1. Place the oven rack on the lower third position; preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch springform pan with nonstick spray.
2. For blueberry sauce: Whisk corn starch, lemon juice and warm water together in



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a small bowl until the corn starch has dissolved; set aside.

3. Warm the blueberries and sugar together in a small saucepan over medium heat.

Stir continuously for 3 minutes, or until the blueberry juices begin to release.

4. Add the corn starch mixture; continue to stir for another 2-3 minutes, mashing some blueberries as you go. The mixture will start to thicken.

5. Remove from heat; sift the mixture through a fine mesh strainer into a small bowl. Separate the cooked berries and the juice; set both aside.

6. For crust: Mix all crust ingredients together

in a medium bowl. Press into the bottom and slightly up the sides of the prepared pan. The crust will be thick.

7. Wrap aluminum foil on the bottom and tightly around the outside wall of the springform pan. Use a couple layers of foil; bake the crust for 7 minutes. Allow to slightly cool as you make the filling.

8. For filling: Using a mixer with a paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese and white sugar together on medium in a large bowl, about 3 minutes, or until it is smooth and creamy. Add the sour cream and vanilla; beat until combined.

9. On low speed, add the eggs one at a

time. Beat after each addition, until blended; do not overmix. Pour the filling in to the cooled crust. Drop spoonfuls of the smooth blueberry sauce onto the batter. Using a knife, gently swirl. Save the leftover sauce.

10. Place the springform pan into a large roasting pan; place in the oven. Fill the roasting pan with about 1 inch of hot water. The foil wrapped around the springform pan will prevent water from leaking inside. Bake for 50-60 minutes, or until the center is almost set. Turn the oven off; open the door slightly. Let the cheesecake sit in the oven for an hour.

11. Remove from oven; allow to cool completely at room temperature. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours or overnight. Loosen the cheesecake from the rim of the pan; remove the rim. Cut into slices; serve chilled and topped with remaining chunky sauce and leftover smooth blueberry sauce.

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— By Lisa Bell



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Designated as a state cultural art district, throughout the year opportunities abound for visitors. A favorite time to visit is early June when the Children's Art & Literacy

Festival runs for three days. Special events and activities allow children of all ages to enjoy favorite literature and try their hands at art. From the Storybook Parade to children's artists, costume contests and much more, this weekend brings books to life.

But any time of the year, Abilene features multiple places children adore. In fact, on October 17, 2018,



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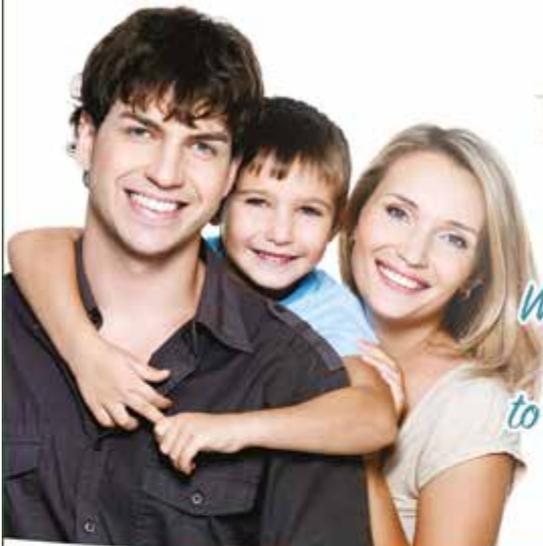


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In addition to the sculptures, don't miss the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. The museum celebrates the artistic achievements of children's book authors. During exhibits, they also offer free art activities for kids and their parents.

The Grace Museum and Center for Contemporary Arts are wonderful places where families enjoy a variety of art. At the Grace, one floor also houses historic scenes depicting life over decades. And a children's area allows the entire family to enjoy this culturally rich environment. While the artist displays vary, the children's area remains static. With an oversized Operation game and a musical wall, everyone can have fun interacting together.

Live theater is also big in Abilene, some of it designed around the tastes of younger audiences. The perfect way to introduce children to ballet, live performances and old movie hits can be found in the city while adults can also appreciate events offered for them.

The historic Paramount Theatre is only one venue in Abilene. The fully restored 1930's theater still has a ceiling decorated with stars. During the early years, the stage and curtains allowed live performances and the giant screens welcomed in movies. For a time, the

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When in Abilene, local eateries and venues offer a great place to host events. The Mill and Soda District are two of many that welcome visitors. But the people of Abilene enjoy sharing the history and modern mix of art, culture and community. Some say the prettiest women live in Abilene. True or not, it's definitely a nearby destination you don't want to miss. **NOW**

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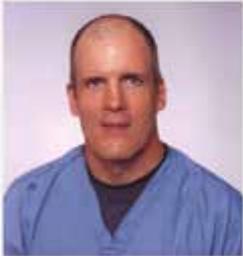
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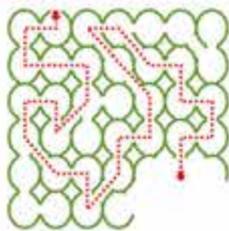
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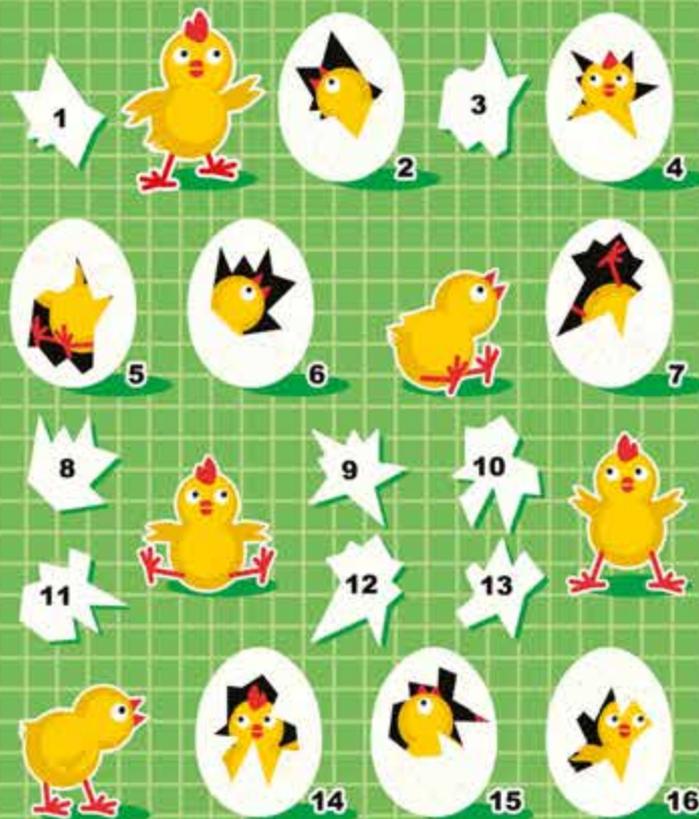


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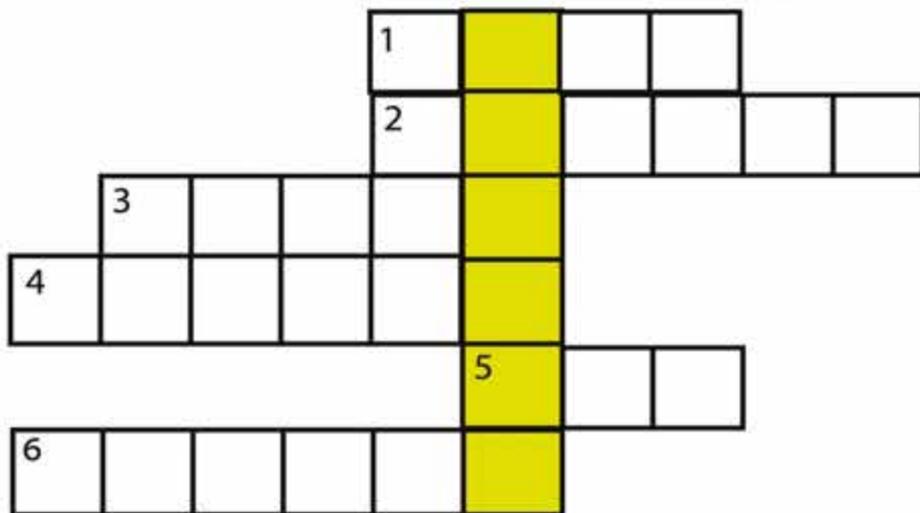
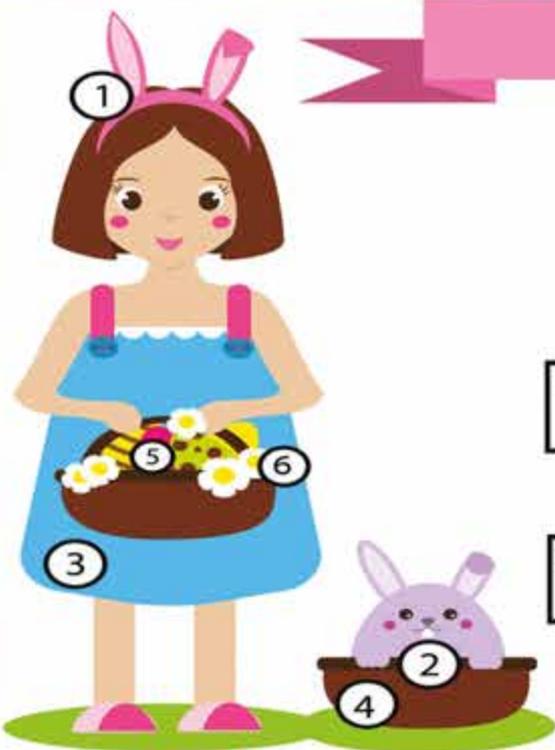
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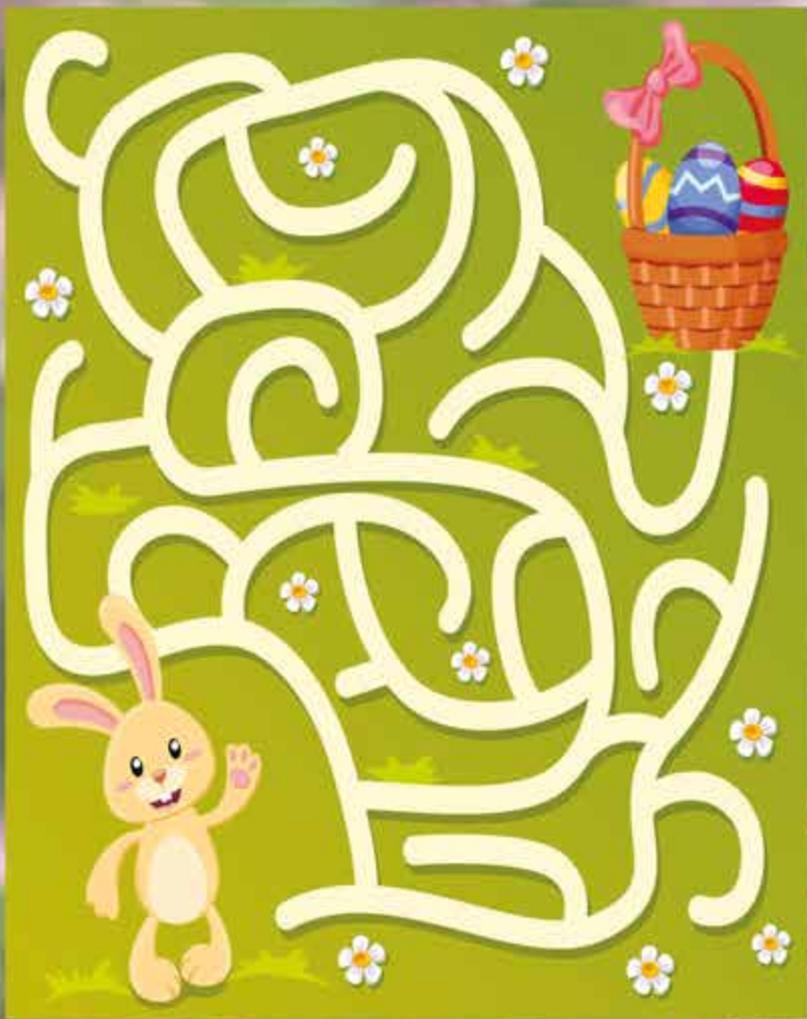
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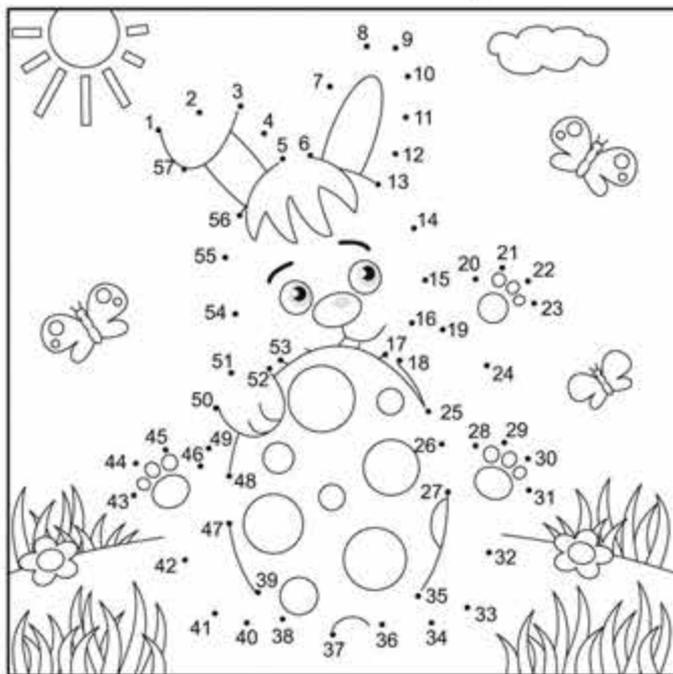
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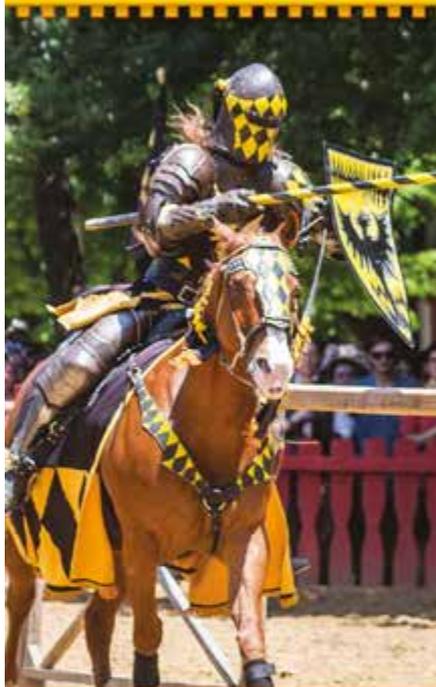
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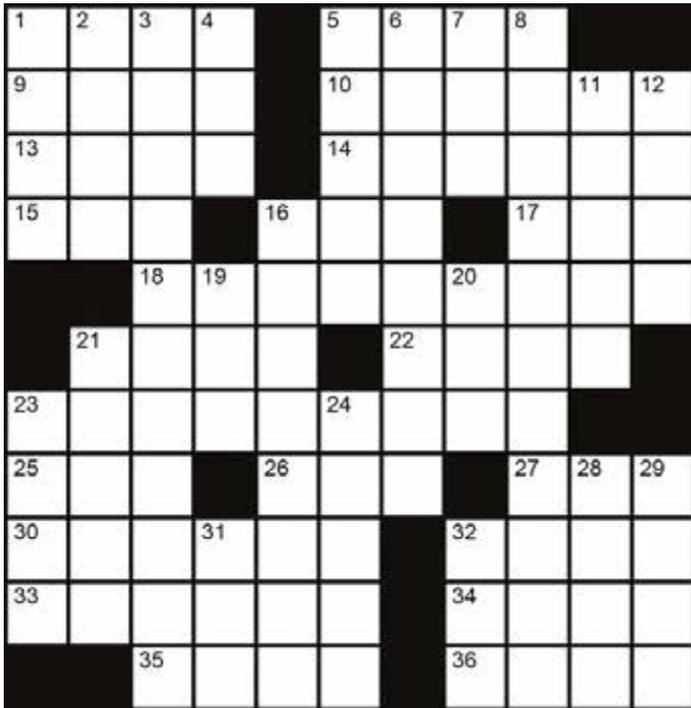
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- 1 Mountains
- 5 Set one back
- 9 Inamorato
- 10 Discord
- 13 Barely cooked
- 14 Westernmost Oregon cape
- 15 Alias
- 16 Speak
- 17 At the present time
- 18 Liberal magazine
- 21 Idle Monty Python comic
- 22 Swift
- 23 They'll make a play for you
- 25 Fifth Beatle?
- 26 Rank
- 27 Slugger's stat.
- 30 Muscular
- 32 Mattress feature
- 33 Sewer
- 34 Balladeer --- Seeger
- 35 Flatfish
- 36 Took advantage of

Down

- 1 Siren in "East of Eden"
- 2 Escaping fluid
- 3 Jumpy guy?
- 4 Johnny Cash's boy
- 5 Type of cigar or sandwich
- 6 Not many
- 7 Mexican Mrs.
- 8 Wear for those who serve
- 11 "Vamoose!"
- 12 Itty-bitty city
- 16 Firmly
- 19 Took cover
- 20 Sailor
- 21 Sgt. Bilko
- 23 Blue matter
- 24 Ciphers
- 28 Religious practice
- 29 Snow vehicle
- 31 Smartphone forerunner
- 32 Chip

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		1	5					
9					3		4	
	3	6				1		
		9						
6	8						3	7
		5				8	9	

Medium

7		4						
	1						5	
8		5			7			3
			2					
4			5		9			
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4/5

Full Circle

Women's Conference:

Speakers are Monica Marquez and Jen Hatmaker.
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,
Pathway Church,
325 NW Renfro St.
www.fullcircleconference.com.

4/6

Trash Bash:

Volunteers of all ages meet to get their trash pickers and bags, then head out to remove litter and debris from the area. Youths must have adult supervision. Following will be pizza, a raffle and activities.
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,
Warren Park
(817) 426-9848.

ReInspire's Battle for the Golden Spike:

Mayors Ken Shetter of Burleson and Scott Cain of Cleburne will manage their teams in a 7-inning charity softball game to benefit ReInspire and CASA of Johnson County. General admission: \$10; VIP tickets: \$25. Gates open: 5:00 p.m. Event begins: 6:05 p.m., The Depot, 1906 Brazzell Rd., Cleburne.
www.WeAreReInspire.org.

Turning 65

Medicare Seminar:

Registration required. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.
(817) 426-9211.

4/8

Burleson Area Retired School Employees Association Meeting:

Guest speaker Ed Sanders on How to Get the Most Out of Your Cell Phone. Meet, greet and eat: 1:30 p.m.; program at 2:00 p.m., Burleson Senior Citizen Center, 210 SW Johnson Ave.
(817) 996-5261.

4/9

Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours:

5:30-7:00 p.m., Burleson Storage, 243 Elk Dr.
(817) 295-6121,
burlesonchamber@burleson.org.

4/13

Aqua Egg Hunt:

Dive in to hunt for Easter eggs in the BRiCk's Indoor Pool. Ages 2 and up. \$2 per child.
9:00 a.m.-noon, the BRiCk, 580 NW Summercrest Blvd.
(817) 426-9106.

Bunny Daze:

Activities include carnival games, face painting and more. There will be five separate age groups for the egg hunt, along with a section for children with special needs and learning disabilities. Ages 12 and under. Noon-2:00 p.m., Hidden Creek Softball Complex, 295 E. Hidden Creek Pkwy. (817) 426-9106.

Easter Egg Hunt at Russell Farm:

Joey the Donkey will be ready to pose for photos (bring your own camera) and lead in a petting zoo, and more. 9:00 a.m., Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. County Rd. 714. (817) 447-3316.

Be Healthy Burleson Run 5K/10K/Fun Walk:

Live music, vendors, raffles and a kids' zone. 7:00 a.m., register at <http://behealthyrun.itsyourrace.com>.
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Gospel Jam:

All live music with plenty of Southern Gospel and favorite hymns. 7:00-8:30 p.m., Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave. (817) 295-6611.

Egg-stravaganza:

Easter Egg hunts for age groups from babies through fifth grade. Take your picture with the Easter Bunny and play games. All events are free, including dinner. 4:00-6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 301 S. Main St. (817) 599-4231.

Harvest Feast:

Season 8 *Master Chef* contestant, Cowboy Chef Newton will be featured. After dinner, auctions and program, 2017 Top 5 runner up from *The Voice*, Casi Joy, will perform. Tickets: \$75. Benefits Your Harvest House. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Burleson Event Center, 1150 S. Burleson Blvd. (817) 295-6252.

4/18

Burleson Chamber of Commerce Spring Luncheon:

Theme is State of Education, and speakers are Dr. Bret Jimerson and Dr. Pam Boehm. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, 317 W. Ellison St. (817) 295-6121.

4/26

Used Homeschool Curriculum Sale:

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Mambrino Baptist Church, 1625 Mambrino Hwy., Granbury. (817) 573-4901.

Arbor Day Celebration:

City staff and Keep Burleson Beautiful will distribute seedlings on a first come, first served basis. 10:00 a.m., Bailey Lake, 280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy.
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5/4

Community Yard Sale:

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5/10-5/11

Texas Heritage Festival:

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4/6-4/7

Far Out Family Campout & Fishing Adventure:

Boy Scouts and Master Naturalists will guide the way on nature trails, help you fish and other fun activities. A hot dog dinner with marshmallows for dessert will be served. 1:00 p.m. **Saturday**-8:00 a.m. **Sunday**, Bailey Lake, 280 W. Hidden Creek Pkwy. (817) 426-9113.

Russel Farm Art Center,
405 W. County Rd. 714.
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Mondays

Burleson Toastmasters Club:

Participants focus on public speaking and improved verbal communication. Visitors can simply observe if they wish. 6:30 p.m., Burleson Chamber of Commerce Bldg. (south entrance), 1044 SW Wilshire Blvd. (817) 919-3243.

First Tuesdays

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First and Third Tuesdays

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Second Wednesdays

Writers Anonymous Support and Education:

A free support group for writers and would-be writers. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave. (817) 426-9211.

Fridays

Rotary Club (morning):

7:00 a.m., Hill College Burleson, 130 E. Renfro St. rotaryclubburleson@gmail.com.

Second Fridays

Friday Morning Book Discussion Group:

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