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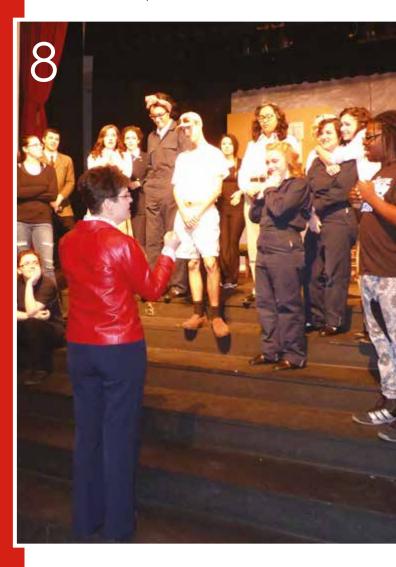
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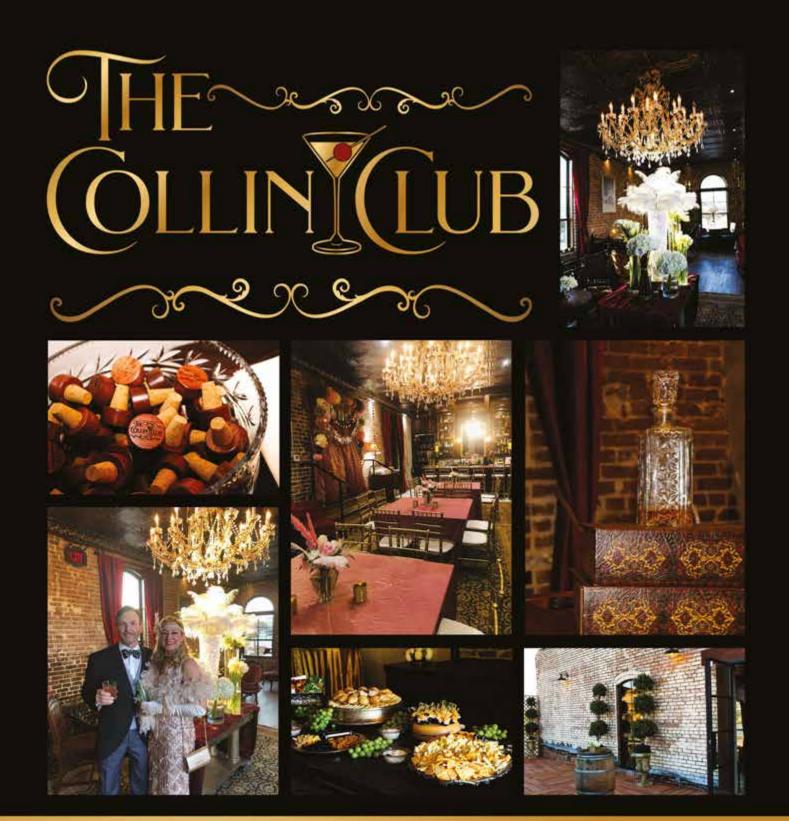
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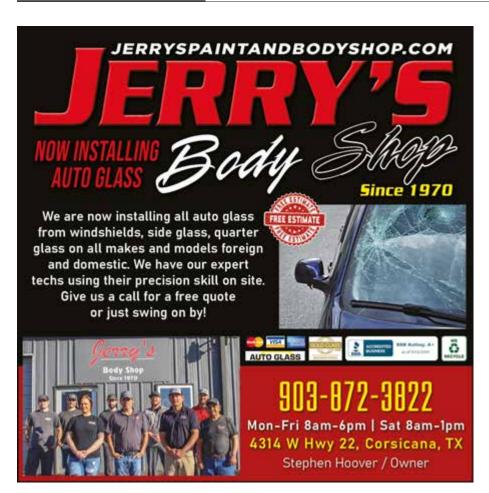
Rejoice this spring!

After the winter we've all endured together, I think we can appreciate these warmer days much as the pioneers must have. What lessons our youth (and those of us who are not quite as youthful) learned while going without running water, electricity, Internet and, if like me, no 911 service for about an hour. For those of us raised in Central Texas, melting snow in bathtubs for a water source was a new concept. Amazingly, since a raindrop usually prompts its outage, my satellite TV reception was there whenever the power was working! Thanks go to all the folks who had to traverse the roads to attempt to keep services going for the rest of us, especially those who had to work outside in Ma Nature.

While not tromping out into the snow to feed animals, that snowbound week allowed me to get stories and a few crochet items completed. It reminded me of my life for eight years in Amarillo, Texas. Every winter, we had at least one snowfall that sent drifts up over the windows to my home's eaves. I learned how the Eskimos feel with no windows in igloos! Folks in the Texas Panhandle are more prepared for these events. There are no snow days in that part of Texas unless the power goes out. As a licensed real estate broker since 1979, I had to learn new construction techniques, how to drive in snow and ice and how to survive the extreme temperatures that region receives yearly.

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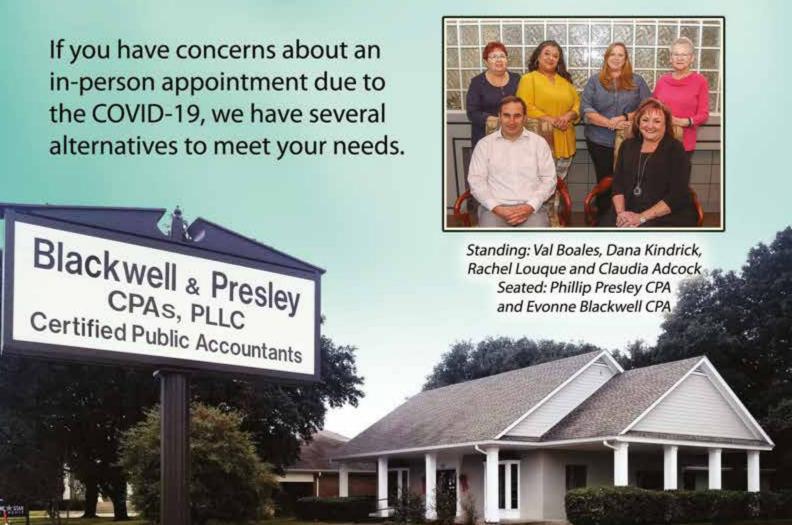


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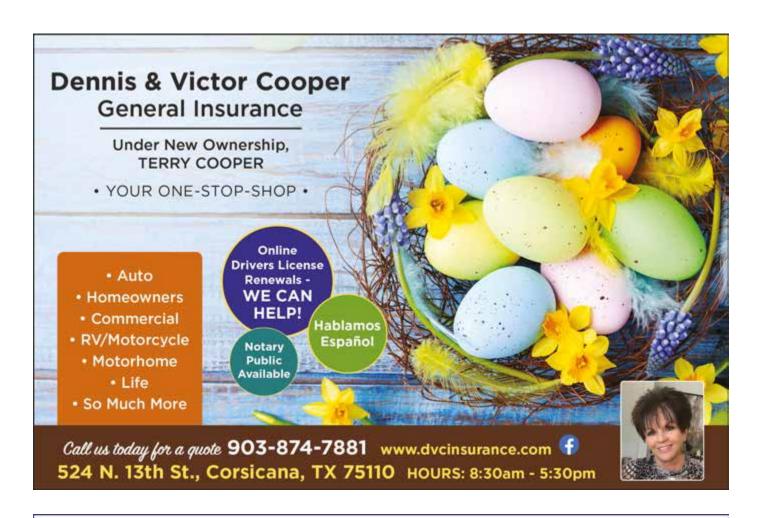
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At Panola College, a play was about to begin. Little 5-year-old Shellie O'Neal was there as the house lights dimmed, and the stage came alive. "I distinctly remember thinking during that performance, One day, I want to stand on that stage and sing a solo in a play!" Shellie, now grown and a prolific playwright with an earned doctorate in theater, remembered.

My father taught history at Panola College for four decades, and he and my mom were wonderful to take my sisters and me to all the college's plays and concerts," Shellie said. That same year, 1976, she and her family performed in a bicentennial celebration in Carthage, Texas, her hometown. "Mama made our costumes, and I remember standing on the stage, singing 'God Bless America," she said. Later, her dream of performing at the college came true. "In 1990, when I was a Panola College freshman, I played Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady,*" she shared.

Having fallen in love with theater as an actor, Shellie directs productions from an actor's perspective. "I've directed over 75 shows," she stated. "I always try to consider how I would want to be led through a certain piece, were I in the cast." A multitalented and popular performer around Navarro County, Shellie has been singing, acting and directing most of her life, but what some folks haven't realized is that she has written 26 plays, three of which are published.

"I've written plays for my students for 19 years," she said. "I didn't realize what my [writing] process was when I started writing, but now it has crystallized for me somewhat." She writes about what interests her with the hope that the audience will find meaning. Different environments, childhood memories, different historical eras and themes have all influenced her writing. She's written children's plays with the intent to share the joy she experienced in theater as a child with others.

"I always have several play ideas rattling around in my brain," Shellie related. "I pray a great deal about my writing. It's always my goal to honor God and to bless the people who see [the performance]. There are so many dark plays, vicious pieces of work. I wanted to somehow try to







counteract the negative effect of these plays and bring a little sunshine into the theater. I hope my plays lighten the load of my audiences and my students."

After deciding on the theme, person, environment or event that will be the focus, Shellie starts the research phase. Research is an important part of writing historical pieces, and it is Shellie's favorite part. "There's a real sense of adventure, because I'm always trying to find missing pieces of a puzzle and determine how I can tell the story from a different angle, from a perspective that will be interesting on stage," she explained. The amount of time she takes to research differs from play to play. The Forgotten Air Force, a play about the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII took more than three years of research, while Shellie's first one-woman show about Fanny Crosby took about 10 months. Not all plays, however, take a lot of research. For example, children's plays don't require as much. "Even my gnome plays require some research, but mostly, I can just let my imagination take over and tell a funny story," she explained.

Growing up, family summer vacations always revolved around Shellie's dad's research for a book he was writing. "I also love to travel to the places where things happened or where people lived, to 'feel the ghosts,' as my dad would say," she explained. While researching, Shellie starts constructing the play in her mind. "The most challenging part is figuring out how I'm going to tell the story, or what angle or hook I'm going to use," she added. Shellie claims to be a "restless writer." She writes at her home, in Jester Park or at nearby state parks. "Being in nature opens up scenes and characters for me."

Her plays, written in longhand on legal pads, are then typed as scenes are





completed. "I print out the scenes and go through several drafts of revisions, finally reaching the point when I can't develop the play further," Shellie revealed. She has students read the play before making final revisions. As students audition and rehearsals begin, she continues to finetune the dialogue and scenes. "I'm so fortunate to have a group at my disposal for this step in the process — other playwrights don't have that luxury!" she said. After the final performance, Shellie revisits the script about six months later to make any other necessary revisions.

Students benefit from being directed by the play's playwright. "I can tell the students exactly what I intended to convey in a scene, what I was thinking when I chose a certain word or a costume piece for a character. Students see firsthand that writing a play is doable and fun," she stated.

It was due to students during her second year teaching at Navarro College that Shellie became a playwright. "I had an incredibly athletic and talented group and couldn't find a piece that would showcase them properly," she remembered. "Not having to pay royalties helped stretch the season's budget, and I fell in love with the playwriting process and with the process of discovering a play with students. I've written a play for students to perform every year since. I wouldn't be a playwright without Navarro College." Her next project is a musical with a story told through African-American spirituals.

Inspiration comes from her strong family connections, since all live close by. Shellie concluded, "My mother, Faye Frasier, makes and alters costumes and is a most creative person and storyteller; my stepdad, Pat Frasier, helps make props; and my dad, Bill O'Neal, a Corsicana native, has written almost 50 books. I hear the click, clicking of his manual typewriter as he wrote into the night after all us girls had gone to bed." Now there's another theme for a play! NOW







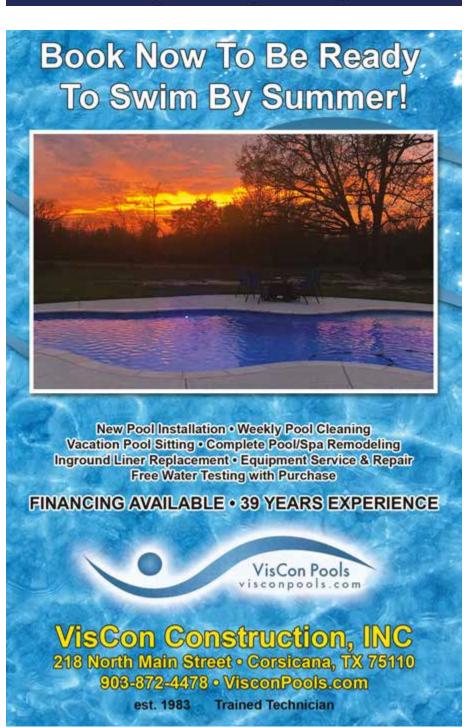
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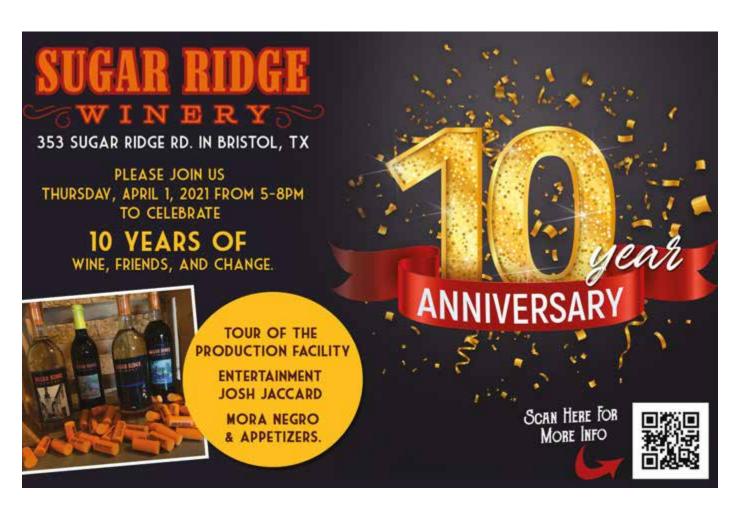
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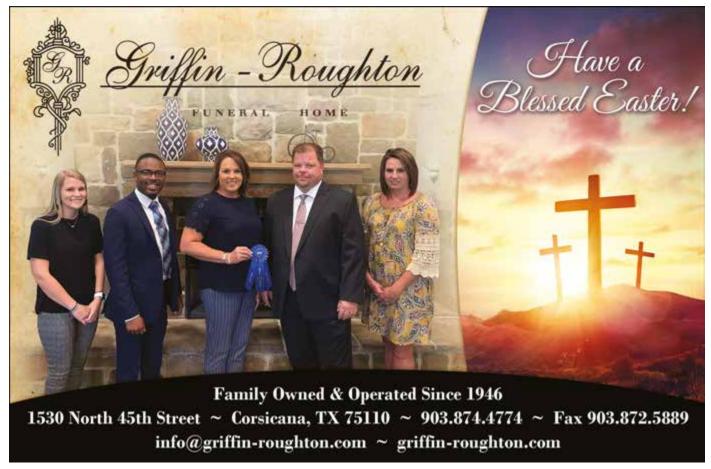
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and fried, with plenty of sides to choose," James Ward, owner, stated. "We serve consistently great, quality food, all with a smile, at very reasonable prices."

Besides the open dining area where friends meet friends, a party room seating 50 people or a banquet hall, which seats up to 150 people, can be rented or reserved. Farm House caters for 75-1,000 people within a 75-mile radius for \$10.50 per person, plus gratuity. Farm House T-shirts, caps, cookbooks and gift cards are available in the restaurant or online at shift4cares.com. Major credit cards are accepted.

Established in 2001 by James' father, John Ward, the restaurant was named after their six-generation farm. "We use dad's cattle brand, JL, in the logo," James explained. John had experience in the restaurant industry before coming home to Mexia to work the ranch. James became the owner in 2018. With James and his wife, Sara Ward, the marketing coordinator and co-owner, the restaurant employs 45 people.

Voted Best of the Best consistently from 2015-2020 in the categories of catfish, chicken fried steak, steaks, service, caterer and all-around food, the business also earned the Mexia Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. A member of the Chamber, the restaurant supports area school clubs and bands and donates to Habitat for Humanity and other fundraisers.

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James started young, working with his Nannie, Doris Ward, at John's video rental business. "I learned customer service and other business skills," he recalled. He followed his dad in attending Stephen F. Austin State University, learning the restaurant business at a local café. "I enjoy giving customers service from the heart," James explained. "Even as a boy, I dreamed of owning my own business." As owners of the restaurant and a game ranch, James and Sara have achieved that dream.

A community volunteer, James loves spending time with Sara and their three children, ages 5 to 19. They are members of Mexia First Baptist Church. His parents, John and Amy Ward and Jan and Troy Miller, also live in the Mexia area. In his spare time, James plays golf, fishes, hunts and goes boating.

As an owner/manager, James is often seen serving up the delectable dishes. "I enjoy visiting with loyal customers and meeting new customers from all over!" he shared. As his employees make customers happy, James becomes happy. "I like doing my part to run a successful business that contributes to the community, is a great place to work and helps provide for employees' families to pursue their dreams," he added. "I enjoy living in Mexia because it's nice to have so much support just a phone call or quick drive away."

James summed it up, "On June 14, 2021, the restaurant will have been in business for 20 years." Come experience the award-winning food and service. Then, come again, proving the restaurant's slogan, "One Bite, and You're Hooked!" NOW







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Around Town

Zoomed In: Katie Perkins

A student at Tarleton State University, Katie Perkins is a Frost ISD graduate and is enjoying interning at Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce. "I was brought up here, and I like giving back to the community that helped bring me up," she stated. "My parents, friends and the Frost ISD ag teacher, Monica Patrick, were always there for me."

Katie is president of TSU's Agriculture Communications Club and is a campus ambassador. Having competed successfully in ag competitions at the state level while earning scholarships, she is working toward a career in the beef/feed lot industry. She markets online and has grown up in the industry. She helps on weekends at the family's Hubbard Livestock Market and has been working on/at the Navarro County Youth Expo.



Pens to Lens middle school winners are Lana Gober, Matthew Perez and Kate Higgs, pictured with their JCCCS teacher, LaReese Arnold.



Madison DePugh is at the ready as Lara Bwicheilug sets the ball for CHS.



It's a pause only for a few minutes for these folks at the Corsicana Opry.



CHS ROTC cadets honor MIA-POWs with a time-honored ceremony during a Coyote Squadron meeting.

By Virginia Riddle



Saint John's Episcopal Church's Fr. Ed Monk boxes up meals for delivery for the Food for Fitness Program.



Little sister, Kyrie, gets in on Sophia Courville's second grade virtual learning during the recent winter weather.



CHS tennis team members roll the rainwater from the courts while hosting their tournament.



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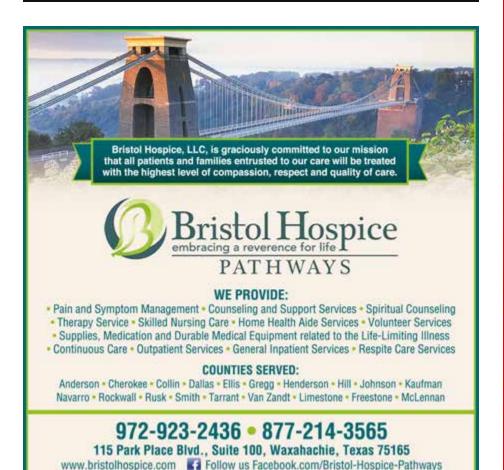
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What do Corsicana public librarians do when the library is closed to patrons? They have a Mac & Cheese Throwdown contest and help Casey Carter propose to fellow librarian, Lindsay Dornak, who had just won both the Judge's Choice and People's Choice awards for her Magical Mac & Cheese recipe. "They had conspired and concocted the best, perfectly personalized proposal," Lindsay recalled. Her answer was, "Yes!"

Casey enjoys cooking, too, and had his own entry in the throwdown. "Cooking is relaxing to me. I listen to music and grill," he said. "I like spicy food and grilling outdoors. The couple likes to attend larping (live action role-playing) events together, but during these COVID-19 days, Casey's playing more video games when not working or cooking with or for Lindsay. Now

Lindsay's Award-Winning Magical Mac n' Cheese

1/2 lb. bacon, chopped

Breadcrumb Mixture:
5 garlic cloves, or to taste, minced
2 cups Panko breadcrumbs
1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Mac n' Cheese: 4 Tbsp. butter 1/4 cup flour

3 cups evaporated milk
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
2 tsp. dry mustard powder
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper, or to taste
1 lb. macaroni, cooked according to
package directions
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, cubed
1/2 cup Gruyère cheese, shredded
1/2 cup Colby Jack cheese, cubed
1/2 cup smoked Gouda cheese, or any
other smoked cheese, shredded

1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

- **I.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a large pot, cook the bacon over medium heat until crispy and the fat has rendered.
- **2.** For the breadcrumb mixture: Add the garlic, breadcrumbs and parsley; stir. Cook about 5 minutes, or until the breadcrumbs are toasted; remove from the pot.
- **3.** For the mac n' cheese: In the same pot, melt the butter over medium heat; sprinkle in the flour. Stir until mixed thoroughly.
- **4.** Add the evaporative milk; bring the mixture to a simmer. Season with salt, pepper, mustard powder and cayenne. Whisk to smooth any lumps. The sauce should be thick enough to coat a spoon's back.
- **5.** Add the pasta to the sauce; stir. Add the cubed cheddar, Gruyère, Colby Jack, Gouda, and provolone cheeses; fold the cheese mixture into the pasta. *Note: If the mixture seems dry, add more milk.*
- **6.** Pour the mixture into a baking dish; top with the shredded mozzarella and cheddar cheeses.

1/2 cup provolone cheese, cubed

7. Bake for 35-45 minutes, or until bubbly and the cheese topping is browned. Serve with a sprinkle of the breadcrumb mixture.

Chester's (and Casey's) Spicy Mac Attack

- 6 cups Flamin' Hot Cheetos (divided use)
- 5 cups whole milk
- I lb. large elbow macaroni, cooked according to package directions (minus 2 minutes)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (divided use)
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, freshly shredded
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, freshly shredded 1 8-oz. pkg. American cheese slices
- **I.** Preheat the oven to 350 F In a food processor, pulverize 3 cups of the Flamin' Hot Cheetos. Add the Cheetos to the milk.
- 2. Cook; drain but don't rinse the pasta.
- **3.** In a large pot, add 4 Tbsp. butter; melt on medium heat. Whisk in the flour, salt and cayenne; cook for 30 seconds.
- **4.** Slowly whisk the steeped milk into the flour mixture; bring to a simmer for 4 minutes, or until the milk has thickened.
- **5.** Add the mozzarella, cheddar and American cheeses. Whisk well until the cheese is melted; fold the cheese mixture into the pasta.
- **6.** Pour the mixture into a 13x9-inch baking dish; bake for 15 minutes.
- **7.** Lightly crush the remaining Cheetos; add to a large frying pan. Cook while stirring the Cheetos with the remaining butter on medium heat for 1 minute until sizzling and the red color intensifies.
- **8.** Remove pasta from the oven; top with the buttery Cheetos. Serve immediately.

Jalapeño Popper Chicken

This recipe goes great with a salad and vegetable of your choice.

- 1/2 cup crumbled crispy bacon
- 1 lb. skinless chicken breast tenders, deboned
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 3 jalapeño peppers
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- **1.** Preheat the oven to 375 F. Fry the bacon until crispy; drain and chop.
- **2.** In a 9x 13-inch baking dish, lay the chicken tenders flat; season with garlic salt. Spread the cream cheese over the chicken.

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- **3.** With a spoon, remove the jalapeño seeds; dice the jalapeños.
- **4.** Sprinkle cheddar cheese over the chicken; top with the bacon and jalapeños.
- **5.** Bake for 30 minutes, or until the chicken is thoroughly cooked; allow to cool slightly for 5 minutes before serving.

Armadillo Eggs

- 1 cup Bisquick
- 1 lb. ground pork sausage
- 2 Tbsp. water
- 1 lb. cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 20 pickled jalapeños, sliced in half to make slivers
- I pkg. Shake 'N Bake Original Pork Seasoned Coating Mix
- **I.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. Mix the Bisquick, pork and water; form the mixture into egg shapes.
- **2.** Press a thumb into the center of each egg; add a pinch of cheese and a jalapeño half.
- **3.** Return each egg to its original egg shape; roll each egg in the Shake 'N Bake.
- **4.** Place the "eggs" on a foiled-lined baking sheet; bake for 25-30 minutes. Serve immediately, or at room temperature.

Broccoli Salad

This recipe is best if made the night before or morning of serving so the flavors have time to blend.

Sauce:

- I cup Duke's Mayonnaise (Don't use Miracle Whip.)
- 4 Tbsp. white sugar
- 3 Tbsp. white vinegar

Salad:

- 5 cups broccoli, chopped
- 1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
- 8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- I cup cheddar cheese, grated
- **1.** For the sauce: Combine all the ingredients together; set aside.
- **2.** For the salad: Mix all the ingredients together. Pour the dressing over the top; toss well.









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From florals to faux eggs, decorating an Easter wreath is a simple way to usher springtime into your home. While tulips and speckled eggs are traditional Easter wreath add-ons, you can count on DIYers to get more creative and craftier. Whether emphasizing the religious significance or using all things bunny-themed, an Easter wreath lets you put your stamp on the holiday, which falls on Sunday, April 4, this year.



If you don't want to invest in a pre-made wreath but you're a first-time DIYer, starting with a simple grapevine wreath may be for you. These can be pricey at craft stores, but they can often be found for half the price, or cheaper, at yard sales and thrift stores.

Very few supplies are needed to transform a grapevine wreath into a holiday- or season-specific piece of decor. Dollar stores have really upped their floral game, and are a great place to find everything you need to create your

springtime door decor.

Supplies:

- · Grapevine or willow wreath in the size of your choice
- · Florist wire (Pipe cleaners or bread ties work, too.)

- · Wire cutters
- \cdot 2-3 faux flower stems (Tulips are used here, but any spring flower will do.)
- · 2-3 stems of smaller flowers or greenery (optional)
- · Item to cover where stems meet (A wicker butterfly is shown, but you could use a bird's nest, a crafted bunny, a wooden monogram letter, a bow made of ribbon, etc.)



Easy Approach —

Step 1: Separate each flower from your flower stem, so that they are individuals. Starting at the right (where our image shows a butterfly), space your stems one by one curving around the wreath toward the opposite side.

Step 2: Use your floral wire to secure each flower to the point where you want it to sit on the wreath. (Some crafters prefer hot glue to floral wire. It's your choice, but using wire allows you to swap out florals from season to season with the same grapevine wreath as your base!)

Step 3: Fill in vacant spots with your second set of stems, using leafy greenery to help hide floral wire.

Step 4: Place your focal item (wicker butterfly, bow, monogram letter, etc.) at the point where your floral stems first meet on the right side. Secure it with floral wire or hot glue.

Step 5: Wrap a wire or pipe cleaner into a circle atop the back of your grapevine wreath, twisting the ends together through a good portion of the wreath's stems for security. This is how you will hang your wreath, either to a nail, hook or wreath hanger made for doors.



Easier
Approach —
A twist on this
first approach
to an Easter
wreath is to
simply encircle
the top of

your grapevine wreath with your tulips, leaving no portion of your wreath uncovered. In this case, you follow the same steps, but completely cover the wreath's surface.

While there is no need for a ribbon or decorative item to cover where the floral stems started, anything could still be added directly atop the flowers, if desired. Speckled craft eggs could easily be tucked around this type of wreath, either by gluing them to floral sticks, or gluing them directly to the wreath itself.

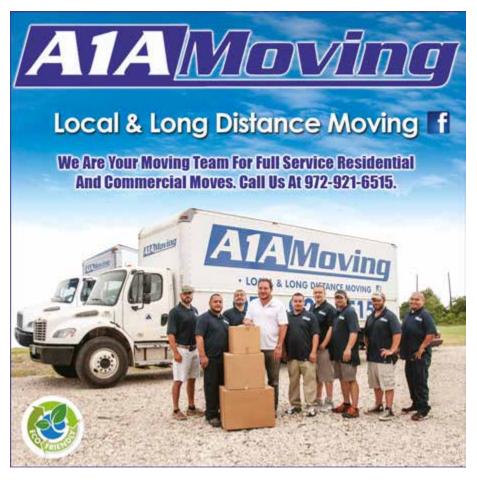


Easiest Approach — Perhaps the simplest take on a springtime Easter wreath is to take your two stems of flowers, without cutting each flower off, and place them end to end, so that the stems overlap and one set of buds is on the right, the other on the left.

Secure the stems atop one another with one wire, then secure the entire bundle to your grapevine wreath with a second wire. Bend the stems so the flowers are angling around the wreath, and cover the stems with a large bow. You can even just secure a single set of stems to your wreath for the simplest approach of all.

There are, of course, countless options when it comes to ringing in spring with an Easter wreath that depicts your style. Whimsical or modern, religious or secular, have fun creating a minimalist or over-the-top crafty piece that says, "Happy Easter, Happy Spring" to you! NOW







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4/6, 4/10, 4/15, 4/19, 4/25

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4/10-4/11

Fairfield Disc Golf Tournament:

Times TBA, Fairfield City Park. www.fairfieldtexaschamber.com.

4/13

Micronesian Festival:

5:30-7:00 p.m., Navarro College Barracks Bunch Clock Tower Courtyard. Island food and live entertainment will help show the culture, history and traditions of the Micronesian islands. Free and open to the public. www.navarrocollege.edu.

4/15

Spring Pop Concert Dinner Theater Fundraiser:

6:00-8:00 p.m., Cook Education Center. www.navarrocollege.edu.

4/15-4/18

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4/17

Fairfield's City-Wide Garage Sale:

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4/22

Meals on Wheels' Give Love a Shot:

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Second Fridays

Angels of Corsicana Troop Support Packing Day:

9:00 a.m., Grace Community Church Warehouse, 227 N. Beaton. cyndiparrish2002@yahoo.com.

Navarro County Retired Teachers Zoom Meeting: 9:45 a.m. glyn84@hotmail.com.

Third Fridays

Better Gardens Club Meeting:

Learn about wildflowers. 9:00

a.m., Corsicana First UMC. tdscruggs@att.net.

Manna From Above Community Food Pantry and Farmers Market:

9:00 a.m.-Noon, Dawson Housing Authority. jtatum@traditionshealth.com.

Second Saturdays

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10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Downtown Corsicana.

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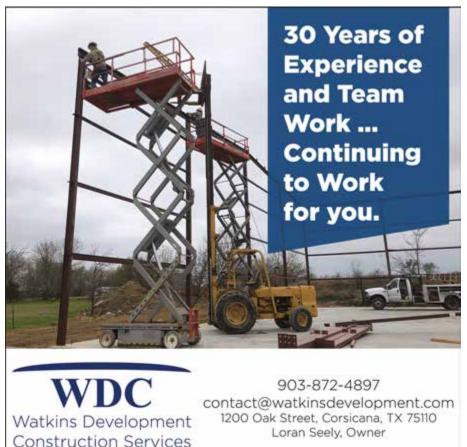
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Across

- 1 Nickname
- 4 Engine speed measure
- 7 Kind of farm
- 9 Panache
- 11 Much the same
- 12 B vitamin acid found in spinach
- 14 Lebensraum, a driver of Nazism
- 16 Zilch
- 17 "The Man --- Would Be King" (Kipling)
- 18 They precede deliveries
- 23 Slender pussycat
- 24 John or Jane could be anyone
- 25 Vision tester
- 31 Largest Flickertail State city
- 32 Thomas Edison, the Wizard of --Park
- 33 Folk tale
- 34 Dissipate
- 35 Ready
- 36 Enterprise's Captain kept one

Down

- 1 Pickle parlor
- 2 Such as Yale or Princeton
- 3 Sweltering
- 4 Zebras
- 5 Stone-in-pond sound
- 6 Formerly Nyasaland
- 7 Amigo
- 8 Big Red?
- 10 Corner of the market
- 13 Corporate big cheeses
- 15 Forest open space
- 18 College "Teach"
- 19 Settle up
- 20 Unspeaking actors
- 21 Possible response to "Who did this?"
- 22 Grain
- 26 Big brute
- 27 Pyrenean peak
- 28 Keen on
- 29 Slimy pest
- 30 Eclipse

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Sudoku Puzzle

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