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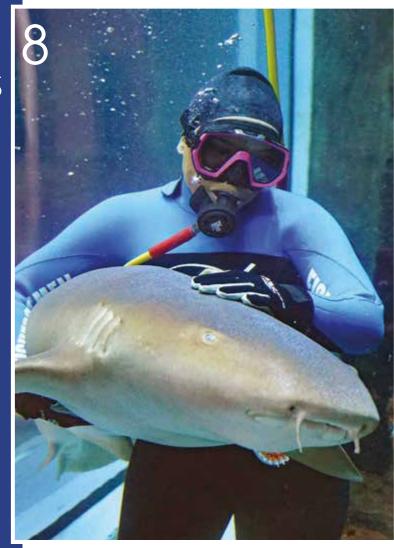
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Good and bad mingle in life ...

When the winter storm hit, we thought we were prepared. We had supplies of everything. I was looking forward to some snow, perhaps building a snowman, definitely making snow-cream, if the drifts were deep enough. Then the storm hit, and everything went sideways. We had no lights, no oven and no heat for 13 hours straight. The temperature dropped into the 20s, inside, before the thermostat broke. When the lights came back on for a couple of hours, the heat did not. We spent three days freezing. The water in the dog dish, inside the house, froze solid. I wondered if any of us would survive, but I was especially worried for my mother.

We all lived. But the plants died. An ivy that I'd had since I was a teen had survived 17 moves. A plant from my father's funeral. A mother-in-law's tongue that my mom had for over 40 years, which had belonged to her aunt before that. And Rosie, our 11-year-old Bassett Hound, died two days after the lights came back on.

It was hard. But God is good even in the midst of tragedy. Since then, my mother has been fully vaccinated, and my sister and I will be by the time you read this. More people get access every day. Soon we may be able to do some of the things we used to, because of the vaccines. Until then, I'm going to keep masking and watching out for others by keeping my distance. It's hard, but this could be over soon.

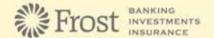
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DANCES Nih SHARKS

"It's really peaceful and calm in the tanks. I feel like there's a connection between me and the fish." Growing up in Gary, Indiana, Margaret Sherls loved being in nature with her father. "We would go deer watching, not hunting. I couldn't go for that. Just watching. And we went fishing a lot." Her father is also the one who got her a subscription to a National Geographic card deck. "I loved getting those cards about all these different animals. I kept them and studied them." So, nature has always been important to Margaret, but all of her experience had been safely on dry land.

"I've been a member of IBOC for 21 years. Back then, we were in the building across the street. Pastor Rush announced that we were going to build this building we have now, and it was going to have these huge fish tanks, big enough to swim in, with sharks and stingrays. They would need people to take care of the fish and their tanks. I knew instantly that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to be in the water, with sharks, in Dallas! I didn't even know how to swim! I went to Pastor Rush and told him I wanted to volunteer. Joking, he asked me, 'Can you swim faster than a shark?' I answered, 'No,' so he told me, 'You're not ready yet.' I went out to my car and cried!"

That might have been the end of the story for some people. Not Margaret. She took classes, learned to swim and got certified for scuba diving. "As part of that, I had to tread water for 10 minutes. I was praying the whole time!"

When she went back to Pastor Rush, he said, "OK, let's see what you can do." Turns out Margaret can do a lot. She received training from a marine biologist to understand the fish and their habitat and became one of the volunteers caring for the gigantic tanks and their inhabitants.

"The main tank is 70,000 gallons above ground with another 10,000 gallons reserved. It's 18 feet deep and 70 feet long — and we have at least 15 different species of fish living in our tanks," Margaret said.

You might wonder how giant fish tanks, because there are more tanks, large and small, scattered throughout the building, fit with the mission of a church, but the mural above the main tank, which forms the entry to the sanctuary, makes it pretty clear. Quoting Jesus in the book of Matthew, it proclaims, *Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.* "That's the mission of the church, and Pastor wanted to remind people of that as they walked in. You have the fish, and the mural explains it with views of Dallas and other cities, as well as the IBOC boat to tie it all together. Plus, he wanted to give people in the southern sector the opportunity to see something like this. All the aquariums and things like that are in the north end of town. We should have the opportunity to see something here, too."









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Starting as a volunteer, Margaret has worked her way into a full-time position as part of the three-person team in charge of overseeing the 10 exhibits and the volunteers who help with them, as well as a raft load of other ways of serving. "We each have our daily assignments in the tanks. The artificial coral has to be scrubbed a few times. a month. We clean the inside of the tank windows. All the fish have to be checked for illness or injury. We keep them well fed with special diets, so they don't eat each other. Still there are rare casualties. The pair of nurse sharks. male and female, are my favorites. And my second favorite is Big Tex, our bumblebee grouper. Some people think he's ugly, but I think he's cute. He doesn't like to be touched, like the sharks do, but I really like him."

In addition to all the work, there's also performance involved. "It's really peaceful and calm in the tanks. I feel like there's a connection between me and the fish. I'm in their environment, in their space. They can't come out to my environment, but I can go into theirs. I like to pray in there, and thank God for the opportunity to be with these amazing animals here in Dallas. When the kids come to visit and see the tanks. I get to share that with them. I'm on the praise dance team as well, and I swim a lot with my arms, so it's kind of like l praise dance in there with the fish. The kids love it."

Her job is part chemist, part biologist, part janitor, part nursery worker, part chef. "The sharks ate so much pollock that they got tired of it and stopped eating. We alternate their food now. Our sharks are picky! The volunteers help keep us afloat. They can choose to learn everything about what we do, or just one thing they enjoy. We have one





man who is blind. He comes faithfully to peel shrimp for the fish. It's the only job he does, but he loves it. And the fish are thankful!"

When she isn't in a tank, Margaret stays busy with decorating the sanctuary like Candyland for an autumn festival, or event planning, or writing children's books about the church, or training dryland animals for the summer camps the church holds in normal years. "Wherever there's a need, I'll try to do it!"

Recently, that need has been helping the community deal with the COVID-19 crisis. For that, Margaret got trained to help with IBOC's testing site, a partnership with MCI Diagnostic Center. She suits up in full PPE gear and assists in testing individuals in the community who think they have been exposed to the virus and need to know for sure.

Margaret is a woman who saw a chance for adventure and service, and did what it took to prepare for that role. She found a way to serve the animal kingdom, educate children and the broader community and take care of the vulnerable during a crisis. And it all started because she heard about the opportunity to dance with sharks. NOW





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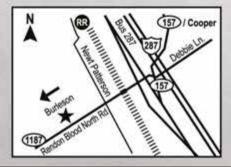
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They offer a range of services for your kitchen and bathroom. "We resurface bathroom vanities and kitchen countertops. We



also resurface bathtubs, soaking tubs and shower stalls. We can install custom shower enclosures and safety options, such as pull-up bars for getting in and out of the tub if you have mobility issues. We can even do tub conversions to allow disabled people better access to their tub."

Luis and the Fort Worth Refinishing crew make health and safety a priority. "During our walk-throughs, to assess the job, we keep our masks on at all times, and we don't shake hands. We wave. While working in your home, we keep windows open and exhaust the air from the work space to the outside as a precaution." Normally, this would only be done while performing involved repairs or applying high-tech acrylic urethane coatings that create strong vapors, but now they are venting during the entire procedure, for their customers' added safety.

Fort Worth Refinishing offers seven standard solid finishes for tubs and showers, from bright white to almond, but they can also do color matching to accommodate whatever custom finish you may have or want. "For countertops, we have a variety of stone-color finishes that look like virtual granite," Luis added.

Quick service is one of the biggest advantages of resurfacing over remodeling. "A standard bathtub usually takes us a day to complete. A small vanity or kitchen countertop normally takes a day or less, sometimes only a few hours. And you don't have all the mess that comes with remodeling. We're not tearing out walls, so you don't have all the dust to deal with, and two days doesn't become two weeks or more with whole crews of strangers in and out of your house. Resurfacing only costs a fraction of what remodeling does, with little to no disruption for the homeowner. Especially now, with COVID-19, just having strangers in your house can be stressful in itself. We cut that time down significantly."

"We resurface bathroom vanities and kitchen countertops. We also resurface bathtubs, soaking tubs and shower stalls."

Luis and Fort Worth Refinishing are glad to be part of the community. Luis has more than 16 years of experience in the industry, and Fort Worth Refinishing has been serving the community since September of 2019. "We branched off from a leading company in the industry. It's good to be able to offer a service that's more economical to everyone in these difficult times. Enjoying time with your family is the most precious commodity in times like these. At Fort Worth Refinishing, it's our goal to make sure you have a smile when we leave," Luis reported. Maybe that's why their motto is, "Why make do, when you can have better than new?" NOW



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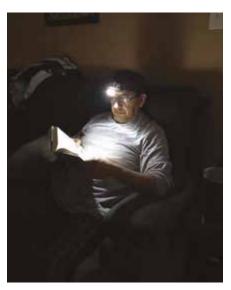
Zoomed In: By Adam Walker Peter and Miroslava Pshichenko

Peter and Miroslava Pshichenko survived Snowmageddon, with the help of their outdoor grill. "We made eggs for breakfast and cooked a lot of other meals outside," Miroslava informed. "The kids roasted marshmallows in the fireplace."

Peter added to the kids' adventure. "We still had a baby bathtub. I cut the bottom out of that and put soap on the bottom to make a sled for them. We were without power for 90 hours, so we had to improvise!"

Neighbors and family helped them through. "We're from Ukraine. It's in our nature to survive. But the neighbors were willing to help when they realized we were without power. That's special about Americans." When Miroslava's mother's power came back on, they sheltered there and built memories during the storm.

Around Town



Hector Figueroa doesn't let an ice storm keep him from a good book!



Crystal Ramirez and Samantha Ledbetter enjoy a snow day.



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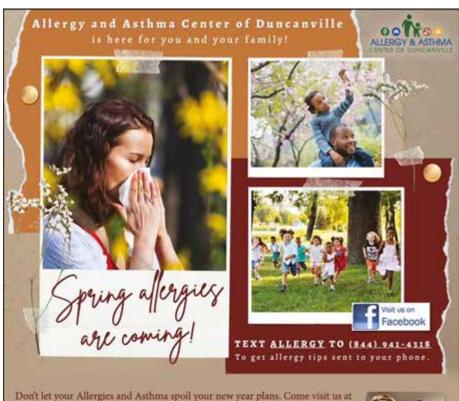


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y name is Chad McCurdy. I am the current city councilman in Place 4. I am running for reelection, and I'm asking for your vote. I have lived in Cedar Hill for 16 years, and I have served in the community for the last 13 years. I have served as everything from a newsletter editor, AllProDads chapter leader, POA President, community organizer, fundraiser for local charities, Planning and Zoning Chairman and now Councilman. Campaigning is probably the part of serving as Councilman that I enjoy the least. I would much rather just do the work, and over the last three years as Councilman, I have done a lot of work in service to the community.

In collaboration with fellow council members and staff, we have made significant progress on the projects from the 2017 bond recommendations. We have chosen the site for the new library, the city center park and the new outdoor pool. The new library will be located near Pioneer Trail and N. Cedar Hill Rd. We have almost completed the design for the new library, and soon we will be discussing the programming that we want to offer.

The new outdoor pool will be in the undeveloped area between the Virginia Weaver parking lot and Somerset. This was chosen over the recreation center so that site could be preserved for future development. We are finalizing the site design and should have more to announce soon. We have also kept the Crawford Park pool open at the request of citizens.

We have updated almost all of our



city parks with new equipment, and we continue to expand the inter-connected trail system. We held design meetings within each neighborhood to afford citizens the opportunity to provide input on the equipment they wanted located within their park. For the largest project in Virginia Weaver park we even held a community build to reduce costs. Virginia Weaver is our first playground in the city designed to be inclusive of children of all abilities. We have made significant improvements to the senior center. At the suggestion of council this last year we also conducted a senior livability study. This study includes housing, transportation, facilities and services both now and in the future. These improvements to the existing facility were desperately needed and represent a great first step in addressing the needs of our seniors.

We have made significant progress





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on streets. We have installed streetlights on major roadways, including loe Wilson, Beltline and Parkerville. The loe Wilson roadway improvements at Hwy 67 to Clover will break ground soon now that Atmos has finished relocating their pipeline. At my request Fuel City agreed to assist in paying for part of Joe Wilson improvements. We remediated flooding along Hardy St. by installing underground street sewer. We repaved Bear Creek, and I personally championed reconstruction of sections where we were planning a pave over to extend the life of the improvements.

We continue to make significant progress on the downtown redevelopment. This is something that has moved from a wish list item as far back as 1986 to design and finally coming to fruition. We have completed the downtown street designs and have begun relocating utilities with the cooperation of our utility partners. While the redevelopment will be a downtown economic driver for the city, it is also important to preserve the historic nature of the area and the quaint residential areas. Many citizens have participated in the designs and provided input on the layout. I have personally purchased several of the homes that were bordering on condemnation, renovated them and used them to create affordable housing, We expect the development partners for the old Philips Lumber site to break ground later this year.

One of the pillars of Cedar Hill life is that we are safe. Since I joined council, we have hired a new police chief who is bi-lingual, helping to bridge the gap



with our growing Hispanic population. He also introduced neighborhood walks where police and fire, staff, neighborhood leaders and council members spend an afternoon and meet the citizens in a particular area. Our latest walk was in Cedar Crest. If we haven't been to your neighborhood yet, we'll be there soon. As long as I have lived in Cedar Hill there has been a tight bond between our first responders and the community they serve. We continue to look for and find ways to make that bond stronger.

In addition to these items I answered many citizen concerns over the last three years. I have responded to trash not picked up on roadways, sometimes by picking it up myself. I have responded to faulty roads, curbs and alleyways by driving the areas so I could make educated recommendations to staff and council. I have responded to calls for problems with bulk trash and rampant code violations in neighborhoods that needed help. The council brought in Waste Management to reconsider how we handled bulk trash pick-up across the city and provide a plan to address citizen concerns. We also provided literature in Spanish to assist our growing Latino population. I have responded to erosion concerns, worries about proposed developments and

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numerous other issues. You can be certain that if you contact me you will hear back.

There are many things that I have worked on, or accomplished, over the last few years. However, my track record of service goes back 13 years in this community and it speaks for itself, leadership through service. I am a firm believer that if you want to serve you don't tell me what you're going to do. you have to show me. Let the words you speak be drowned out by the actions you have taken. For more information you can scan the QR code at the bottom or just go to chadmccurdy.net. I am Chad McCurdy and I'm asking for your vote for Cedar Hill City Council Place 4.

Early Voting is April 19-27 at the Alan Sims Recreation Center Election Day is May 1



Dean Stewart, a retired master sergeant and self-taught cook, started a club with his friends, just so he could learn, and eat, more new things. "The hardest decision I make daily is: *What's for dinner?* The answer usually boils down to, *What's my mood? Do I feel like making a mess, or is tonight a one-pot meal night?"*

He follows new recipes closely, the first time he makes them. Then the experimentation begins. He cooked a bit, over the years, but after retirement he really got into it. "It was then that my cooking became more important and more satisfying to me. My horizons and, I daresay, skills have broadened substantially." If you meet him on the street, ask him about that lemon meringue pie! NOW

Great-grandma's Company Pie

- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 cup sugar
- 14 square soda crackers, coarsely crushed
- 2/3 cup pecans, roasted and chopped
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream

2 Tbsp. confectioners' sugar 1 tsp. pure vanilla

I. Preheat oven to 325 F; grease a 9-inch pie pan.

2. Beat the egg whites until frothy. Add the cream of tartar all at once. Slowly add the sugar while beating the egg whites. Continue beating until stiff but not dry.

3. Gently fold the crushed crackers and chopped pecans into the egg whites.
4. Spoon the mixture into the greased pie pan; gently smooth. Bake 30 minutes (light brown and dry-ish on top). Let cool completely.
5. At least 2 hours before serving, whip the cream. When the cream is beginning to come together, add the confectioners' sugar and vanilla; continue to beat until it is a good consistency. Cover the pie with the whipped cream; refrigerate. Remove from refrigerator at least 30 minutes before serving.

Brisket With Apricots and Prunes

- 4-lb. brisket flat
 Kosher salt, to taste
 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
 thyme sprigs
 garlic cloves, crushed
 Tbsp. tomato paste
 tsp. hot smoked paprika
 1/2 trg. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 15-oz. can diced tomatoes 1 1/2 cups chicken stock 12 pitted prunes 12 dried apricots

I. Preheat the oven to 325 F. Season the brisket with salt. In a large, iron skillet, heat the olive oil. Add the brisket; cook over moderately high heat until browned all over. Transfer to a large plate.

 Add the onions; cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until softened. Add the next 5 ingredients; cook, stirring, until the tomato paste is deep red, 1-2 minutes.
 Add the tomatoes and chicken stock; bring to a boil. Remove from heat; stir in fruit.
 Transfer the brisket and juices to an enameled Dutch oven. Add the sauce. Cover with aluminum foil; put the lid on to seal well. Braise in pre-heated oven until tender, about 3 hours. Transfer to work surface; let rest 10 minutes. Discard the thyme sprigs. Slice the brisket across grain; serve with the sauce.

Sausages, Potatoes and Artichoke Hearts in Tomato Broth

I Tbsp. olive oil

- $1 \ 1/2$ lbs. mild Italian sausage
- 9 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 lbs. boiling potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 1 1/4 cups canned chicken broth
- I cup canned tomato puree
- I 14-oz. can halved artichoke hearts, drained and rinsed
- 6 Tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped (divided use)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper, freshly ground

 In a large stainless-steel sauté pan, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the sausages; brown well on all sides. Remove from heat; pour off all but 1 Tbsp. of fat.
 Add the garlic, potatoes and thyme. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes are lightly browned, about 5 minutes.
 Add the wine; boil until reduced to approximately 3 Tbsp. Stir in the broth, tomato puree, artichoke hearts, 4 Tbsp. of parsley, salt and sausages. Bring to a simmer; cook, partially covered, until the potatoes are tender and the sauce is thickened, about 30-45 minutes.

4. Add remaining parsley and pepper.

Bacon-and-Onion Tart

Shell: I cup all-purpose flour

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- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. pepper, freshly ground
- 1/2 stick unsalted butter, cubed, cold
- 2 Tbsp. cold vegetable shortening, cubed
- 3 Tbsp. ice water

Filling:

8 oz. thick-sliced, double-smoked bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch strips
1 small onion, halved and very thinly sliced
1 tsp. pure maple syrup
3 Tbsp. cream cheese, softened
2 Tbsp. sour cream
1 large egg
1 egg yolk
1/4 tsp. ground allspice
1 1/4 tsp. thine sea salt
1/4 tsp. white pepper, freshly ground
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup Gruyère cheese, shredded

I. *For shell:* In a food processor, combine all ingredients, except the water; process 5 seconds. Sprinkle the ice water over the flour mixture. Process until the dough just begins to come together, about 10 seconds. You should still see small pieces of butter. Turn out dough onto a work surface; pat into a disk. Wrap in plastic; refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes.



2. Preheat the oven to 400 E Lightly flour the work surface; roll the dough out to an 11-inch round, about 1/8-inch thick. Fit the pastry into a 9-inch, fluted tart pan with a removable bottom; trim overhanging pastry, using trimmed bits to patch any holes. Using a fork, prick the bottom of the crust several times. Refrigerate the shell for 30 minutes.
3. Line the shell with foil; fill with pie weights or dried beans. Bake 17 minutes, until lightly golden around the rim. Remove the foil and weights; lower temperature to 375 E Bake 13 minutes longer, until the pastry is lightly golden all over. Cool completely on a rack. Leave oven on.

4. For filling: In a large skillet, on moderately

low heat, fry the bacon, stirring frequently, until crisp. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate. Add onion to the skillet, cooking over moderate heat, stirring until softened, about 1 minute. Reduce heat to low; add the syrup; cook until lightly caramelized. **5.** In a medium bowl, combine cream

cheese and next 6 ingredients; whisk until smooth. Add cream; whisk just until blended.
6. In the cooled tart shell, scatter bacon, onions and Gruyere cheese evenly. Pour in custard, being careful not to overfill. Bake in the center of the oven until golden brown and the center is just set, about 25 minutes. Cool on a rack for 15 minutes. Carefully, remove tart ring. Serve warm.

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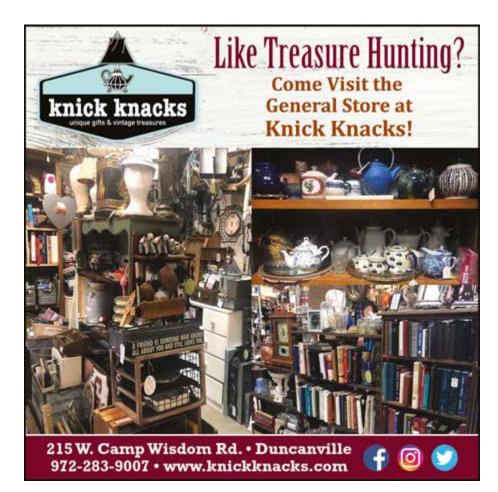
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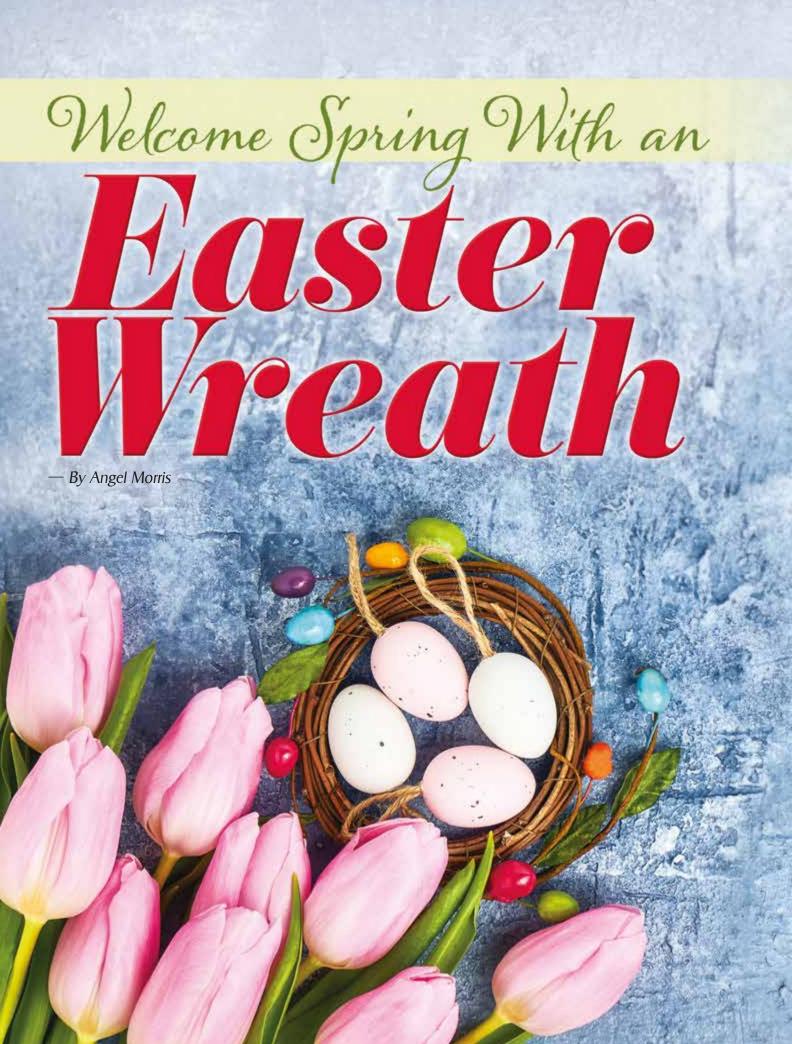
Janice Savage-Martin Candidate for Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees Place 6

Early Voting April 19-27, 2021 Election Day - Sat., May 1, 2021

- Sixth generation Duncanville resident
- Graduated from Duncanville High School Class of 1971
- Four-year Duncanville Pantherette
- Retired from Duncanville ISD after 21 years of service
- Has served for almost a decade on the Board of Trustees

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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.

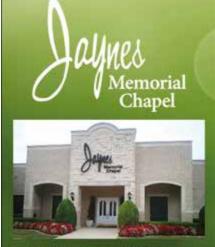
Secure the stems atop one another with one wire, then secure the entire bundle to your grapevine wreath with a second wire. Bend the stems so the flowers are angling around the wreath, and cover the stems with a large bow. You can even just secure a single set of stems to your wreath for the simplest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









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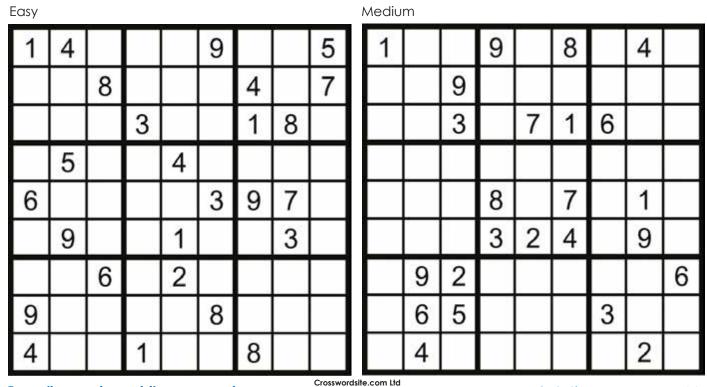
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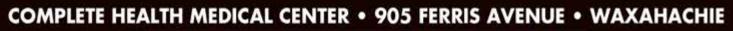
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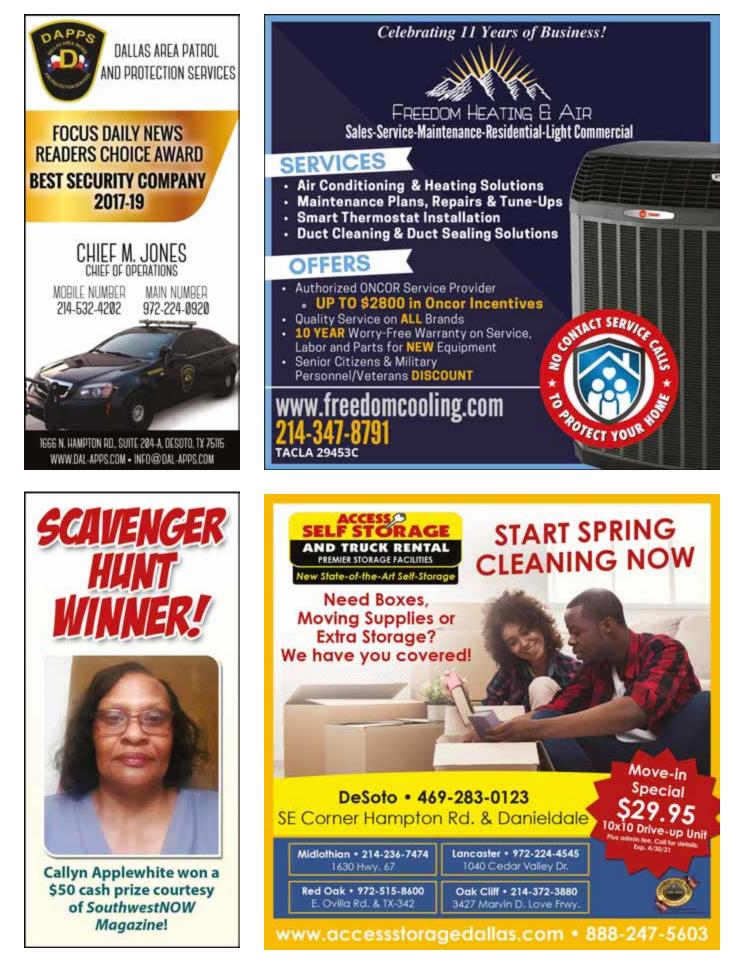
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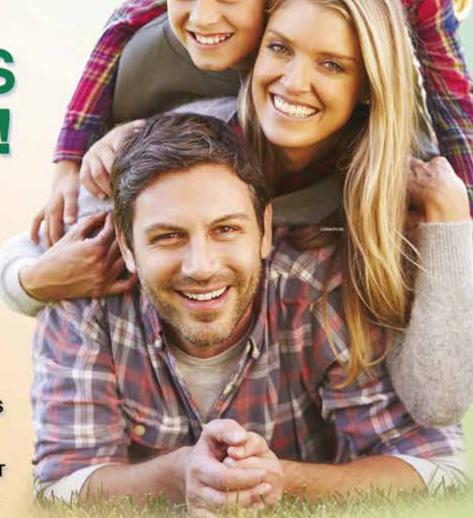
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