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A Month to Honor!

Kicking off this month of many celebrations is V-E Day or Victory in Europe Day. It's a day of quiet reflection for me and probably many of my Baby Boomer generation. The day commemorates the signing of the German surrender that ended WWII in Europe. Many of our parents and grandparents lived through those years of war, which brought rationing, deaths, injuries and separations from loved ones. WWII didn't end until Japan surrendered later, but V-E gave new hope for peace and prosperity. It was a day of celebration in 1945, and now it is a day of reflection and remembrance here and in Europe.

Mother's Day is another opportunity to recall those who came before us, as well as celebrate and make new memories with our loved ones and friends. I was fortunate to have had great times spent with two grandmothers and a great-grandmother who taught me so many skills I still use. Both grandmothers lived within an hour's drive of my home, so whenever my mother needed a little help with her four children, singularly or together, my grandmothers stepped in or had us visit. My grandchildren are spread out over the U.S., but I love spending time with them, making new memories and sharing some of those same skills as well as stories of their ancestors.

Let's all celebrate graduates this year, from pre-school age to those achieving advanced degrees. It's so thrilling to see the photos shared on Facebook and to attend graduations.

And closing the month is Memorial Day. I've always thought this day of honoring those in the U.S. military who have died in service to their country to be a day of reflection, but it is also a day that marks the excitement of end-of-school activities and the beginning of summer.

Enjoy May while creating memories!



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— By Virginia Riddle

Since Lions Club International was founded in 1917, members have served their communities and people around the world through projects such as vision screening, scholarships, sponsoring the Leo Club for young adults, humanitarian grants and through the club's foundation which provides food, water, clothing and medical supplies during disasters. "We're a club of workers and doers who accomplish more together through a cooperative effort," Corsicana Lions Club member Mike Gage said. A Navarro County extension agent for two years in the 1970s who returned to that post in 1980, Mike, a native of San Saba, Texas, is retired, but he remains actively involved with the Navarro County Youth Expo.

By 1918, the Lions Club had formed in Navarro County, making it the oldest service organization in Texas. "Lions" is actually an acronym for liberty, intelligence and our nation's safety. The club's shared motto around the globe is "We Serve." "Locally, we provide vision screenings within the CISD, donate glasses to CISD kids with financial needs and have sponsored a Leo Club at Navarro College in the past," Mike added. "We also award scholarships to local students, mentor students and award one-time humanitarian grants." Additionally, the local Lions volunteer as Salvation Army Christmas bell ringers and support 22 local nonprofits/organizations including the local food pantry. Lions Club International has partnered with the NGO section of the United Nations to bring "certain and lasting peace for the world."

Helen Keller, in a speech to the Lions Club International convention attendees in 1925, challenged the group to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The organization took on that challenge. They provide donation boxes for eyeglasses in every community they serve, so the glasses can be recycled to those in need. They also use modern diagnostic equipment in their SightFirst program, launched in 1990, which has helped over 488 million people globally. Internationally, Lions Club also recycles hearing aids.



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Mike became a Lions Club member in 1980. “I moved next door to ‘Mr. Lion’ Jack Baggett,” Mike recalled. “He was a stalwart in this club.” Mike has served as a local president and a district governor and values the relationships created through service. “We work side by side as a team, so there’s a lot of mutual respect,” he explained. “It’s a joy to see how our work benefits people, and we’re growing our membership.”

Dan Williams became a Lion in 2004 while working for the city of Corsicana with Connie Standridge and Sharla Allen as part of his community service. “We’re a family of brothers and sisters,” he said. “I’ve worked throughout our district, and our Corsicana club also helped form a new club in Kerens. I served as local president during COVID. We only missed meeting as a club for two months.”

Disc Golf Committee Chair Ernest Kaufman integrated his hobby into his

service. "I took the course from nine to 18 holes and took a leading role in getting a golf cart for the Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas," he stated. Since the 1940s, the Texas Lions Camp has provided children with physical disabilities a safe camping experience. The local club sponsors a child from Navarro County annually for a week at camp. Ernest also oversees the local club's recycling activity of pill bottles to veterinarians. Donations of pill bottles can be made at Brookshire's or Hometown pharmacies.

All these projects require raising funds, and the Corsicana club hosts several popular events throughout the year: Bennett-Hamrick Golf Tournament, Oil Town 5K & 1K Run, White Cane event and a pickleball tournament. "We have about a \$40,000-\$46,000 annual budget and are truly a nonprofit organization," Dan said. "This can't be done without everyone volunteering."

Dan was born in San Diego, California, but his roots in Navarro County are over 200 years old. A retired mechanical engineer and former



land man for Ernest, Dan farms family land in the county. "I've been all over the world, and I've found I like smaller communities like Corsicana. I like the slower pace, quietness and economy." He enjoys the land and the house he built on it. Dan also volunteers through the Knights of Columbus in which he's a 4th Degree 36-year member.

An oil man, Ernest used to enjoy golf but now spends time doing woodworking. "A Shreveport native, who enjoys time with three grandchildren, Ernest said, "I enjoy Corsicana because it's not big, and I can shop in nearby cities when I need to." He serves as a Corsicana First

Baptist Church deacon. A U.S. Navy veteran, Ernest uses the VA in Waco for services.

Another member, Tammie Perry, is anxious to become even more involved in the club's activities since she recently retired from City National Bank. An Arlington, Texas, native, Tammie made a job-related move to Corsicana in 1989. "The three of us have all been directors on the board and president," Dan stated. "It's time for Tammie and others to have those opportunities. She's an inspiration to other members."

Ernest agreed as Dan added, "We're getting younger members, such as Colby Threet with the Farm Bureau. Our younger members aren't retired but make time to be active. They are multitaskers."

The needs of many are still present in Corsicana and beyond. Mike explained the commitment needed, "Membership in Corsicana Lions Club can't be a personal obligation. Instead, it needs to be rewarding to see others benefit." **NOW**

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By Virginia Riddle

This musical couple, Sloan and Candace McCain, met through a mutual friend at a Karaoke event where they started singing together. Since 2009, they have been sharing their musical talents in church, currently as members of Lone Star Cowboy Church, where Sloan also serves as an elder. Sloan was a nurse for 20 years, but the couple has founded an E-commerce store, which they now work together.

As parents to three children and grandparents to three grandchildren, Sloan, a native of Corsicana, and Candace, who moved to the area at age 2, enjoy RV camping with the family. "All my family's here," Sloan said. Candace added, "We know everyone and love this small town and our friends and family. It's home."



Dana Stubbs leads the Navarro County Genealogical Society's Pictionary game to a dead heat 12-12 score between teams.



Burl Washington's rendering of former President Jimmy Carter is displayed during the Pearce Museum's Texas Invitational Art Show & Sale.



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A family business, Terry has owned the business for the last 47 years. The TMC represents her name’s initials. Born in Tennessee, Terry moved to Dallas when only a month old. After graduating from Dallas’ Kimball High School and attending Stephen F. Austin State University, Terry began her career in Corsicana as a real estate agent before getting her insurance licenses. “We are looking forward to remodeling the current office, but we will be housed next door while the remodeling takes place. My son runs offices in Johnson and Ellis counties. My daughter, a retired teacher of 29 years, has worked in the office for the last four years,” she explained. “I also bought and remodeled an old gas station and made

it my new home. It's exciting to live downtown, and be close to work and church," she said.

"My greatest joy is working with customers and getting to know them and helping them on a personal level," Terry said. "I'm a member of the Navarro County Board of Realtors and understand the needs of real estate professionals and their clients. I enjoy small-town living. I want to ensure that I'm always reaching out to my community and understanding how I can serve better."

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When not at work, Terry enjoys traveling, and for several years, she's taken her entire family on cruises and vacations. "We've gone to many countries in Europe," she said. "My grandchildren were so much fun to watch as they experienced these new, exciting places. We've enjoyed learning about so many cultures." She's a member of Corsicana First Methodist Church.

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- 1/2 cup buttermilk**
- 1 3/4 cups sugar**
- 2 large eggs**
- 2 Tbsp. flour**
- 1/4 tsp. salt**
- 1 stick butter**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg**
- Whipped cream, to taste**
- 1 9-inch unbaked pie shell**

- 1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a bowl, mix the first 7 ingredients. Pour the filling into the pie shell; sprinkle the top lightly with nutmeg.
- 2.** Bake the pie for 30-45 minutes; cool to allow the filling to set. Add a dollop of whipped cream to the top before serving.

Smothered Turkey Wings

- 3 large turkey wings**
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil**
- 1 Tbsp. poultry seasoning**
- 1 tsp. seasoning salt**
- 1 Tbsp. salt-free seasoning**
- 1 tsp. garlic salt**
- 1 medium yellow onion, cut into rings**
- 2 cups water**
- 1 11-oz. can condensed cream of chicken soup, celery soup or cream of mushroom soup**

- 1.** Rinse the turkey wings; pat dry. Drizzle the olive oil over the wings; rub in completely.
- 2.** Season the wings on all sides with all seasoning ingredients; place the wings in a roasting pan or a baking dish.
- 3.** Top the wings with the onion rings. Pour the water into the pan or dish; cover with a lid or foil.
- 4.** Bake the wings at 350 F for 35 minutes; remove from the oven.
- 5.** Drain the broth from the pan or dish into a large bowl. Add the chosen soup; mix well. Any lumps will dissolve during cooking.
- 6.** Pour the broth and soup mixture over the wings in the pan or dish; cover with a lid or foil. Bake the wings at 350 F for an additional 30 minutes. Remove; let set for at least 5 minutes before serving.

No-Bake Cheesecake

- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, room temperature**
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
- 2 tsp. Fresh lemon juice (optional)**
- 3/4 cup heavy cream, room temperature**
- 1 9-inch prepared graham cracker crust**

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH

LOIS MILLER-GARRETT

— By Virginia Riddle



Under the tutelage of her mother and mother-in-law, Lois Miller-Garrett learned to cook when she got married. “I finally got it,” Lois remarked. She is now known for her buttermilk pie, banana pudding and other baked goods she provides through her business, Sweet Treats & More by Lois. The “more” are crafts she enjoys creating. She volunteers through several community organizations and has been employed at Super I Foods for 34 years.

A Palestine native and graduate of Palestine High School, Class of 1989, Lois has “lots of family and friends as testers” for her recipes that she finds through Google, Facebook and from her mom. “Baking has become my passion,” she said. “I’ve taught my goddaughters. It’s relaxing and a bonding thing for me and my mom.” **NOW**

Optional toppings: cherry pie filling, fresh strawberries or raspberries, crushed cookies or candy bars, caramel or chocolate sauce

1. In a stand mixer bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and lemon juice for 2 minutes, or until it's light and fluffy.
2. Slowly add the heavy cream; beat on medium-high for 3 minutes, or until the batter is thick and creamy.
3. Spread the cheesecake mixture into the graham cracker crust; refrigerate for at least 4 hours or until firm. Serve with favorite topping(s).

Easy Pecan Pralines

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 cups pecan halves
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. milk (optional)

1. Line 1-2 large cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a saucepan, add the brown sugar, whipping cream and butter; bring the mixture to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly.
2. Start a timer; boil the mixture for 1 minute. Remove the saucepan from the heat; immediately whisk in the powdered sugar. Gently stir in the pecans and vanilla. Work the mixture quickly, stirring until smooth.
3. Allow the mixture to thicken and cool slightly for about 1 minute. Don't let the mixture cool too much and harden in the saucepan. If this happens, add the milk, stirring until the mixture is creamy.
4. Drop heaping spoonfuls of the praline mixture onto the parchment paper; allow them to cool and set up for at least 30 minutes. This process can be speeded up by popping the cookie sheet(s) into the refrigerator.



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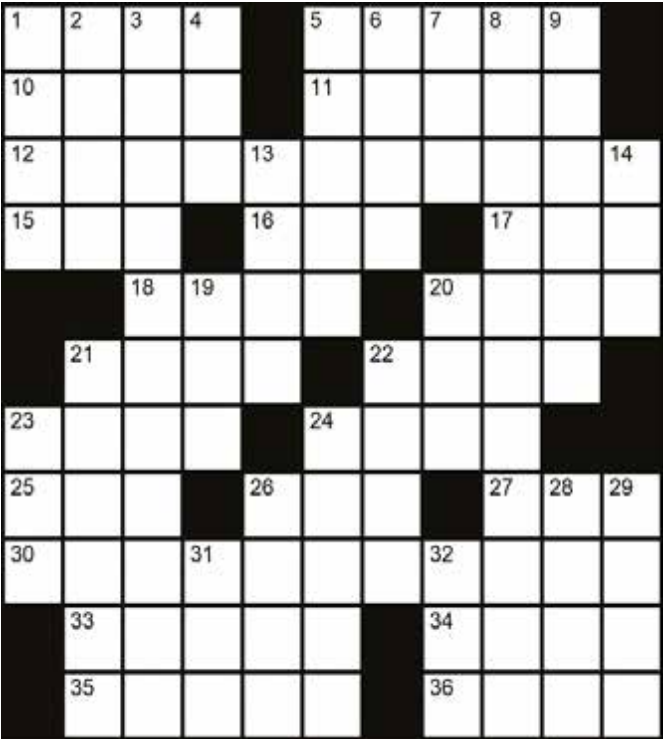
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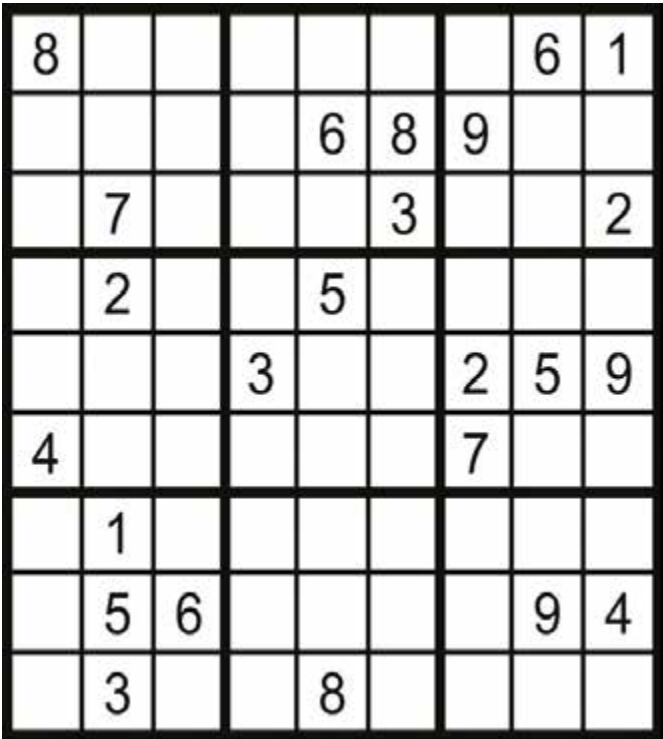
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- 5 Facebook's home Park
- 10 Without accompaniment
- 11 Understand finer mess
- 12 Juice
- 15 A nickel short of a dollar
- 16 "I Guess --- Rather Be in Colorado" (John Denver)
- 17 It's about three-quarters of the Earth's surface
- 18 Had liabilities
- 20 Colorful-sounding name for a man?
- 21 Bud supporter
- 22 One-third of a 1970 Pearl Harbor movie
- 23 Exact double
- 24 Anger
- 25 Old card game
- 26 Easy-going airport?
- 27 "More info later"
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- 33 Sao ---, Brazil
- 34 Jane Austen's meddling matchmaker
- 35 The Memorial --- Kettering Cancer Center
- 36 Citrus peel, particularly when grated

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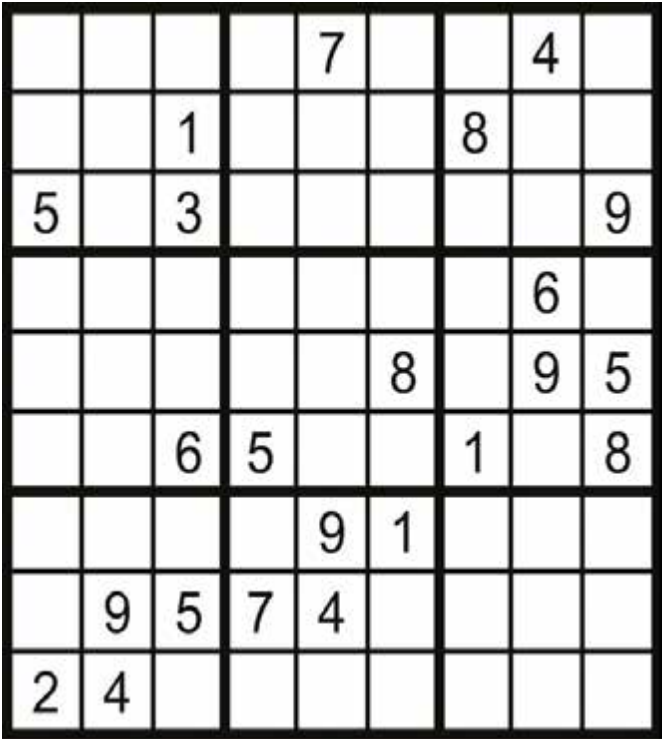
- 1 Citizen Kane's Rosebud, for example
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- 3 Stoic
- 4 John Lennon was murdered in this month
- 5 Stuck fast
- 6 Geraint's wife in "Idylls of the King" (Tennyson)
- 7 Packers' group
- 8 Duty-free hours?
- 9 Salsa brand
- 13 Not us
- 14 Mocking cry
- 19 Skin Jump
- 20 Big bike
- 21 Pounces
- 22 Joni Mitchell's was big and yellow
- 23 Maintenance, perhaps
- 24 Manor reorganised a Spanish fellow
- 26 Barry Manilow's drunken showgirl
- 28 Mooches
- 29 "I --- a loss for words!"
- 31 Batman and Robin, for example
- 32 --- Percé (Northwest Native Americans)

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5/3

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Crafts, music and fun. 3:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library, 100 N. 12th St. Facebook: Corsicana Public Library.

Navarro County Go Texan:

Dinner, music, open bar and BBQ. 5:00 p.m., I.O.O.F Event Center, 601 N. 45th St. For more information, call Jacob Reed at (903) 654-8783.

Micronesian Festival:

5:30-9:00 p.m., Cook Education Center, 3100 W. Collin St. For details, call (903) 874-5791.

5/7

The '77 Experience: Hits of 1977 Tribute:

7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre, 112 West 6th Ave. www.corsicanapalace.com.

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Kinsloe House Luncheons and Programs:

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5/9

Spray Parks Opening:

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5/13

Law Enforcement Appreciation Breakfast:

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5/16-5/17

Oakwood Odyssey:

\$10. **Friday:** 7:00 p.m., seated performance, Corsicana Public Library, 100 N. 12th St; **Saturday:** 5:30 p.m., walking tour, Oakwood Cemetery Hackberry entrance, 19th Street. Facebook: Corsicana Public Library.

5/26

Memorial Day Service:

Guest speaker is Gary Martin, Ret. Marine Pvt. 1:00 p.m., Woodland Cemetery gazebo area, 501 Bunert Rd.

5/28

Jester Park Pool Opening:

\$5 entry fee. **Wednesday-Saturday:** 1:00-6:00 p.m.; **Sunday:** 1:00-5:00 p.m., 600 W. Park Ave. (903) 654-4874.

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Main Street Networking:

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6/2-6/5

Kids' College at Navarro College-Mexia:

Registration ends 5/15. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., 901 N. Dr. MLK Jr. Hwy., Mexia. kidscollege.navarrocollege.edu.

6/2-7/25

Navarro County Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp:

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 1000 Jackson Ave., Corsicana. bgcdallas.org/summer.

Mondays

Caregiver Support Group:

4:00-5:00 p.m., Corsicana Senior Center, 919 W. Park Ave. (828) 228-3579.

Tuesdays

Corsicana Lions Club Meeting:

Noon, Navarro College Dining Hall. Facebook: Corsicana Lions Club.

Yoga at the Library:

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Senior Fun Day:

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., MLK Center, 1114 E. 6th Ave. (903) 874-7259.

Second
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Savvy Seniors:

Lunch, games. 11:30 a.m., Corsicana Senior Center, 919 W. Park Ave. (903) 654-4980.

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