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*It's getting warmer ...*


Summer is rapidly approaching. I hope you have made some great plans to enjoy it. Growing up in Ennis, I always had a paper route, since Dad was the distributor for *The Dallas Morning News*. The whole family was involved in the distributorship. I alternated days with my younger brother, getting up around 4:00 a.m. to roll the papers. We were too young to drive, so either Mom or one of my older sisters drove us around town, weaving from one side of the street to the other, always in the dark of the early morning hours. More than once, we were pulled over by flashing lights, but the police would immediately see what we were doing and send us on our way.

The newspaper business was seven days a week, and there always had to be someone at home to run a route, have the newspapers ready for the other paperboys to roll and distribute, answer the phone and make late deliveries if someone missed their paper. Consequently, for many years, my parents and my younger siblings would take a vacation together, while I stayed home to throw the papers. I really did not mind, though, because my "vacations" back then were usually a week at Boy Scout Camp Constantin and another week at church youth camp. Summer usually meant another job during the daylight hours also. I spent one summer as a lifeguard at the local public swimming pool, and the other summers of my youth were doing construction work.

I learned a lot about working during my youth in Ennis. I think I really came to appreciate the value of work and the value of a dollar. I still appreciate the vacation time, too, and it is time to get ready for that.

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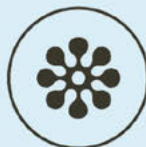
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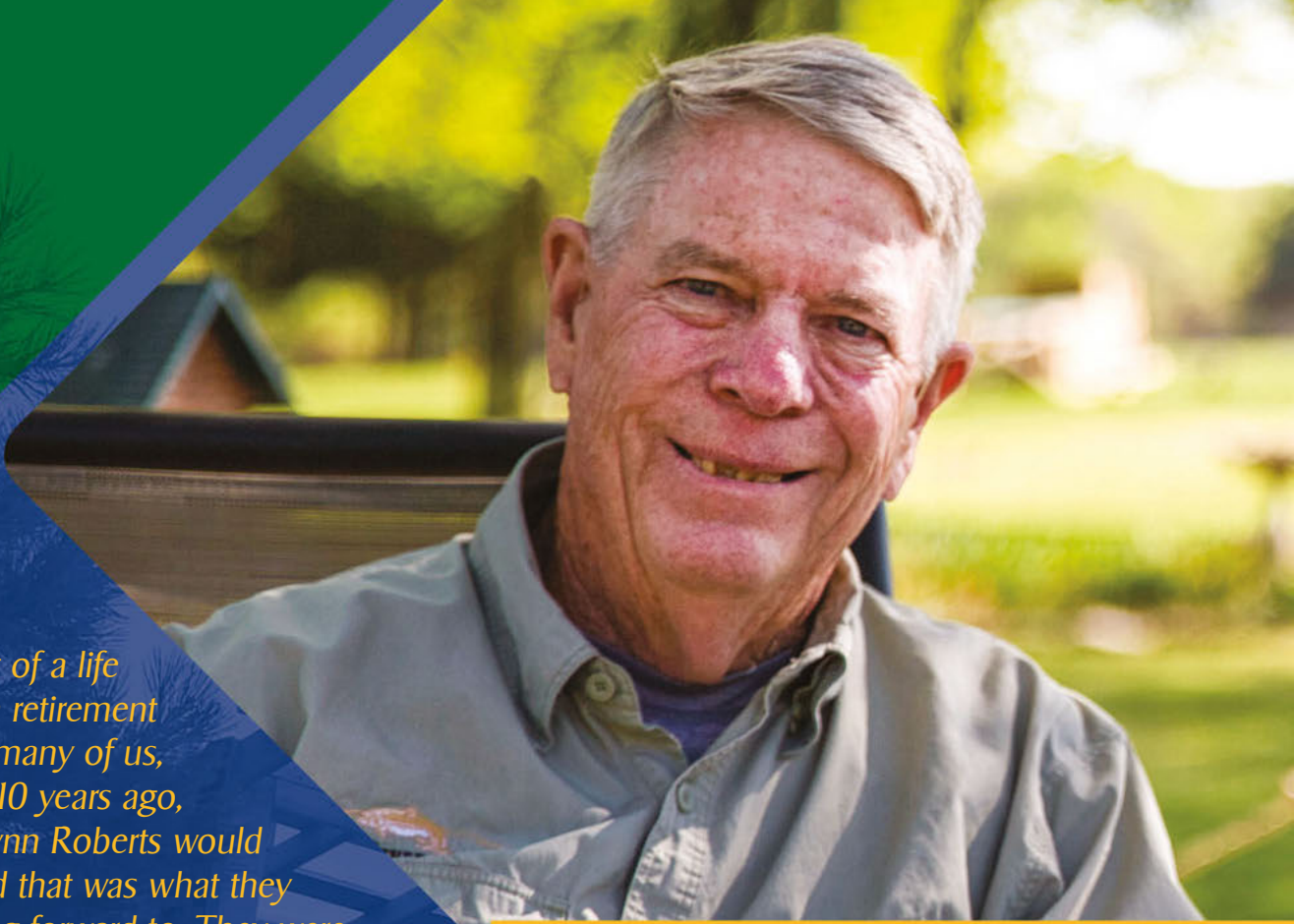
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*Dreaming of a life of leisure in retirement appeals to many of us, and about 10 years ago, Dick and Lynn Roberts would have agreed that was what they were looking forward to. They were able to travel in their RV and spent a summer in Colorado. Dick had retired, but they had to return home at the end of the summer for Lynn to go back to work. They learned they could be away from home and “survive each other.” They lived out of a small box for several months, but the leisurely living was not what they thought it would be — something was missing.*

The next summer was spent at River Bend RV Resort in Southfork, Colorado, where they had been asked to be park hosts. Lynn worked in the office, and Dick helped around the park with maintenance. “On the way home, I turned to Lynn and said, ‘What are we doing?’” Dick remembered. “We had both spent our careers in public education, either as teachers or counselors, but constantly serving somewhere, working with youth and others. We were active in our church, teaching and serving in various areas and on committees. There was always a lot to do, and when we retired, we thought we could stop doing those things and just serve ourselves and be happy. We were wrong.”

Lynn agreed. “We had everything we thought we wanted, and we were unfulfilled,” she said. “There had to be more to life in retirement than it just being about us and what we wanted for ourselves.”

Both Dick and Lynn are gifted with a strong work ethic and an inherent desire to serve. Much of Dick’s career had been as an Ag teacher, which included shop classes and building trades. His father had been handy with tools, building new things and fixing old things that were broken. Lynn’s father was also well acquainted with working with his hands and woodworking, so Lynn was not a stranger to manual labor either.

It was not long before they found many volunteer opportunities. It seems that there are a great number of youth camps and service organizations all over the country in need of volunteers. “A lot of youth camps operate on a shoestring,” Dick explained. “Their budget is literally month to month. Many of them are hurting right now, because COVID-19 has produced about 12 months with little or no income for them.

# Travel Volunteer



# Volunteering teens

By Bill Smith







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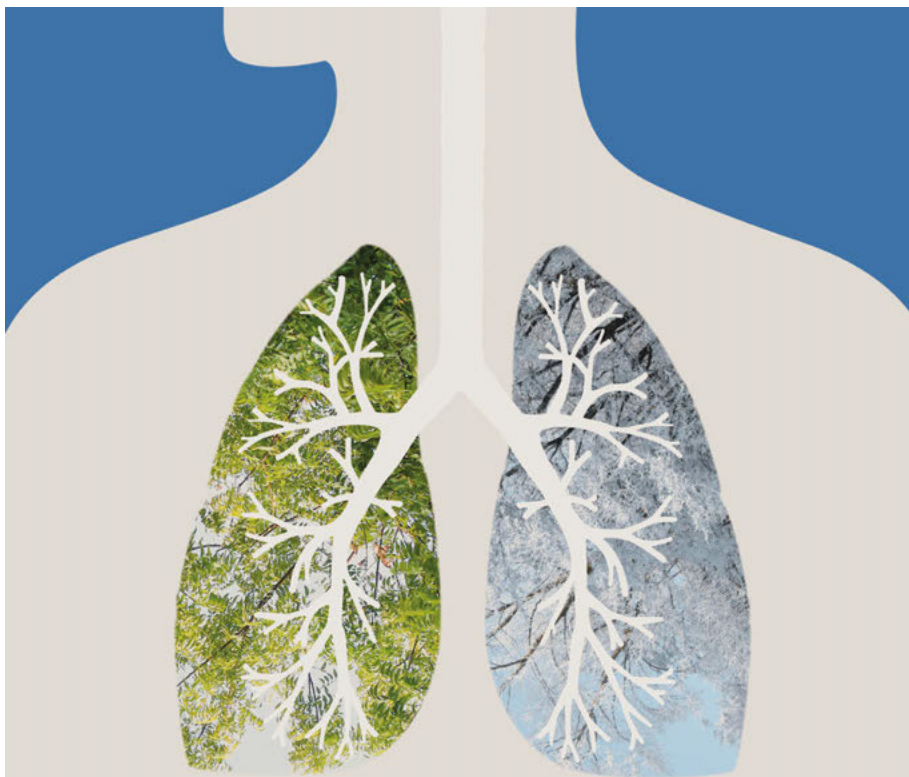
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We can't overemphasize the need the youth camps have both financially and for volunteers."

The first opportunity they had to assist with youth camps was with Texas Baptist Men's camp builders program. They remodel buildings and build new structures for Christian camps where the need exists, and the need is great. Lynn and other women worked with the men. Dick grinned and said, "They probably need to change their name to include the women. But really, they need more volunteers and more younger folks to get involved with them."

Over the years, Lynn has learned to operate construction equipment, from scissor lifts to tractors, even a large boom. Dick related, "At the Tejas Camp & Retreat in Giddings, Texas, we built a large beam outside. Some wondered how they would get it in place inside one of the camp buildings. Lynn ran the boom that lifted it into place."

Of course, with all of the traveling comes lots of photos, and the photos help them remember some of the projects they participated in at the various camps. Some of the captions include, "Yellowstone Alliance Adventure, Bozeman, Mt. We built the retaining wall that overlooks the playing field." "Lynn helping a child and parent make a Christmas decoration at 'Lights of Tejas' at Giddings, Texas. They have this event every year and love having volunteers come stay with them while they serve. The camp is Tejas Retreat Center." "River Bend resort in South Fork, Colorado. This is where we lead the worship services, but we also do some building for them. This is a deck





added onto one of their cabins.” “1,500 kids having prayer before their meal at Glorieta, New Mexico. We worked the salad bar for three meals a day.”

Obviously, there is a great deal of work to be done, from new construction to routine maintenance. They have been “volunteered” for projects that they had not planned on and, perhaps, they did not think they were equipped for. But they recognize they are not in charge, and they acknowledge they do not want to be in charge. “We tried serving ourselves when we started this adventure, and we find we are much happier just serving wherever God places us,” Dick added.

There are many organizations needing volunteers, and some offer a structured schedule that might appeal to someone interested in getting started serving in this way. According to Dick, they worked for two-and-a-half years with the Texas Baptist Men. “They do a lot of good work. We were with their camp builders, and spent three weeks at a time with them. The church builders usually work two weeks at a time. They start their work at the same time each day, take breaks together and end the day at the same time. Of course, they are also known for their disaster relief programs.”

After the time spent with Texas Baptist Men, Dick and Lynn decided to strike out on their own, without a fixed schedule, to work at various camps across the western United States. “We found there were some other volunteer opportunities that allowed us to meet more people, including the kids at the camps,” Lynn mentioned. “We were ready to be around young people again. Instead of spending so much time with a group, we are more integrated with the camp.”

At a camp in Montana, Dick was the maintenance supervisor as well as supervisor of five boys, and Lynn was supervisor of five girls. “We left a camp in Idaho, and driving back, we said we’d never do that one again. We’ve been back there three times,” Dick related with a grin.

The Robertses continue to find a fulfilling retirement as volunteers, and highlight the need for others to volunteer at youth camps across the country. They want to share the happiness that comes through service. **NOW**



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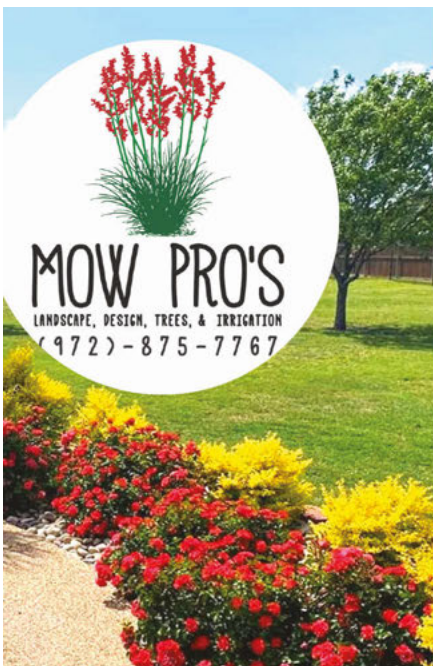
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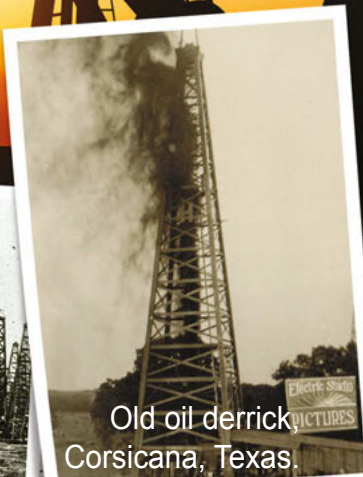
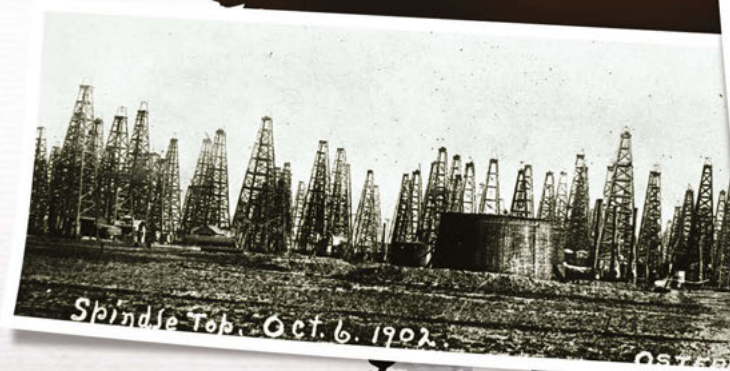
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— TALES OF TEXAS —

## Striking Black

# GOLD

— By Angel Morris



*In the summer of 1894, an accidental discovery in Corsicana changed the course of the state's history. Hired by the city to find water, a drilling contractor instead found an oilfield, and the first Texas oil boom began.*

The American Oil & Gas Historical Society explains how that oil well — which produced less than three barrels a day — is considered “the first significant commercial oil discovery west of the Mississippi.”

According to the society's website, the discovery changed Corsicana “from a sleepy agricultural town into a petroleum and industrial center. It launched industries, including service companies and manufacturers of the newly invented rotary drilling rig.”

Now, 127 years later, Corsicana celebrates the boom with its annual Derrick Days event. Even though Corsicana's wasn't the first oil well in Texas, its discovery helped establish the exploration and production industry in the state.

By 1897, Texas' first oil refinery was built in Corsicana and, within a year, some 287 wells were documented in the city. A few years later, the city of Beaumont joined Corsicana in the oil boom, when, on January 10, 1901, “an enormous geyser of oil

exploded from a drilling site at Spindletop Hill,” according to [www.history.com](http://www.history.com).

This gusher reached more than 150 feet and produced nearly 10,000 barrels a day making it more powerful than any geyser in the world. “A booming oil industry soon grew up around the oil field at Spindletop, and many of the major oil companies in America, including Gulf Oil, Texaco and Exxon, can trace their origins there,” [history.com](http://history.com) explains.

As a result of Spindletop, Texas oil production dramatically increased, with the former small town now responsible for 94 percent of the state's oil. Offshore drilling began in Galveston in 1908, while counties such as Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Eastland and Limestone also struck oil.

The Panhandle added significant discoveries in 1921, joined by Caldwell County in 1922. Then Spindletop made a comeback in 1925 outdoing production of its original field. Other East Texas counties followed suit. After that time, according to the Texas Almanac, “The most significant subsequent oil discoveries in Texas were those in West Texas.”

Prior to Texas' oil boom, Standard Oil Company of Pennsylvania — owned by John D. Rockefeller — monopolized the country's oil and gas supply. Corsicana and Spindletop, however, brought independent oil contractors, known as “wildcatters” to Texas. Farmers left their land and joined the oil mix, graduating to “roughneck” status. This influx led to



shanty towns with unhealthy environments and questionable business practices, as some tried to make a buck off desperate diggers.

"Gas hung in the air for miles around an oil town. It was nauseating when you could smell it, and dangerous when you couldn't. Gas blindness or even gas-induced death was a daily gamble for workers on the seeping rigs," the Bullock Museum describes in its history of Texas. "There was also no shortage of gambling and fisticuffs in the ratty saloons. Things got so bad in one Texas boom town that Governor Moody sent the Texas Rangers to settle things down. Safe drinking water was nowhere and dysentery was everywhere. In short, a boomtown wasn't a healthy place to call home for very long."

Despite significant hardships, the oil boom was an economic windfall for Texas, to say the least. Oil men made big bucks, which they, in turn, funneled back into the state's education and culture.

The Texas oil boom began drawing to a close mid-century. The awe-inspiring "black gold" gushers were replaced by reduced but steady production of petroleum products.

The state would see its second oil boom with natural gas in the early 2000s, and the word "fracking" became part of the state's vocabulary. High-powered injection of water into underground areas to open fissures and extract oil or gas helped tap into vast natural resources.

Today, Texas oil remains a significant part of the nation's economy, with roughnecks still working the rigs and wildcatters still hunting that sweet "Texas tea." From the discovery of oil in Corsicana to the geyser at Spindletop, the oil boom changed Texas and the prosperity of the state and the nation unlike any other industry. **NOW**

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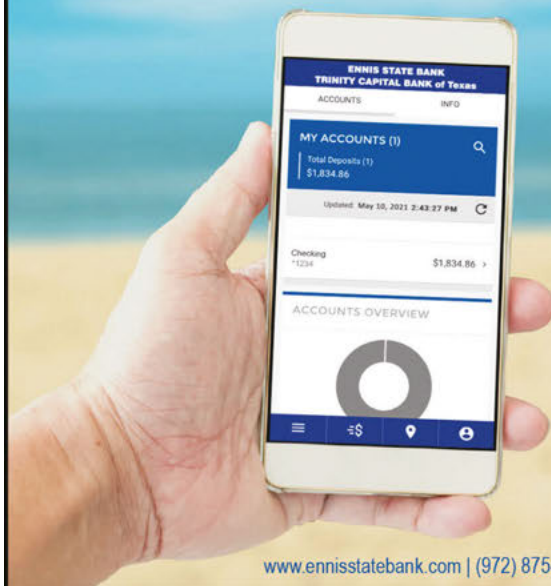
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By Bill Smith

Joe Gutierrez and his daughter, Neena Gutierrez, were at Minnie McDowal Park in downtown Ennis on a bright Sunday afternoon, enjoying the Cinco de Mayo Festival. Both of them are lifelong residents of Ennis.

Neena has three children and works for Woodforest National Bank in Corsicana. Joe is a forklift driver for Cody Company and proudly mentioned that he has three children and three grandchildren.

The festival was well attended with music and food booths. The Gutierrez grandchildren were also there, running around and having a good time. "We love living in Ennis," Neena said. Joe agreed with a smile.



*Raymond Caldwell works the parking lot for a Lions Club project.*



*Mason Gilb and Hunter Thomas, with the EHS National Honor Society, volunteer downtown with Keep Ennis Beautiful on a Saturday morning.*



*Auctioneer Johnny Roberts and several Baylor Baptist Church youth participate in the annual youth cake auction.*



*Chelsea and Brenda Rider spend the day shopping.*





Janet Gilbert and her husband, Larry, joined with friends and family to celebrate her 80th birthday.



David and Margaret Grice step briefly to the other side of the camera while out photographing the bluebonnets at Veterans Memorial Park.



Interim Police Chief David Anthony, along with Fire Marshal Chad Wester, and his wife, Elizabeth, enjoy the Bluebonnet Festival downtown.

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As The Gameroom celebrates its first anniversary this month, owners Mark and Jodi Sprague are happy with what the business was able to do during the first year, especially since they opened the business in the midst of a pandemic. They are really looking forward to what the future holds. “Fortunately, we were able to stay open for the majority of the year because we are a restaurant,” Jodi said. “Keeping up with the safety protocols required more labor. We cleaned the pool balls after each customer. We also wiped each table down. There are still some protocols in place, and we are happy to see people getting out again.”



Mark and Jodi met in 2005 while playing pool in Michigan, and before long, they knew they wanted to open a pool hall. “We thought it would be on a smaller scale than this,” Mark revealed. “Today, we have 12 7-foot tables, one 8-foot table and one 10-foot snooker table. We also have darts, video games, air hockey, foosball and more things are being added.”

The Gameroom was built to be “family-friendly” with food and activities that appeal to a wide demographic. “All of our food is prepared on-site and fresh. We do not have any heat lamps,” Jodi related proudly. “Our hamburgers are good, angus, home-style burgers. We also have fried pickles, fried mushrooms, made-to-order pizza, cheese sticks, jalapeño poppers, wings, street tacos and quesadillas, plus additional items on our kids’ menu. We are proud of our food, and we sell a ton of burgers.” The complete menu is available online.

For the pool players who take the game somewhat seriously, Jodi mentioned that there are a lot of opportunities



for open or league play, with regularly scheduled tournaments. "We have weekly 8-ball tournaments on Monday and Friday that we run ourselves. We also have American Poolplayers Association tournaments monthly. Our monthly doubles tournament always draws a big crowd.

"We are also going to have a quarterly tournament on the last Saturday of the quarter for those who place first through third in our Monday and Friday tournaments. It will have a \$1,500 pot for those who finish at the top."

The Gameroom encourages participation for those just learning the game, and there are weekly tournaments for anyone who wants to enter, regardless of skill level. Additionally, Tuesday nights have junior league play. "We want to embrace kids learning the game and learning to respect the equipment," Mark said. "We think pool is a great sport for kids. We teach about the background of pool and pool hall etiquette."

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Additionally, The Gameroom has space available for children's birthday parties, graduation parties and other teen parties with a room set aside for cake and pizza, as well as packages and specials for pool tables and arcade games. "We usually plan on two-three hours for parties, but you can just call and let us know what you need. We can probably accommodate you," Jodi said.

Plans are underway for a patio area with outdoor games such as cornhole and Jenga GIANT. The Gameroom recently sponsored a basketball team at the Boys & Girls Club and wants the club to bring the kids to The Gameroom. "We want teenagers to be comfortable here. We want The Gameroom to be a place all ages look forward to coming to." The Gameroom has a lot to offer those looking for good food and great entertainment in Ennis. **NOW**

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For Cindy Skrivanek and her daughter, Holly Nash, cooking is a tradition that has been handed down for generations. “I was taught by my mom, Patsy Zabojsnik, and my grandmother, Bessie Zabojsnik. Holly started learning from my mom and me as soon as she could reach the stove on a step stool,” Cindy shared.

“We both enjoy baking, and I think our Czech family heritage has had a great influence on both of us. Most of our cooking is for our family, but Holly’s baked goods are well known on Facebook, and she sells some of what she bakes there also,” Cindy added. “We get together as a family every holiday, and everyone brings their favorite dishes to contribute to a great meal!” **NOW**

## Seven-layer Dip

**1 1/4 cups salsa**  
**16 oz. refried canned beans**  
**2 Tbsp. milk**  
**8 oz. cream cheese, softened**  
**1/2 cup sour cream**  
**2 Tbsp. taco seasoning**  
**1 cup guacamole (prepared)**

**1 1/2 cups cheddar cheese**  
**1/2 cup black olives or tomatoes**  
**4 green onions, sliced**

**1.** Place the salsa in a sieve to drain any liquid.  
**2.** Combine the refried beans and milk (or you can use the liquid from the salsa if you want) until smooth. Spread into the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan.

**3.** Combine the cream cheese, sour cream and taco seasoning with a mixer on medium; spread over the refried beans.

**4.** Spoon the guacamole over the cream cheese; gently spread. Repeat with the drained salsa.

**5.** Top with the cheese, olives/tomatoes and green onions.

**6.** Chill for 1 hour before serving. Serve with tortilla chips.

## Sugar Cookies

*Cookie Dough:*

**3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for work surface**  
**1 tsp. baking powder**  
**1/2 tsp. kosher salt**  
**2 sticks butter, softened**  
**1 cup granulated sugar**  
**1 large egg**  
**1 Tbsp. milk**  
**1 tsp. pure vanilla extract**



#### Buttercream Frosting:

2 sticks butter, softened  
5 cups powdered sugar  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
1/2 tsp. pure almond extract  
1/4 tsp. kosher salt  
Food coloring

1. For cookie dough: In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.
2. In another large bowl, beat the butter and sugar until fluffy and pale in color.
3. Add the egg, milk and vanilla; beat until combined. Add the flour mixture, gradually, until combined.
4. Shape into a disk; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate for 1 hour.
5. When ready to roll, preheat the oven to 350 F; line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
6. Lightly flour a clean work surface; roll out the dough until 1/8-inch thick. Cut out shapes; transfer to prepared baking sheets.
7. Freeze for 10 minutes, so the shapes hold while baking.
8. For buttercream frosting: In a large bowl, using a hand mixer, beat the butter until smooth. Add the powdered sugar; beat until no lumps remain.
9. Add the cream, almond extract, salt and food coloring; beat until combined.
10. Bake the cookies until the edges are lightly golden, about 8 to 10 minutes.

#### Lemon Meringue Pie

##### Filling:

1 cup sugar  
2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour  
3 Tbsp. cornstarch  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 1/2 cups water  
2 lemons, juiced and zested  
2 Tbsp. butter  
4 egg yolks, beaten  
1 9-inch pie crust, baked

##### Meringue:

4 egg whites  
6 Tbsp. sugar

1. For filling: Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a medium saucepan, whisk together the sugar, flour, cornstarch and salt.
3. Stir in the water, lemon juice and lemon zest.
4. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until the mixture comes to a boil; stir in the butter.
5. Place the egg yolks in a small bowl; gradually whisk in 1/2 cup of the hot sugar mixture.
6. Whisk the egg yolk mixture back into



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the remaining sugar mixture. Bring to a boil; continue to cook while stirring constantly until thick.

**7.** Remove from heat. Pour the filling into a baked pie shell.

**8.** For meringue: In a large glass or metal bowl, whip the egg whites until foamy.

**9.** Add the sugar gradually; continue to whip until stiff peaks form.

**10.** Spread over pie, sealing the edges at the crust.

**11.** Bake in a preheated oven for 10 minutes, or until the meringue is golden brown.

## Walking Tacos

**Chili, to taste**

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**Cheese, to taste**

**Onions, to taste**

**Sour cream, to taste**

**Jalapeños, to taste**

**Cilantro, to taste**

**1.** Heat up the chili.

**2.** Turn the chip bags sideways; cut off about 1/2 inch of the bag.

**3.** Top the chips with chili, cheese and other toppings.

**4.** Grab a spoon and eat directly from the bag.

## Holly's Potato Soup

**8-10 potatoes**

**1 box chicken broth**

**1 10.5-oz. can condensed cream of chicken soup**

**1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese**

**1 1/2 cups cheddar cheese**

**1 lb. pkg. bacon**

**Pinch of rosemary**

**Salt, to taste**

**Pepper, to taste**

**1.** Boil the potatoes; dice and peel.

**2.** Add all the other ingredients to the potatoes; cook on the stovetop for about 45 minutes, or until thick.

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- **Build an appropriate investment mix.** You may have a dozen or more investment options within your 401(k) plan. Of course, the driving investment principle in the early years of saving in your 401(k) is growth — you are counting on your plan to help fund a long retirement. But growth-oriented investments are, by nature, higher in risk than fixed-income vehicles. When you're first starting out in your career, you may be more comfortable building a 401(k) portfolio that's more heavily weighted toward aggressive growth vehicles, as you have many years to recover from short-term downturns. But as you approach retirement, you might consider moving your 401(k) toward a more conservative mix. You may want to work with a financial advisor to arrive at an appropriate investment mix, at various times in your life, for your given risk tolerance, time horizon and retirement goals.

- **Keep your plan intact.** At times, you may feel a financial pinch that leads you to consider taking out loans or early withdrawals from your 401(k). If at all possible, avoid such moves — not only can they incur taxes and penalties, but they also will likely slow the growth you need to help reach your retirement savings goals. Taking steps to prepare for unexpected expenses, such as building an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, can help you avoid dipping into your 401(k). You may also be able to find other ways to access cash.

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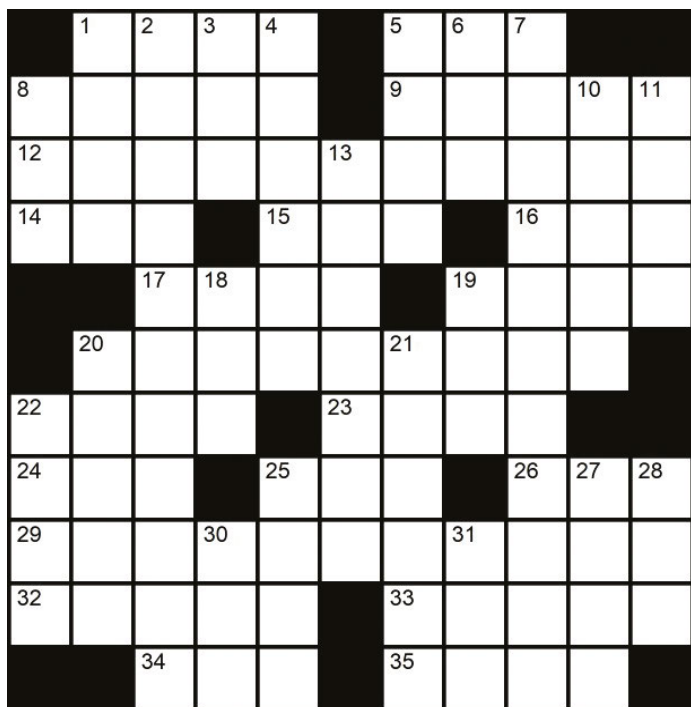
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# Crossword Puzzle



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## Across

- 1 Scores, in cribbage
- 5 "The Sweetheart of Sigma ---"
- 8 Last President of Czechoslovakia
- 9 Burroughs' was naked
- 12 Primary
- 14 "So many ---, so little time" (Mae West)
- 15 Upper limit
- 16 Carpet fuzz
- 17 Copycat
- 19 Sand ridge
- 20 Fellow student
- 22 Kind of egg drink
- 23 --- Christian Andersen, fairy tale writer
- 24 One third of an ellipsis
- 25 Lisa Simpson's instrument
- 26 Dance
- 29 Bright
- 32 Played by Yo-Yo Ma
- 33 Island with two small neighbors, Gozo and Comino
- 34 Beat recording?
- 35 Unaccompanied

## Down

- 1 Skin
- 2 In any way
- 3 Coagulate
- 4 Pizza portions
- 5 Cut out
- 6 Barbarian
- 7 Where to find a kernel
- 8 Concentration measure
- 10 Marsh bird
- 11 Promotional hoopla
- 13 Dillon or Earp
- 18 Mush
- 19 Karate proficiency measure
- 20 Exact duplicate
- 21 Axioms
- 22 Financial stability org.
- 25 Peg away
- 27 Upon
- 28 School group
- 30 Antlered animal
- 31 Congressional spending watchdog

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7		6						
	1		6					
5					7	3		
	6	7	8	5				1
	8						1	
6				4				
	4		2			9		5

Medium

	2				1			8
		9		4				
	5						1	2
		8	7	3			4	
			6				8	
9						3		
						1		5
3				7	8			
			3	1			6	

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*"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" ~ Micah 6:8*



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## JUNE

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### 6/4-6/20

#### **Walking Across Egypt:**

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### 6/6

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### 6/11-6/12

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### 6/11-6/27

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### 6/12-6/13

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### 6/26

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