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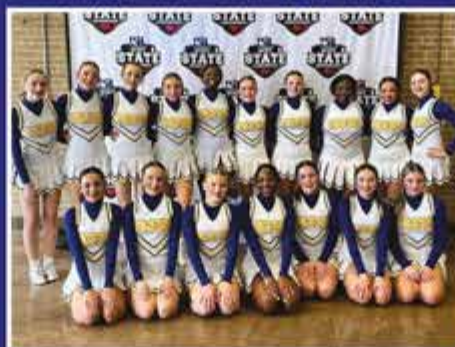
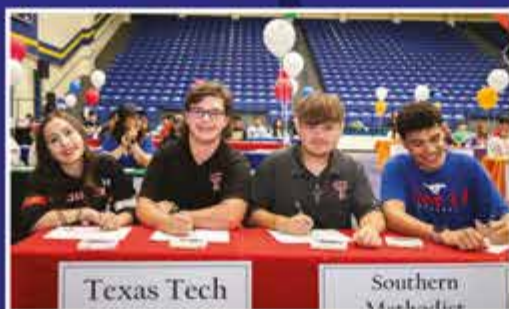
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Congratulations, Elaine, on reaching this milestone in your life. May your future be filled with boundless opportunities, profound happiness, and the fulfillment of all your dreams.

With all our love,
*Dad, Grant,
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Hey, June!

During this most popular wedding month, I'm reminded of the many wedding traditions we have. I attended my youngest niece's wedding at a Magnolia, Texas, plantation venue a few weeks ago. While brides and grooms these days do anything they wish on their special day, some of our traditions, such as the bride carrying a bouquet, came from necessity. In the past, bathing didn't happen that often, sometimes only once a year in May when the weather was warmer and rains and snow melts were plentiful, so May and June became popular bridal months. The bouquet's scent helped make the joining of the couple a little more pleasant. In ancient Rome and Greece, the bouquet was created with odorous herbs to ward off evil spirits. Flowers became a thing around the mid-1800s.

The ring bearer and flower girl at my niece's wedding provided some hilarity and memorable moments — as they nearly always do at every wedding. Small children are representative of the future, new beginnings and innocence. During the dinner and dance following the ceremony, my niece and her groom barely got in their traditional dances before the kids took to the floor. It was so wonderful to see cousins, who rarely get to be together due to distances and busy family schedules, immediately connect and enjoy each other's company. We partied into the night, and our immediate families met again in the morning for an early breakfast before everyone departed. Three full days of making lifetime memories with friends and family was my favorite part of the wedding.

We all had a chance to experience another often once-in-a-lifetime event last month during the eclipse. Mother Nature threatened clouds, but just at the right time, the clouds broke to let us fully enjoy the moments. It was awesome!

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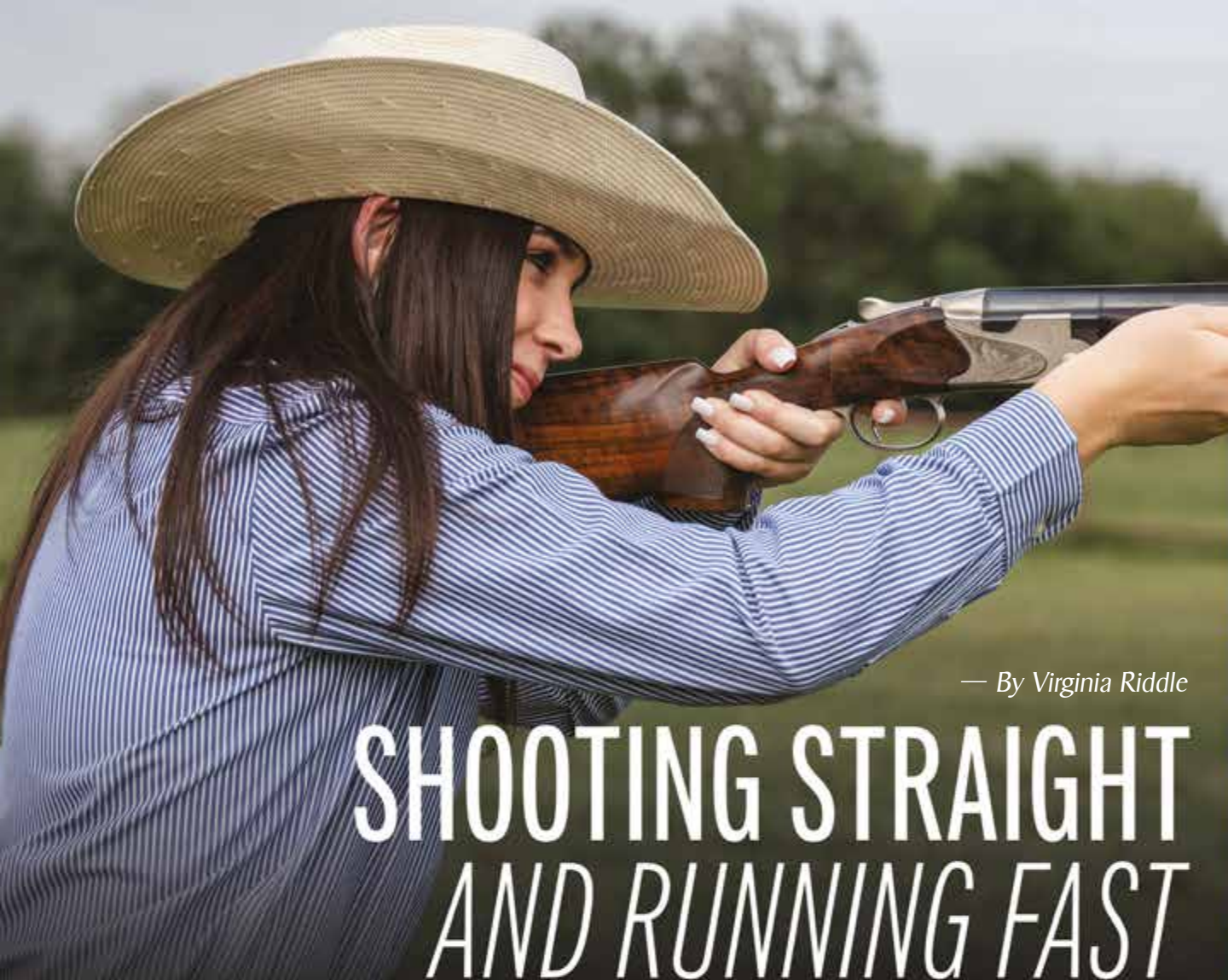
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— By Virginia Riddle

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At only 14 years of age, Gracie Teetz is a Renaissance young lady, well-rounded and grounded in many different pursuits. She's active in 4-H, and as a Corsicana Middle School student, Gracie has represented her school by playing volleyball and soccer, and running track as well as traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, as this past year's Amazing Shake team member. And that's just for starters. Gracie participated in CMS Ag Mechanics, Student Council and was on the Honor Roll. She competes in public speaking through FFA and UIL oral reading. As she looks forward to being a freshman at Corsicana High School this coming school year, she will also take time this summer to hone her leadership skills further by attending her second Texas Brigades camp.

Gracie is a member and officer of the Kerens 4-H Chapter, where her mom, Carrie Teetz, DVM, is co-manager. Gracie raises, trains and shows hogs and steers and competes in the food, creative arts, livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl, swine skillathon, public speaking, photography, record books and consumer decision making areas. She performs community service with her fellow chapter members by participating in food drives for area food pantries. Gracie also serves as an officer on the 4-H Shotgun Team, which her dad, Todd Teetz, coaches, and she's a Navarro County 4-H Ambassador. 4-H has been a "family thing" with Gracie's younger brother, Corbin, also participating. "My brother does everything I do," Gracie explained.

Gracie competes in 4-H locally and has traveled to major shows in San Antonio, Houston, Denver and Ft. Worth. She enjoys traveling, and, in addition to traveling to shows and other competitions, she's been to Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon national parks. "I like swimming in hotel pools and being together with friends and/or family," Gracie said.

A strength that helps Gracie in nearly all she does is her love of reading and writing. "My favorite subject in school is



reading. I love scary stuff and poetry and have always been good at reading," she shared. "I like to write, too. I have a notepad in my room, and I write my thoughts and prayers down." She admits to being very dramatic in her UIL oral reading competitions. "I use my dramatic oral reading skills in my public speaking," Gracie added.

A highlight last summer for Gracie was being accepted to attend one of the nine Texas Brigade summer camps. "My camp, the North Texas Buckskin Brigade in Santa Anna, Texas, last summer, focused on animal habitats and leadership activities," Gracie recalled. "I made new friends, and on the first day of camp, I learned how deer use their digestive systems. I'm returning to camp this summer after being selected for an assistant leadership position in the North Texas Buckskin Brigade." Working toward

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Carrie explained. Texas Brigades is a nonprofit organization.

Being selected to represent Corsicana Middle School on its Amazing Shake team was a highlight of Gracie's time at the school. CMS has competed in Amazing Shake, a live competition teaching professional skills to students through role models in the school's community, for several years. "Over 100 seventh and eighth grade students worked toward being on the team," Carrie said. "After four rounds of competition, Gracie was in the top five and made the team." The top 10 finalists from CMS traveled to Atlanta for the national competition. They stood out in their matching T-shirts, jackets, black cowboy hats and smiles.

"I enjoy working with Gracie and going and watching her in all she does," Carrie, a veterinarian who works for the USDA in public health as a safety inspector, said. "She's learning responsibility through her shoots and shows and learning that everything's not always a win. I spent 10 years in 4-H and academic competitions, so I like to give back to the program. My

dad always said if a kid is at the barn, he/she is out of trouble. Hopefully, too, Gracie will earn college scholarships."

Born in College Station, but a resident of Navarro County since she was 5 months old, Gracie has prepared well for high school and beyond. "I made the eighth grade A team in volleyball, and I'm hoping to play in high school. I was the hitter," she said. "I know most of the kids, and I like having had friends here since I was little, but I'm looking forward to making some new friends in high school, too. She's undecided as to what she would like to become in life but is leaning toward attending college at Texas A&M University or at Texas Tech University. "My major interest may be something in agriculture," Gracie added.

"My biggest challenges so far are finding time for everything I'm interested in doing and scheduling conflicts among all my activities and studies." However, with family, friends and other adult teachers and sponsors to help her, Gracie, with her abilities and interests, is poised to be a success wherever life leads her. **NOW**

that goal, Gracie has been earning points this past year by sharing her camp experiences through her public speaking abilities. Gracie will attend an additional camp, the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade in Rising Star, Texas, this summer.

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Zoomed In: Victor Vizcarra

By Virginia Riddle

A 2024 graduate of Dawson High School, Victor Vizcarra stated, "I like Dawson and the schools there. It's a family-oriented community."

Victor takes every opportunity to succeed. He was in the high school's FFA and NHS, through which he performed service hours. "I like to make an impact in my community," Victor stated. He competed on the varsity tennis team, and as a sophomore, went to state in boys' singles. In UIL competition, he competed in writing/op-ed and a one-act play. A talented musician who plays the violin, cello and clarinet, Victor will attend Sam Houston State University this fall — partially funded by a Hull Creative Arts Foundation scholarship — to study music composition with his eye on writing orchestral and film scores.



Elena, Audrey and Levi Herrin are winners in the 4-H fashion show.



LeAnn Hart, speaker and entertainer, and her daughters share the message at the Cowboy Church of Corsicana Women's Event.



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CookingNOW In the Kitchen With ANGIE WHITE

— By Virginia Riddle



Corsicana native and CHS graduate, Angie White, stated, “I come from a long line of good cooks.” Many of her recipes have been handed down from her grandmothers, but she also finds recipes on TikTok. “I love making dishes richer than the recipe calls for, so I cook with butter and cream,” she explained. “I feel everyone should have a go-to sauce that can make anything tasty.”

A massage therapist for 20-plus years, Angie shared, “My eaters are my husband, Joey, and my 15-year-old son, Deacon. I taught Deacon how to scramble eggs when he was little.

“Every holiday, my family gets together for a huge meal,” Angie concluded. “It brings me joy to feed people and enjoy their company. Cooking is my love language.” **NOW**

Creamy White Wine Chicken

1/4 cup butter
2 .7-oz. pkgs. Good Seasons Italian Salad Dressing and Recipe Mix
3/4 cup white wine
1 10.5-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese

2 Tbsp. chives, minced
2 Tbsp. garlic, minced
1 onion, chopped
1 cup heavy cream
2-3 lbs. chicken thighs or breasts, deboned and skin removed
1 lb. angel hair pasta, cooked according to pkg. directions

1. In a saucepan, melt the butter. Add the dressing mix; stir. Add the wine and soup; stir.
2. Add the cream cheese, chives, garlic, onions and heavy cream; stir until the sauce is smooth. Heat thoroughly, but don't let it boil.
3. Arrange the chicken in a 9x13-inch baking dish; pour the sauce over the chicken.
4. Bake at 325 F for 50-60 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve the chicken over the pasta.

Deacon's Favorite Tomato Cream Sauce

This sauce is good over roasted or pan-seared chicken with pearl couscous, pork chops, rice or pasta.

Splash of olive oil or 3 pats of butter
1 small onion, diced
4 garlic cloves, minced or 1 Tbsp. prepared garlic

3 Roma tomatoes, diced
 Salt, to taste
 Pepper, to taste
 1 Tbsp. chicken-flavored Better than Bouillon
 1/2 cup water
 4-oz. cream cheese
 1/4 cup heavy cream

- In a pan, add the olive oil or butter or use both. Add the onions and garlic; sauté for 2-3 minutes on medium heat. Add the tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper; sauté for 2-3 more minutes.
- Add the bouillon and water; simmer for another 3-4 minutes. Turn the heat to low; add the cream cheese and cream. Stir until the mixture is smooth.

Mamaw's Banana Pudding

2 cups sugar
 10 Tbsp. flour
 1/2 tsp. salt
 4 cups milk (divided use)
 6 egg yolks
 3 tsp. vanilla
 Nilla Wafers, to taste
 Bananas, sliced, to taste

- In a large pan, mix the sugar, flour and salt over medium heat; pour just enough milk into the sugar mixture to make a smooth, thick paste.
- Add the egg yolks, one at a time, stirring until the mixture is smooth.
- Add the remaining milk, stirring constantly; add the vanilla. Turn the heat up a little until the mixture thickens. Then reduce the heat to low. Stir constantly until the mixture is a thick, smooth pudding.
- Remove the pan from the heat; let the pudding cool for 5 minutes.
- In a large serving bowl, layer the pudding, Nilla wafers and sliced bananas as desired.

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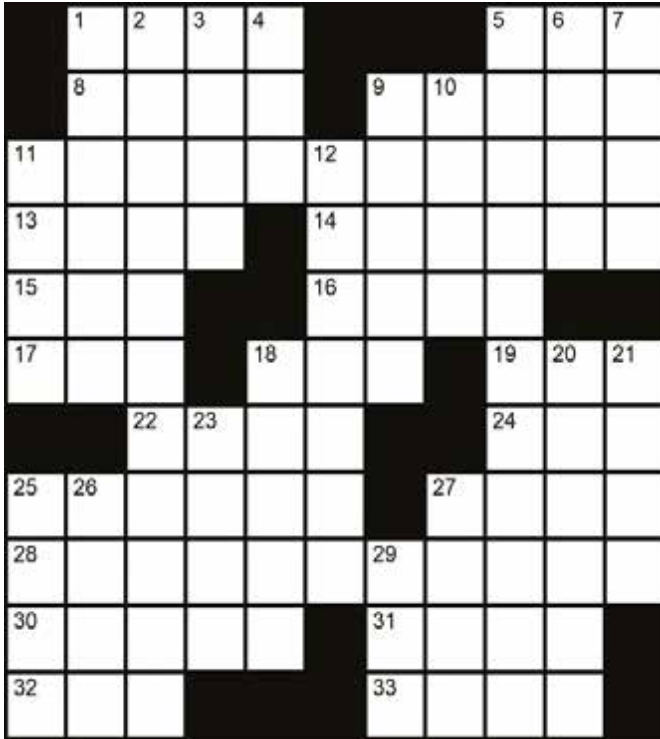


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- 17 Fruitcake
- 18 Fine hair

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- 33 Leaves
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6/5, 6/12, 6/19

Kinsloe House Luncheon:

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6/8

Endless Summer:

7:00 p.m., The Palace Theatre,

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6/13

HCAF Bourbon Pairing Dinner:

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6/14

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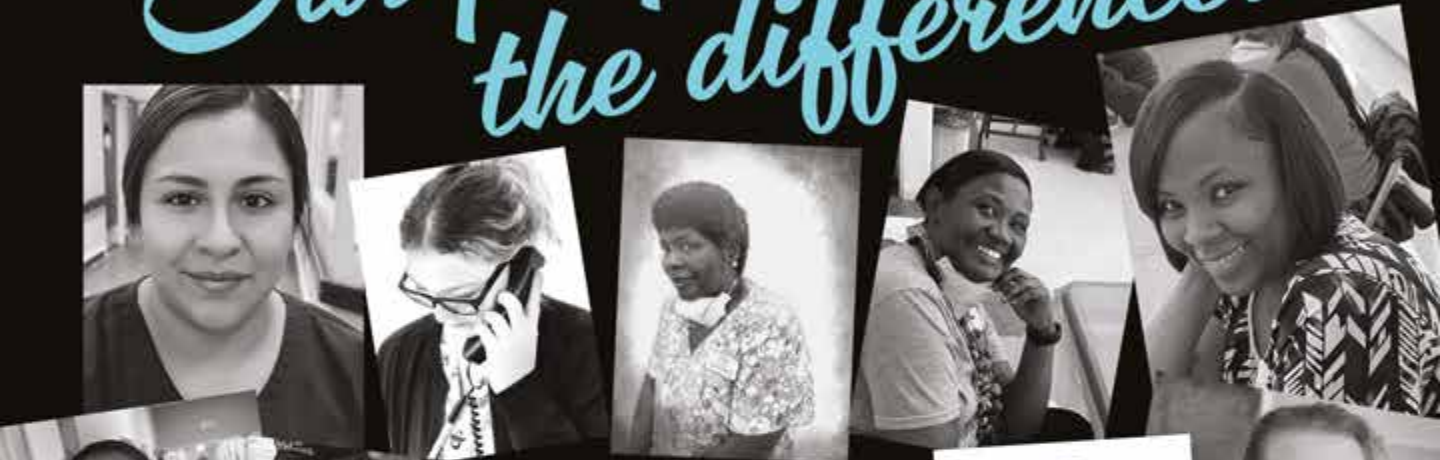
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