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*Did someone turn up the heat?*

Regardless of what July was like, August always seems like the hottest month in Texas. Maybe it goes back to football practices. The hottest two-a-day practice I can remember was while in college, when the high reached 109 F. It was a day when we were already in full pads! Perhaps August seems the hottest as I remember back to my cycling days, when my son and I rode in the Hotter'N Hell Hundred at Wichita Falls. The temperature hit 104 F one year, and they said the surface temperature, that of the asphalt reflecting back into our faces, was 122 F!

Today, we seem more focused on the transition to a new season. Vacations are being concluded. Summer is in its waning days, and fall is rapidly approaching, spurred on by the fact that school seems to start earlier than it used to. It's hard for me to fathom that the big box stores were putting school supplies out for sale before the end of June!

Can you see autumn as it rapidly approaches and compare it to the newness that we typically associate with spring? Oh, that is a stretch, isn't it? Spring brings things green and renewed. Fall is the brown, red, orange and yellow colors as the leaves begin to change. I just know that as sure as I look forward to the change from the cold of winter to the warmth of spring, the cool days of fall are a welcome respite from the heat of summer. I am blessed to live in a climate where there is a definite change in the seasons.

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# DOWNTOWN **P**



*In a relatively short time, the downtown renovation process, including the heavy equipment, hardhats, detours and lack of sidewalks will be a distant memory. For many, seeing the “light at the end of the tunnel” has been difficult, and even when they did see the light, they thought there was a train behind it.*

“We are still on schedule to have the project completed this fall,” Marty Nelson, city economic development director acknowledged. “We could not have come this far without the patient support of the community, and I have to recognize the team effort this has been. Our mayor, city manager and city commission have worked tirelessly to bring this project along. It takes strategic discipline to keep the plan on schedule, and that includes programming the financing and maintaining a sense of urgency to keep it on track. We are six years into the master plan that started just as the tornado hit downtown in 2013.

“We also have to recognize how the general contractor and the professional consulting partners have been rowing in the same direction to bring the project to completion. One of our partners in the project, Mesa Landscape Design, just won a major award from the American Society of Landscape Architecture for the design of our streets and sidewalks.”

Today, everything below ground is essentially done. After an initial delay with gas lines because of the tragedy Atmos had to manage in Dallas, eventually they were the first part of the infrastructure to be 100 percent complete. In February, the progress bar

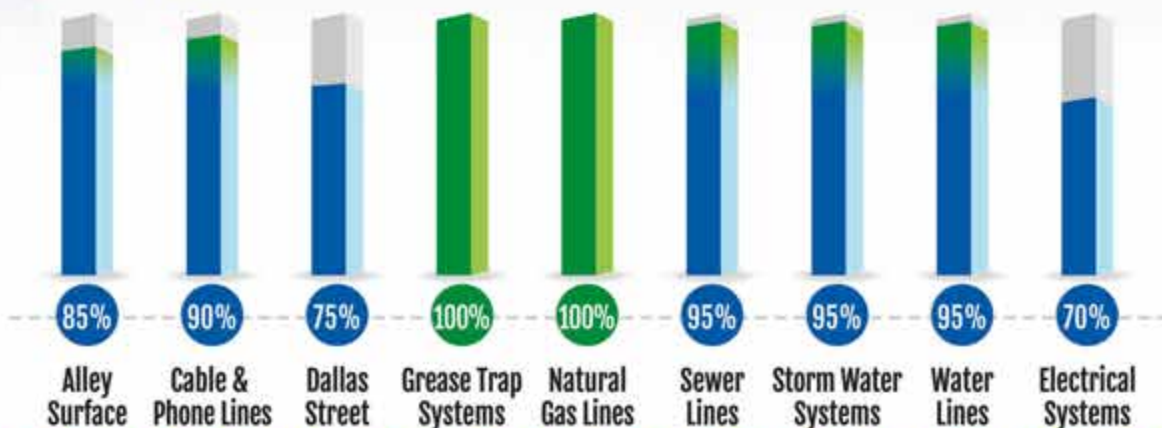


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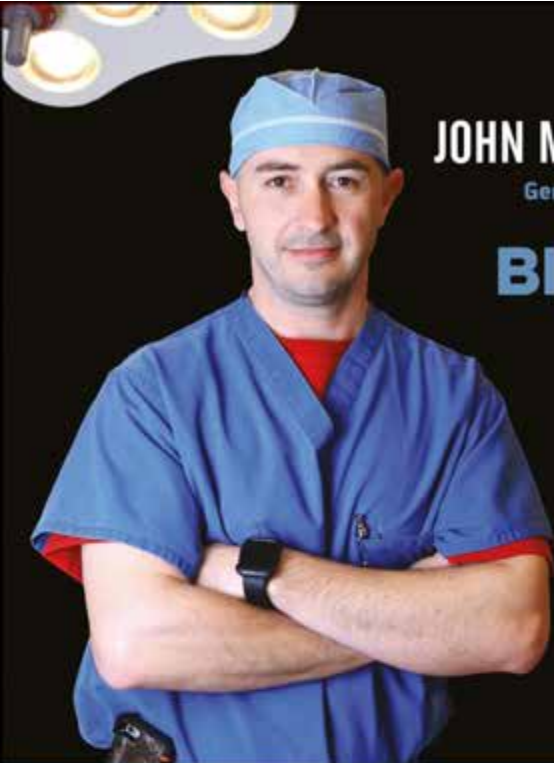
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chart showed Dallas Street 45 percent complete, sewer lines 70 percent complete, water lines 90 percent complete, electric 25 percent complete and alley surface 5 percent complete. Compare that to the most recent chart, and you see a lot of progress.

Tourism Director Gina Rokas added, "Some of us who have been downtown regularly and have seen the project every day don't see it from the same perspective as those people who are here only occasionally. Even people who came for the Bluebonnet Festival in April and returned for the Polka Festival in May remarked how much progress was made from the time of their previous visit. Many have seen the pictures of what it will look like when they come back next year and express their excitement about how nice the streets and sidewalks will be."

Marty continued to credit others who have been instrumental in making things happen for the best downtown. "Ed Green, Charlie Porter and Gresham Smith are playing vital roles. They are taking care of things that won't be seen by most people but are critical to this once-in-a-century project."

Ashley Colunga, Ennis' marketing and communications director, offered her insight about the value of first impressions. "Investors and people who have moved to Ennis often say they came for a festival and fell in love. We position our festivals as a first impression. The renovated downtown can only add to that."

"Why did all of this need to be done?" Marty queried rhetorically. "It will allow downtown to be the economic







engine it can be. The infrastructure that had been in place would support only about 25 percent of the potential retail and destination market of downtown Ennis. In a different era, there were family-owned and -operated men's stores, ladies' stores, shoe stores and drug stores that were the heart of the city. Big-box stores took a lot of that and made it a 'department.' Today, we see downtown as an 'experiential destination.' It is a place where families come together in the evening, or on Saturday, or even Sunday afternoon after church, and spend hours shopping, dining, visiting or just hanging out."

The local business owner is important. Ashley mentioned, "I went to Felcman's recently to get a gift for my mom. The owner, Julianna, was able to tell me about some things my mother had previously been in the store looking at. I was able to choose the perfect gift! This is an experience and customer service you will not find at a big-box store but will find throughout our downtown businesses."

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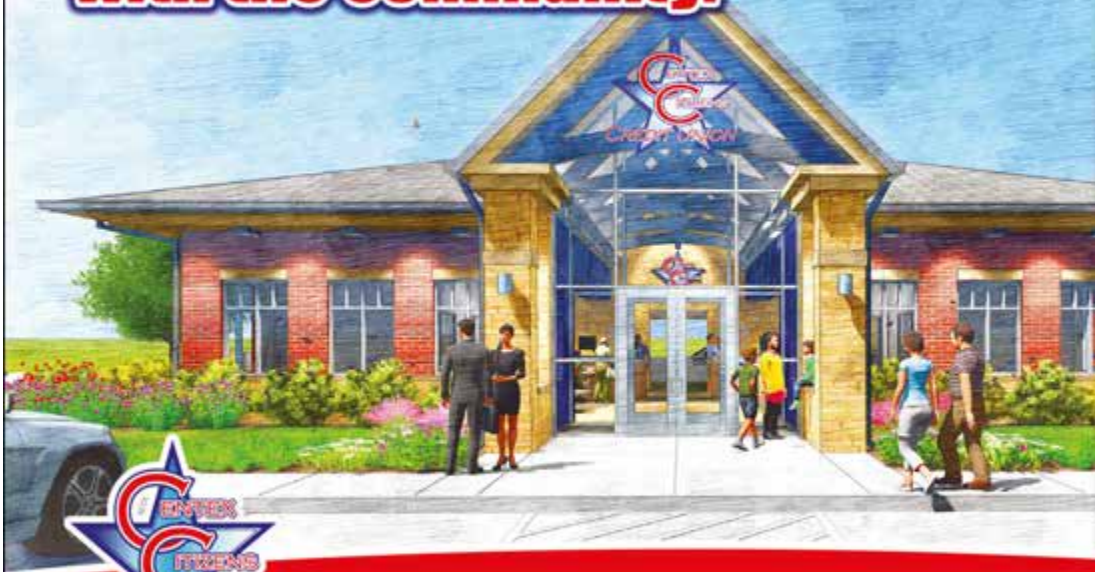
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# — COMRADE — CLASSMATES

— By Sally Fuller



On May 26, 1967 Edward Lane graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Ennis. He had no idea when that diploma was placed in his hand he would be one of 17 young men receiving diplomas that night who soon would be serving in the United States military. Edward and the rest of the "Elite 17" as they've dubbed their group, served their country during some of the most deadly and devastating years of the Vietnam War.

In a graduating class of 42, 23 of whom were young men, the number 17 is significant. "I don't think there's any other high school in Texas that had that high a percentage of their young men that went into the military," Edward said. More than 70 percent of the young men who graduated from Carver in 1967 found their way, through either the draft or volunteering, into some branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. "We had two Navy, two Air Force, two Marine Corps and 11 Army," Edward said.

Edward said the "Elite 17" formed after he and his comrades discharged. In fact, they weren't aware of their significant contribution to their country until then. At one of the monthly luncheons the Carver Class of '67 holds, some of the men began to discuss their service. "It was then we started realizing, 'Hey, 17 of us were in the military together,'" Edward said.

The revelation shocked them. "I had no idea that as many of us went into the military as did. It was a big surprise to me when I found out," "Elite 17" member Henry Spurling said.

Edward, a self-proclaimed "numbers guy," said he was stunned at the high percentage of the men from his class that served. "When I started realizing it, I was amazed. It was something like 70 percent of us that served," Edward said.

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"The fact that so many served says several things about us. It says we're patriotic, that we wanted to serve our country. It also says that during that time, we had the draft. Most of us were drafted. Me, myself, I volunteered," Edward said.

"Elite 17" member Elijah Wilborn didn't volunteer, but he is grateful for the chance to serve his country. "Honestly, me, myself, if I hadn't been drafted, I probably wouldn't have gone," he said, then added adamantly, "but I'm very glad I did, because it was quite an experience. I learned a lot. I grew a lot. It really helped me."

"And me, I got my draft notice while I was in basic training in the Air Force," Henry said, laughing.

Seventeen went in, 17 came out — although six have since passed away, one from complications of injuries received in Vietnam. The remaining 11 members live in Texas, most in the North Texas region. The group maintains close contact, and many still attend the class' monthly lunch meetings.

The group is very active in the community. Each year, they contribute to scholarships for Ennis High School








graduates through either their alumni group or the American Legion. But the primary purpose of the group is fellowship, and the bond the men share is evident. "It's a bond that is unbreakable," Edward said. "Being in the military, we know what each other have been through, and nobody else can know that."

Henry, who spent time during the war at Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon, explained the importance of groups such as theirs. "It's a morale thing. When we came back from Vietnam, we had protesters carrying signs and spitting on you and everything. But now, the military people who are coming back today, they're welcome. They are cheering the military when they come back because little groups like this (Elite 17) encourage other people."

Henry continued, "The whole attitude of America has changed toward the military, and that's because of the people in our generation. We caused that change because we were the last group that came back that got all that," he said. "This [pointing at his classmates] is the generation that changed it, by being there, by groups meeting those coming back at the airport, shaking their hands. It was the Vietnam vets that started that because they weren't going to let someone treat them like we were treated."

Henry and Elijah nodded in agreement as Edward concluded, "There will always be a special bond with these 17 individuals, even though six of us are already gone. We will always have a special bond. We're not just classmates — we're comrades." **NOW**



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— By Bill Smith

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Born in Cali, Columbia, one might wonder how Dr. Pedro Franco settled his practice in Ennis. “I fell in love with Ennis the first time I drove through,” Dr. Franco remembered. “I went



to Corsicana to consider purchasing a practice there. As I was driving back to Dallas, there was an accident on the highway, and I had to detour through Ennis. I thought it was beautiful. I did my research on Ennis, and I decided to open a new practice here rather than purchase the one in Corsicana.

“Today, I look forward to the drive to Ennis, away from the chaos that Dallas can sometimes be. We have everything here for our patients that a similar practice in Dallas or any other major city would have.”

The practice continues to move forward with the latest technology, and Dr. Franco is recognized by his peers. “I am the past president of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. I am also an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. There are about 70 of us across the United States, and I am happy to be the one in Ennis! This position rotates for six-year terms. It is an honor in our profession to examine our peers.”



Dr. Franco is also obviously proud that his practice is non-opioid. “We see every day about 150 people dying in the United States from opioid abuse. About two-and-a-half years ago, we began fighting the opioid epidemic. One of the entry points was young people getting their wisdom teeth out and using the opioids, then continuing with them by stealing the pills from their parents and grandparents. We moved to multimodal pain management and are very happy that our practice is opioid-free. We can manage pain with alternatives.”

Another part of his professional life is lecturing others in oral surgery, and this summer, he traveled to Tampa, Brazil and Spain. “I also go on a mission trip to Colombia each year with others, as we work with cleft lips and palates. We are just the instruments the Lord uses to perform His healing,” he said with obvious compassion.

Every doctor’s office has its walls decorated with diplomas, and Dr. Franco’s office is no exception, testifying of his graduation from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana School of Dentistry in Bogota, Colombia. Later, he attended Loyola University in Chicago before serving a post-graduate fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center. He left his practice in Bogota to join the faculty at Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M University, where he taught for five years before returning to private practice.

Dr. Franco has a seasoned staff dedicated to providing the finest care to their patients. “We can remove teeth and replace them with a full set using only four to six dental implants, and we can complete the whole process in one day.

“One thing I have found about the people in Ennis is they are so grateful,” he said. “They make me look forward to coming here every day. I still remember stopping at the kolache place in 2010 and how genuine and friendly the people were. We began our practice here in 2012 and, today, they are still nice. If there is one thing that sets us apart, I would have to say it is our patient care. We treat our patients like family.” **NOW**



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<b>AUG. 30</b>	<b>WAXAHACHIE</b>	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>SEPT. 6</b>	<b>BISHOP LYNCH</b>	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>SEPT. 13</b>	<b>KAUFMAN</b>	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>SEPT. 20</b>	<b>NORTH FORNEY (SENIOR NIGHT)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>SEPT. 27</b>	<b>TERRELL</b>	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>OCT. 4</b>	<b>ROYSE CITY</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>OCT. 11</b>	<b>SULPHUR SPRINGS</b>	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>OCT. 18</b>	<b>FORNEY (HOMECOMING)</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>OCT. 25</b>	<b>BYE</b>	
<b>NOV. 1</b>	<b>CORSICANA</b>	<b>AWAY</b>
<b>NOV. 8</b>	<b>GREENVILLE (BAND NIGHT)</b>	<b>HOME</b>

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As we move closer to our students returning on August 15th, we cannot help but be grateful to our parents and the community for their never-ending support. Without it, none of what we do would be possible. We are looking forward to a great year and we hope you are too.

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Here's to a great upcoming school year to all students, parents and staff. It is an honor to partner with EISD again to help with the back-to-school information you need this year. Here you'll find helpful information on enrollment, the 2019-2020 calendar and the location of all EISD campuses.

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## Enrollment and Registration:

Enrollment for new students and registration for returning students for the 2019-2020 school year is now available online. If your student is new to Ennis ISD, you will need to create a Family Access Account, then follow the step-by-step process of online enrollment. This information is on our website homepage under "Families". Current Ennis ISD families will access registration in the same place. Pre-K and Kindergarten registration is not available online and will have to be done in person at Crockett or Carver ECC. Please contact your campus for more details regarding Pre-K/ Kindergarten registration.

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For assistance with Family Access, please email [FamilyAccess@ennis.k12.tx.us](mailto:FamilyAccess@ennis.k12.tx.us) or call 972.872.7000.



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Aug. 15 - First Day of School

## September 2019

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Sept. 2 - Labor Day

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Oct. 7 - District Holiday

Oct. 14 - Professional Development/  
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Nov. 11 - Professional Development/  
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Nov. 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break

## December 2019

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Dec. 20 - Early Release

Dec. 23-31 - Winter Break

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Jan. 1-3 - Winter Break

Jan. 6 - Professional Development/  
Workday/Student Holiday

Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## February 2020

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Feb. 17 - Presidents' Day

## March 2020

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March 9-13 - Spring Break

March 16 - Professional Development/  
Workday/Student Holiday

## April 2020

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April 7-9 - State Testing

April 10 - District Holiday

April 13 - Bad Weather Day

## May 2020

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May 4-15 - State Testing

May 22 - Bad Weather Day

May 25 - Memorial Day

May 28 - Early Release

May 29 - Professional Development/  
Workday/Student Holiday

## June 2020

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July 3 - Independence Day (observed)

- District Holiday
- Professional Development/  
Workday/Student Holiday
- New Employee Orientation
- Early Release
- State Testing
- Bad Weather Day
- Grading Period Ends or Begins

### Instructional Days by Grading Period

Dates

8/15-10/18	1st 9 Wks	44	83	1st Semester
10/21-12/20	2nd 9 Wks	39		
1/7-3/6	3rd 9 Wks	42	91	2nd Semester
3/17-5/28	4th 9 Wks	49		

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## Zoomed In: Cody and Peyton Dickerson

By Bill Smith

Nine-year-old Peyton Dickerson has been riding bikes without the training wheels for about three years. "I am here to ride in the bike parade," she said with a pretty smile. "It took two or three hours to get the bike decorated, not counting the time we spent at the store. Daddy helped."

Peyton also said they came to celebrate independence. Cody elaborated, "The preparation for this was good bonding time with Payton. This is what America is all about — the freedom we have to gather like this in our small community is pretty awesome." Judging by the size of the crowd and the number of decorated bicycles, a lot of people agree.



Alex Johnson enjoys working at Rooftop 101.



Tommy and Kristi Copeland work the Ennis Farmers Market.



Jason Curry from the Texas Baptist Home for Children, guest of Reba Mash, brings the program to the Ennis Lions Club.





Kathleen Cervantez and her son, Joshua, are all smiles as they shop.



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A photograph of an elderly woman with short white hair and glasses, wearing a red short-sleeved shirt. She is standing in a kitchen with wooden cabinets and a microwave, holding a round pie in a metal pan. The pie has a golden-brown crust and a filling of shredded meat and vegetables. The text 'CookingNOW' is in a sans-serif font, 'In the Kitchen With' is in a script font, and 'RUTH STRUNC' is in a bold sans-serif font.

# CookingNOW In the Kitchen With RUTH STRUNC

— By Bill Smith

Ruth Strunc grew up on a dairy farm near Godley, Texas. She admits that home economics classes and helping her mother and grandmothers had an influence on her cooking, but she is primarily self-taught. “I was probably cooking without supervision by the time I was 10 or 12.

“My husband and I like to eat and try new things. He often searches the Internet for new recipes, and we also find recipes in magazines and newspapers,” Ruth continued. “Our garden has about 200 linear feet of asparagus beds. For about 6-8 weeks, we have asparagus three times per week. I have 30 different recipes for asparagus, but our favorite way to have it is simply steamed with either melted butter or hollandaise sauce — very quick and easy!” **NOW**

## Chicken & Rice

*From Sara Jo Carrell, Ruth's mother.*

**1/2 cup butter or oleo**  
**1/2 to 1 bell pepper, chopped**  
**1 onion, chopped**  
**1 can cream of celery soup**  
**1 can cream of mushroom soup**  
**1 can cream of chicken soup**  
**1 1/2 cups rice**

**1 small or medium jar pimentos,  
do not drain**  
**1 can sliced water chestnuts,  
do not drain**  
**1 frying-size chicken, or chicken breast,  
cut up**

**1.** In a large pot, melt butter; cook the bell pepper and onions until the onions are slightly translucent.

**2.** Add soups. Rinse each can with 1/2 cup of water, and add this water to the mixture.

**3.** Add all remaining ingredients except the chicken. Heat the mixture to a gentle boil.

**4.** Pour into a large baking dish; place chicken pieces on top. Cover with foil.

**5.** Cook for 1 hour at 325 F; remove foil. Cook an additional 30 minutes to brown the chicken. Fork chicken to test if done; cook additional time if necessary.

**6.** Note: To increase the size of the recipe, add 1/2 cup rice and 1/2 cup water for each additional can of “cream of ...” soup. Other soups that work well include: cream of asparagus, cream of broccoli and cream of onion. (The rice mixture can be frozen but will need to be thawed and heated before finishing out the recipe.)

## Pecan Pie

**3 eggs**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**1/8 tsp. salt**



**1/2 cup light corn syrup**  
**1 tsp. vanilla**  
**2 Tbsp. flour**  
**1 1/2 cups pecans, coarsely chopped**  
**1 uncooked pastry shell**  
**2 Tbsp. butter (not margarine)**

1. Beat eggs slightly. Add sugar, salt, syrup, vanilla and flour; mix well.
2. Fold in the pecans. Pour into pastry shell; dot top of filling with butter.
3. Bake in a 300 F oven for about 30 minutes. Check to see if the crust is browning too fast. If so, turn the temperature down to 275 F, and cook for another 30 minutes. Check to see if the pie is a golden brown. It should be soft to the touch in the center but not shaky.
4. Turn off the oven; leave the pie in until the oven cools down.

## **Blackberry Jam & Black Walnut Cake**

*From Twomey Buckner, Ruth's maternal grandmother.*

*Cake:*

**4 eggs, separated**  
**1 cup butter**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**1 cup blackberry jam**  
**2 cups flour**  
**1 tsp. soda**  
**1 tsp. cinnamon**  
**1 tsp. ground allspice**  
**1 tsp. ground nutmeg**  
**1/2 cup buttermilk**

*Frosting:*

**1 cup evaporated milk**  
**3 egg yolks**  
**1 tsp. vanilla**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**1/2 cup butter**  
**1 cup black walnuts**

1. *For cake:* Beat egg whites until stiff; set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add jam; mix more.
3. Add egg yolks, one at a time, mixing between each addition.
4. Mix all dry ingredients together. Add alternately with milk to the batter. Mix well; scrape bowl with each addition.
5. Fold in egg whites. Pour batter into 3 greased and floured 9-inch cake pans. Bake at 350 F for 30-40 minutes.
6. Remove from oven. Allow cakes to sit for about 5 minutes before removing from pans. Cool completely on racks before frosting.
7. *For frosting:* Combine all ingredients, except nuts, in a saucepan; cook for 12 minutes, or until thickened. Stir almost



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Pecan Pie

- 1/4 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. pimento
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. sweet pickle relish
- Salt, to taste
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- 1 cup shell shaped macaroni, cooked per package directions and drained
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 1 16-oz. can red salmon, drained and flaked

1. Mix first 8 ingredients together. Toss in the macaroni, egg and salmon. Chill before serving.

constantly over low to medium heat, being careful to not burn.

8. Spread on tops only of cake layers; sprinkle with nuts.

### Easy Hollandaise Sauce

- 3 egg yolks, room temperature
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Dash white pepper
- 1/2 cup butter

1. Put egg yolks in a blender. Add lemon juice, salt and pepper.

2. Melt butter until hot but not brown.

3. Put cover on blender; turn on, then quickly turn off.

4. Turn on blender and remove cover. With blender running, slowly pour hot butter in a steady stream.

5. Serve over dishes, such as: steamed asparagus, steamed broccoli, poached eggs. (Can be refrigerated and re-heated in a glass jar.)

### Salmon Shell Salad

- 1 cup Miracle Whip salad dressing
- 1 cup celery, chopped

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# ALWAYS SOMETH

— By Rick Mauch



*Snow falls. Lightly at first, then a little more, and even more. Soon, it's coming down in droves. Middle of winter? Hardly. Even in mid-April, snow isn't uncommon in Estes Park, Colorado.*

In fact, nothing stops. Everything goes on as usual, despite a high temperature of 32 F. This includes the annual Bigfoot Days celebration in the town's main park. Every vendor booth, every food and beverage stand — they're all open as if the sun was shining and the temperature was 80 F.





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But whether it's snowing or the middle of summer, Estes Park, named after Missouri native Joel Estes who founded it in 1859, has a lot to offer folks who live there or are only staying for a short while. The small town of about 6,500 people (though that number is usually much higher when visitors are added) is nestled smack dab in the Rocky Mountains. From Denver, it's about an hour-and-a-half drive.

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The large lobby is a great place to take a break. The restaurant offers some incredibly tasty — and large — dishes, so come hungry.

Downtown Estes Park is lined with a plethora of specialty shops. From novelty T-shirts to leather goods, and everything in between, it's a challenge to pass through and not leave with your arms full.

While in downtown, go along the Riverwalk. This is especially great during the spring thaw or after a heavy rain. Stop in at the shop with Bigfoot T-shirts and various paraphernalia in the window, and the proprietor will gladly tell you about the latest sightings of the big fella. It's a popular topic among locals, and sightings have been plentiful in the area over the years.

Many of those sightings have been in the nearby Rocky Mountain National Park. Numerous tours of the park are offered, either hiking on foot or in a vehicle, which provide a panoramic view for miles.

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States, runs from Estes Park westward through Rocky Mountain National Park. It eventually reaches Grand Lake over the legendary Continental Divide.


While visiting the park, also stop by the YMCA of the Rockies. This is not your ordinary YMCA, as it is surrounded on three sides by the Rocky Mountain National Park and features almost 900 acres that offer lodging, chances to commune with nature, hiking, biking and a lot more. It even has its own post office.

Back in town, the Rock Cut Brewing Company is a craft brewery that produces a variety of unique beers in a family-friendly environment. There is no in-house kitchen, but a food truck from Two Chicks Wings and Henhouse is available Tuesday through Saturday for lunch and dinner — and you can always bring your own food.

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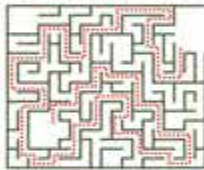
 



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## Playful Red Cat

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ANSWER:



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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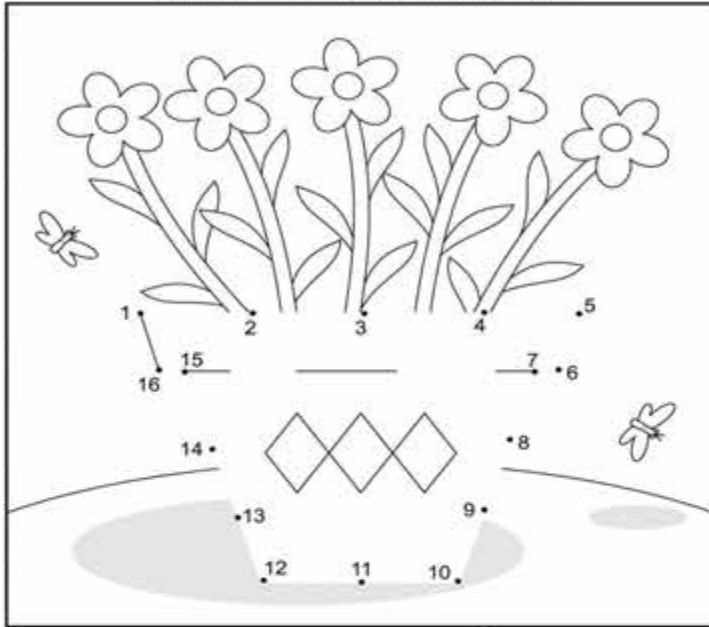
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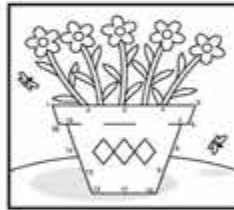


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Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



ANSWER:



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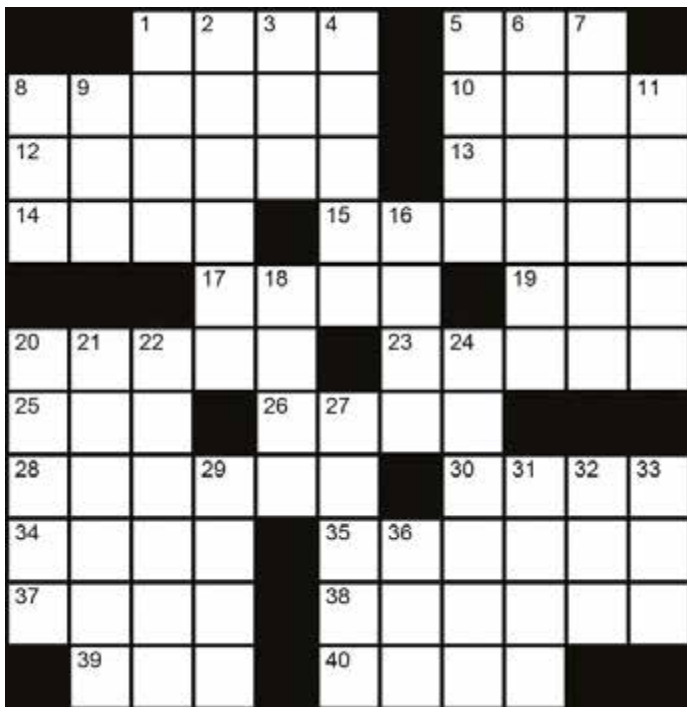
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## Across

- 1 Competitor of Bloomingdale's
- 5 Annoy by persistent faultfinding
- 8 Bathroom
- 10 Conscious minds
- 12 Heart problem
- 13 "At what time?"
- 14 Communist leader after Mao
- 15 Revolve
- 17 Wind instrument
- 19 Rider Haggard classic
- 20 It is sold in bolts
- 23 Speak
- 25 Pastor, for short
- 26 Avoid
- 28 The most famous Waugh
- 30 React to something hilarious
- 34 Region of the Moon
- 35 Three-legged support
- 37 Finishes
- 38 Ails again
- 39 Nipper
- 40 Plumps

## Down

- 1 Agree formally
- 2 Dismount
- 3 Range of vision
- 4 Whitewater figure
- 5 Water-loving salamander
- 6 Horrified
- 7 German writer and dramatist
- 8 Tiny bit
- 9 Unity
- 11 Scoff
- 16 Disagreeable necessity
- 18 Expression of alarm
- 20 Cupcake filling
- 21 East Mediterranean region
- 22 Try too hard
- 24 Vacation souvenir, maybe
- 27 Short beginning
- 29 In case
- 31 Literary work
- 32 Succeeded
- 33 Denom. of many Utahans
- 36 Agent, commonly

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2		1			4			
				9				
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	8						9	3
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			1		6	2		4

Medium

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		1	2	3	4		5	6	7	
		S	A	K	S		N	A	G	
8	T	O	I	L	E	T	10	E	G	11
12	A	N	G	I	N	A	13	W	H	E
14	D	E	N	G			15	R	O	T
							17	H	O	R
20	C	L	O	T	H		23	U	T	T
25	R	E	V				26	M	I	S
28	E	V	E	L	Y	N		30	H	O
34	M	A	R	E			35	T	R	I
37	E	N	D	S			38	R	E	R
							40	O	P	T

Easy

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

Medium

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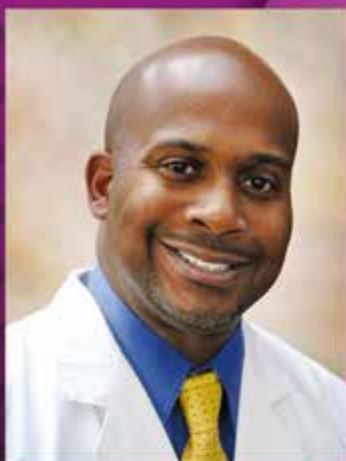


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