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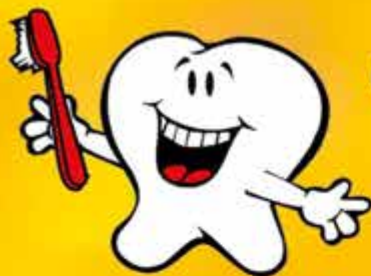
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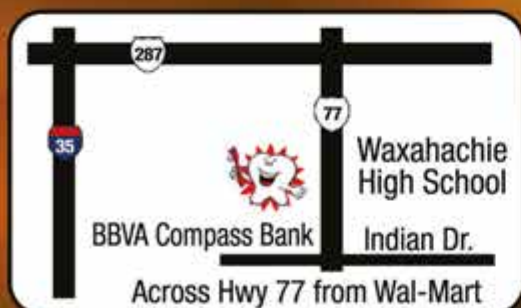
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Hello, Fellow Waxahachie Citizens!

I am pleased to let you know that I am the new editor of *WaxahachieNOW Magazine*. I am taking the reins from my daughter, Joy Horn. She decided to devote the next couple of years to nesting with her husband and young babies. I am so happy for her that she has the opportunity to stay home for a while.

Cooler September nights and mornings are approaching. I am ready to leave the exhausting summer heat behind, and so are my flower beds. September also brings dove hunting season. We live in the country, and all through September, we wake on the weekends to the sound of gunfire, as the hunters are out to get their doves. I imagine children with their dad walking through the countryside hunting doves, and then taking them home to cook and eat. Such a special memory that would be for a child. It's a great way to teach a child that the meat we eat does not simply appear in the grocery store. I think it gives a child a healthy respect for where and how meat is made available for us to consume.

September is the month I married my husband. This year, we will celebrate our 24th anniversary. I was so lucky to meet such a wonderful man. He is my hero. Both of us were married previously, and we both brought children with us. Somehow, however, it all worked out. Our life together has been blessed from the very beginning, and I have been so fortunate to experience a fairy-tale marriage.

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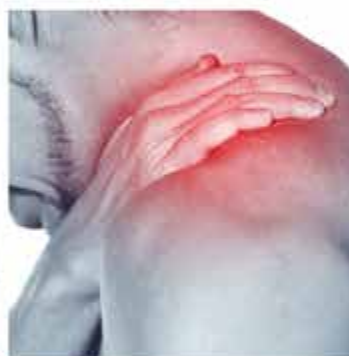
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AT HOME WITH BONHAM AND MISTY HOUGH

— By Melissa Rawlins

As summer draws to a close, Bonham and Misty Hough's home calls out to friends and family. "We want a space always open to our friends, so we can say, 'Yes, come on! Let's do it,'" Bonham said. Labor Day weekend brings their social circle to the backyard pool. This mosquito-free season brings the family out to the patio to "wine down" when work is finished. Every perfectly planned detail in and around this two-story French provincial promotes safe, clean fun for children, friends and parents. "Our home is social and meant to be shared."

With their two kids, 4-year-old Jaxon and 3-year-old Evie, these sweethearts share a home directly across Lake Waxahachie from Bonham's parents. Papa Hough fishes everywhere on this lake. "Now that the grandkids are getting older, he'll put lifejackets on them and take them fishing in his kayak. They love it," Misty said. She likes being near the water, but not in it.

For Bonham, there's something peaceful about water, whether in a pool, on the coast or on the lake. "I grew up on the other side of this lake, and we always got in the water," he said. "None of the neighborhood we're in now was developed when I grew up. It was a big hayfield until 2000."

Misty grew up in town. She and Bonham chose to build on this lakefront property in Crystal Cove in 2014, five years after their wedding ceremony on the beach in Destin, Florida. The two met when Misty was 8, right after Bonham's family moved to town. They began attending Ferris Avenue Baptist Church (currently known as The Avenue), where Misty's father was a pastor and has continued to serve for the past 30 years. Presently, he serves as the Senior Pastor of the church.

Back then, the two families became good friends, and the young Misty and Bonham had their first sparks at a Sunday school party where she watched him performing backflips for fun. Misty, a dedicated gymnast, fell in love on the spot. "We dated since we were 10," she said. "We grew up in the church, football, cheerleading, all that fun stuff, and then married right after college."

Since then, they've lived in a few houses in places as varied as West Texas and Montana, traveling frequently to build the roofing business Bonham started with his brothers after grad school. During that time, Misty worked as a first grade teacher and coached competitive cheerleading. "When we bought our first home in Lubbock, I was teaching, and he had to come to Dallas a lot. I cherished, probably to a fault, that home in Lubbock," she said.

Then they lived apart for six months, and her feelings about the house shifted. "That house we thought was perfect felt not as much like home as soon as he was gone. That was a good lesson for me to learn: It's about the people inside of the house," Misty said.







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For her, home is with Bonham. For him, home is where friends and family are. And this home on Lake Waxahachie is directly across the street from one of his best friends and across the lake from his parents. It was designed with four bedrooms and four-and-a-half bathrooms, so he and Misty could rear their children here. It includes an office, gym and walkout basement, so all their operations could be based here. Bonham got the idea for the basement in Lubbock where basements are common. "I thought it was the coolest thing in the world to go downstairs for a different scenario," he said. "Our builder chiseled into the land, and now the downstairs is a place for entertainment and fellowship with friends and family." Within the foundation of the home, the family placed a Bible to symbolize their foundation in Christ.

The playroom boasts a bar, big-screen television and a huge, comfortable charcoal-gray leather couch with a butcher-block credenza for the guys to set their drinks on. Misty wanted it to feel open, airy, warm and not sterile. Her mission is accomplished by simply contrasting dark with light, and placing one healthy Fiddleleaf fig tree in a large pot near the floor-to-ceiling window overlooking the pool.

Leaving all the decorating up to Misty, Bonham only piped up when she put fans and a television into the downstairs gym, although he appreciated the rubber mats on the floor. "I'm not in here to be comfortable. I'm in here to sweat," said Bonham, an athlete who attended Texas Tech to play baseball. He usually spends 60-90 minutes here, about 20 of that in the sauna. "My son comes in while I'm





in here and hits the bag with his boxing gloves, plus does some pushups.”

“If I’m in here,” Misty said, “my daughter will join me. She’ll mimic everything I’m doing. It’s adorable.”

Evie and Jaxon are learning Spanish during days spent with their housekeeper, Maria, while Misty works in the office keeping the books for the family business. Bonham has figured out how to shrink his world, so he spends as little time away from home as possible. He invested in two airplanes. “I’ll go pick up my older brother in Waco, and we’ll take off to Odessa for business. It’s been really awesome,” he said, adding that he’s proud of his children’s progress. “At Dunaway Elementary, where both Misty and I went to school, they now have dual language courses. By sixth grade, the kids will be completely fluent, which is great.”

In the spacious, uncluttered home Bonham and Misty created, their focus is aligned on loving Christ and their ever-evolving family. Sometimes, Misty gets flour all over her huge kitchen while teaching Jaxon and Evie how to make homemade biscuits. Other times, she’s cooking up a storm for her husband, family and friends. “This kitchen is exactly what we wanted,” she said, remembering her great-grandmother’s house in Louisiana. “It had the tiniest kitchen, but that’s where everyone congregated. I knew ours would be a place everybody would gather and hang out.”

And she was right. These are the days when Bonham and Misty are strengthening bonds, giving thanks and making memories. **NOW**



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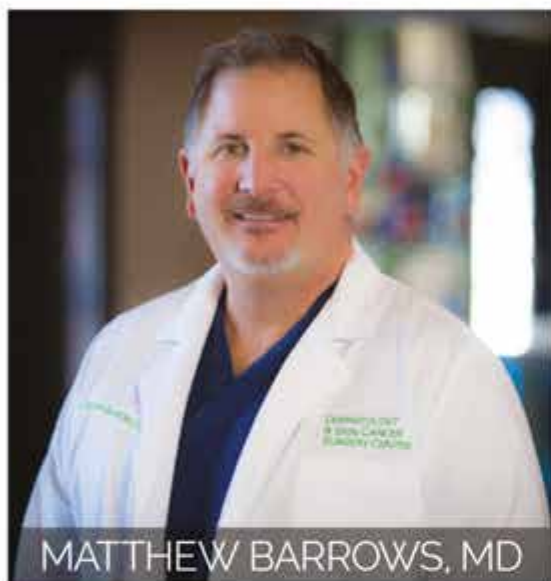
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The Zen **BOOK WORM**

— By Joy Horn



Walk into the library at Waxahachie High School, and you're likely to see the smiling face of Megan Mills, a champion librarian who has been at it for more than 30 years. During her career, she has graced the library at WHS for 23 years and often functions as the backbone of the school. She wears many hats, which include but are not limited to, the technology go-to person, the Young Adult literature expert, a facilitator of Speed Dating With Books, a club sponsor, a mother, a shoulder to cry on, a great listener and the person you go to when you need a good laugh. Just being in her presence is uplifting, and this vibe is felt throughout the library. "If she was a crayon, she'd be the color sparkle," a fellow teacher, Christina Verdin, stated.

Megan loves her job, and it is obvious. Her passion for kids and the strength she contains are truly inspirational. Some might wonder: *How does she do it all? How does she accomplish so much and stay happy, healthy and balanced?* Well, there are many answers to that question, but one of the answers may be surprising — she does yoga.

Every Wednesday night during the school year, she can be found at CrossFit Waxahachie in yoga class with her favorite teacher, Sarah Pruitt. "It was spring break of 2012. I can remember it clearly. My husband had been doing yoga for a while, and I was looking for something. I tried it, and Sarah kept telling me, 'You're really good at this! Have you done this before?' It was a

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testament to the grace she practices with her students because I was so new," Megan remembered with a smile.

That positive encouragement was instrumental in Megan's decision to make regular yoga practice a part of her life. "I think the biggest impact that yoga has had on me is the mind, body and spirit connection," Megan explained. When you allow yourself to focus inward, be still in your body, learn how it moves and learn what it needs, the rewards are monumental and can be seen throughout life. Though Megan was sore for two days after her first yoga class, that didn't keep her from going back. Now, her dedication has paid off. "This is a physical job," Megan said. "Yoga helps. I don't know how many square feet are in this room, but this library is double the size of the one in the old high school."

As everyone can attest, life gets stressful sometimes, but learning techniques, such as breathing exercises and meditation, can make those hard times just a little easier. "Yoga is the closest I can get to meditation, and it helps me stay grounded. Since I started, I can control my breathing better, and I am able to use these techniques in everyday life," Megan said. "My mood has improved, and I also get the best sleep after class."

Megan often encourages her students to engage in yoga, so they, too, can reap the benefits of the ancient practice.

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Whether it's test anxiety, trouble with friends or just the everyday stress of student life, yoga techniques can be valuable tools for dealing with stressful situations in a positive way. "A student and I attended yoga class together about three times. He was a football player and star athlete. The class was challenging for him," she laughed. "But he really enjoyed it." In the future, Megan would love to see a program specifically designed to teach yoga to teens.

Everywhere she goes, Megan sees her students, and yoga class is no different. Sarah is not only Megan's yoga teacher, she is also a former student. "When I first started, the fact that she is a former student was comforting to me. I enjoy her teaching style because she is so nonjudgmental," Megan said. "I see former students a lot when I am practicing yoga, and I always love seeing them."

Megan has experienced the beauty of yoga, and she wants to share this with the people she cares about. In addition to her husband, Jamie Mills, her two sons, Max and Alex Mills, have joined her in class making yoga a family affair. "Besides reading, yoga is definitely my favorite hobby," Megan acknowledged. "I plan to keep practicing until I am 85 years old or longer." **NOW**

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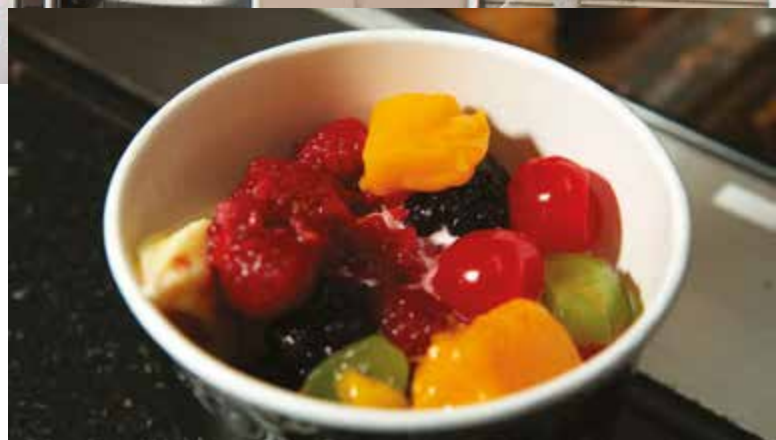
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"What makes it so extraordinary is that it truly is *just the way you love it*, because you actually prepare it yourself!"

Merry Toppins is centrally located in Waxahachie on Hwy. 77 in the same shopping center as Cotton Patch. They are a popular destination for group outings, as well as a great place for family time. If you are in a hurry, you can get in and out quick and easy, but if you want to linger, they have board games and children's books for their guests.

Carri and her husband, Jeff Wilson, began the business when they became empty nesters. They had helped run the high school concession stand for three years and used that experience to launch their own dessert business. They researched everything about frozen yogurt and decided, "Why not open a shop that offers a product just as scrumptious as ice cream, but healthier?" When asked about the things that most contributed to her great success in the dessert business, Carri replied, "Our luscious frozen yogurt with crunchie, chewy and creamy toppings is what entices people to think of Merry Toppins when they want a sweet treat. Also, our product appeals to every age and ethnic group. Bring your grandparents or your children, because everybody loves ice cream, and our yogurt is simply a new and better version of ice cream." **NOW**

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Zoomed In: Savannah Salmon

By Joy Horn

Walk into Fresh Market Coffee, and you're likely to see the smiling face of 17-year-old Savanna Salmon, who has been working there for two years. Her parents own the Vault Smokehouse, so they aren't too far away. Her mother, Money Salmon, has been homeschooling Savannah since fourth grade. "I love it," Savannah said. She is working on school during the summer and planning on graduating early. "The end goal is to open my own salon and do hair and makeup for those who can't afford it. I want to make my services affordable," Savannah expressed. She looks forward to attending Tony&Guy or Aveda cosmetology school.



Five year old Brant Lee of Waxahachie catches his first fish at Highview Marina.



Fourth grade teachers, Hannah Snow and Kathrynne Dunn, gathering materials to decorate their classrooms.



Richard Meeks is tidying up at Tractor Supply.



Waxahachie Chamber members and city officials join Waxahachie Civic Center Director, April Ortiz, as she cuts the Chamber ribbon in celebration of the center's new patio designs.



Reed Elledge cannot look at the camera because he keeps his eyes on the kids during swim camp.



Rachel Smith from NOW Magazines celebrates her new engagement!



Dakota Vanhouser, Tristan Shelton, Mathis Bartholdi and Josh Barnard celebrate a great morning of fishing on the creek.



Donna Boyd and her grandson, Mason Blevins, grocery shop for the family.

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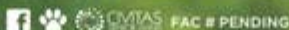
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In the Kitchen With

TIMOTHY GREEN

— By Joy Horn

One of Timothy's greatest joys is the art of food and seeing smiling faces after friends and family have indulged in his comforting cuisine. "I love to feed people. Anytime we have guests, I immediately want to cook for them," Timothy expressed.

His recipes involve a variety of techniques and exotic spices, such as Madras Curry, though much of his inspiration comes from his mother, who has always taken a simplistic approach to food. "Her style, her desire to feed people and the joy for cooking were definitely passed on to me. My mom used simple ingredients, but the stuff she would make was always wonderful," Timothy shared. "I learned from her that, sometimes, simpler is better." **NOW**

Grilled Curried Chicken Thighs

- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup mango chutney (Orange marmalade can be substituted if chutney is difficult to find.)
- 1 Tbsp. curry powder
- 1 tsp. garam marsala
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken thighs

1. In a large mixing bowl, mix together the yogurt, mango chutney, curry powder, garam marsala, salt and garlic. This will serve as a marinade.

- 2. Add thighs to the marinade; allow to rest for 24 hours in the refrigerator.
- 3. Set grill or oven to 425 F Cook thighs until they reach an internal temperature of 165 F.

Garlic Marinated Wings

- 4-5 lbs. wings, sectioned
- 1 head garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 3 Tbsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. fish sauce
- 1 Tbsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 Tbsp. turmeric
- 2 Tbsp. turbinado sugar

- 1. Mix all ingredients; place in a gallon-size zip-top bag. Refrigerate for 24 hours.
- 2. Grill wings at 375 F for 50-60 minutes.

Espresso Chile BBQ Rub

Pasilla chilies will need to be purchased whole and ground yourself. These can be purchased at any Mexican grocery store.

- 2 Tbsp. kosher salt
- 2 Tbsp. coarse ground black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. granulated garlic
- 1 Tbsp. espresso or dark roasted coffee
- 1 Tbsp. ancho chile powder
- 1 Tbsp. pasilla chile powder
- 1 Tbsp. red pepper flakes (optional for more heat)

- 1. Combine all ingredients; mix evenly.
- 2. Rub on beef, pork or chicken; allow meat to set for 24 hours in the refrigerator before cooking.

Mom's Squash and Tomatoes

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 4 medium zucchinis, chopped
- 2 large tomatoes, finely chopped

1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
2 sprigs fresh thyme, chopped
Grated Parmesan, to taste

1. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender, 2-4 minutes. Add zucchini; cook and stir 3 minutes.

2. Stir in tomatoes, salt, pepper and thyme. Cook and stir until the squash is tender, 4-6 minutes longer.

3. Serve topped with Parmesan.

Gingered Pumpkin Pie

3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
4 Tbsp. fresh ginger, minced
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
2 large eggs
1 15-oz. can Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
1 12-oz. can evaporated milk
1 unbaked 9-inch (4-cup volume) deep-dish pie shell

1. Mix sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and cloves in a small bowl.

2. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk.

3. Pour into pie shell. Bake in preheated 425 F oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 F; bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until a knife inserted comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate.

Homemade Summer Sausage

5 lbs. 80/20 ground beef
5 Tbsp. Morton Tender Quick
2 Tbsp. course black pepper
2 Tbsp. mustard seed
1 Tbsp. garlic granules

1. Curing Process: Mix all ingredients together like a meatloaf; allow to cure in the refrigerator for at least 24 hours.

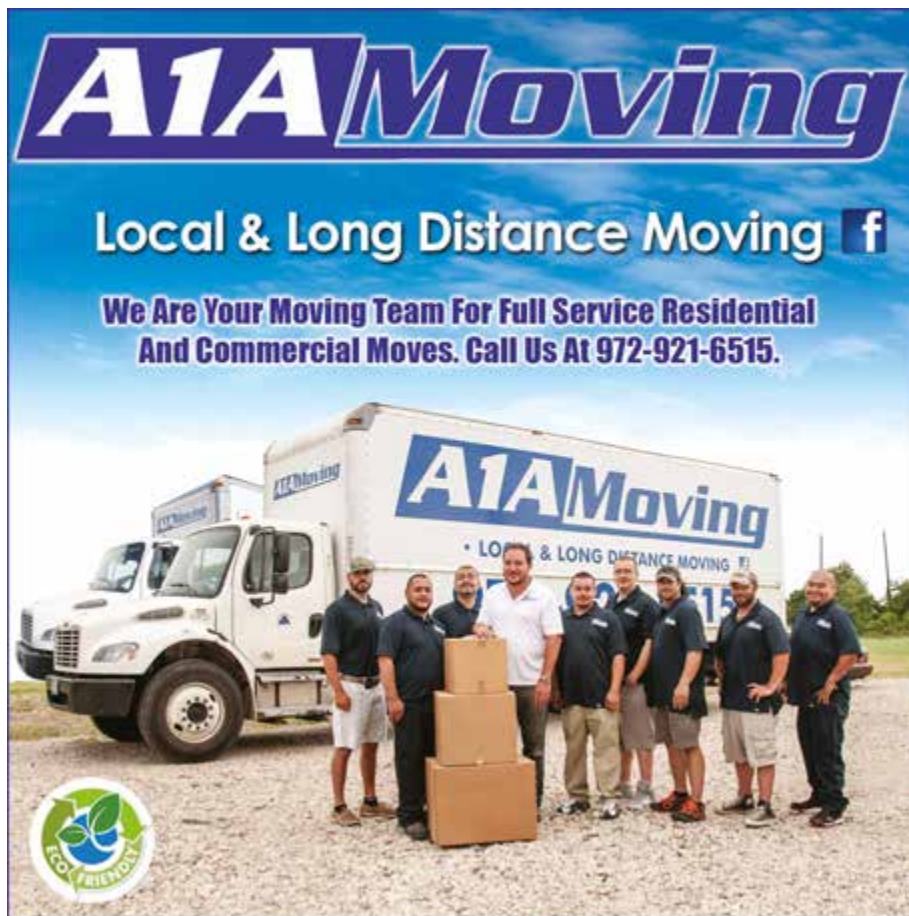
2. After the 24-hour cure, remove from the refrigerator; mix thoroughly one more time.

3. For the grill: Divide the mixture into four equal loaves. These can be smoked on the grill at 250 F; indirect heat, until an internal temperature of 165 F.

4. Once the meat reaches 165 F; immediately remove from the grill and refrigerate.

5. For the oven: Preheat the oven to 325 F.

6. Divide the mixture into four equal loaves. Wrap each loaf in foil, shiny side facing the meat.



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7. Poke small holes through the aluminum foil in the bottom of the meat rolls using a toothpick.

8. Place loaves on a broiler rack; fill the broiler pan with 1/2 inch of water.

9. Bake for 90 minutes in the preheated oven. Cool slightly; refrigerate for 12 hours before unwrapping and serving.

Cottage Bacon

1 pork shoulder

1 Tbsp. Morton Tender Quick per lb. of pork shoulder

1 Tbsp. brown sugar per lb. of pork shoulder

1. If using bone-in pork shoulder, remove shoulder bone; cut the remaining shoulder into roughly two equal halves. If using a boneless shoulder, cut the shoulder into roughly two equal halves.

2. Mix together Morton Tender Quick and brown sugar. It is crucial to use one Tbsp. of tender quick per lb. of shoulder.

3. Place each half shoulder into its own 1-gallon Ziploc bag. Add half of the Tender Quick and brown sugar mixture to each Ziploc bag.

4. Massage the mixture into the meat; place in the refrigerator for a 10-day cure. Massage

meat through the Ziploc once a day for the next 10 days.

5. After 10 days, remove from Ziploc bags. Rinse with water; pat dry with a paper towel or cloth. The shoulder will be firmer in texture and lighter in color.

6. Coat the shoulders in your favorite spice rubs, if desired. Be careful with adding rubs with salt, since the meat has absorbed plenty

of salt during the curing process.

7. Cook either on a grill with indirect heat or in the oven at 250 F until an internal temp of 145 F. Remove from heat; allow to cool in the refrigerator.

8. After cooling, the shoulder can be sliced and cooked like bacon or substituted for bacon in other recipes. The meat can be sliced and frozen for later use.



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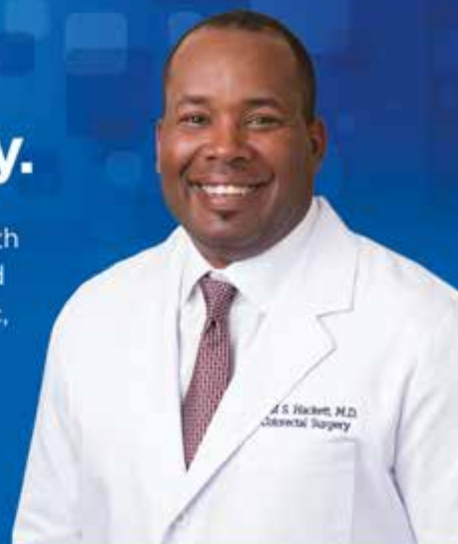
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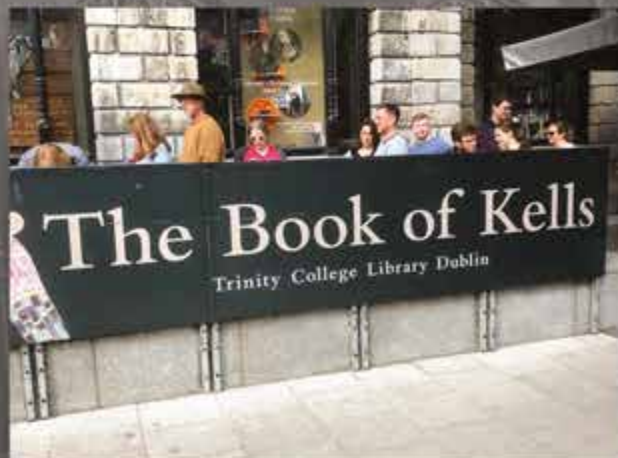
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Speaking of stout, no trip to Dublin is complete without a tour of the Guinness Storehouse at St. James's Gate. While there, visitors learn about the beverage's unique brewing process, view the 9,000-year lease Arthur Guinness extracted from the city as an assurance the drink synonymous with the country will endure, and learn to "pour the perfect pint" at the Guinness Academy.

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— By Angel Morris

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While some couples still choose traditional, engraved invitations, many take advantage of online printing services or print them at home. Some even hand draw invitations if that speaks to their personal style. Printing services abound on the web, and customer reviews let couples know which companies are best.

Office supply stores offer not only online printing, but also have many stationery options for couples wishing to print invitations at home. Keep in mind, the invitation is one of the first items guests see related to your wedding, and they should relate to the style of your event, as well as your personality. Check these off your to-do list as early as possible, and plan the rest of your decor around them!





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Smaller than bouquets, corsages not only cost less but can also be just as pretty with faux flowers. You'll only need one or two dominant stems and filler such as greenery or baby's breath. Online search engines offer step-by-step creation instructions, plus images of corsages from which to take inspiration. Similarly, groomsmen boutonnieres can also be made inexpensively.

When it comes to floral centerpieces for tables, some couples prefer to use fresh flowers, as these will be seen more closely by guests than corsages and boutonnieres. If you can find faux florals that meet your standards, however, this is another excellent way to save money and prepare in advance.

Collecting a mix of bottles and vases of different sizes and shapes is relatively easy by checking craft and thrift stores. They are also offered online at discounted prices when you buy in bulk. It only takes a few stems (faux or fresh) to fill small bottles with narrow necks and grouping several containers together — perhaps tied with ribbon — makes a lovely centerpiece.



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Do-It-Yourself Photo Booth

Photo booths have been on trend for years but still hold out as a great way to involve guests in festivities. Preparing a designated spot and asking guests to send you their pics from your event is an excellent way to capture photos without increasing what you spend on your wedding album.

While many agree hiring a professional photographer or talented friend to capture your wedding is an essential part of the budget, the photo booth is a way to get more images at little cost.

Scout out your venue and take note of what is already on hand, such as beautiful doorways or decorative wall spaces that can easily serve as your backdrop. Remember, florals from your ceremony can move to your reception area to beautify your backdrop, too.

A little decor goes a long way in photo booths, as you want the focus to be on your subjects anyway. Consider a couple of tall potted plants for each side of the booth and perhaps an overhead garland of faux greenery or fairy lights.

Ready-made props are available at party stores and online, but a creative couple can make their own or enlist crafty friends to create them. Booth set-up is a great responsibility to delegate to a creative friend and one less thing for the couple to fret over.

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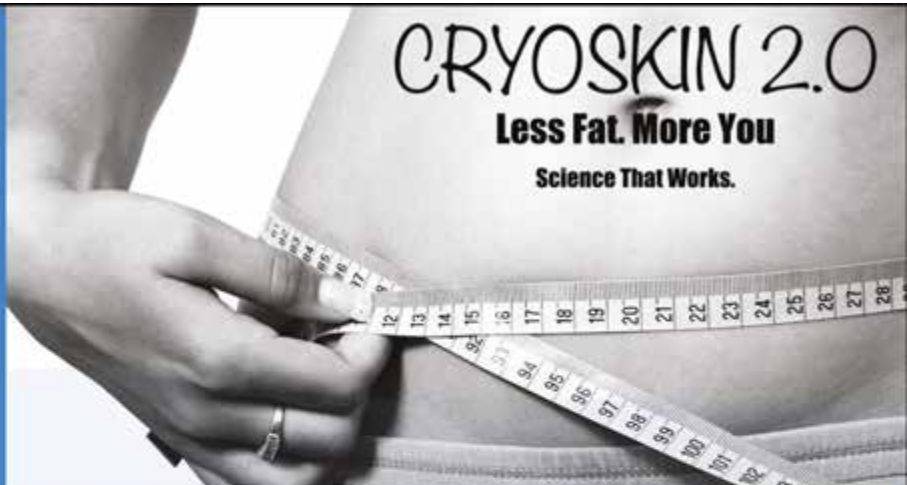
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For a team that started out as the second in their own city, the Dallas Cowboys have done pretty good. Placed in Dallas by the National Football League as their first expansion team as an answer to the American Football League's Dallas Texans, the Cowboys became fan favorites. So much so, in fact, that Lamar Hunt, founder of the AFL and owner of the Dallas Texans, decided to relocate his team to Kansas City. The team's name was changed to the Chiefs, and they enjoyed success, winning Super Bowl IV. But the Cowboys? Well, they went on to legendary status.

Lamar Hunt would go on to become a legend himself, playing a key role, along with Dallas Cowboys General Manager Tex Schramm, in the merger of the AFL and NFL in the late 1960s. He also coined the name Super Bowl.

When the Cowboys were founded in 1960 with Clint Murchison Jr. as majority owner, success on the field was years away. But his name, along with head coach Tom Landry and vice president of player personnel Gil Brandt would become renowned.

The Cowboys finished 0-11-1 in their inaugural season. They were 25-53-4 over their first six seasons. But in 1966, they set a course for history, posting the first of an NFL-record 20 consecutive winning seasons. This included 18 playoff appearances, 13 division championships, five Super Bowls, with victories in VI and XII.

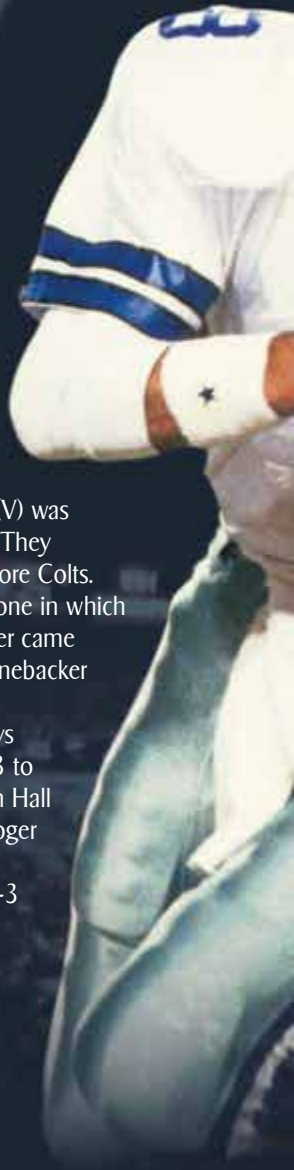
The first two division titles came in 1966 and 1967 led by quarterback Don Meredith, who would go on to greater fame as a folksy commentator on Monday Night Football. But the Cowboys fell both seasons in the NFL title contest to Green Bay, who went on to win the first two Super Bowls. The second matchup went

down in history as the "Ice Bowl," with the kickoff temperature registering at -13 F. The Packers won 21-17 on quarterback Bart Starr's 1-yard touchdown with 13 seconds left.

The Cowboys' first trip to the Super Bowl (V) was similarly heartbreaking. They fell 16-13 to the Baltimore Colts. That remains the only one in which the Most Valuable Player came from the losing team, linebacker Chuck Howley.

In 1972, the Cowboys dismantled Miami 24-3 to win Super Bowl VI with Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach named MVP. Before last season's 13-3 New England win over the Los Angeles Rams, it was the only one in which the winning team did not give up a touchdown.

Staubach also led a





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27-10 victory over Denver in Super Bowl XII, with the Broncos, ironically, being quarterbacked by his former teammate, Craig Morton. The duo alternated at QB in 1971 before Staubach took the helm permanently at midseason. Morton had guided the team to Super Bowl V.

Sandwiched around those Super Bowl wins were two close losses to Pittsburgh in the big game. The Cowboys fell 21-17 in Super Bowl X and 35-31 in Super Bowl XIII.

Staubach was one of several Hall of Fame Cowboys during their 1970s run. Others included defensive tackles Randy White and Bob Lilly, offensive tackle Rayfield Wright, cornerback/safety Mel Renfro, and running back Tony Dorsett, who had an NFL-record 99-yard touchdown run.

In 1971, the Cowboys moved from the Cotton Bowl in Dallas to Texas Stadium in Irving, known for a hole in the roof "so God could watch his favorite team." It was home for 37 seasons before moving to AT&T Stadium in Arlington in 2009.

The Cowboys became known as "America's Team." Not only were they exciting on the field, but they stayed a step ahead of other teams in image enhancements, including the famous Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders. Today, they remain the world's most valuable sports franchise, valued at more than \$4 billion.

Jerry Jones bought the team in 1989 on the heels a 3-13 season. He fired Landry, who ended his career with 270 victories, third most by any coach in history.

Jones replaced Landry with Jimmy Johnson, his good friend who had led the University of Miami to a national championship. Though the first season was rough (1-15), great success would



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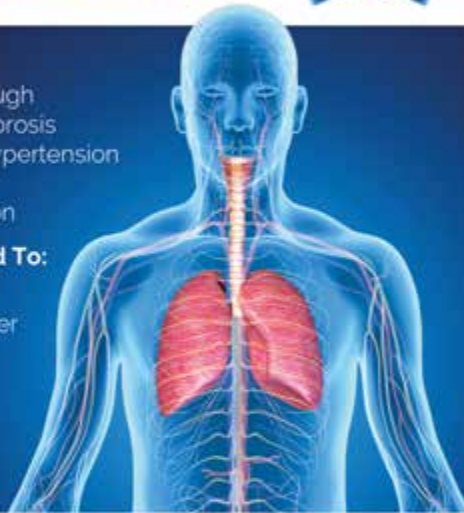


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soon come. Johnson used shrewd trades, including a historical multiplayer swap with Minnesota, and NFL draft picks to restore championship status. Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman, the MVP of Super Bowl XXVII (52-17 over Buffalo), was drafted in 1989. HOF running back Emmitt Smith was picked in 1990 and was MVP of Super Bowl XXVIII (30-13 over Buffalo). He ended his career as the top rusher in NFL history (18,355 yards).

Aikman, Smith and HOF wide receiver Michael Irvin became known as "The Triplets." Irvin was drafted before Landry's final season and played for Johnson at Miami.



A feud led to Johnson's departure in 1994. Former University of Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer led the Cowboys to their last Super Bowl appearance, 27-17 over Pittsburgh in No. XXX.

The Cowboys have teased fans a few times, including dominant regular seasons (13-3) in 2007 and 2016. But their postseason record since Super Bowl XXX is 4-10. Hopes are high, however, with current quarterback Dak Prescott, league-leading running back Ezekiel Elliott, a stout defense and now the return of sure-fire HOF tight end Jason Witten from a year's retirement. **NOW**

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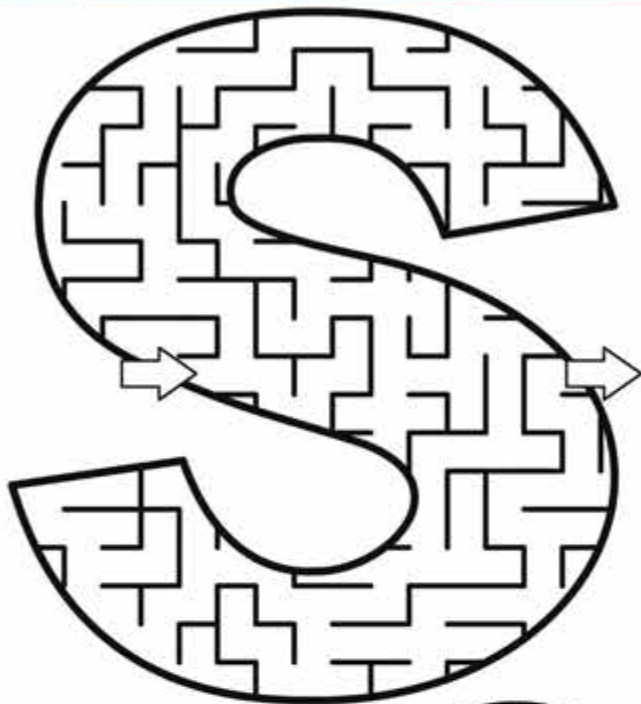
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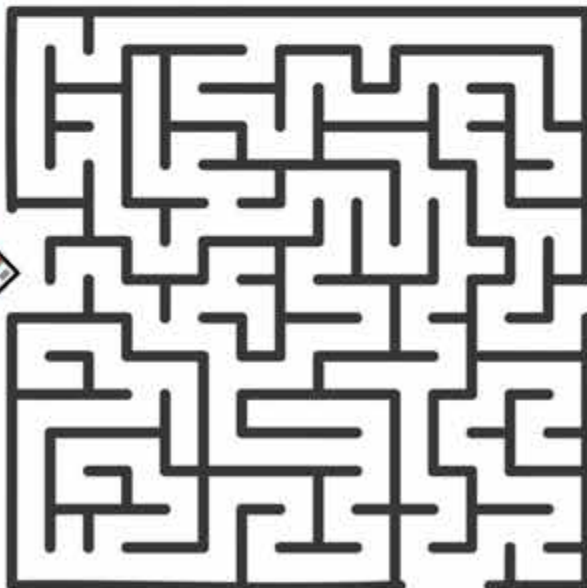
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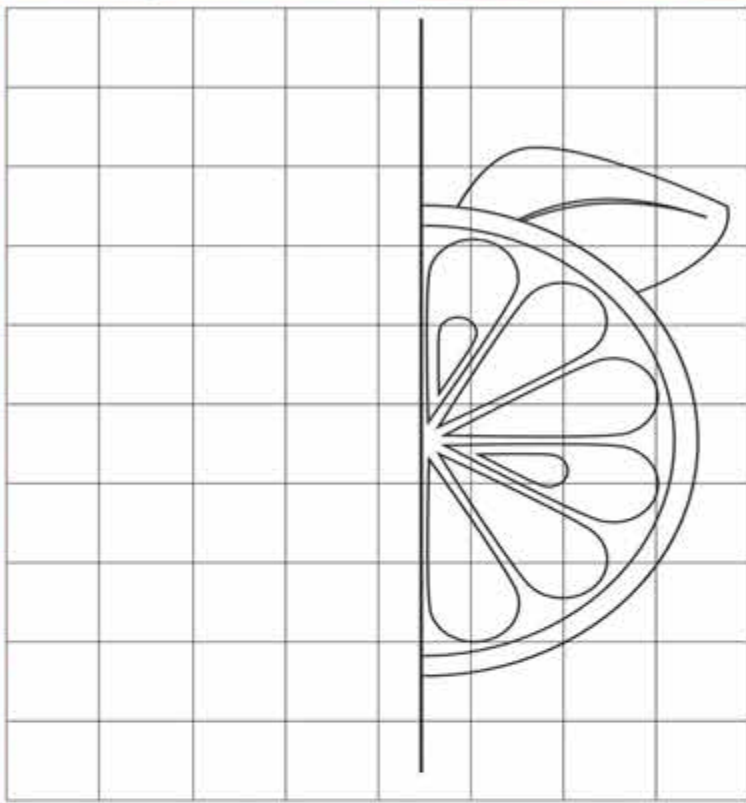


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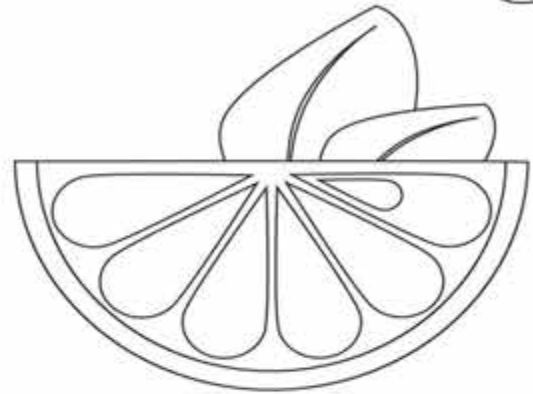
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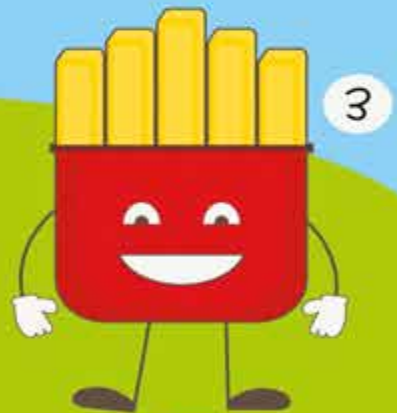
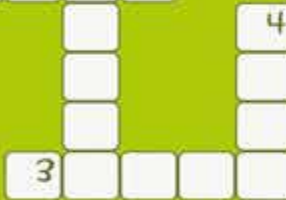
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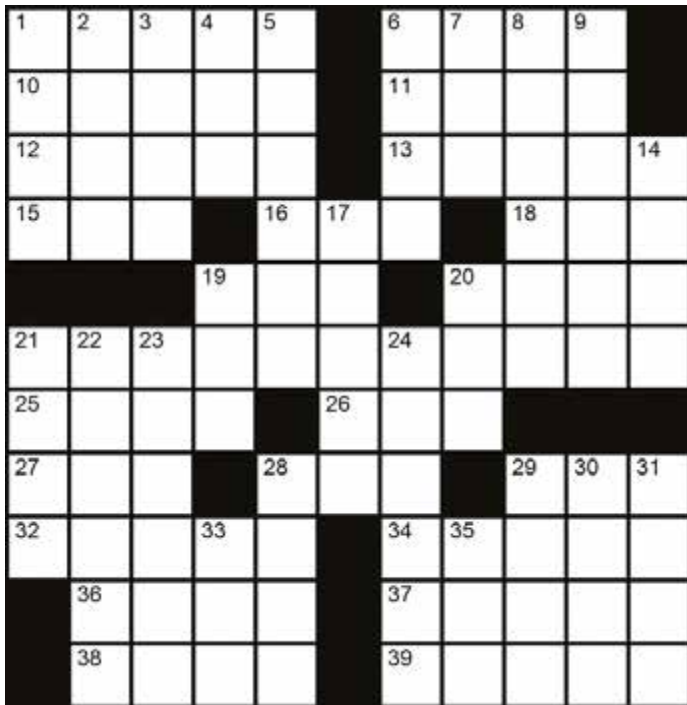


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- 6 Memorable pop Mama
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- 12 Not capable
- 13 Later in this text
- 15 Outmoded taper's buy
- 16 Recede
- 18 Gone by
- 19 For each
- 20 Mogadishu-born model
- 21 Breakfast greeting
- 25 Musical phrase
- 26 Chisholm Trail state
- 27 The whole lot
- 28 Gave food
- 29 Sports org. producing "Deuce" magazine
- 32 Picture border
- 34 Bury
- 36 Separate article
- 37 With a single voice
- 38 Wooden-soled Japanese shoe
- 39 Puts the plane down

Down

- 1 Tel follower in Israel
- 2 It galvanizes
- 3 Employer
- 4 Talk music
- 5 Respect
- 6 "Twelve Angry Men" star
- 7 Emulate
- 8 Italian sausage
- 9 Catchphrase
- 14 "The World of Suzie ---": 1960 film
- 17 Penniless
- 19 Email attachment format
- 20 Tavern
- 21 Match for Agassi
- 22 Roughneck's workplace
- 23 Not long ago
- 24 Tire type
- 28 Govt. disaster relief org.
- 29 100 cu. ft. for a nautical measure
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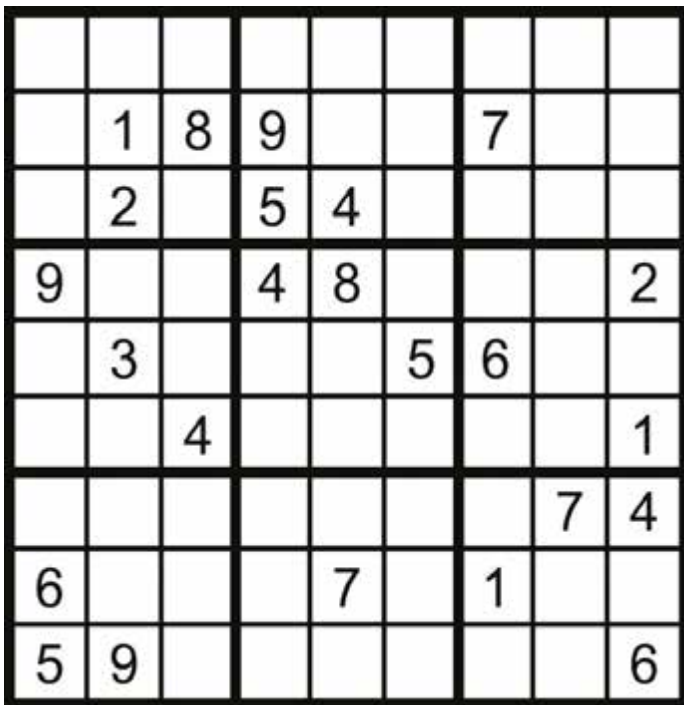
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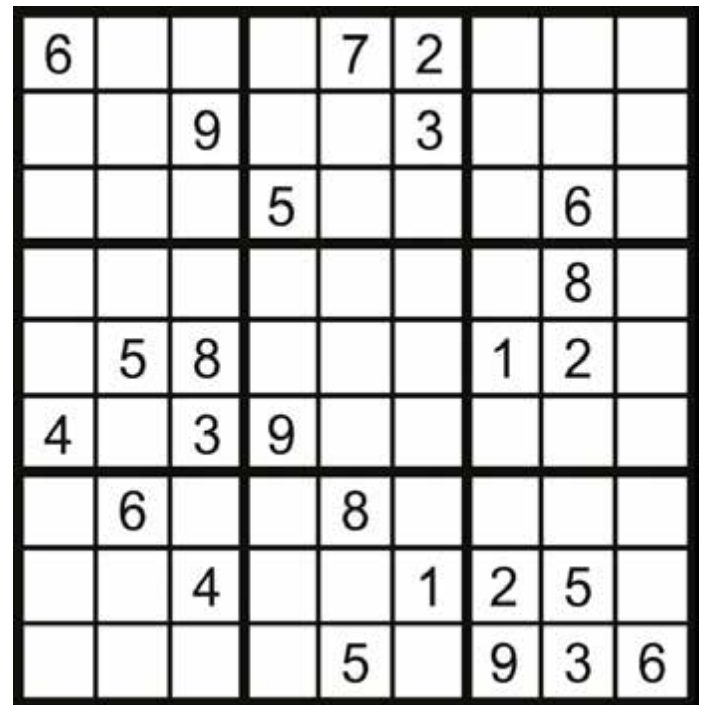
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Sudoku Puzzle

Easy



Medium



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9/3

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9/4

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9/18

Ellis County College Fair:

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9/19-9/21

Fall Book Sale:

Friends of the Ennis Public Library are hosting their annual book sale benefiting the library. **Thursday-Friday:** 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; **Saturday:** 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,

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9/23

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9/28

Power of Sports:

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Dinner and auction for Ellis County SPCA. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle Dr., Midlothian. Learn more at ecspca.ejoinme.org/2019gala.

9/29

Farm Heritage Day:

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Easy

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Medium

6	4	1	8	7	2	5	9	3
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