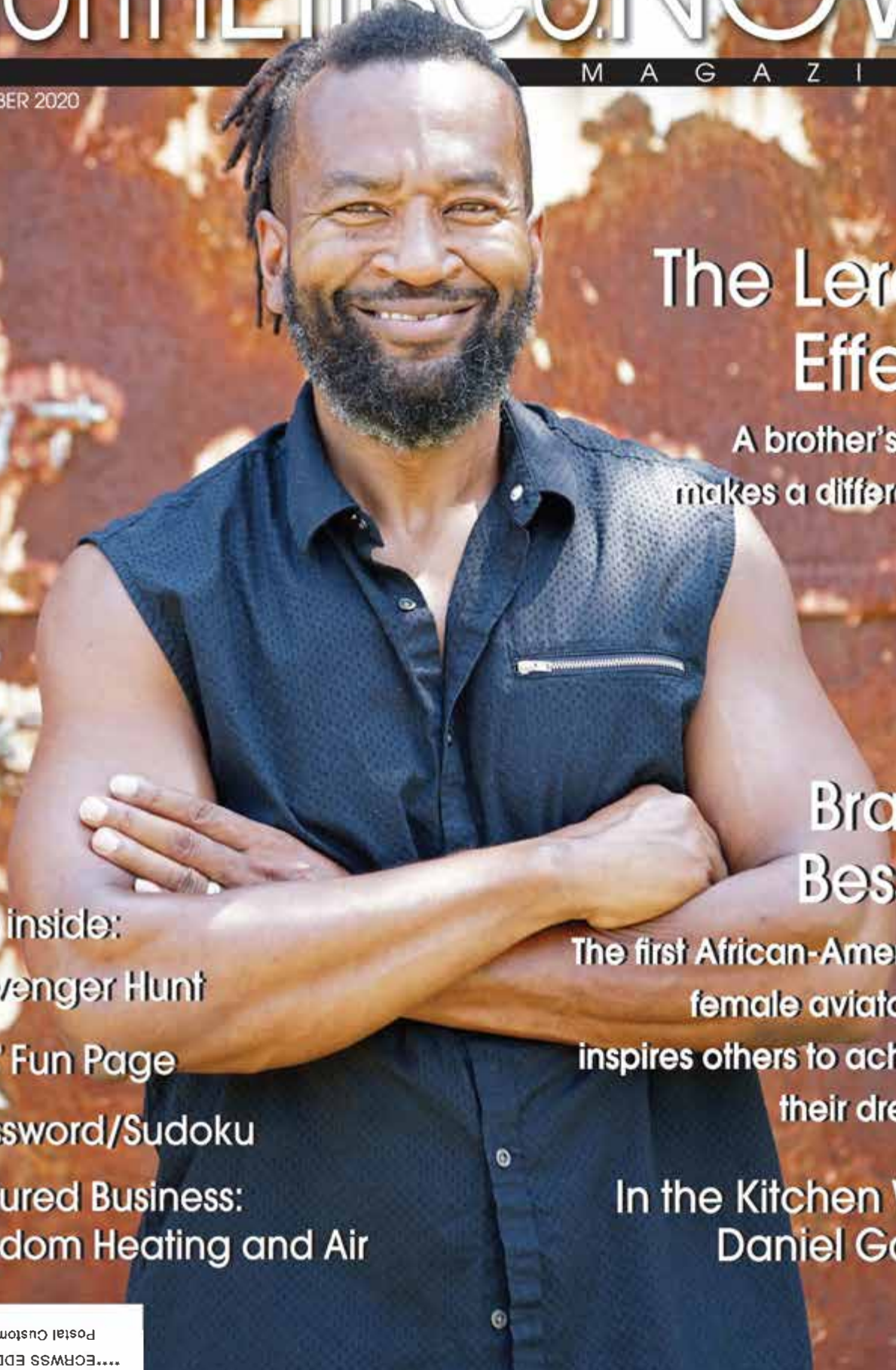


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*Let's keep it real ...*

Pride overflowed within me yesterday as I beat a new record time for reading a book from front to back. Guess how many days it took for my 340-page book — only four!

Ironically, I used to hate reading books. ADD snatched the reins of my focus whether I wanted it to or not, and I couldn't sit still to save my life. This left me with little room to actually enjoy a good book.

A sweet teacher from my college days sparked something I thought I was doomed to live without — the enjoyment of reading. I find myself re-reading novels from her class, including my four-day-reading-record novel, *Between Shades of Gray* — no connection to *Fifty Shades of Grey*. (Sorry, romance kings and queens.)

The story is told through the eyes of Lina Vilkas, a young girl enduring torture amidst the holocaust, who faces pain and death someone couldn't imagine in their darkest dreams. But, her beloved mother, Elena, was cherished by other deportees, and even a soldier, because of her constant selflessness in circumstances where even the most esteemed people would put on the "me first" mentality. Her generosity saved them.

Elena gave Lina golden advice that we should all take to heart: "You stand for what is right, Lina, without the expectation of gratitude or reward." Ever noticed how hard it is to give without expecting anything in return? That is selflessness in its true form. This world could use an infection of selflessness. And to those doing your part, we thank you. The world would be a darker place without you. I think the song "Be A Light" expresses this well ...

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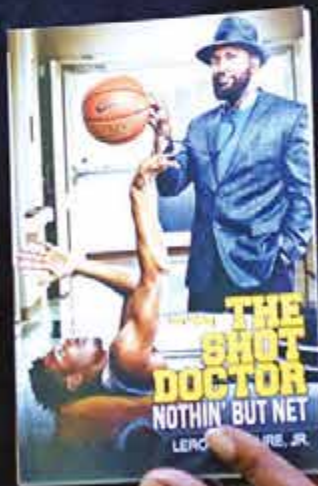
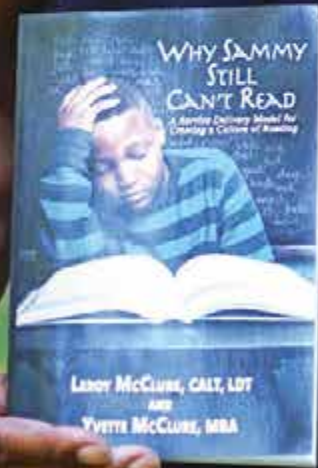


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# LEROY

## Effect

— By Rachel Rich

*Two brothers formed a strong bond. Leroy McClure Jr. protected his younger brother, Sam, from school issues over his reading problems. A grade above him, Leroy saved all his work to help Sammy succeed in his studies. Years later, Sammy called Leroy after discovering he had dyslexia, a now common learning disability, as well as an auditory processing deficiency. “That’s why I’ve struggled with reading,” Sammy admitted. “I knew I was smart! Lee, you’ve got to do something about this!”*

“I was 28 years old when I received the call that the private school he worked for diagnosed him,” Leroy reminisced. “I then had flashbacks of those many incidents where I intervened to keep people from knowing our secret. I covered for him, and I didn’t let anyone know he had difficulty with reading. I

stepped into many fights to help him out because of misunderstandings he had. I experienced the pain and agony with him.” Sammy’s dyslexia sparked a calling in Leroy’s life.

Leroy switched careers from computer programming and took more than 800 hours of training in a specialized reading program to become a certified academic language therapist. “During this process, I not only unearthed why Sammy couldn’t learn to read, but I also discovered two out of three Black men in prison can’t read. They went to school every day from kindergarten through second grade. This is appalling! In the first three years of school you learn to read, then you read to learn. I’m declaring war on illiteracy in the African-American community and am a man on a mission to eradicate it.”

He built charter schools that helped to create awareness and address dyslexia in the African-American community. The Texas Education Agency approved the opening of FOCUS Learning Academy, which served Pre-K through eighth grades in 1999 and Triple A Academy, serving the ninth through 12th grades in 2010. He then opened a FOCUS Learning Academy in his hometown of Conway, Arkansas. Leroy trained the teachers to use an Orton-Gillingham-based alphabetic phonics program to teach children with learning disabilities — which he refers to as “learning differences” — how to read. “Our school became the first charter school to win a Texas State Basketball Championship title in 2013,” he beamed. “Although the schools are now closed, I am still training teachers and serving as an advocate for children who can’t read nationwide.”

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Leroy excelled in school. “My mind, body and soul are summed up with three A’s — Academics, Athletics and Attitude,” he shared. “I allow my light to shine as I deal with life in the academics and athletics space. There were certain values and skills I learned that remain with me today — leadership, integrity, character, accountability, responsibility, discipline and self-confidence are just a few.”

Authoring several books, Leroy’s mission continues to move forward and is ever-evolving. His most noted book, *Why Sammy Still Can’t Read*, provides a roadmap to “address illiteracy. It is written as a resource for parents, teachers and administrators,” he explained. “This book zooms in on dyslexia, learning disabilities, ADHD, etc. and how they affect reading. [Addressing illiteracy] must be urgently done between kindergarten and second grade.” Another of his books, *The Shot Doctor*, explores “how to become a winner even in losing situations” using lessons from basketball, and his third book will discuss bringing Black and white Christians together to resolve issues, so everyone enjoys an abundant life. “All books that I write are about encouragement,” he noted.

With a belief that every Christian should have a purpose-driven life, Leroy became a member of the Ovilla Road Baptist Church and met the pastor, Brother Nick. “He has a passion for people, and I am honored to follow his leadership,” Leroy stated. “What makes Brother Nick special is his love for all people — Blacks and whites. And he’s proven his love for me.

“He was there when my children were born and for their basketball games, all the graduations and so much more. When a leader’s heart is pure, he understands the importance of humility. Jesus wants us to be humble and to serve others, especially those we might consider beneath us. The race issue is a heart issue. We are all one in Christ.”

Leroy knew to succeed in his mission to help others, he needed to create a multiracial labor force with specialized training to equip all children to read. “The white people who have stood behind me stand for eradicating illiteracy in all races. They were behind me when I started my schools. I believe it will be this same group of outstanding

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Living in Ovilla for more than 35 years, he has seen the community grow. "In 1983, there were just a few Blacks in the community. Whites and Blacks must be exposed to each other to recognize and appreciate all their similarities instead of focusing on one difference. I saw how God was able to help all of us keep our eyes on Him and do His work, because we were around each other so often that color wasn't a topic anymore. Seek out firsthand experiences with several people of another ethnic group before you formulate an opinion.

"My goal is to take my positive Ovilla experience and replicate it nationwide. It started out with my brother, but I discovered more. We are doing what is right because it is the right thing to do. We believe in teaching all people how to turn problems into opportunities, adversities into victories and how to become winners even in losing situations."

Leroy believes the way he's helped Sam most is by doing his best to understand him. "Sam always knows, even to this day, he can depend on me, and I will not hold things against him." Through Leroy's selfless acts of love and passion for understanding others, he teaches all of us a valuable lesson — to love everyone equally with a full heart. **NOW**

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# BRAVE

## *Bessie*

— By Angel Morris

*When Bessie Coleman lived in Waxahachie, Texas, she probably never dreamed the street where her childhood home sat would someday be named in her honor. Today, however, Bessie Coleman Boulevard is a reminder of the young woman who would go on to be the first African- and Native-American female aviator in history.*

Not far from her hometown, a middle school in the city of Cedar Hill also bears her name. The school's website notes that its namesake is an inspiration because of her determination during a time of discrimination — both gender and racial. Bessie paved the way for, and still inspires, those who might otherwise not believe they can achieve their dreams.

Born January 26, 1892, in Atlanta, Texas, Bessie was one of 13 siblings. Her sharecropper father moved the family to Waxahachie when Bessie was 2, where they built a three-room home on a quarter-acre of land. Bessie's father, who was part Native American, later moved to Oklahoma seeking better opportunity in an area known as "Indian Territory."

It is unclear why, but Bessie and the rest of her family stayed behind. Bessie's mother, a maid, supported the family as best she could, but the children had to help however they were able. Bessie took care of her younger siblings, while assisting her mother doing laundry and picking cotton. At the same time, she attended school.

Reports indicate Bessie attended eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse, with each year interrupted when its students were needed to help their families with harvests. Nevertheless, Bessie

graduated and got a job saving for college.

In 1910, Bessie afforded herself one term of school at the Oklahoma Colored Agricultural and Normal University (now Langston University). With her funds depleted, however, she returned to her job as a laundress in Waxahachie until 1915.

At that point, Bessie set out on another adventure, moving in with one of her brothers in Chicago, Illinois. She quickly became a manicurist and saved enough to afford a place of her own.

Having met many leaders in the African-American community on the south side of Chicago, 23-year-old Bessie began hearing stories of and reading about World War I pilots, which she found intriguing. It is undoubtedly these tales that inspired her next goal — an aviation career.

Bessie found a friend in Robert Abbott, publisher of *The Chicago Defender*, the largest weekly African-American newspaper of its time. It was Abbott who suggested Bessie move to France when no local pilots or schools were willing to help in her aviation pursuit. First, however, she had to attend night classes to learn French, so she could complete her flight school applications.

On June 15, 1921, Bessie earned her international pilot's license — Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. She studied at Caudron Brother's School of Aviation, considered the best aviation school in France, and it only took her seven months.

In 1922, Bessie was the first African- and Native-American woman to make a public flight. Traveling Europe, she made her living performing in the air, with barnstorming, parachuting and stunting. Her skill earned her the nicknames "Brave Bessie" and "Queen Bess," and she was dubbed "The Only Race Aviatrix in the World."

Bessie reportedly had hopes of returning to the states to start her own aviation school and encouraging women and minorities to follow their dreams. Her dream was to own a

plane and to open her own flight school. To raise money toward those goals, she visited churches, schools and theaters, sharing films of and speaking about her high-flying escapades.

In 1923, Bessie survived her first airplane accident in which her plane's engine stopped, causing her to crash. Cuts, cracked ribs and a broken leg did not deter her. She went back to flying after she recovered.

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Despite humble roots from the dirt-floored, one-room cabin where she was born, Bessie Coleman defied the odds of a time when her gender and race offered limited opportunities. Today, she remains an undeniable pioneer for women in aviation. **NOW**

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Hector has tried to ensure his clients have felt cared for and not taken advantage of throughout his 20 years in the HVAC business. "Keeping a client comfortable in their home through every season is what we do by trade, but making sure they have peace of mind when paying for services to maintain that level of comfort is also an important part of our job. We started this business to provide a service that made our clients' comfort a priority, and I believe that is what we have done so far. Our slogan is, 'Your comfort is our mission.'"

Their logo holds its own value. "The mountains represent the cold, the rays the heat and the name, 'Freedom,' represents to me the freedom that we have through Christ. My freedom came from meeting and knowing Christ, and that relationship with Him has allowed me to remain humble, thankful and has helped me stay clean and sober of drugs and alcohol for the last 20 years."

Hector is grateful for his loving wife, Cindy, who claims he talks about work in his sleep. "She's told me on multiple occasions that I have randomly talked about some air ducts or an outdoor A/C unit or something," he laughed. He also shares love for his kids, Nicholas, Aaron, Samantha, Ashleigh and Madilynn. "They are truly my pride and joy," he expressed. "I now have a grandson, Nicholas Jr., and I love seeing not only my kids grow up, but him, as well."

From service issues to whole or partial system replacements and maintenance tune-ups, the Freedom HVAC team works on almost anything heating and air conditioning related. "Just like a car needs oil changes and needs to be looked at every couple thousand miles, so does an air conditioning and heating system," Hector explained. "We have also recently started providing duct cleaning and duct sealing services."

With an attitude to help others rather than simply taking a check, Hector advises people to make sure a company is licensed and insured before hiring them to work in their homes. Celebrating 10 years in his business, Hector has built lasting relationships with his customers and contractors, which has assisted him and his hardworking team as they serve others. **NOW**

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## Zoomed In: Lia McChesney

By Rachel Rich

Seven-year-old Lia McChesney found a lost frog stuck in a bucket, which is a living testament to the excess wildlife we've received due to this year's extra rainfall. Although this was her first time holding a frog, she wasn't afraid to help her family save it from the treacherous waters of death.

She is well on her way to mastering the art of bravery through her various hobbies, one being horseback riding. By saving a small, seemingly insignificant creature, she was putting said bravery to the test, and she passed with flying colors. With a smile spread wide across her face, there is no denying her joy in helping something smaller than her. As the frog wiggled in her hands, awaiting freedom, she laughed. "It sure is slimy!"



Guinness World Record Holder David Slick preps for his live magic show.



The Collinworths pose during their family walk.



Denise and Victor Rodriguez warmly welcome Ferris shoppers at Trade Days.



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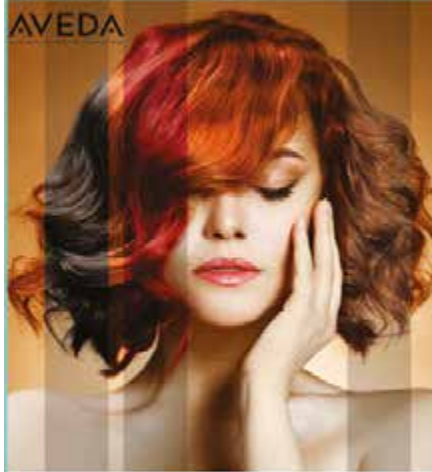
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DANIEL GARZA  
— By Rachel Rich

It might surprise some who know longtime Ferris resident Daniel Garza to find he's only been cooking since 2017 but is now enjoying his booming barbecue business, Small Town Barbecue. "I've been a truck driver for more than 18 years," he mentioned. "It's nice to be out of the truck now."

With a fond love of smoking meat, he is most likely found outside over the weekends smoking something delicious. "My first brisket attempt, I must admit, I accidentally put cinnamon in the seasoning," he chuckled. "I can laugh about it now. Good thing is I didn't start sharing my brisket until I made 30 of them. Lesson learned — don't rush, and pay attention to what you're doing. You'll never get better if you don't try." **NOW**

## Texas Twinkies

- 12 large jalapeños**
- 8 oz. cream cheese**
- 1 cup pepper jack cheese, shredded**
- 1 lb. brisket, chopped**
- 2 tsp. salt**
- 2 tsp. pepper**
- 2 tsp. garlic powder**
- 1 pkg. bacon**

- 1.** Prepare the jalapeños by making a cut starting from the stem down to the bottom without slicing through the other side. Once each pepper is open, use a spoon to scrape all the seeds and membranes out of the jalapeños.
- 2.** Combine the cream cheese, pepper jack, chopped brisket and spices together.
- 3.** Preheat your smoker or oven to 375.
- 4.** Stuff each pepper with the filling. Tightly

wrap each jalapeño with a slice of bacon.  
**5.** Place the jalapeños in the smoker or on a baking sheet if using an oven. Bake for 45 minutes, or until bacon is crispy. Allow to cool, then enjoy!

## Brisket in the Oven

- 1 whole beef brisket**
- 1 cup dry rub of your choice**

- 1.** Start the brisket a day before cooking it. This gives it time to soak up the flavors and tenderize from the dry rub overnight. Mix dry rub ingredients together, if needed.
- 2.** Take brisket out of the package, lay it on a cutting board and pat it dry with a paper towel. Spread dry rub all over. Massage rub, making sure it's completely coated. Wrap rubbed brisket in a couple of layers of foil, covering it tightly. Place wrapped brisket in a pan; refrigerate overnight, or up to 12 hours.
- 3.** Preheat oven to 300 F Place the brisket, fat cap up, in the middle of an aluminum foil pan;

cover it loosely with foil. Place in the oven and bake for about 1 hour, 15 minutes per pound, until the brisket reaches about 180 F.

4. Open the foil; place back in the oven for another 45 minutes to 1 hour. Take the brisket out; let rest for 30 minutes. Make sure to cut the brisket against the grain.

## BBQ Chicken

6 Tbsp. olive oil  
4 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice  
3 tsp. smoked paprika  
3 tsp. garlic powder  
8 chicken breast halves  
1 tsp. kosher salt  
Pepper, to taste  
1 cup barbecue sauce of your choice

1. Mix olive oil, lemon juice, paprika and garlic powder to make a marinade; cover the chicken with the marinade. Place chicken in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour or overnight.

2. Take chicken out of the marinade; place it on a baking sheet if using an oven. If not, place it on the grill rack. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Cook at 350 F in the oven for 20 minutes. The chicken will be halfway done. Brush each breast with your favorite barbecue sauce; return to the oven/grill.

4. Repeat the application of barbecue sauce to the chicken every 5 minutes until the chicken is done. This usually takes about 35 minutes. If you have a thermometer, insert in the thickest part of the breast. When it hits 165 F, it's done.

## Pinto Beans

4 qts. water  
3 cups beans, rinsed (I usually soak for a few hours.)  
1/2 yellow onion, peeled  
2 small cloves garlic, diced into small pieces  
Salt, to taste

1. Boil water; add beans, onion and garlic into the pot; cover with a lid.

2. Let the beans cook for about 2 hours; stir occasionally. If you feel it needs more water, add hot water. Add salt to taste.

## Small Town BBQ Twinkie Dip

8 slices cooked bacon, chopped into pieces (divided use)  
3 medium jalapeño peppers, seeded and finely diced (divided use)  
3/4 cup cheddar cheese (divided use)  
1 lb. cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup mayonnaise

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**1/2 cup sour cream**  
**1 tsp. garlic powder**  
**1 cup cooked brisket, chopped**  
**Crackers, for serving**

1. Preheat oven to 350 F Set aside a little cooked bacon, some diced jalapeño and 1/4 cup cheddar cheese.
2. In a large bowl, mix the remaining bacon, softened cream cheese, mayonnaise, sour cream, 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, remaining jalapeño peppers, garlic powder and brisket until fully combined; add the mixture to a baking dish.
3. Sprinkle the top with the reserved cooked bacon, jalapeños and cheese. Bake for 20 minutes, or until the top is golden brown. Serve with crackers.

### Best Mac and Cheese

**4 cups elbow macaroni noodles**  
**3 cups heavy cream**  
**1 10.5-oz. can condensed cheddar cheese soup**  
**1 tsp. salt**  
**1 tsp. pepper**  
**1 Tbsp. garlic powder**  
**1 Tbsp. onion powder**  
**1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded**  
**3 cups medium cheddar cheese, shredded**



Texas Twinkies

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain and set aside.
2. Pour heavy cream and cheddar cheese soup into a large pot over medium heat; stir well.
3. Add spices to the pot; stir well. Bring the liquid to a boil; reduce heat to low. Add the cooked noodles to the pot. Stir until all the noodles are coated in the sauce. Add the mozzarella and cheddar to the pot. Stir until the cheese is melted.

### Easy BBQ Ribs

**1-2 racks pork ribs**  
**Barbecue rib rub of your choice, to taste**  
**Barbecue sauce of your choice, to taste**

1. Preheat oven to 300 F Remove ribs from the package; remove the silver skin. Prepare baking sheet by lining with foil for easy cleanup. Place the ribs on the prepared sheet; coat with rib rub on all sides. Be sure to pat the rub in to form a crust.
2. Cook the ribs in the oven for 2-3 hours. Halfway through the cooking time, carefully wrap the rack with foil. When the ribs are finished cooking, a knife or toothpick should pierce the thickest part of the ribs with ease. Remove the foil.
3. Set the oven broiler to high. Coat all sides of the ribs with barbecue sauce; place back in the oven for 5 minutes. Let rest for 15 minutes; serve.

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# TravelNOW Plan for the Unexpected

— By *Melissa Rawlins*

The world is full of isolated spots, each an oasis in its unique way. For a quick, affordable break from everyday reality, consider Possum Kingdom Lake.

Billed by locals as The Great Lake of Texas, Possum Kingdom is within a two-hour, highly scenic drive from most homes in NOW Magazines’ footprint. Start by packing gear for scuba diving, fishing, motorcycling, hiking, camping, swimming, kayaking, photographing, painting, picnicking, bicycling or any combination thereof. Visit [www.brazos.org](http://www.brazos.org), where good safety information is available, as well as maps

of the 16,716-acre lake. Hunting is permitted only through Brazos River Authority’s waterfowl blind hunting permit, which is limited through a drawing process and only allowed in certain locations. You will need to plan ahead.

But prepare for the unexpected. People say the best restaurant is Bonitaville because its cold beer, fried catfish, okra and Hatch green chili burgers are considered the best in Texas. They don’t tell you about the proprietors’ pettable iguanas and prairie dogs. The family-friendly eatery is on a spot that was originally the recreational area for Fort Sill.

Even now, C-130s and F-16s fly over this curvy section of the lake on training missions. Such intimate shows of United States’ air superiority only provide more excitement while dining lakeside at the many restaurants situated on The Peninsula, a long and wide spit of land between two curves in a much larger S, making up the eastern leg of Possum Kingdom Lake.

Since 1938, the lake has been owned and operated by the Brazos River Authority. BRA brought in the federal Works Progress Program to build the dam and various public

overlooks along winding roads that take you to and from put-in points along 219 miles of shoreline.

When COVID-19 protocols are not in place, the lake's office at the top of the dam displays intriguing historic photos. The WPP completed the Morris Sheppard Dam in 1941, and its resulting quality of life for Young, Palo Pinto, Jack and Stephens counties is unarguable. The reservoir supplies 230,750 acre-feet of water for the Brazos basin.

Recreational visitors to Possum Kingdom Lake appreciate modern additions like public fishing piers and boat ramps, picnic spots and hike-and-bike trails tucked away in surprising locations that are fun to discover during day trips.

Campsites also abound. One private, quiet spot is directly below the dam and only accessible from a back road off Highway 16 behind the fish hatchery operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Parents attempting to open their children's eyes to career possibilities might find a trip to this lake educational. But so do bird lovers who can spend hours watching for herons, hawks, eagles and the ubiquitous buzzards.

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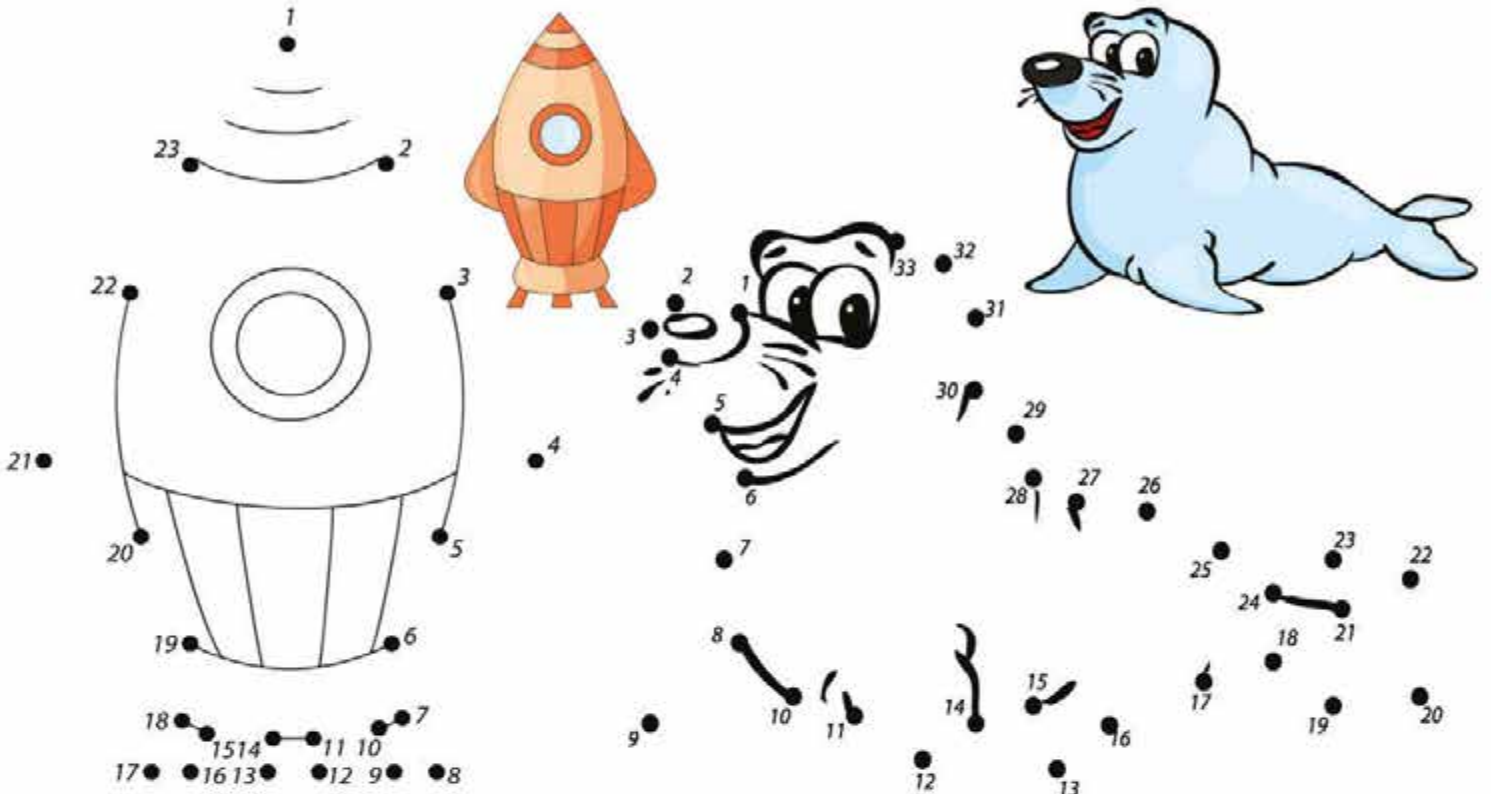
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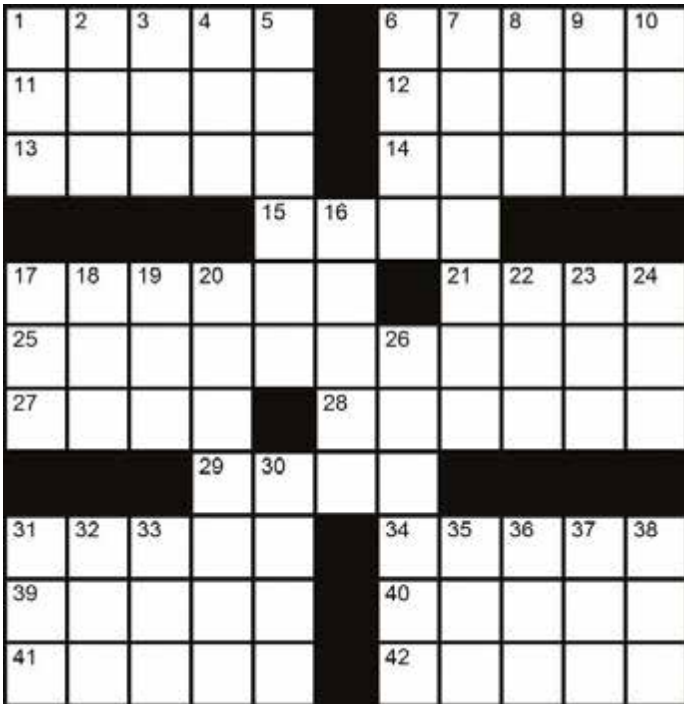
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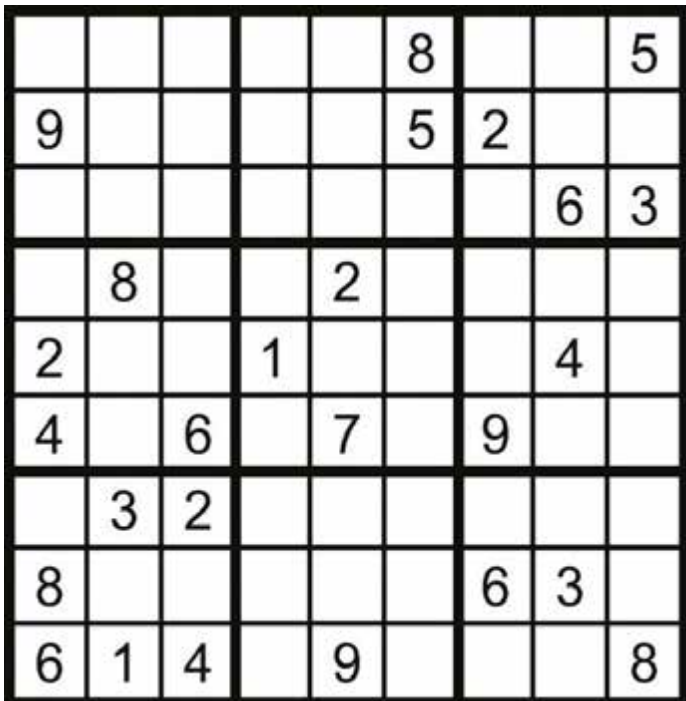
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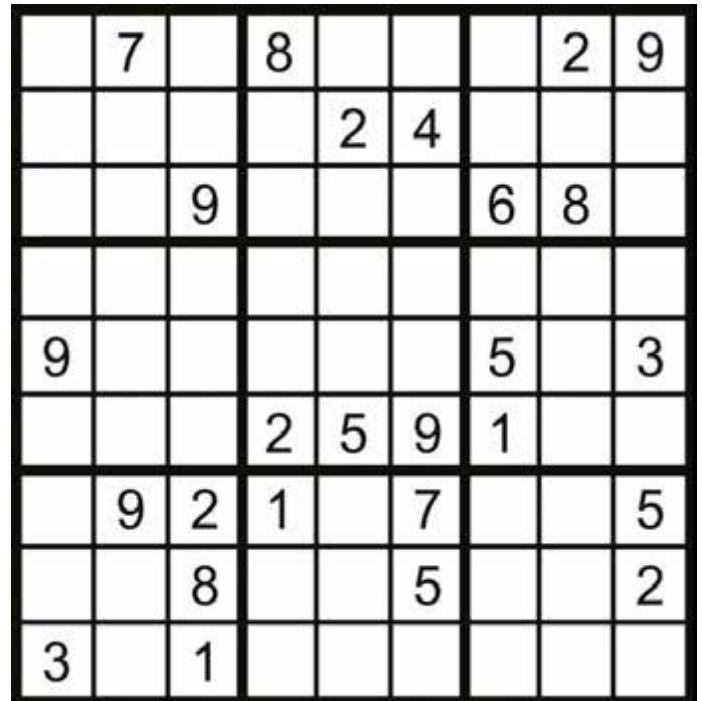
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3	4	7	2	6	8	1	9	5
9	6	1	7	3	5	2	8	4
5	2	8	9	4	1	7	6	3
1	8	9	6	2	4	3	5	7
2	7	3	1	5	9	8	4	6
4	5	6	8	7	3	9	2	1
7	3	2	5	8	6	4	1	9
8	9	5	4	1	7	6	3	2
6	1	4	3	9	2	5	7	8

Medium

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