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See you in September!

If you are a child of the '60s or came of age in the '70s, you might remember the above greeting as a song title performed by The Happenings. It told the story of a young couple separated by the summer months, but they faithfully pledged to return to each other when school started in September, as it did back then after Labor Day. In practical practice, at least in my experience, such rarely worked out according to the lyrics. All through high school and in my college days, I hit the road with my family, was a camp counselor-in-training and then camp counselor, on the road performing in a band or serving as a lifeguard/pool manager while I visited relatives in another city or state. In cleaning out my mother's home, I found many letters from my boyfriends during those years. Yes, hard to believe now, but we wrote on *real* stationary and mailed *real* letters before email, some sealed in wax and with xxx (kisses) and P.S.s! I've had fun looking back at such and remembering the dances and our songs from those days. And, no, I didn't marry any of those guys, darn it!

Since I lived those days, I'm a bonified "senior" citizen and have found Corsicana's Senior Center to be very active and welcoming. Often the many daily activities attract folks of all ages, and there seems to be something for everyone's interest. Come meet Director Fred Blitz, have a cup of java, fun and fellowship. If you can't find a class that interests you, maybe you have a talent to share with others in a new class. In the meantime, as Frank Sinatra sang so long ago, enjoy ...

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— By Virginia Riddle

With passion for the grace, beauty, power and spirit of the horse, Stephanie and Sadie Ford, a mother and daughter duo, are artists who paint and compete in model horse shows. Sadie is also taking after her mother by learning to ride and compete with a favorite lesson pony in equestrian events. “Horses are a lot of fun to work with because it’s like they can almost understand you,” Sadie explained. “You learn a lot, such as patience, hard work and to be gentle with them. With model horses, I get to learn about different breeds, colors and patterns.”

“I moved around a lot as a child, but my parents always allowed me to ride,” Stephanie recalled. “Riding was something that kept me stable — no pun intended — through a difficult time of never being able to keep friends

due to constant moves all over the country. I think horses are very healthy for young people to be involved with. They teach so many lessons, including delayed gratification after a lot of hard work. They are also unique, each with their own quirks, and it takes patience and kindness to build a working relationship with a horse and become a team that can enter a show ring.”

Sadie’s interest in horses inspired Stephanie to return to a hobby she enjoyed in high school and college — painting and competing in shows with model horses. They compete, regionally for now, through the North American Model Horse Shows Association. Points earned allow the artist to show at the national level in Lexington, Kentucky, followed by BreyerFest, where attendees get to see live horses who model for the sculptures. “I went in the 1990s, and William Shatner and his Saddlebreds were guests. I hope to take Sadie one day,” Stephanie said.

“I’ve been riding horses for almost three years,” Sadie stated. “My favorite breed is Pony of the Americas, but I also like Paint horses, and I think Arabians are beautiful, tough and have an interesting history. I’ve been showing model horses for a year, though I’ve collected about 100 Schleich horses since kindergarten, and I’m starting to collect Breyer horses.

“The model horse shows are very busy,” Sadie continued. “There are classes for adults and youth. The judges are



nice and helpful. They stop to teach about competitors' choices and how the horse models are presented. I really like to paint models. It's fun to create my own, and I learn about different horse breeds."


There are also classes for novices in the age groups. "Sadie's just starting out with acrylics, but model horse artists will resculpt using epoxy, and then paint the models using an airbrush, pan pastels, acrylics and oils," Stephanie explained. Stephanie is an artist and teacher and instructs Sadie in this shared hobby.

Sadie intertwines what she learns from riding horses with her hobby of painting them. "I like the performance classes in model horse showing," she said. "I use real patterns that I had to do in past shows with real horses, such as trail or horsemanship, even if the doll riders won't hold the reins perfectly. I was excited to get Youth Performance Champion last April, and I was awarded

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a hand-painted model with a driving harness.” Sadie sometimes uses the horses she’s ridden as inspiration for her art. “My favorite model horse is one my mom gave me for Christmas that she painted to look like Freckles.”

Freckles can be found at Flying Dollar Ranch where Sadie takes lessons from ranch manager, Julie Hinz, who also volunteers with 4-H. “My favorite memory is horse camp. At the end of camp, we do a drill team performance,” Sadie shared. “I ride several horses there, but I show Freckles in English riding, Western riding and do games. Freckles is a fun mare. At one show Freckles, age 23, surprised everyone by winning most of the games.”

“Sadie has full support from her family, including me; my husband and Sadie’s dad, Bradley; and both sets of grandparents, who attend her events and help with some of the financial costs,” Stephanie said.

“I appreciate my dad, who puts up with all the model horses around the house and takes me to riding lessons and shows,” Sadie said. “He planned a trip to the World Equestrian Center



in Ocala, Florida, during this past summer’s vacation, and he’s not that crazy about horses.”

A seventh-grader at Blooming Grove Jr. High, Sadie’s favorite classes are band, in which she plays flute, and English. She loves to read and create stories and is looking forward to UIL cross-country and track. “I really like learning new music and going to band competitions,” she stated. She’s also a member of Blooming Grove First Baptist Church and volunteers with Kids for Christ there.

As a fifth-generation farmer on her

dad’s family land, Sadie works with other animals, too. “I’ve kept sheep for four years,” she said. “I started with a show lamb and used the money I got from him at the Navarro County Expo to buy breeding ewes. I raise Dorper sheep and have a livestock guardian dog, Thor, that I raised from a puppy and trained.” Additionally, she has another dog, two cats and chickens. “I take care of the animals in the evenings, and any schoolwork I have, I try to get done at school, sometimes in my mom’s classroom right after school’s out. Good grades are a must, since her goal is to become a large animal veterinarian who works with horses and cattle. Sadie is a member of Silver Spurs 4-H Club through which she does volunteer work.

Stephanie treasures sharing her love and knowledge of art and horses with her daughter. Patience is needed, whether painting horses or building a relationship with a special real horse like Freckles. “Kindness and training go into riding horses,” Stephanie shared. “It’s these things which convinced my husband and I to support Sadie’s passion.” **NOW**



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Zoomed In: Rose Rowland

By Virginia Riddle

Having traveled to every state and lived in a few before arriving in Corsicana, Rose Rowland and her husband, Floyd Rowland, former commander of the local VFW, have four children. One of their children lives in Navarro County and another lives nearby in Fairfield. "We moved here from Forney, Texas, 20 years ago due to the area's urban growth," Rose said. "The people are warm and friendly here, and it's quiet."

Rose learned about ceramic painting in 1979 from visiting relatives. She's been teaching ceramics at the Corsicana Senior Citizens Center for five years. Natural light floods the ceramics room, which helps as she works her magic. Rose added, "Most supplies are donated." She would love to teach more students of all ages and expand the space.



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— By Virginia Riddle

Erma Alexander, who learned to cook from her mother and by taking a high school home economics class, said, “I didn’t do much cooking until after I married and started cooking for my husband and children. I guess I’m mostly self-taught, and I’m still learning. I think swapping recipes is a good way to make new friends.”

When not cooking for family, friends, neighbors, fellow Highpoint Church members or “anyone having a bad day or who is sick or needs encouragement,” Erma enjoys reading and sewing. “After I retired, I started quilting, and I like to make quilts for my children and grandchildren,” she shared.

Erma especially enjoys making desserts, likes “just plain, good-tasting food and favors using black pepper and cinnamon to spice her creations. She said, “I enjoy cooking because good food makes people smile.” **NOW**

Squash Casserole

3-4 yellow squash, cut into bite-size pieces

1/4 cup onion, finely chopped

Salt, to taste

Velveeta cheese, to taste, cubed into small pieces

Ritz Crackers, finely crushed

**1/2 stick Bluebonnet Butter, melted
(May use butter of your choice.)**

1. In a large pot, cover the squash and onions with water. Add the salt; boil the vegetables until the squash is tender enough to mash. Drain well.

2. In a bowl, mash the squash/onion mixture with a fork. Add the cheese; stir gently until the cheese is melted.

3. Pour the mixture into a greased casserole dish; top with the Ritz Crackers.

4. Spoon the butter over the crackers; bake at 350 F for 20-30 minutes, or until the top is lightly browned

Sausage Pinwheels

1 8-count can crescent rolls

1 lb. ground sausage

1 8-oz. pkg. cheddar cheese, shredded

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Spread the Crescent Rolls flat onto waxed paper; press the seams out smoothly, so the rolls become a large rectangle of dough.

2. Spread the sausage evenly onto the dough; top with the cheese.

3. Roll from the long side of the rectangle to create one long roll; wrap it in Saran Wrap or another plastic wrap.

4. Put the roll into the freezer for 30 minutes or more. Remove the roll from

the freezer; slice the roll into pinwheels of desired thickness.

5. Place the pinwheels flat on a cookie sheet; bake for 15-20 minutes, or until golden brown and the meat is thoroughly cooked.

Homemade Hamburger Helper

- 1 lb. ground meat
 - 1 bell pepper, or to taste, chopped
 - 1 onion, or to taste, chopped
 - 1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel tomatoes
 - 1 8-oz. can tomato sauce
 - 1 7.25-oz. box macaroni and cheese, prepared according to package instructions
 - Cheddar cheese, to taste, grated
1. In a skillet, brown the ground meat, bell peppers and onions. Add the Ro-Tel and tomato sauce.
2. Stir well; cook about 10 minutes until the mixture is thoroughly heated.
3. Add the prepared macaroni and cheese to the meat mixture. Pour the hamburger helper into a casserole dish; top with the cheddar cheese.
4. Bake at 350 F until the hamburger helper is bubbly and the cheese is melted.

Sugar Cookies

- 1 cup Crisco
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar, plus additional for topping each cookie
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 tsp. orange juice (optional)
 - 1 tsp. orange zest (optional)
 - 3 cups flour
 - 2 tsp. baking powder
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - Butter
1. In a bowl, cream the Crisco and 1 1/2 cups sugar. Add the vanilla, eggs and orange juice and orange zest, if using; mix well.
2. Add the flour, baking powder and salt; mix well.
3. Drop the dough by teaspoonfuls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet.
4. Butter the bottom of a glass, dip in sugar; use the glass to press each cookie down flatter.
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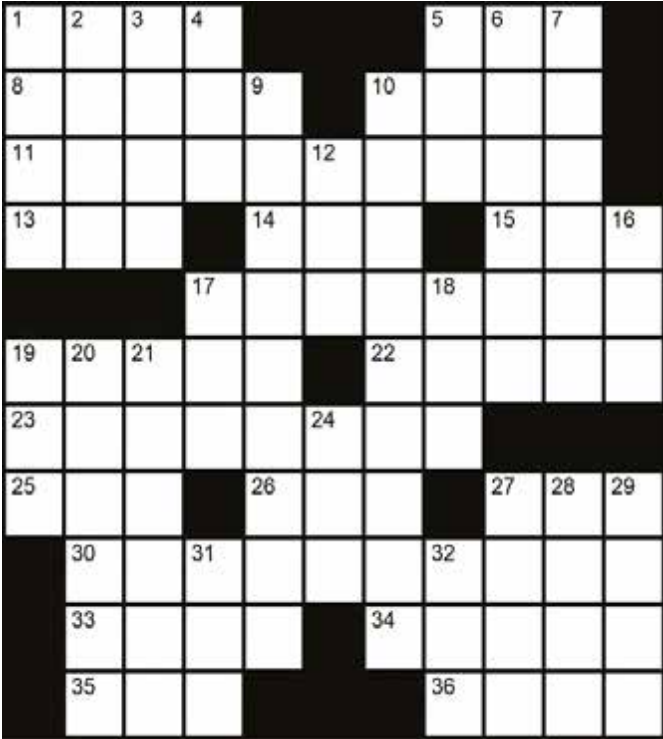
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13 She-sheep
14 Slender bar
15 Pinch
17 Positive testimonial
19 Humphrey's successor
22 Comes down to Earth
23 Disintegrated
25 Make lace
26 Direct a gun
- 27 Bathwater tester?
30 Cede grip on assorted characters, moving ahead
33 Chawbacon
34 Acknowledge
35 Winter depression
36 Biz bosses
- 5 "A --- of Wine, a Loaf of Bread - and Thou ---" (Omar Khayyam)
6 Lucy ---, Scott's Bride of Lammermoor
7 Impede
9 Something suggestive of an earlier time
- 24 Float at anchor
27 Periodic movement of the sea
28 Upon
29 Causes of personality clashes
31 Condition of TV's "Monk"
32 Sawbones

Down

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