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Autumn has arrived!

I am so thankful that the hot, hot days of summer have finally come and gone. It seems the older I get, the less I like the extreme heat that comes with Texas weather. I think it's due to the fact that I got too warm one day years ago. Ever since that time of overheating, I've had to take precautions not to allow myself to get too hot. Otherwise, the headache will come, and it's difficult to get rid of.

But, autumn is here. For me, that means one thing. I get to spend more time outdoors doing what most homeowners do — repairing and fixing what is broken and replanting flowers that will thrive in the winter months. Right now, I'm repainting the back patio and relaying the brick pavers along the driveway that have sunk deep into the ground with the heat and lack of rain. Once done, I will be able to readily see the fruits of all my labor.

It's also time to start thinking about fall decorating. I'm finally going to be able to use the saw I got for Christmas last year, as I cut oversized pumpkins from particle board. Once painted, they will adorn the front flowerbed as my way of ringing in the season that promises cooler temperatures and more time spent outdoors.

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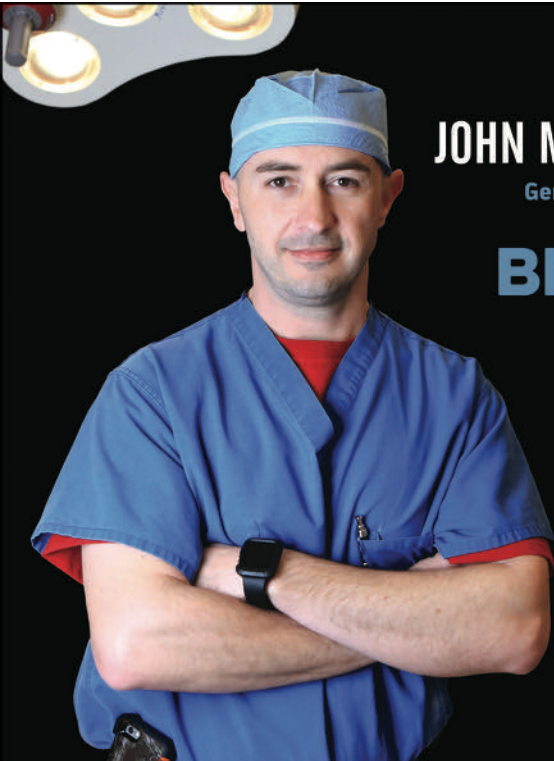
— By William T. Smith

There's a lot of work involved in setting up a 300-pound potter's wheel to actively create new pottery in downtown Ennis each Saturday. Herb Baumgartner jokingly said, "Sweat helps the pH balance of the clay!" It's obviously a labor of love for Herb though, because he has been creating artful designs with his pottery for more than 42 years.

Even as a child, Herb had a propensity to create from the earth. He relates that his first thoughts of the clay came when his father had just planted a mimosa tree at their home in Dallas, and Herb cast both arms into the hole next to the tree all the way up to his shoulders.

His father exclaimed, "Boy we'll never get all of that mud off of you," and by Herb's estimation, they never have. Herb likes having his hands and forearms in the clay and sand he mixes together with water to put on the wheel.

While Herb has an electric wheel also, the one he takes on exhibition is usually the manual wheel that he made himself, using parts that he took from a printing press. Herb's "other" vocation is as a machinist, and he primarily works on large printing presses. The machinist work is another creative outlet for Herb as he fashions parts out of steel on a metal lathe.



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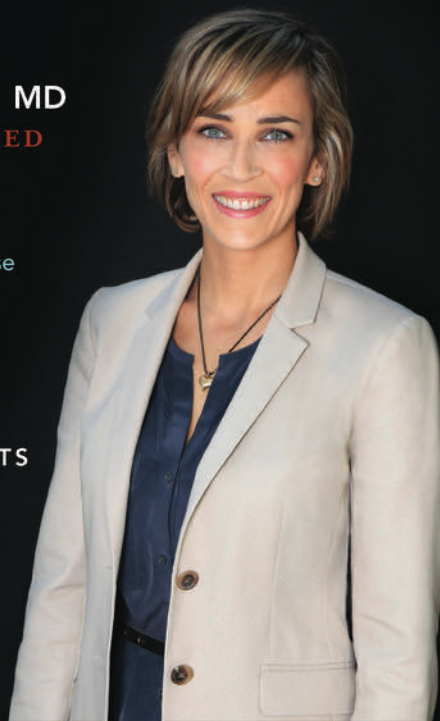
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Years ago, he noticed how perfectly balanced and smooth the fly wheel on a Heidelberg Windmill Press was. Though the fly wheel ran vertically on the press, Herb envisioned it laying horizontally as the driving force for a new potter's wheel. However, the real "driving force" is Herb's left leg. "The design is from a wheel designed by Bernard Leach, a famous British studio potter," Herb said. "It is much like the famous Leach Treadle Wheel. The flywheel from the printing press was almost heavy enough for throwing large pieces of pottery, but I actually had to add a little extra weight to give the wheel more momentum."

Some of the clay that Herb uses comes right out of the Ellis County ground at his farm, but he admits it is not the best medium unless it is mixed with some East Texas sand. "Our clay is very alkaline," Herb acknowledged. "The East Texas sand is more acidic. If I do not balance the two, the local clay sticks like chewing gum."

Formal art training began for Herb as early as junior high school, and it continued in high school as his teacher, Ms. Williams, pushed him forward. He also credits a friend, Jim Tabor, for helping him build his first kiln. Herb continued his formal training and received a degree in art from The University of Texas at Dallas.





After college, Herb worked with his father repairing and selling printing presses in downtown Dallas. He had a pottery studio in their warehouse, and his father encouraged Herb's art there also, often saying, "Herb, I've got this press covered, why don't you go work on your pottery?" Herb went through 2 tons of clay in the warehouse studio on Canton Street in Dallas.

Firing the clay in the kiln would create a lot of smoke, but it usually dissipated rapidly. One night, fire engines came roaring up to the warehouse where Herb was working with the kiln. "I thought they were coming to shut the kiln down," Herb remembered, "but there was an oily rag in the back of my old pickup truck that had spontaneously combusted. The firemen were only there to preserve my old truck!"

While setting up at Ennis Farmers Market, a pottery-knowledgeable lady picked up one of Herb's completed works and queried, "You don't sign your work?" Apparently, she had picked up one of the smaller pieces without a signature.

Herb's wife of many years, Donna, was present and responded, "You just looked at a rare exception. Herb is so sweet, he actually signs both of our names to every piece." Donna has provided additions to the pieces in the past in the carving and design of Herb's work, but she admits that today her primary influence is being his greatest fan.

Through the years it has been a family affair. Herb and Donna met at a pottery show in 1984, and, she said, "We spoke either in person or on the phone every day until Herb had an extended hospital stay in 1999."

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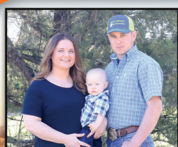


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Herb's daughter, Helen, shares his love for pottery.

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As Herb was working clay at the Farmers Market, with a piece near completion, he pulled the clay from the wheel and began fresh with it, taking it back to a round ball, placing it precisely on the center of the wheel, and masterfully began shaping it again. The vase he was working on did not have enough "foot" and would not have served its purpose if he had completed it as flawed. "It is kind of like us and our relationship with the Lord," Herb shared. "He takes us just as we are and encourages us to be more like Him. Even when our flaws are blatant, He still works to mold us into His image."

Herb obviously loves what he does, but it is also obvious that he loves his family and his fellow man. One would have a difficult time visiting with Herb for very long and then leaving without a bear hug from the potter. You might even wind up with a little clay on your back from Herb's hands after the hug, but it would be worth it to get to know this wonderfully gracious man and a little more of his story. Oh, and you will probably be tempted to purchase some of his beautiful pottery. You will walk away with great value, whether it is with a new vase or a new coffee mug, or perhaps with just a new friendship. **NOW**



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Having been raised in the Ellis County countryside, Alan enjoys their rural life. “Of all our rooms, I like the screened-in back porch the most,” Marita explained.



AST

— By Virginia Riddle

“Alan gave it a south exposure that catches the breezes, so it’s very pleasant. We can see the pond, the martin house and all the bird feeders. Bluebirds and martins come back every year. We’re really proud of our producing lemon tree.”

Rocking chairs, a porch swing and hanging ferns make for relaxing porch times. Pastures surround the home, along with the chicken coop that keeps the couple’s chickens, ducks and rabbits safe and the potting house, both of which were built by Alan.

The couple met at Ennis’ National Polka Festival, an event they celebrate every year in traditional costumes. “We’re proud of our Czech heritage,” Marita said. She learned the language, is a member of the Ellis County Chapter of Czech Heritage Society of Texas and helps



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others in their searches, which sometimes requires reading surviving documents from the “old country.” “I learned to speak and read Czech, so I could read a poetry book written by my grandfather and compiled by my mother,” she said. Marita taught English as a second language in Europe from 2008-2013.

Alan graduated from St. John Catholic School, and Marita graduated from Ennis High School. He learned the construction trade from his

father and went into that industry. Marita furthered her education at Baylor College of Dentistry’s Caruth School of Dental Hygiene and served as a dental hygienist while also homeschooling their three children.

Their son, Randy, and his family live in Fort Worth; daughter, Michelle, and her family live in Ohio; and daughter, Rachel, and her family live in Ennis. Alan and Marita have been blessed with five grandchildren. “We did 4-H and scouting,” Marita

recalled. “We always had groups of kids in our home while our kids were growing up. We also took a lot of family vacations seeing the U.S. Traveling is an education. It brings history and geography to life, and science has always been my forte.”

The Baraks are traveling even further these days with journeys to Mexico, Israel, Europe, the Mediterranean Sea and Alaska and the Nile River in Egypt on cruises.

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family and friends, parties they've hosted for their kids and their friends and gatherings like Marita's Bunko parties. "Our kids and grandkids love coming here. They have the run of the place and can do whatever, like chasing bugs and butterflies and gathering the eggs in the coop," Alan said. "Everyone feels comfortable and welcome here."

There are reminders of Alan's fondness of hunting in the horn hat racks and antler light in the formal dining room. Marita's collection of Czech Republic china is displayed in cupboards that flank the pass through/breakfast bar between the kitchen and dining room. Marita's grandmother's cuckoo clock hangs in the hallway. A kid-size table and china set is provided for the younger visitors in the living room, which houses family antiques including a trunk.

The kitchen is a cook's delight with its island that features floating pull-out cabinets and a marble inset given by her father for easy pastry roll-outs. Surrounding the eat-in kitchen table is a hat and apron collection on handy hangers and a wall of cookbooks and treasures. "A lot of these pieces are from family," Marita explained. "We love to cook and eat."

A guest bedroom/study houses the chest freezer near the kitchen. "When we drew the plans, we didn't think about how long it was, so it couldn't go anywhere else," Marita quipped. A handy, full bath makes for easy clean-ups after a day spent outside.

Their master bedroom/bath suite features a big walk-in closet and

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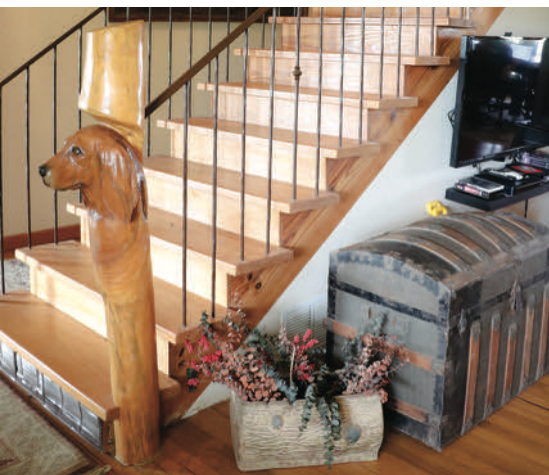
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a laundry chute from the second floor that can be opened from both the master bath and the laundry. A painting over the bed is of Marita's grandparents' home in the Czech Republic. She visited the site and stood on the spot from which the painter had created it.

The home's staircase features a hand-carved newel post in the shape of a dog's head representing Red, a rescued red hound dog family companion. A painting created by Marita's uncle adorns the second-floor landing which opens to the library with its bookcase full of scrapbooks, textbooks and literary works Marita used while homeschooling their children.



Michelle's former bedroom still sports her "friends' door" full of memories. One door leads to the walk-in attic and another opens to the Jack-and-Jill bath between it and another bedroom. A uniquely hung tie collection and Marita's grandmother's tapestry are focal points. A baby bed, play horse and large, fully decorated doll house make this the go-to fun room for the grandkids.

The Baraks, who attend St. John Catholic Church, showcase a wall saying in their home which depicts their mantra: *Life is beautiful — live it well*. Marita reflected, "We love our grandkids and kids to pieces. I'm so proud of Alan for having built this home for our family. We're happy to share it with family and friends." **NOW**

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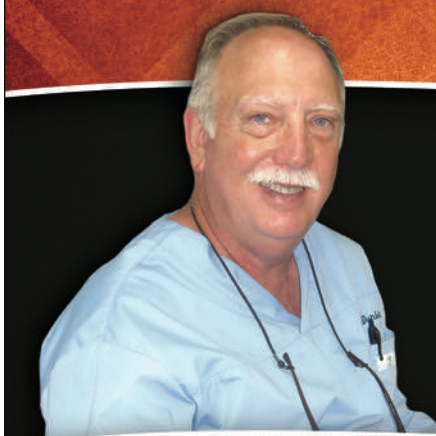
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Making Good Choices

— By Sandra Strong

Not being able to go home again is a fallacy. Just ask Corey Hall. “I came home to re-find myself,” Corey said, remembering the time right after graduation that he spent in Houston. “Life was big there. I quickly learned that I was just a small fish in a very big pond.”

Returning home to the family who loved him and to friends he could trust meant giving notice at his job, packing his belongings and taking the first step out the door. Once home, he landed a job at PetSmart. A year later, he did something that changed his career path — he came home for lunch. “My neighbor told me about an opening at

the local post office,” Corey recalled, noting that he never left work to come home for lunch. “I went to apply and was told they had an opening for a ‘causal’ employee. At the max, the seasonal job would last six months.”

Soon-to-be 24 years ago this December, Karen Matthews, the postmaster at the time, saw something in Corey. She offered Corey the job just moments after their interview ended. “She said she saw a ‘chance’ in me,” he shared. “She also gave me the opportunity to give PetSmart a two-week notice, which left the door open for me to return there after what I thought would be six months.”

After the seasonal work came to an end, Karen got the approval she needed to keep Corey on full time. He promoted up to janitor, and after passing his Civil Service Exam, he moved another rung up the postal ladder to customer clerk. While working as a clerk, he met his wife. Six months later, he became a mail carrier, the same position he still holds today. “I drive and walk,”

he said, “and then I drive and walk some more.”

Many memories come with 24 years of service, but for Corey, they all culminate into one thing — a job he loves coming to each day, where it's all about building relationships. “I have the best customers ever,” he said with a smile. “I get to know them, and they take such good care of me.”

The hardest part of Corey's job is the weather, especially the Texas heat. “I'd rather deal with the cold,” he said, “because I can put on more clothes.” The easiest aspect of his job is the people. “I do the same job every day,” he added, “but the people make it different. The people make it enjoyable.”

The current postmaster, Attila Kiss, thinks highly of Corey, too. “Mr. Hall is someone that is always willing to help make the day successful,” Attila said. “He continues to provide excellent service to his customers.”

Being a people-person, Corey always knew he wanted his career path to include interacting with the public in some capacity. “Helping others in any way that I can makes me a better man, as well as a better husband and father,” he stated. “I always try to make a difference. Reaching others with a smile or a cordial greeting is all it takes to brighten someone's day, and then, my day is brightened, as well.”

Although leaving his hometown took him through some adversity, Corey is thankful for that experience. He credits the love of his mom, her strict upbringing and his belief in God as the catalysts that brought him out of the dark. “That period helped me understand so much about life,” he explained. “Nothing comes for free, and every choice I make has its own consequence. I learned you can find yourself in the dark places, but only if you want to turn a bad choice into something good. The choice is up to you.” **NOW**

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In the Kitchen With

CELESTINA HAUBERT-OLIVER

— By Virginia Riddle

A native of Fort Worth, Celestina Haubert-Oliver enjoyed finding and trying out recipes during her teenage years. However, she didn't start cooking in earnest until she moved to a small East Texas community with scant job offerings. "I worked waiting tables and, eventually, started cooking," she recalled.

She earned her cosmetology license and was a hairdresser for 15 years and moved to Ennis three years ago. Celestina said, "I'm now on a new journey serving as executive director of the Ennis Golden Circle Senior Center. I cook for my seniors and family and sometimes events around Ennis. I take recipes and put my own twist on them and have learned to cook for groups numbering 30-400. It's hard work, but I truly love that people enjoy my cooking." **NOW**

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

2-3 lbs. pork loin
Season All, to taste
Black pepper, to taste
Slap Ya Mama Original Blend, to taste
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 medium purple onion, chopped
Sweet Baby Ray's Barbecue Sauce, to taste

1. Put 1/2 cup water in a Crock-Pot. Rub pork loin down with Season All and black pepper; put pork loin into the Crock-Pot.
2. Sprinkle Slap Ya Mama Original Blend lightly over the top of the pork.
3. Add garlic; spread it over the pork. Add onion.
4. Cook on low for 6-7 hours, or until the meat falls apart.
5. If there's excess juice left, drain, leaving only a little juice. Pull pork with a fork; add barbecue sauce.

Spicy Cream Corn

1 lb. frozen whole kernel corn
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup butter, melted
Black pepper, to taste
Slap Ya Mama Original Blend, to taste
1 large whole jalapeño
4 oz. cream cheese

1. Mix corn, water, butter, seasonings and uncut jalapeño.
2. In a saucepan, cook on simmer for about 10 minutes, or until the juice cooks down.
3. Add cream cheese, stirring to mix well.

Mexican Cornbread

1 onion, chopped
Olive oil
2 lbs. ground beef
1 garlic clove, minced
3/4 cup water

2 1-oz. pkgs. taco seasoning
3 8.5-oz. boxes Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
1 1/2 cups kernel corn (divided use)
2 cups Mexican blend cheese, shredded (divided use)
Salsa and/or sour cream

1. Preheat oven to 350 F Sauté onion in a dash of olive oil for about 3 minutes.
2. Add beef and garlic. Cook until the beef is browned; strain.
3. Mix water, beef mixture and taco seasoning; simmer on low heat for 8 minutes.
4. In a separate bowl, mix cornbread according to package directions; add 3/4 cup of the corn to the cornbread batter.
5. Pour half of the cornbread batter into a medium-size casserole dish.
6. Mix the rest of the corn into the beef mixture; pour over the cornbread batter.
7. Top with remaining cornbread batter and 1 cup of cheese. Cover; bake for about 35 minutes, or until the cornbread is done.
8. Uncover; top with the remainder of the cheese. Place cornbread back into the oven until the cheese is melted.
9. Remove; let set for 10 minutes. Serve with salsa and/or sour cream.

Chicken Fried Pork Chop

Note: Serve with cream gravy or your favorite side dishes.

Vegetable oil
Meat tenderizer, as needed
2 lbs. pork chops, boneless, thinly sliced

4 eggs
1/3 cup water
Season All, to taste
Black pepper, to taste
1 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. Slap Ya Mama Original Blend

1. In a large skillet, add vegetable oil up to about 1/3 full; heat oil on medium to high.
2. Spread tenderizer on both sides of each pork chop.
3. In a bowl large enough for dipping the pork chops, mix eggs, water, Season All and black pepper.
4. In a separate bowl, mix flour and Slap Ya Mama Original Blend.
5. Dip each pork chop into the egg mixture; followed by a dip in the flour mixture.
6. Put the pork chops into the hot oil; cook for about 3 minutes on each side until golden brown.

Fantasy Fudge

This is my grandmother's favorite recipe.

3 cups sugar
3/4 cup butter
1 5-oz. can evaporated milk
3 8-oz. pkgs. Baker's Semi-Sweet
Baking Chocolate Squares, dark or white
1 7-oz. jar Jet-Puffed Marshmallow
Creme
1 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
1 tsp. vanilla

1. Line a 9-inch square pan with foil; extend the ends over the pan's edges.
2. In a large saucepan, bring sugar, butter and evaporated milk to a full rolling boil over medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly, 4 minutes or until a candy thermometer reaches 234 F.
3. Remove from heat. Add chocolate and marshmallow creme; stir until melted.
4. Add the nuts and vanilla; mix well. Pour mixture into the pan.
5. Cool completely. Use the sides of foil to lift the fudge from the pan; slice.

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However, he and his new physician's assistant, Carey Heider, do take the time with each patient to listen. "I see each individual as a whole person, not just a knee or back," Dr. Marcial remarked. His chiropractic practice, Hometown Physical Medicine, offers decompression therapy, therapy following automobile accidents or work-related injuries and therapies for headaches, neck and back pain, pinched nerves and sciatica knee pain. Dr. Marcial advises patients in nutrition and exercise, and he practices what he advises others to do by exercising, running and reading for relaxation in his own spare time.

"When people are in chronic pain, their systems are overstressed. They can become depressed easily," Dr. Marcial stated. "We have the joy of helping people and giving them hope. Not very many people get to do


that every day, and I do it without drugs or surgery. It is great to see someone not having to use a cane to walk anymore, and he or she can do everyday things again, such as play with kids or grandkids,” he added.




In practice in Ennis since 2006, Dr. Marcial directs the Ennis staff of five employees, which includes Ana Hernandez, chiropractic assistant, and two medical assistants. They accept major insurance plans, Medicare and major credit cards.

Dr. Marcial is a native of Mexico but moved with his family to El Paso when he was 13 years old. He is bilingual in English and Spanish. As a college undergraduate student, he was studying pre-med when a friend had an accident on a jet ski. Visits to five doctors, with MRIs and scans completed, did not relieve the friend’s pain, so he became addicted to pain medications. Dr. Marcial recommended that his friend see a chiropractor, and that was the turning point for both his friend, who got better, and Dr. Marcial, who changed the course of his life by attending and graduating from Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena. He is licensed to practice by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

A belief in honesty being the best policy guides Dr. Marcial’s treatment of patients. “If a treatment is not working, I will be the first to tell him or her and not waste the patient’s money and time. I will always be honest,” he said. He also believes in serving the greater community and is a popular speaker at area civic groups and businesses.

“This is a small town with very genuine and caring people, so our patients become family,” Dr. Marcial said. “It’s a great feeling to change peoples’ lives for the better every day.” **NOW**




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— By Michele Goldberg

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Positioned at the junction of I-90 and I-91, Western Mass is regarded as the “Crossroads of New England.” Boston is a 90-minute drive, and New York City can be reached in less than three hours.

MGM Springfield promises tons of excitement, but there’ll be no shortage of activities to keep young ones busy. Visitors to MGM Springfield will discover a movie theater, a classic New England bowling alley, restaurants and more than a dozen specialty retail outlets. An ice-skating rink operates in the winter, and a farmers’ market offers local produce in the summer. You don’t have to be a grown-up to get a huge kick out of this place!

Near MGM Springfield, the esteemed Springfield Museums offer access to four world-class museums, plus the new Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden, all under a single admission. Minutes away, is Springfield Armory National Historic Site — America’s first armory, established by George Washington.

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Zoomed In: Alyssia Gonzalez

By Sandra Strong

Alyssia Gonzalez is mom to Ashton, Westyn and Evlynn Gonzalez, ranging in age from 8 to 4. The best thing about being their mom is knowing it's entirely up to her to take care of and love them. "I thank God every day for trusting me enough to be their mom," she shared. "They are my biggest blessings in this thing we call life."

She teaches her children by example and one such example is the smile that's always on her face. "For as long as I can remember, I knew that people everywhere, in all walks of life, needed to be greeted with a smiling face and a cheerful heart," she explained. "It's a gift that I love sharing with others, especially my children."



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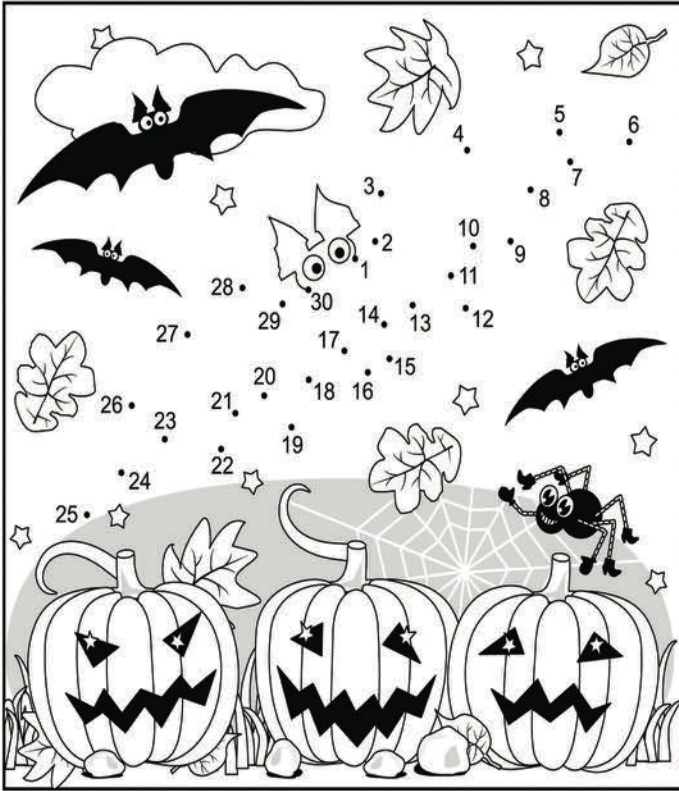
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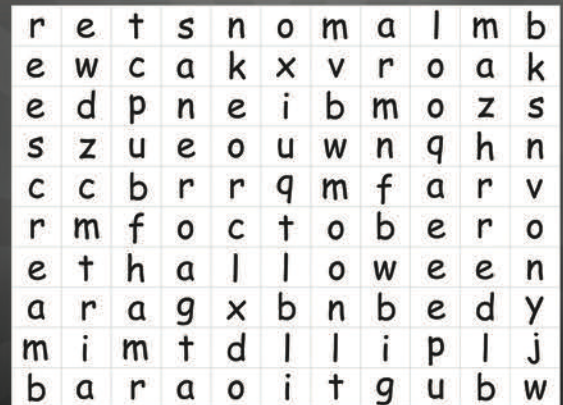
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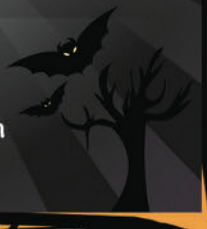


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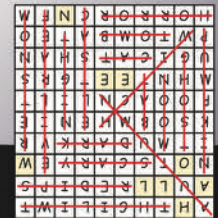
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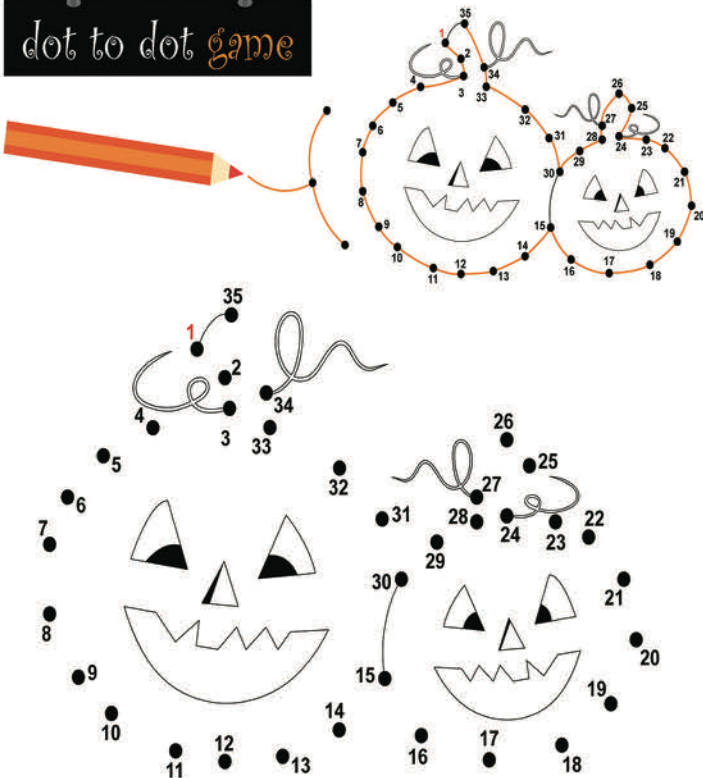
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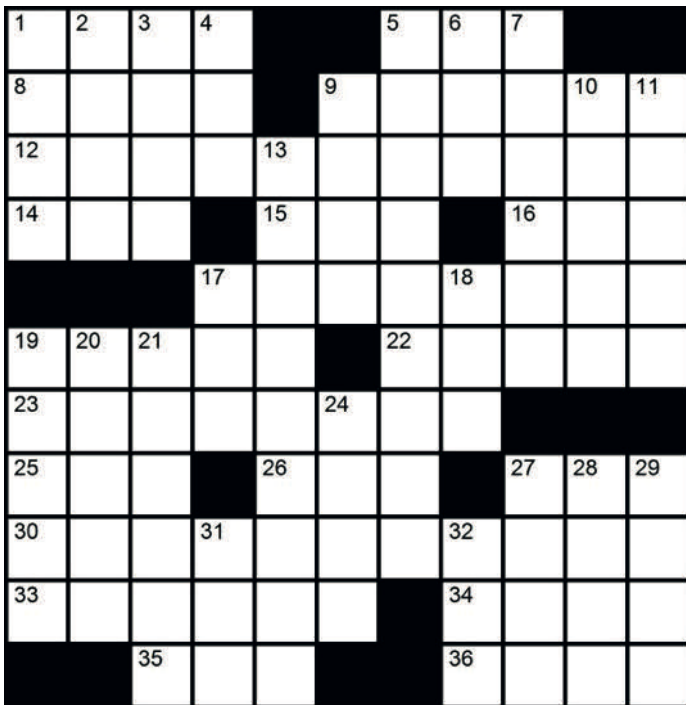


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- 12 Stand-in
- 14 Lock opener
- 15 Ask for a loan
- 16 Fuss
- 17 Interrupted
- 19 Diplomat's department
- 22 Tend the roast
- 23 Quixote's opponent
- 25 Well, --- monkey's uncle!
- 26 Air-pressure measure
- 27 Meet
- 30 They get elected
- 33 Wears slowly
- 34 Hess or Breckinridge
- 35 Deity
- 36 Noble

Down

- 1 Wait in ambush
- 2 Now it makes sense!
- 3 Catch sight of
- 4 Online address
- 5 An event might be open to it
- 6 "--- the Walrus" (Beatles tune)
- 7 Talks
- 9 Mark left by a healed wound
- 10 Initiate the break-up
- 11 Rock
- 13 Went for
- 17 Usual amt.
- 18 Record-holder --- Ripken
- 19 Hit
- 20 Indonesian island
- 21 Not digital
- 24 Horn-wearing goddess
- 27 Jack's "Chinatown" co-star
- 28 Concerning, in legal memos
- 29 Former Russian ruler
- 31 Words to wed
- 32 Mischievous child

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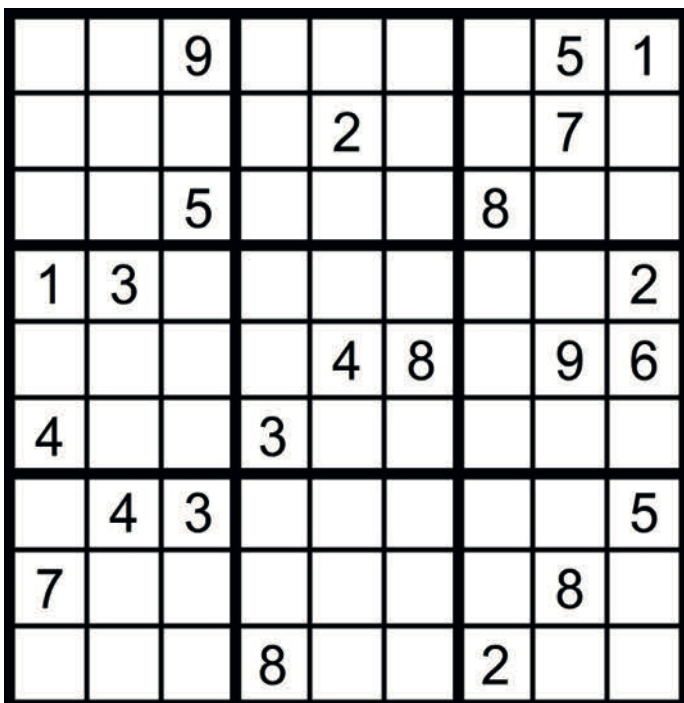
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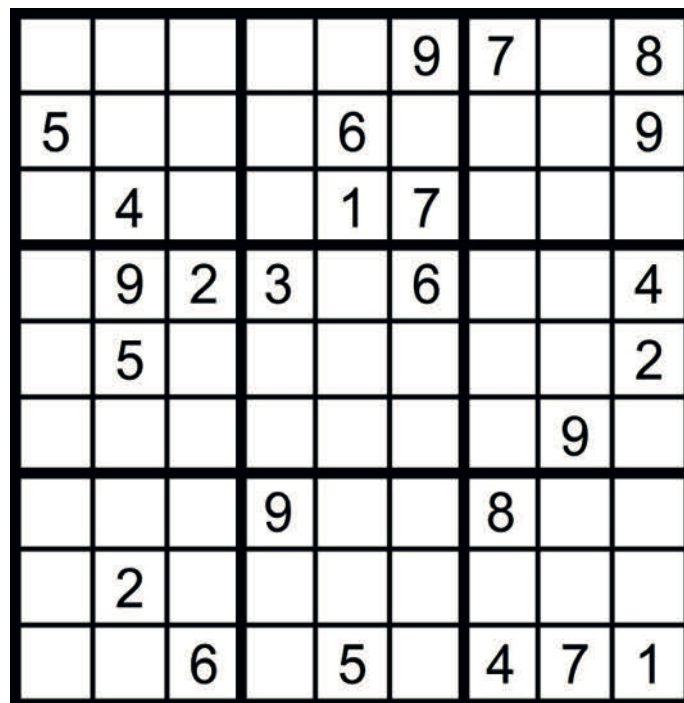
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Easy

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Medium

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18 — 28

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4th Annual Family Festival hosted by Our Sunflower Friends: 11:00 a.m., Ellis County Expo Center. An incredible day filled with games and entertainment. All families and children are welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.oursunflowerfriends.org.

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Ennis Autumn Daze: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., downtown Ennis.

Monster Mash 5K Dash and Farmers Market Finale: downtown Ennis. For race details, call the ECVB at (972) 878-4748.



Ongoing:

Third Mondays

Ellis County Aggie Moms meeting: 7:00 p.m., Waxahachie First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin, Waxahachie. For more information, visit www.elliscountyyaggiemoms.org.

Fourth Mondays

Texas Master Naturalists Indian Trails Chapter: 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Waxahachie. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. For more

information about the group, visit www.txmn.org/indiantrail.

Tuesdays

Lariat Bridge Club: 6:30 p.m., Boy Scout Cabin, 1139 Brown St., Waxahachie. For more information or to confirm the meeting, email Shari at weatherscf@yahoo.com or call (505) 270-4017.

Ellis County Bible Study Fellowship Satellite Class: 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin Ave. This is an interdenominational Bible study class. For more information, call Lou Archibald at (214) 850-5303.



Second Tuesdays

Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369 meeting: dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 209 N. Dallas St. For more information, contact Cecil Curry at [ccurry_98@yahoo.com](mailto:c Curry_98@yahoo.com).

First Wednesdays

Bluebonnet Patches Quilt Guild meeting: 9:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 210 N. McKinney. Contact Judy Wensowitch at (972) 921-8800 for more information.

Third Wednesdays

The Ellis County Christian Women's Connection meeting: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Waxahachie Country Club. Cost is \$13. For more information, contact Barb at (214) 463-5064 or email barb.jacobs19@yahoo.com. Reservations are due **Sunday** before the meeting.

Thursdays

Chess: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Ennis Public Library, 501 W. Ennis Ave. Elementary age and above. No sign up required.

Ellis County Bible Study

Fellowship Satellite Class: 6:30 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Ave., Waxahachie. This is a nondenominational Bible study class. For more information, call Lou Archibald at (214) 850-5303.

Fourth Thursdays

MACS: 6:00 p.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church Life Center. Evening includes a covered dish meal and a program of singing or informational message.

Last Thursdays

Marine Corps League, Detachment 1452 meeting: 7:30 p.m., Refiner's Fire Church, 1611 W. Ennis Ave. All

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First and Third Fridays

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Second and Fourth Fridays

Ennis Bridge Club: 1:00 p.m., Ennis Public Library, 501 W. Ennis Ave. For more information, email Judy at judytx@sbcglobal.net or call (972) 878-1035.

Fourth Saturdays

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Something New, Something Old

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As soon as one enters the Ennis Public Library on Ennis Avenue, they are greeted by the “center display.” “Although we have three permanent displays, the center display is routinely changed each month with a new library theme,” indicated Cait Cazares, the library assistant that sets the display each month. “However, during the summer, we have a consistent theme for these months that goes along with the children’s programs.”

The summer theme was “Libraries Rock,” and while the theme was prominent on the central display, all three of the library staff also wore themed T-shirts throughout the summer months. As visitors made their way to the pretty library garden, they saw multi-colored rocks that had been painted by the children participating in the summer programs.

Marilyn Snapp serves as interim president of the Friends of the Library. “We always try to present relevant topics that the community will enjoy,” she said. “Last month, we had a beautiful display of works by Jane Austen.”

Cait could not wait to tell of the previous Native American

display that was also well received. “We like to get the community involved, and for the Native American display we had a local Native American who provided some genuine cultural items and pictures,” Cait shared.

“We have had a variety of subjects, including a local quilting club and a display of porcelain dolls. Each of these can be tied to subjects and classes that might be offered to the public in the library,” Marilyn explained.

Marilyn is also very proud of the permanent displays in the library. Jessica Diaz, the head librarian, joined in the emphasis of the three permanent displays. An Ennis native, Jessica offered information about when some of the displays were added. “The Ulysses Grant display was donated to the library by a local resident, Virginia Williams,” Jessica recalled. “Kids are really drawn to this display because of the swords.” The other two permanent displays include the handwritten Bible that was produced by the citizens of Ennis to commemorate the Year of the Bible as proclaimed by President Reagan in 1983 and the memorial to local hero Jack Lummus, which includes photographs in the library, as well as the historical marker in the garden.

So, what’s next? It is too early to say! However, it is easy to agree with Marilyn when she stated, “Libraries are experiencing a renaissance! Perhaps some libraries have experienced decline, but in Ennis, you may have to make the block to find a parking spot to see what’s featured on the center display this month.” **NOW**

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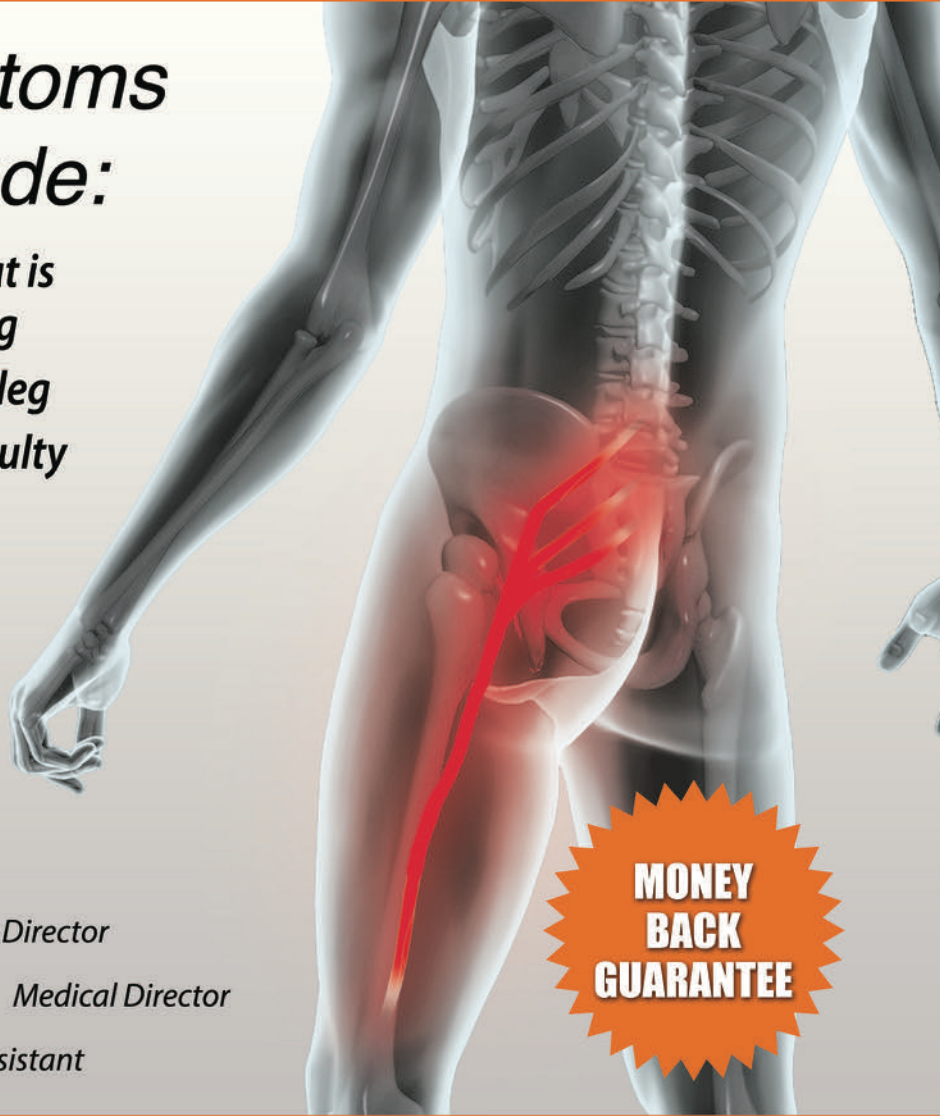
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