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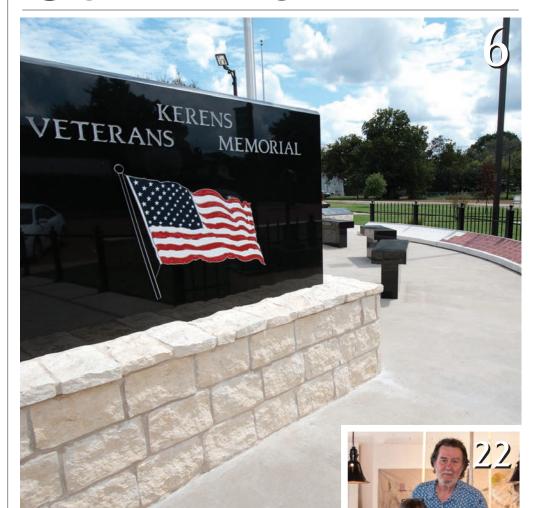
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### Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

It's the season of pumpkins and falling leaves. Can you feel the holiday excitement building? Our days are getting shorter and busier as Thanksgiving approaches.

Reading has been a passion of mine, as it is for many of you. We're blessed to have great libraries in Navarro County. While I admit to downloading books for free through the Corsicana Public Library, I still like to hold a real book when

at home. November 5 honors all of us who are book lovers.

Not only do my grandchildren all love to read, but most of them can really challenge me at solving puzzles and playing board and card games. We're all connected through technology but can toss our phones to one side to play Monopoly, Old Maid, Chutes and Ladders or work old-fashioned jigsaw puzzles — especially during the holidays, which just happens to include the National Game and Puzzle Week.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

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WOW! This tasteful home is completely updated! 4 generous-sized bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 living, 2 dining. Wide double pane windows give this home lots of natural light. Kitchen updates include island and granite. Large master huge walk in closet, vanity, shower, jetted tub.



212 N. 18th St. All redone! Fabulous 1920's home. New electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, flooring, baths, appliances ... even the kitchen sink! You have got to see this one! Call me.



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909 Winged Foot This lovely home is located in The Links gated subdivision. Solid brick construction built in 2013. Great open floor plan. Large walk in closet, separate shower and letted tub in master bathroom.



12021 County Road 2160 Very spacious home nestled in the trees. Open floor plan w/2 living areas, mudroom, fireplace and kitchen w/Corian countertops. Master downstairs has sitting room. Lots of storage.



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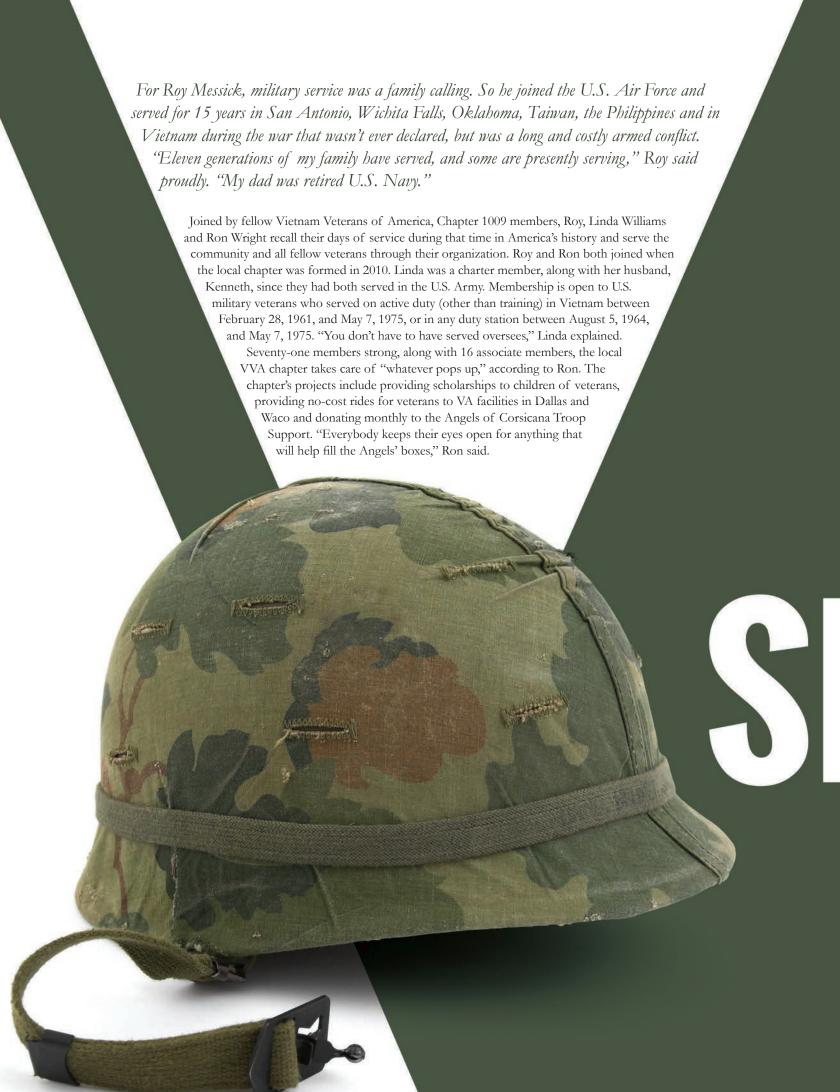


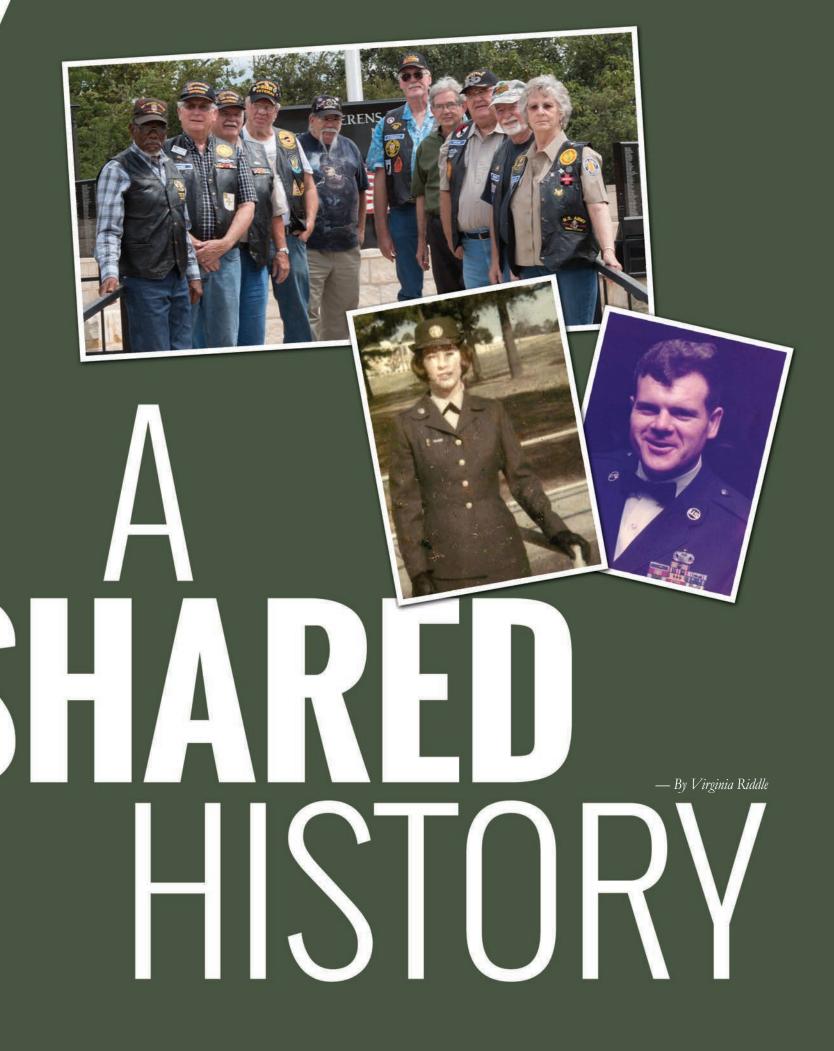
















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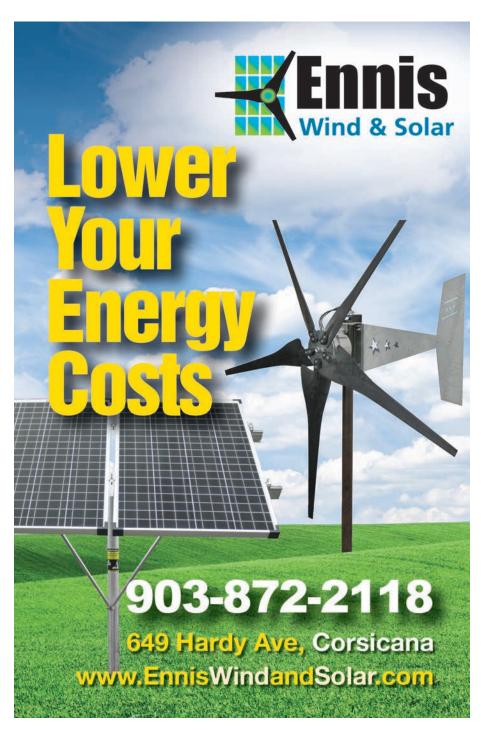
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Chapter members have also helped in the building of the Kerens Veterans Memorial, the Navarro War Memorial and the statue of Candalario Garcia Ir. The latter two are located on the Navarro County Courthouse grounds. By November 11 of each year, members work with Boy Scouts in the placement of over 2,000 U.S. flags on veterans' graves in three area cemeteries. Also, veterans residing in Brookdale Corsicana and Heritage Oaks Retirement Village are visited by chapter members.

With over 75,000 members nationally in 600-plus chapters, VVA provides fellowship with those who went through many of the same experiences. Through their national affiliation, local chapter members champion female veterans' access to health care services and equal benefits and recognition for their service. Additionally, the mandate of "no man left behind" leads the organization to support the POW/MIA program's efforts to find those still listed as such, regardless of which conflict or war they served in.

Vests and caps with the chapter's name are worn proudly by these members. They are the survivors of the Vietnam War, in which over 58,000 Americans were killed. A native of Fort Worth, Roy served as a military police officer and achieved the rank of E6 tech sergeant. "I turned 21 in Saigon," he recalled.

Over 11,000 women served in Vietnam. Nearly 90 percent of these female veterans were nurses, but women also served as doctors, clerks, air traffic controllers and intelligence officers in Vietnam. A native of Dalhart, Texas, Linda's dad signed for her to

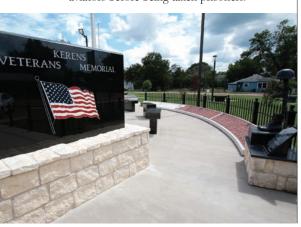
join the U.S. Army, since she was underage. "I remember basic training with all those ladies," she said. "Our sergeant told us, 'We don't step over those mud puddles — we step in them!" Linda served as a medic at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort McClellan, Alabama; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, while achieving the rank of Specialist 4. Kenneth and I met, married and then I had to leave the service because I couldn't stay in and be pregnant," she recalled.

Ron served in the U.S. Army for over seven years in Vietnam; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Dix, New Jersey; Germany; Fort Meade, Maryland; and Fort Hood, Texas. "I grew up in Waxahachie and joined at age 17 as a patriot, but I also wanted to get away from home. My dad served in World War II," he explained. "I was in the combat arm of the 1st Calvary doing reconnaissance. I can read a map real good!" He achieved the rank of E6 staff sergeant.

All three veterans agree they would serve again. "I think everybody should serve by doing something for their country," Roy said.

Roy and Ron are imprinted with memories from Vietnam. "We took commercial flights to Vietnam, and some of those flights took [enemy] fire," Ron recalled. "For some reason, the stewardesses got a little less attractive each stop from Dallas to Saigon," he quipped. "I remember seeing my platoon sergeant and NCO run to get under the same pot for cover during a mortar attack. One didn't make it, and I was suddenly in charge," he added. "Coming home with the jet filled with over 200 of us, we were all hoping it would get off the ground."

Roy recalls when he was assigned to Wilford Hall in San Antonio when the POWs came back. "Their physical condition showed how badly they had been treated. It was hard. These men were in top physical shape as aviators before being taken prisoners."



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"And they are trained well," Linda added. "Also, when they come back, veterans today are treated fairly."

"Today, they can see, especially in the desert. In the jungles, we couldn't see anything," Ron explained.

Helping veterans transition from serving in current oversees conflicts back into life here in the states, and finally into civilian life is a mission of these Vietnam vets, who have already been through that process and did it without the support that's available today. Roy put his military police experience to good use by serving as a police officer in the civilian world with the Wichita Falls and Ft. Worth Sheriff departments. Linda went on to be a military wife, mother and had a career in banking.

"There wasn't any flag waving when we returned, but that was OK," Roy said. Working together, VVA members achieve today's missions at home. NOW

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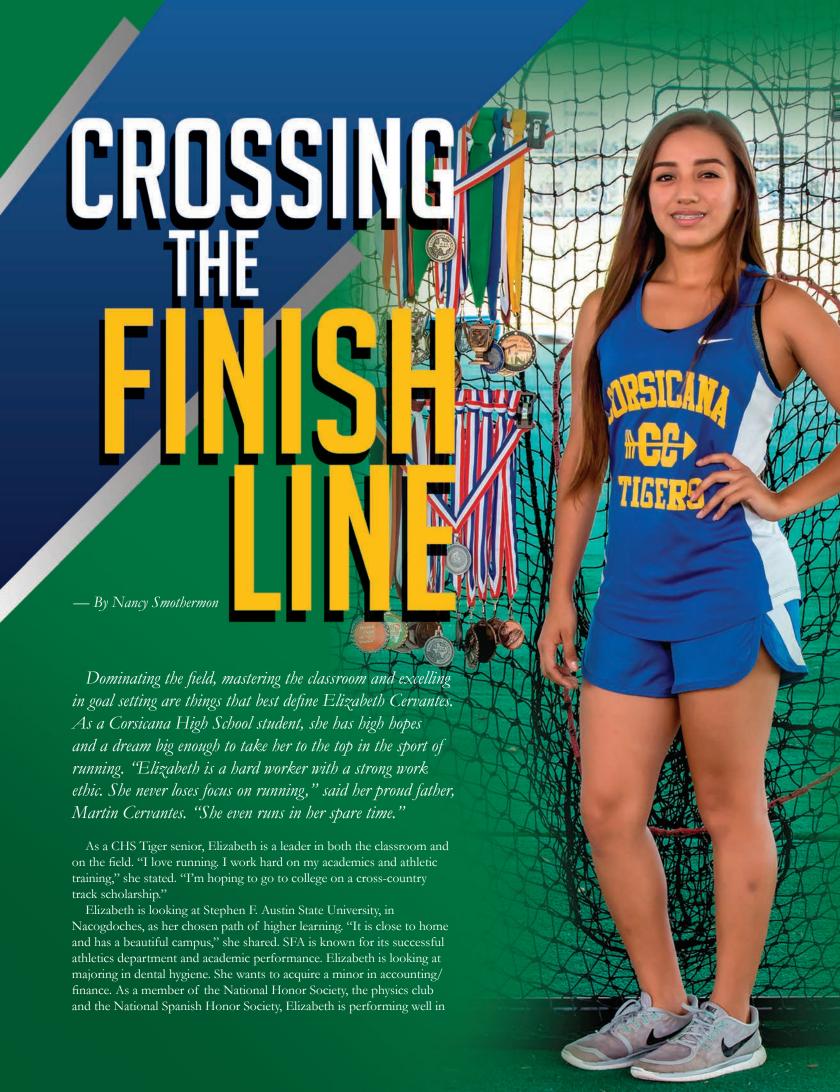


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the top 10 percent of her class. She is proving herself to be a strong candidate for the college of her choice. "My favorite classes are physics, chemistry and algebra," she said smiling. Her favorite teachers are Lucy Jones, the high school Spanish teacher, and Coach Setser, the world history teacher. "Both of them have supported me from race to race," she added...

She had a fun, and memorable, experience at the Apocalyptic Camp held at Navarro College this past summer. She got a little practice running from other campers dressed as zombies. Elizabeth is definitely not all work and no play!

With her dreams, goals and work ethic making up such an important part of who Elizabeth is, she is preparing herself to succeed.

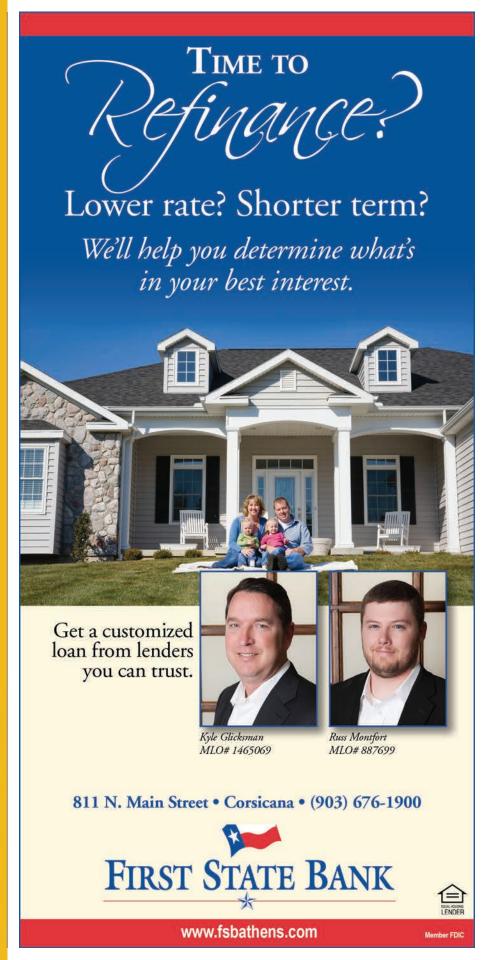
"She smiles all the time," Coach Jesus Rodriguez shared.

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"Running with an amazing and supportive group of family and friends for over three years

helped me improve a whole lot," Elizabeth expressed. She really is a happy teenager. "My parents, Maria and Martin Cervantes; my four siblings, Gustavo (age 16); Sandra (age 14); and Emmanuel and Samuel (both 6 years old) cheer me on," she admitted. "We run together. Not only do I have the privilege to share the same school with Gustavo and Sandra, but I also have the joy of sharing the same sport of cross-country running with them." The twins, Emmanuel and Samuel, also run. They competed in the Derrick Days run and brought home second and third place trophies in their

"I am pretty competitive in all things, but not so much with soccer. I play soccer for the fun of it."









age division. Elizabeth is a strong role model for her siblings, her classmates and the community, as she volunteers in school-related and church events, in addition to running. "Gustavo and I have participated in varsity cross-country, JV soccer and varsity track. Sandra has joined us this fall," Elizabeth said with a warm smile.

"I have over 100 hours of community service. I helped teach religious education classes at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. I helped organize field days at the elementary schools, and I currently work with the class of 2016 on the top 10-percent ceremony," she shared.

"She is a great student and athlete," said Coach Rodriguez, who has been coaching for seven years. He is currently the assistant varsity boys' soccer coach and the head cross-country varsity coach.

"He brought attention to cross-country running at CHS," Elizabeth shared.

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Elizabeth shared how competing in sports has made her stronger. "Sometimes you win. Sometimes you lose," she grinned. "I have high expectations for myself. Every time I race, my times have dropped. I am stronger mentally. Running helps me focus on the track, as well as in class," she said of her experience. "For every season, I set a goal of dropping my time by 1-2 minutes," she said.

"Last year, we ran 20 miles and she kept up the whole way," Coach Rodriguez shared. "She is ready for a half-marathon. She is placing in 5K races in her age group, which includes getting up at 5:00 a.m." he shared proudly of Elizabeth. Elizabeth's favorite memory is having her friends come watch her run at a regional meet held in Grand Prairie.

Two coaches in middle school — Coach Amanda Gommert and Coach Nikki Lincoln — inspired Elizabeth to run. She has had one injury during track where she pulled a hamstring during practice. She had a brief, three-week







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recovery. "My trainers helped me a lot," she remembered.

"I am pretty competitive in all things, but not so much with soccer. I play soccer for the fun of it. I expect more from myself in cross-county as opposed to having fun playing soccer," she further explained. "Soccer is a very passionate sport. I started playing because all my friends liked it in eighth grade. They all chose it in their schedule for freshmen year, so I picked it, too." Little did they all know that there would be so much running involved with soccer. Many of them dropped the sport, but not Elizabeth. "I found I really enjoyed soccer," she said.

Soccer may very well have helped improve her competition times. "My race times started off pretty bad my freshmen year with a mile time of 6 minutes and 45 seconds and a 2-mile of 14 minutes and 30 seconds. I love running track, but my favorite is cross-country in the autumn season, the best season of the year," Elizabeth said. "It's not only very competitive, but very relaxing. It's amazing how you can feel and think nothing (well maybe, only a bit of pain in your thighs)," she laughed.

Elizabeth is grateful to God for letting her be a part of such a "'fantastic team.' During the very long bus trips, the long talks and even longer runs, we grow closer and closer," she said. "And so do our race times. For example, my 5K (3.2 mile) time was 25 minutes and 30.4 seconds. That has drastically dropped to a current 20 minutes and 35 seconds," she said. "This is not my limit! I will continue to improve my times," Elizabeth stated. "This year will be our year to show that the Corsicana Tigers have the best of the best!"



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Nov. 10th: Sweet Tangerine Holiday Open House(126 W. 5th Ave)
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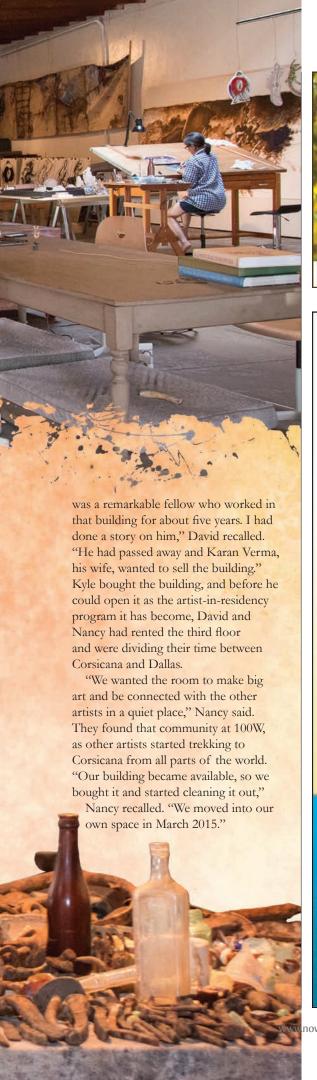


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It was in this building that Lyman T. Davis and partner, E.E. Gilcrease, operated a meat market from which Mr. Davis sold chili in one-pound "bricks" during the early days of Corsicana's oil boom. In-house diners could buy the popular bowls, which became Wolf Brand Chili, so named for Mr. Davis' pet wolf, Kaiser Bill. Already an area businessman and landowner, he had originally brought the chili, made from a recipe a Mexican ranch hand had perfected while working for Mr. Davis, to town in a wagon and sold it to oil field workers and other residents. The meat market, a prosperous step-up from the wagon, was full service - from the slaughtering of cattle in the alleyway to processing the cuts of meat and the cooking and canning of the chili. By 1924,





the meat market and chili business was booming also and oil had been discovered on his ranch, so Mr. Davis sold his interest in the meat market. However, he left his mark in history on David and Nancy's building's lintel carved with the name, L.T. Davis, and the date, 1924.



By the time of David and Nancy's purchase, the old meat market had seen various uses including the latest, a dance hall. "When we first saw the building, it was painted in red, yellow and blue and had a dance floor and stage," Nancy said. One bright red patch of wall remains to







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commemorate that part of the building's history, but the couple has reclaimed the wood from the dance floor and stage. It will be used by Nancy in her art. "There were eight bathrooms," Nancy said. All but one has now been converted to closets. "We put in air conditioning and ceiling fans, as well as some additional lighting," Nancy revealed. The space now has practical, concrete flooring throughout.

Olivia and Presto, the couple's two Oak Cliff rescue dogs, sound the alarm and check out visitors with enthusiasm. "These guys travel with us between houses and elsewhere," David said. The 5,000 square feet of high ceilinged open space serves as a sitting and work area for Nancy's bigger-than-life art; artifacts, such as an antique bench from New Mexico; and the couple's collection of other artists' works, such as Wayne Hall and Tracy Hicks. A skylight and windows that open onto the street bring in natural light. "One really nice moment happened here when we had the space for the Tracy Hicks' Memorial," David remembered.

Bookshelves and a wall of storage created out of old flooring surrounds the couple's bedroom and sitting area. A newly installed shower was added to the one remaining bathroom, so it accommodates their life in this former commercial space.

David, a writer of essays and books and recipient from the National Endowment of the Arts in Literature, enjoys private moments inside his "writing cell," formerly the meat locker. Nancy's Rwandan stained glass portraits hang over the kitchen entry, and David, a self-professed collector, has filled his space with rockets and such. "I usually can work my 'stuff' into my writing, so that's my excuse for collecting it," he explained.



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The kitchen, with its white brick walls, has been updated over the years but remains in the same location as in the meat market days. A door opens to the alley where the couple plans a future patio. A bricked-in circle denotes where cattle carcasses were hung to drain. A bench and little lights wrapped around trees on the front sidewalk already award the couple with a soothing respite after a long day. "There are nice people here, and we enjoy the nighthawks in the evening," David stated.

"And we really like the sound of the trains coming through town," Nancy added.

Nancy, born in Saginaw, Michigan, has lived "from the East Coast to the West Coast and in Denver before moving to Dallas" where she and David, a Fort Worth native, met. Their daughters attended Greenhill School and were best friends since third grade. "We were the parents who liked to talk art while watching lacrosse games," Nancy recalled. After Nancy was widowed and David was divorced, they became a couple and were married in January 2015. Nancy's daughter is now married and is a teacher, and Nancy's son is an anesthesiologist in Dallas. David's daughter has a doctorate and teaches. His son is an editor, writer and director in New York. David's youngest daughter is a college student in Dallas. This couple has a 2-year-old grandson.

Their interest in art has taken them on many journeys, but this couple has made Corsicana home. "We're in the process of buying a house built in 1866 in the Carriage District. We've done what we wanted to do at this point in our lives," Nancy said. "I'm just giving myself several years here to see what I can do when I'm free. That's what living in Corsicana has done for me." NOW





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# **Providing Special Times**

Making your event special is the business of the I.O.O.F. Event Center's staff. — By Virginia Riddle

Voted the Best of the Best Venue in Corsicana for the past four years, the I.O.O.F. Event Center serves as a backdrop to many of Corsicana's most special events. The different sized rooms of the I.O.O.F. Event Center come alive for weddings and receptions, fundraisers, corporate events, quinceañeras, gun and craft shows, baby showers and school events. "It's a real joy to see the main hall or the smaller rooms transformed into a person's vision of their special time. We're honored to share that time with a family and work hard to make the day really special," Deanna Hayes, I.O.O.F. Event Center director, said.

The center's 20,000 square feet is configured into the main hall, four smaller meeting rooms, a spacious veranda and a full-size catering kitchen. The main hall, with its stage, accommodates up to 800 people and can be divided into two

spaces. "But we're not just the main hall. We have flexible and versatile spaces for almost any type of event," Deanna explained. The smaller, more intimate rooms are used for events, such as birthday parties, showers and business meetings. "We provide audio-visual services, security, utilities, and do the table and chair set-up and clean up as well," Deanna added. "We also work with outside vendors and allow rooms to be decorated the day before the event." Events can be scheduled any day of the week but are generally on weekends. Nonprofit organizations receive a 15-percent discount.

"The flexibility of our meeting space and the full kitchen with its serving line are unique pluses that we offer," Deanna explained. "We can provide everything, including reassurance throughout the entire event planning and special time."

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Helping Deanna provide all the services is a staff of three. "We all work well together," Deanna stated. "We're really like family."

That family and community spirit is fostered by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a benevolent organization, which owns and operates the event center. The center was constructed on land that used to be part of the 200-acre site of the organization's children's home that was founded in 1885. Its peak population reached over 400 children during the Great Depression. "The Odd Fellows do a lot for their communities and youth through their charities," Deanna said.

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Adjacent to the event center, the I.O.O.F. Park sits on land donated by the Odd Fellows to the city of Corsicana. The children's home administration building located on the opposite side of the event center was remodeled in 2011 into the beautiful state headquarters of the Odd Fellows. The Miller Room in that building can accommodate 104 people and is available for rent. "It's a beautiful room with hardwood floors and a partial kitchen," Deanna said. With its small lake and professional landscaping, the event center and administration building provide a visually appealing setting.

A deposit is required to reserve space and final payment must be made prior to the event. Checks, major credit cards and cash are accepted. The event center is a member of the Corsicana and Navarro County Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Grand Prairie, Texas, Deanna has been the event center's director for two years. "There are so many goodhearted people in Corsicana," she said. "We care about people and love sharing their special times."

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Kim Jayroe, president, welcomes Cheryl Stringer and Janet Gummelt as first time attendees to the Navarro County Retired Teachers Association meeting.



Alison Humann, Susan Gilchrist and Mark Thommarson share experiences at the Family Caregivers Support Group meeting.



Kimberly Hiett and Kelly Lovett work out at the Golden Brunchercize event.



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Discover an intersection of art and nature at Austin's Elisabet Ney Museum.

Interstate 35 provides North Central Texans an escape to what feels like another world. In the Hyde Park area of Austin, a three-story limestone structure arises from two-and-a-half acres of xeriscaped butterfly havens open to nature lovers. The 120-year-old, castle-looking museum invites people to snoop around in the lives of two people who pushed conventional boundaries.

Philosopher and physician Edmund Duncan Montgomery and his sculptress wife, Elisabet Ney, came to Texas from Bavaria when she was 39. Their cultural contributions are on display in the sculpting studio Elisabet built in the late 1800s. She named it Formosa, and turned its turret into a writing study for Edmund when he'd visit. Considered the first art museum in Texas, Formosa was selected by The National Trust for Historic Preservation to join the league of former studios of more contemporary artists, including Jackson Pollock, Winslow Homer and Georgia O'Keefe, as one of the members of its Historic Artists' Homes and Studios program.

Montgomery was a good match for Elisabet, who was sculpting in the court of King Ludwig II when they met. They had a child together, and during her pleasures of womanhood and motherhood, she continued creating works from marble. Her works are found in the Texas State Capitol, the U.S. Capitol, the Smithsonian American Art Museum and in museums and private collections throughout Europe and the U.S. Her sculptures honor great men, including King Ludwig II, Otto von Bismarck, Giuseppe Garibaldi, Arthur Schopenhauer, William Jennings Bryan, Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin and General Albert Sidney Johnston. Some are on display at Formosa.

After Elisabet's death in 1907, friends preserved the studio and its contents as the Elisabet Ney Museum, and established the Texas Fine Arts Association there dedicated to her memory. Most materials

in the museum comprise the Elisabet Nev Collection of the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center of The University of Texas at Austin. Year-round exhibits include photographs of Austin, Texas, from 1840 to 1911, as well as photographs of her homes and studios in Europe and America. Staff-led tours of Elisabet's former studio are available, and research and archival access is provided for scholars, researchers and educators.

Throughout the year, special events are hosted on the grounds of the Elisabet Ney Museum. February's celebration of urban birds unifies the Audubon Society, Cornell University and the public. In April, the museum hosts the Austin Short Short Festival, an afternoon of fewer-than-1000-words fiction read by Austin's finest authors. In May, the museum's annual Ney Day celebrates women in the arts with five all-women bands, various activities, art displays and demonstrations, food trucks and more. That's also when the museum announces its Featured Artist of the Year who unveils a temporary outdoor art piece that will remain on the grounds until the next Ney Day. September's Who Are You? Portraiture in the Park kicks off fall programming, shedding light on the functionality of portraits.

After enjoying the intellectual trip to the museum, you may want to close an evening in the fresh air at one of Austin's many parks. Barton Springs Pool and Zilker Metropolitan Park are beautiful year-round, but summertime is certainly when pools and splash pads provide exactly the kind of perceptible nature Texans of any age know and love. NOW

For more information about the wide range of educational programs, exhibits, special events, workshops and lectures at the Elisabet Ney Museum — which is only open from noon to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday - just call (512) 458-2255 or visit www.elisabetney.org.

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### November 2

The Eureka, Mildred, Navarro and Richland Chambers Lake Crime Watch pot luck luncheon and meeting: 1:00 p.m., Eureka UMC. Sara Beth Wilson, Corsicana Main Street and Visitors Center director will speak. For more information, email Patty Knauth at pk2@airmail.net.

### November 4

Senior Circle Pot Luck Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Navarro Regional Hospital. Bring a salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert and enjoy a round of bingo after lunch. Contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6800 for more information.

### November 5, 12, 19

The Christmas Star: 2:00 p.m., Cook Center Planetarium. View the winter constellations and explore the scientific possibilities for one of the most elusive astronomical riddle in history. Admission is \$2 per person. For more information, call (903) 874-1211 or visit www.cookplanetarium.us.

### November 7

Piecemakers' Quilt Guild meeting: 9:30 a.m., Westhill Church of Christ. Come for coffee, conversation, show and tell about members' projects and an informative program. Visitors are welcome. For more information, visit corsicanaquiltguild.com.

### NaNoWriMo Kick-off meeting: 6:30 p.m.,

Corsicana Public Library. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

### November 8

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 1191 meeting: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Sirloin Stockade. Monthly meetings include lunch and a speaker. For more information about the meeting or membership, call (903) 874-3092.

### November 10

The Willis Clan: 7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (903) 874-7792 or visit www.corsicanapalace.com.

### November 11

Navarro County Retired Teachers Association: 9:45 a.m., Pearce Museum. The speaker will be Ann Zembala, Pearce Museum director. Refreshments will be served. All retired school personnel are invited. For more information, e-mail pk2@airmail.net.

### November 12

Second Saturday "Junk in the Trunk": Buy a parking space by **November 4 for \$20** to sell your junk or come on Second Saturday to

shop downtown. Live music and food will be sponsored by Corsicana Main Street Program. For more information, call (903) 654-4850.

Angels of Corsicana Troop Support packing: 9:00 a.m., 1020 N. Business 145. Donations may be dropped off at this site **Monday-Friday** 8:00-11:00 a.m. To leave the name of a deployed military person or donate, call Jean O'Connor at (903) 851-2560 or visit the group's Facebook page.

### November 14

Corsicana Art League meeting: 6:00-8:00 p.m., 405 N. Beaton St. For more information, email Gladys Espenson at 65gladys53@gmail.com.

### November 15

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1009 meeting: 7:00 p.m., La Pradera. Email Roy Messick at roy.messick@gmail.com for more information.

### November 16

Senior Circle Lunch Bunch: 11:30 a.m., Cotton Patch. For more information, contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6892.

### November 17-20

Warehouse Living Arts Center presents *My Fair Lady*: Palace Theatre. For more information or to make reservations, call (903) 872-5421.

### November 18

Corsicana Newcomers' Club: 11:00 a.m., Kinsloe House. Sharla Allen, director of Corsicana Parks and Recreation Department will speak. Lunch is \$15. For more information or confirmed reservations, contact Annie Avery at (714) 345-6707 by **November 14**.

### November 22

Senior Circle Lunch and Learn: Navarro Regional Hospital Classroom. The speaker will be Sandra Vernon, RN, RDC. For more information, contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6892.

### November 28 — 30

Senior Circle Day Trip: 7:00 a.m., leave the Navarro Regional Hospital parking lot. Enjoy shopping, wine tasting, food, Wildseed Farm tour and Christmas lights in historic Fredericksburg. Cost is \$225 for escorted bus trip. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Connie Beal at (903) 654-6892.

### December 1

Andy Meadows' Swingin' Through the Holidays: 7:30 p.m., The Palace Theatre. Tickets are \$5-15. For more information, visit www.corsicanapalace.com.

### December 2

Downtown Snowfest: 3:00-7:00 p.m., free ice skating on Beaton Street; 5:00 p.m., free holiday snacks while supplies last while CHS choirs perform; 7:00 p.m. lighting ceremony and fireworks. Sponsored by Corsicana Parks and Recreation Department and Main Street. For more information, call (903) 654-4851.

### December 3

Downtown Christmas Parade: For more information, call (903) 654-4851.

### December 9

Downtown Snowfest: 4:00-9:00 p.m., Beaton Street. The Main Street Program and Corsicana Parks and Recreation Department sponsors free ice skating, snow hills, live music, holiday cookies and cocoa. For more information, call (903) 654-4851.

### December 10

Pancakes with Santa: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Corsicana Fire Station #1. Sponsored by Corsicana Parks and Recreation Department and Main Street. For more information, call (903) 654-4851.

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Super Summer Storytime: 7:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. This program is for all ages. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

Teddy Bear Time: 7:00 p.m., Corsicana Public Library. Call (903) 654-4810 for more information.

### Wednesdays

Storytime: 10:00 a.m., Corsicana Public Library. This program is for all ages. For more information, call (903) 654-4810.

Corsicana Rotary Club meeting: Noon, Corsicana Country Club. For more information, visit www.corsicanarotary.com

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## In the Kitchen With Addie Rogers

— By Virginia Riddle

Let the cold winds that escort the holiday season blow because Addie Rogers will be at the ready with her hot chocolate and coffee creations that accompany family holiday recipes, which she enjoys tweaking. A 16-year-old junior at Dawson High School, Addie and her parents, Ray and Alicia Rogers, traditionally celebrate special days watching movies and sitting on their Corsicana home's front porch. "My favorite spice is cinnamon. I add it to many of my recipes, especially hot chocolate," Addie said.

With her sights set on going to cosmetology school, Addie has a job at Lady Diana's Zen Café. She also loves to travel and explore new cuisines and collect recipes. "My family's favorite place to visit is Costa Rica, and I love their cuisine," she added. NOW

### Daddy's Ham

- 1 10-oz. jar stemless cherries (divided use)
- 2 8-oz. cans pineapple slices (divided use)
- 1 1-lb. box brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground mustard
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 12- to 14-lb. butt ham
- **I.** In a medium saucepan, mix half the iar of cherry juice, 1 can of pineapple slices juice, brown sugar, cinnamon, cloves, ground mustard and salt.
- 2. Cook on low heat until sugar is dissolved; set aside.
- 3. Trim any large pieces of fat from the ham, leaving about 1/8 inch of fat.

- 4. Place ham in a deep, aluminum roasting pan; place cherries on toothpicks and insert into the ham, pushing the toothpicks far enough into the ham so they don't puncture the tin foil cover.
- **5.** Hang pineapple slices on the cherries, completely covering the ham.
- **6.** Pour 1/3 of sugar mixture into the pan; then pour another 1/3 of the sugar mixture over the ham.
- **7.** Cover the ham with heavy duty aluminum foil; tightly seal the edges. Bake at 350 F for 15 minutes per pound. With 15 minutes of cooking time remaining, pour remaining 1/3 of sugar mixture onto the ham.
- 8. Cook remaining amount of time uncovered; remove ham from the oven. Let sit in the juice for 15 minutes prior to slicing and serving.

### **Surfer Dude's Coconut Shrimp**

- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 7-oz. bag coconut
- 1 8-oz. pkg. Panko style breadcrumbs
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 10-oz. can frozen piña colada mix
- I lb. extra-large shrimp, peeled and deveined with tails attached
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

### Dipping Sauce:

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup canned crushed pineapple
- 1/4 cup piña colada drink mix
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- **1.** For shrimp: Mix milk,  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  cups of the coconut and breadcrumbs in a bowl.
- 2. In another bowl, mix the eggs and piña colada mix.
- 3. Wash shrimp in cold water; pat dry with paper towels. Dip the shrimp in the egg mixture and then in the coconut mixture.
- **4.** Place the dipped shrimp on a cookie sheet; refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- **5.** Remove from refrigerator; while oil is heating, dip shrimp a second time in the coconut and breadcrumbs mixture.
- **6.** Drop shrimp, about 6 at a time, in the oil; cook until lightly browned; drain on paper towels.
- **7.** For dipping sauce: Whisk all dipping sauce ingredients together; chill.

### **Hot Chocolate**

Makes 5 8-oz. servings.

- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 4 cups milk
- Whipped topping
- Shot of espresso (optional)
- 1. Mix cocoa, water, sugar, cinnamon and vanilla together over medium heat, whisking until well mixed.
- 2. Slowly add milk and a shot of espresso, if desired; heat until hot. Pour into mugs; top with whipped topping and a dash of cinnamon.

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