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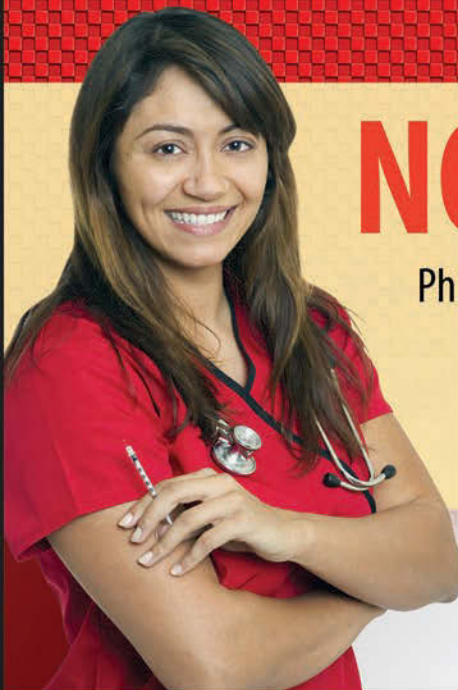
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*Hello, Ennis Family!*

To date, this is the most difficult editor's note I've written. February is the month where I usually share my thoughts on Valentine's Day, with its candy, cards and flowers. This February, I'm doing something new and unexpected — I'm saying goodbye to the magazine I've worked at and loved for nearly 14 years. I'm saying goodbye to you, the wonderful people of Ennis, who have read my stories, cried with me during interviews, given me the best leads ever and held me up with your encouraging and kind words. I would never have been successful as your community editor otherwise.


Going back to the very beginning, I realize I didn't come to this position at NOW Magazines by accident. For me, it was more of a divine intervention. I honestly believe this is where God wanted me planted, and now He's moving me into another season of wonderful possibilities. As many of you know, I've prayed over many pages of handwritten notes over the years, just like I told you I would. I've asked blessings, health and favor over everyone who's taken their featured place in the magazine. With my belief in God and in each of you, I was able to shine month after month, and for that I will forever be grateful.

When you see me in the store or out at one of the many city-hosted events, please don't hesitate to stop and spend a few minutes catching up. Because, believe it or not, you are the ones I really worked for. It was your love and appreciation for *EnnisNOW Magazine* that mattered most.

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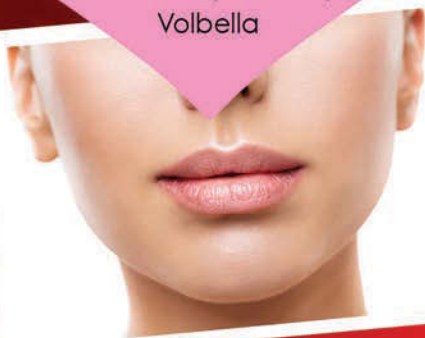
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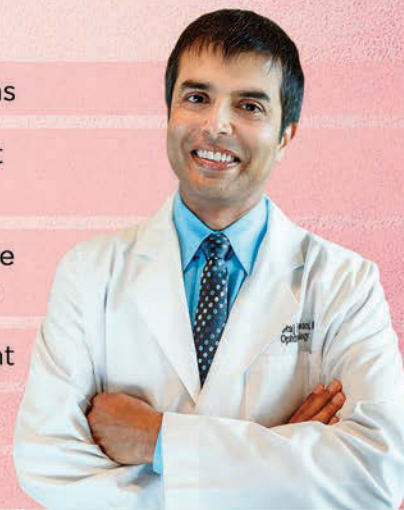
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# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE DOMA

— By Sally Fuller

AT HOME WITH BRAD AND SARAH CEPAK

*Don't let the electronic-security-gated entrance fool you. The farmhouse home of Brad and Sarah Cepak just beyond the white pipe fencing is as warm and welcoming as the homeowners themselves. Designed literally from the ground up by Sarah, everything about the Cepak home reflects the open-hearted, fun-loving faith and exuberance of this young family of four.*

Stepping into the foyer of their new-but-built-to-look-old farmhouse, you immediately get a glimpse into the heart of this family. To the right is an old, wooden window Sarah transformed into a testament to the family's faith. To the left, a colorful playroom filled with children's artwork and toys holds the promise of endless imagination. The foyer opens up to the large, open living room/kitchen/dining room with a wall of windows and glass doors through which the beautiful rolling landscape of the property behind the house becomes a living part of the home decor.

Brad and Sarah share their farmhouse heaven with their two

children, 5-year-old Sophie, an aspiring gymnast and soccer player, and 2-year-old Cy, known to family and friends as "Cyboy," an apprentice superhero whose powers include (but most likely are not limited to) fearless dinosaur hunting and taming. They also share the acreage upon which the home stands with Brad's parents and his sister and her family.

Brad's father, a longtime resident of Ennis, bought the 62-acre tract a few years ago with the specific intention of having Brad and his sister and their families build homes on the property. "My mom and dad live in that first house, and then my sister lives right there in between us," Brad clarified.





Not long after moving onto the property, the family decided to name the land. “We all came together and tried thinking of nicknames. Since Brad’s dad is Czech, we came up with ‘home,’ and ‘home’ in Czech is *doma*,” Sarah said, explaining the choice of the unique name.

Brad said that the family jokingly refers to the property as “Doma Ranch.” He added, “It’s not a ranch by any means, and we’re not ranchers by any stretch. ... It’s just a joke, it being a ranch. We might want to get cows at some point, maybe make it a ranch, but with goats or mini horses or something else, so when you’re sitting on the back porch, something different

can walk by — maybe a llama or an alpaca,” Brad continued, laughing. Currently, however, the ranch consists of two dogs, Wrangler the Bloodhound and Maggie the Catahoula-mix rescue; two goats, Polly and Rosie Mae; and a cat, who was known as Rusty until she had kittens in the fall, and her name quickly changed to Rustina.

Not only does the entire property have a name, but all three families have named their individual homes, as well. Brad and Sarah’s home is known (for obvious reasons) as “The Farmhouse.” Brad’s parents’ home is appropriately branded “HQ,” and Brad’s sister’s home’s name reflects her personal





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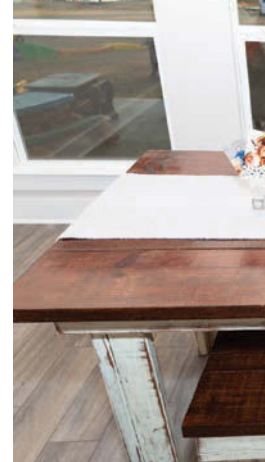
style and is called *Chalupa*, which is *not* pronounced as the Tex-Mex favorite that springs to mind but is the Czech word for “cottage.”

“I think we’re just a naming type of a family. Everything’s got a name. It’s just fun,” Sarah said lightheartedly.

When designing their home, Brad and Sarah had very specific goals in mind. “I knew I wanted a farmhouse. I didn’t want a house that looked like it belonged in the city,” Sarah said. “We wanted a big, family-oriented room, so no matter what we’re doing, we can all be together,” she added.

Brad concurred. “At my parents’ house in town growing up, everyone just sat around the bar and talked,” he said. “Everybody always wanted to be at my house. My friends were always spending the night on the weekends. I want this place to be similar to that. I want to make it a place where my kids and their friends *want* to be.”

Sarah’s decorating style adds to the relaxed and welcoming floor plan. Partial to whites and grays and sharp edges, Sarah’s style shines through in every room. From the shaker-style cabinets and white granite countertops in the kitchen to the painted white shiplap in the master suite, her love for simple, clean lines is evident. “There are no curves here,” she said.







Sarah's influence doesn't stop at the floor plan or wall and floor color. In every room, she can point to a decorative item she either made or refurbished, from the hand-painted *Farmhouse* sign over the back door to the oversized window-framed bridal portrait in the master bedroom, to the pantry door and chalkboard wall in the kitchen.

Brad is just as resourceful and creative. The wainscoting in Cy's room is reclaimed and repurposed tin, imagined and installed by Brad and his dad. In Sophie's room, a dresser from Brad's childhood has been converted into a unique vanity, complete with a sink and running water. Brad also made the back-porch table, porch swing and the doghouses and sandbox in the backyard.

A native of Ennis, Brad works with his father in the financial planning business his father began more than two decades ago. Sarah teaches first grade at Bowie Elementary. Being a teacher is something Sarah knew she wanted to do from a young age for several reasons. "I love kids. My sister passed away when she was 3, and I was a senior in high school, so ever since then, I knew I wanted to do something with kids."

The loss of her sister wasn't the only thing that inspired Sarah to pursue a career in education. "My dad was a director of Boys & Girls Clubs in East Texas, so I got to see kids off the street that my dad would help my whole life. I knew I wanted to do something like that," she shared.

Brad and Sarah started with a vision of a home that "everyone wants to be at." Their farmhouse on "Doma Ranch" is the ideal place for the adventurous, close-knit family to nurture their vision into a reality. **NOW**

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# SECOND CHANCES

— By Sandra Strong

*In her position as the Ellis County SPCA shelter manager, Jennifer Johnson gets to express her love for dogs on a daily basis. Her goal is to find the right forever home for every dog (and cat) that finds its way to the shelter. “Many times, the animals we receive here have been dumped, left to fend for themselves,” Jennifer explained. “Others are dropped off because their previous owners need to relocate or the dog no longer fits into the family unit.”*


Jennifer’s main goal during her years at the facility has warranted the need to get more resourceful on how to place animals in their forever homes. She’s found that it’s much more difficult to place the larger dogs. When she was introduced to the Prisoners Assisting With Shelters (PAWS) of Hope program, her goal for placing all dogs, both large and small, got somewhat easier. “In May





2018, we partnered with the Sanders Estes Unit at the Venus Prison Facility," she said. "The program connects inmates with dogs who need special training to get them ready for their forever adoptive families."

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since the pairing began in May. Each class lasts 10 weeks and is made up of no more than 12 dogs and 40 inmates who work solely with the program.

The process begins with ECSPCA Trainer Tiffany McKee. She conducts the training needed, so the inmates know exactly what is expected of them when it comes to preparing the dogs for a second chance with their forever families. "I go to the prison to train the men in the program long before the dogs ever arrive," Tiffany shared. "Once trained, the dogs are delivered and the close relationships between the inmates and the dogs begin."

The dogs that are enrolled in the program are fully vetted, leaving no room for any surprises. They are housebroken and kennel/crate trained. They are also trained on the basics, such as sitting, heeling, shaking, laying down and rolling over. "If the dogs take to the training, they can go into what we refer to as advanced training," Tiffany stated. "One trick in the advanced training is called 'pat search.' When the inmate trainer says, 'Pat search,' the dog will put his paws to the wall just like a person who is about to be patted down."

At the start of the Venus facility program more than 10 years ago, the most prominent breed of dogs trained was Pit Bulls. The program has now grown to include other breeds, such as Shepherds, Hounds, Rottweilers, Heelers and mixes of all larger breeds. At times, smaller breeds, such as Chihuahuas, are also included. The dogs chosen for PAWS of Hope go through an evaluation process of their own, much like the inmates who are chosen to work the program. "I watch them [the dogs] for about three days," Tiffany explained. "Twenty percent of the dogs we have



here at the ECSPCA are ones that need extra training to socialize them and get them ready for adoption. Some need to learn basic manners, while others need to learn how to just calm down.”

Amanda Steed serves as the warden’s secretary at the prison facility. Five years ago, she adopted one of the PAWS of Hope graduates — a Red Heeler named Syris. “Syris is loving life and getting fat,” Amanda said with a smile. “The dogs in the program and the inmates have the same kind of life. They may come from broken homes or their families have given up on them. These similarities work well for the dogs and the inmates.”



Each dog spends five weeks on the ground floor with two inmates each out of the 20 inmates on that floor who are involved with PAWS of Hope. The remaining five weeks are spent on the upper level with two more inmates each from the remaining 20 inmates in the program. “PAWS of Hope helps the inmates realize that they don’t have to be hard and tough all the time,” Amanda added. “They learn to show a more heartfelt, responsible side. The program helps rehabilitate them, as well.”

The program teaches inmates and dogs that life is still all about choices. “The program teaches trust, responsibility and compassion, while offering much-needed second chances,” Jennifer said. “With the continued help from PAWS of Hope, we will keep doing what we can to make forever homes happen.” **NOW**

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— By Sandra Strong

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Ennis Care Center Wellness and Rehabilitation is a 5-Star rated skilled nursing and rehabilitation center specializing in person-centered care. It is now offering a program that is a game changer in post-acute care. The program acronym, IN2L, simply means It's Never Too Late. "This is technology specifically designed for the elderly, but anyone can find



enjoyment with it," Administrator Daniel Whitehead stated. "It offers everything from physical activity to cognitive stimulation."

Diverse digital content is collected into an individualized profile that takes into account the resident's unique interests and physical and cognitive abilities. This builds a completely personal and customizable experience with the online recreation platform. "Portals include games, travel, movies, music, hobbies and nostalgia," Daniel explained.

The program uses a 70-inch, touch-screen TV in the common area, a mobile touch screen unit for group or individual enjoyment and multiple tablets for individual usage. IN2L is also opening up avenues for news, family visits and seeing the world. Residents are able to read the front pages of any newspaper around the globe, or be transported back to a childhood home via Google Earth. Resident families are able to download content to their loved ones' accounts, Skype and send photos and emails. "The offerings are endless," Director



of Nursing Sharon Wolfe said. "In the short time we've had the program in place, we've seen a vast improvement in overall interactions."

Daniel and Sharon agree that IN2L is a life-enrichment program. "It's increasing the quality of life for those who are taking advantage of it," Daniel explained further. "There are more than 4,000 categories for them to choose from."

Matt and Monica Moman saw a need when they took over ownership of the facility a year ago, and they turned that need into a grant that paid for the new program. "They are genuinely interested in the residents and their quality of life," Daniel admitted. "They look at each resident as the individual they are."

***IN2L opens up avenues  
for news, family visits  
and seeing the world.***

IN2L also provides something many residents feel they lose as they age — their freedom to make choices and the control of those choices. "This program allows them to regain some of that control," Sharon added. "It's nice to see residents, who are technologically challenged, take part in activities they would have never dreamed of prior to the program."

Residents are often amazed at the 70-inch touch screen as they interact with fish in a large digital aquarium. As they touch the screen, the water begins to ripple. If they hold their fingers down on the screen long enough, they watch as the fish come to nibble on their fingertips. Others rediscover the joy of piloting their own airplane or helicopter using the state-of-the-art flight simulator. Even further, residents could join an online Rosary group, visit a virtual museum, check in with a favorite sports team, go for a digital bike ride, enjoy therapeutic music, watch a classic movie, travel to a foreign country or simply play a game of Black Jack, all at the touch of a screen.

IN2L has given Daniel, Sharon and the staff at Ennis Care Center an endless therapeutic toolbox to work with. "We've just tapped the surface of all that's available," Daniel said. "The sky really is the limit." **NOW**



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Ennis resident, Kristin Armstrong, celebrates her graduation from SAGU with her roommate, Rachel Smith.

## Zoomed In: Wayne and Brenda Crenshaw

By Sandra Strong

Wayne and Brenda Crenshaw married on July 21, 2000. He's been a diehard Cowboys fan since 1963. Brenda didn't become an avid fan until the year they married. Although they love their football, they love each other and their family more. Valentine's Day is a time each year that Wayne is able to show his love for Brenda. "I take her to Perry Steak House," Wayne explained. "Then it's off to the Wyndham Hotel Ball Room for our annual family Valentine's Day party."

While at the party during their first year of marriage, Brenda remembers the romantic moment when Wayne took her outside to look at the stars. "He asked me to find the Big Dipper," she said. "He then said, 'I'm giving that to you. Never let anyone take it away from you!'" That's a memory that keeps on giving.



Friends Dray and Drystan Silos and Easton McIntosh just want to have some boyish fun.



Tabernacle Baptist Church holds a ribbon cutting for its new KidsTown building.



Ennis Rotary Club presents a check to the EHS National Honor Society for their efforts in putting out flags.





Josh, Ashley, Landon and Paige Nichols, along with other family members, watch as the lantern liftout takes their wishes for 2019 to the night skies.



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Jessica and Geni Scott pose for a pajama photo at a gathering at Lillian's Hanger's Upscale Resale Boutique.

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# CookingNOW

## *In the Kitchen With*

### MICHELLE ONTIVEROS

— By Sandra Strong



Michelle Ontiveros' love of being in the kitchen is a direct result of growing up watching her grandmother and mother in their kitchens. "They taught me some great life lessons, such as to always keep tissues in your purse and to always look your best," she shared. "But, teaching me how to read a recipe was much more than a life lesson. It's been a lifelong gift."

She enjoys cooking because food takes center stage in the lives of most people. "We celebrate birthdays and holidays with food," she explained. "Most of our schedules are based around breakfast, lunch and dinner, and with that comes family time." Michelle's style of cooking is what she refers to as semi-healthy homemade. "I believe that cooking from a recipe at home," she shared, "contributes to an overall healthier lifestyle." **NOW**

### **Bacon-wrapped Raspberry Chipotle Tenderloin With Strawberry Spinach Salad**

#### *Tenderloin:*

**1 lb. turkey or pork bacon**

**1 1- to 1 1/2-lb. chicken, pork or beef tenderloin**

**1/2 round Gouda Cheese (can also use cream cheese)**

**Half of 12-oz. bottle of H-E-B Specialty Series Raspberry Chipotle Marinade**  
**Ground pepper, to taste**

#### *Spinach Salad:*

**10 oz. baby spinach**

**1 qt. strawberries, quartered**

**1/2 red onion, thinly sliced**  
**Raspberry poppy seed or raspberry vinaigrette**

**1. For tenderloin:** Cover a shallow baking dish with foil, preferably nonstick. Be sure foil goes up and over the sides with no seams to help with final cleanup.

**2.** Lay bacon across the dish with a space the width of bacon between each strip.

**3.** Butterfly tenderloin down the middle, cutting about 3/4 of the way through the meat. Lay it out on top of the bacon.

**4.** Put cheese and chipotle sauce down the middle.

**5.** Fold tenderloin back up so that the cheese and sauce are enveloped. Wrap tenderloin with bacon, tucking the ends under; season with pepper.

**6.** Baste entire tenderloin with chipotle sauce. Bake at 350 F for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, depending on size. Bacon should be well-cooked and evenly browned all over.

**7. For spinach salad:** Combine all ingredients



in a large bowl. Lightly dress and toss.  
Refrigerate at least 10 minutes before serving.  
**8.** After removing the tenderloin from the oven, allow to rest 5 minutes before slicing.  
Serve with a side of spinach salad.

## Loaded Broccoli Cauliflower Salad

- 4 cups bite-size broccoli and cauliflower florets from 1 bunch each (You can substitute with a single 2-lb. bag of broccoli and cauliflower florets from the grocery store produce area.)**
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese**
- 1 cup red onion, diced**
- 2 cups mayonnaise**

**1.** In large bowl, mix all ingredients.  
Refrigerate or eat right away.

## Chicken Taos With Rice

- 4-8 chicken breasts**
- 1/4 cup butter**
- Salt and pepper, to taste**
- 1 cup onion, chopped**
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder**
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce**
- 1 12-oz. glass bottle Heinz Chili Sauce**
- 1 cup chicken stock**
- 3 cups hot cooked white rice or Birds Eye Steamfresh Veggie Made Riced Cauliflower**

- 1.** Grill chicken in butter. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside for later use.
- 2.** Add onions to pan, sautéing until transparent. Stir in all remaining ingredients, except for the rice.
- 3.** Bring to a boil. Cover; reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.
- 4.** Add chicken to sauce. Serve on beds of fluffy rice.

## Hummingbird Cake

- 1 ripe banana**
- 1/2 cup butter**
- Cooking spray**
- 1 16.5-oz. pkg. spice cake mix**
- 1 8-oz. can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained**
- 1 cup applesauce**
- 1/4 cup water**
- 2 large eggs**
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract**
- 1 12-oz. can cream cheese frosting**
- Pecans, chopped (optional)**

- 1.** Mash banana in a large bowl; set butter out to soften.
- 2.** Preheat oven to 350 F. Coat 2 8-inch round cake pans with cooking spray.



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3. Add the cake mix, pineapple, applesauce, water, eggs, vanilla and softened butter to the banana. Beat until combined.
4. Pour batter evenly into greased cake pans. Bake 30-35 minutes.
5. Cool cakes and remove from pans. Once completely cool, trim and frost the cakes with the frosting.
6. If desired, sprinkle with pecans before serving.

## Sparkle and Blush Cocktail

- 1 cup crushed ice
  - 1 oz. Campari liqueur
  - 3 oz. pink grapefruit juice
  - 2 tsp. simple syrup (Mix 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; simmer for 5 minutes.)
- Chilled Prosecco**

1. In a cocktail shaker or glass, combine all ingredients. Shake or stir until cold.
2. Drink immediately and responsibly.

## Buffalo Chicken Bake

- 3-4 chicken breasts
- 8-10 Tbsp. buffalo sauce

- 1 bell pepper (red, orange, yellow or combine your favorites)
- 2 cups shredded mild cheddar cheese
- Ranch dressing, for dipping



Sautéed Asparagus With Mushrooms and Bacon

1. Lay the chicken breasts flat in a baking dish.
2. Pour 1-2 Tbsp. buffalo sauce over each chicken breast.
3. Layer thinly sliced bell peppers on the chicken. Spread cheese evenly over the top.
4. Bake at 350 F for 35-45 minutes, or until chicken is cooked all the way through.
5. Serve hot with a side of ranch dressing.

## Sautéed Asparagus With Mushrooms and Bacon

- 4 slices bacon
- 4 oz. mushrooms, fresh or canned
- 2 minced cloves garlic
- 1 lb. trimmed asparagus
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. Cook bacon in a skillet; remove and allow to cool. Chop; set aside.
2. Add mushrooms and garlic to the hot bacon drippings in the skillet. Sauté until mushrooms are tender, about 5 minutes.
3. Add asparagus and bacon. Cook until asparagus is crisp-tender, usually about 10 minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

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# ADVENTURE T H R O U G H HISTORY

— By Melissa Rawlins

*Lift your glass for a toast: To life! And give three cheers for destiny — a concept Americans hardly discuss anymore. Since accomplishing our manifest destiny, we tour distant places on a roundtrip ticket, sure that our final destination is home sweet home.*

Yet, there is a spot on this planet that has been and will be home to countless generations. And its doors are open to visitors year-round. Israel's heartland, otherwise known as Samaria and Judea, has welcomed intrepid travelers ever since Abraham left Ur Kašdim (commonly translated as Ur of the Chaldees) for Canaan. But the 40-mile-wide swath of land, with Jerusalem in its center, is especially popular now that agritourism is trendy.

Participating in farm activities while touring this part of the Middle East provides a balanced approach to travel. Seasonally, there are grapes to prune in the winter and harvest in the summer — when figs are also easy to find — and olives to pick in the fall. Organic olive orchards, planted near vineyards equidistant between the Dead Sea and Jerusalem, experience pure sunshine throughout the year.

One reputable organization that has developed relationships with multiple local farmers is HaYovel.com, based in the United States. Since Israel's Hebrew-speaking populace rests every Saturday, and prepares for the Sabbath on Fridays, agritourists only work a few days per week and then give their bodies a rest while investigating various aspects of the region's art, archaeology and appetite.

Health nuts can smell, taste and hear the story of the Saboneto family of organic soaps after driving northeast of Jerusalem to Kochav HaShachar. Foodies will be fascinated by the cuisine throughout Israel. Small cafés with spicy, healthy meats and vegetables are usually ensconced near museums, synagogues, marketplaces and gas stations.

In Jerusalem, larger restaurants like Ima's cater to tourists visiting Israel's center of government, the Knesset. Throughout the day, kiosks pressing juices from fresh pomegranates make a nice alternative to the ubiquitous coffee break. And it's always a treat to start mornings with a visit to the *shuk* (fresh market) in Jerusalem, where cheeses and candies unlike any other are bought in the thousands by people who plan to share them in their own restaurants or homes.

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Forty miles north, you can wine and dine in Tiberias, where a 10th-century crusader castle now hosts a nightclub. Not far up the shore of the Sea of Galilee, viewing fine and modern art in Ginosar's Museum of the Galilee can precede an invigorating swim in the harp-shaped lake. A little farther north, Capernaum provides history buffs an abundance of beautiful ruins to study. And the beaches of Ein Gev invite families and individuals to simply chill.

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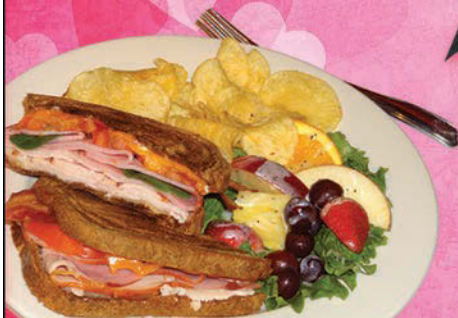
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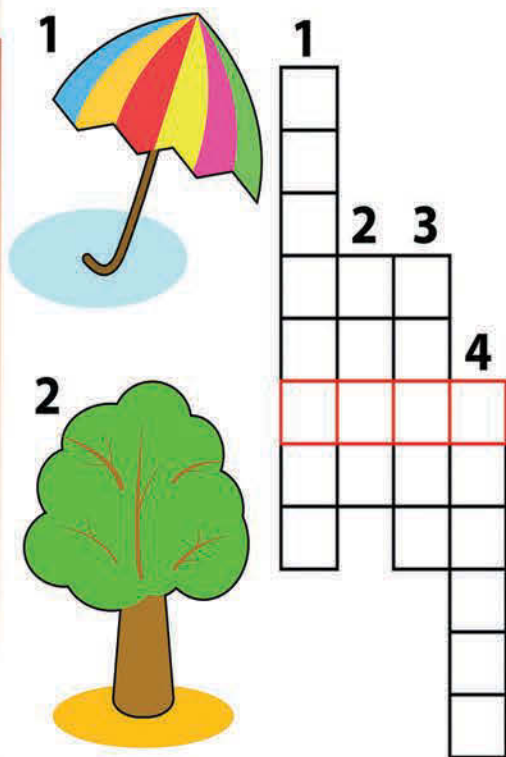
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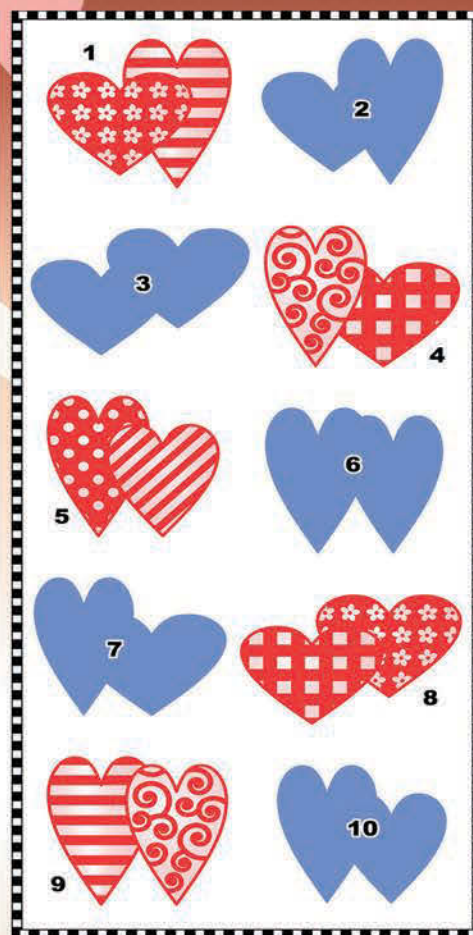


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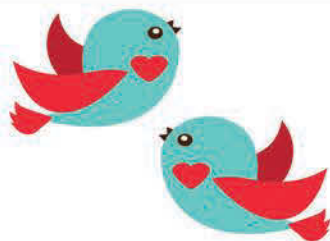
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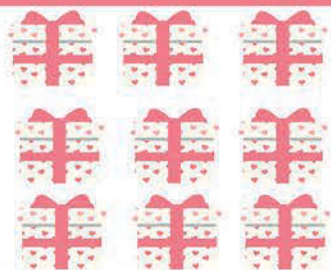
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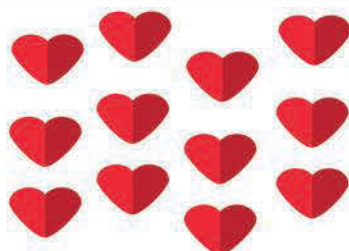
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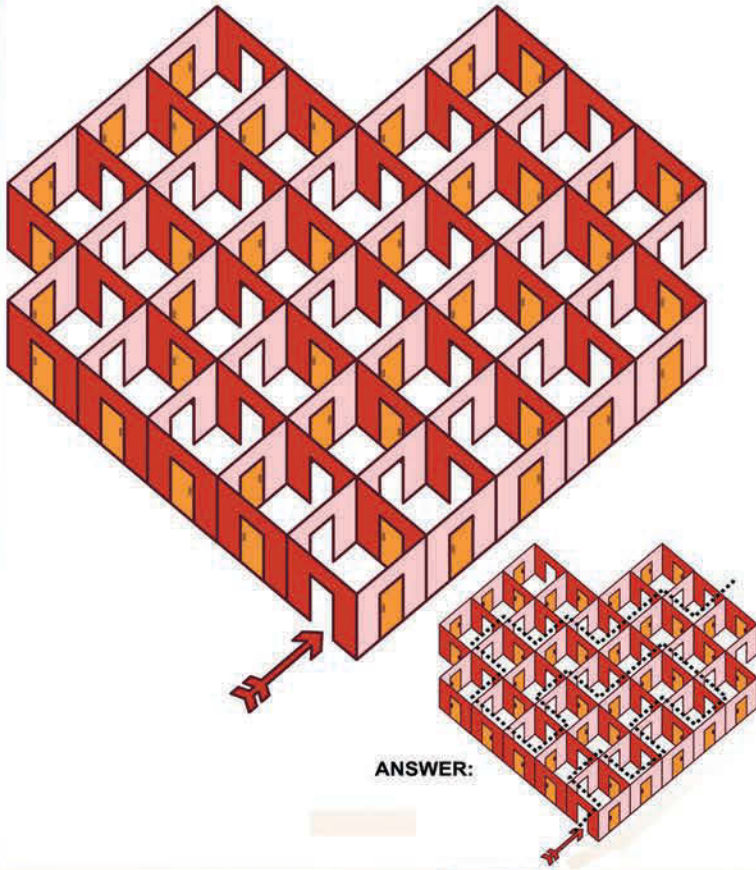
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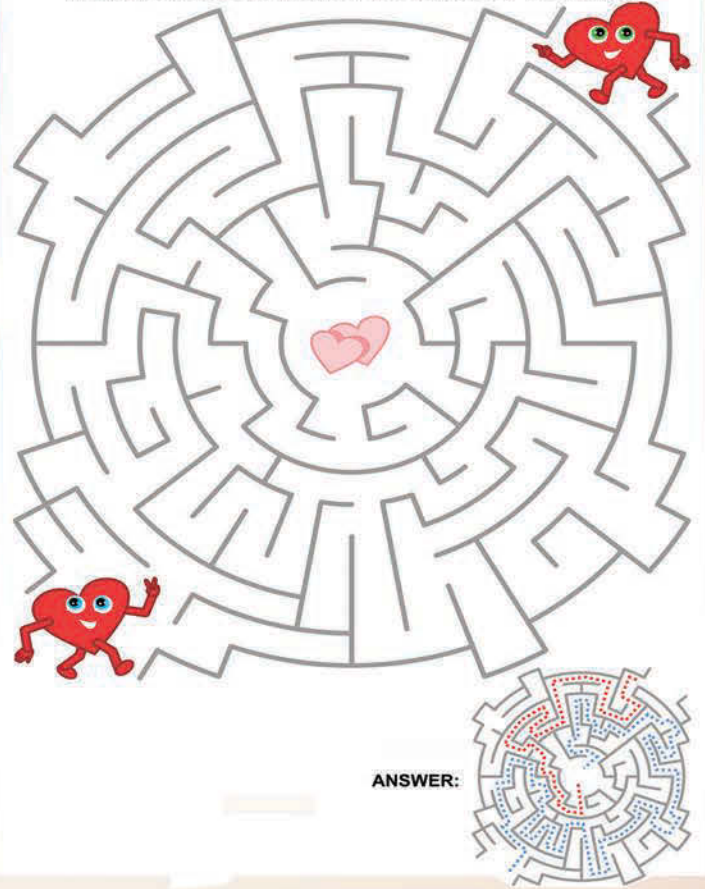


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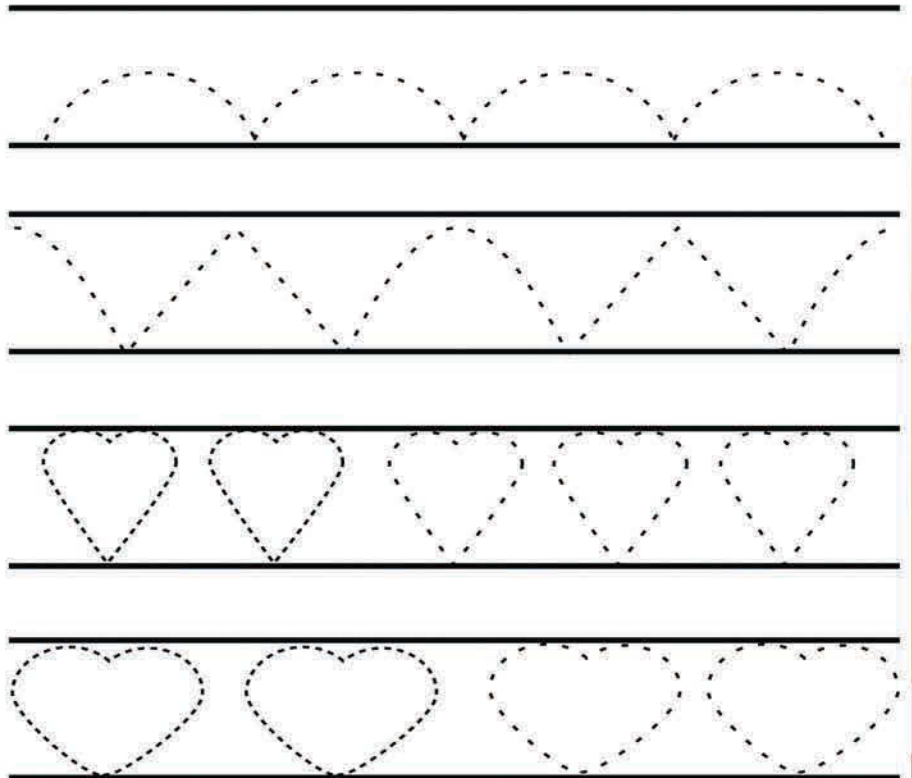
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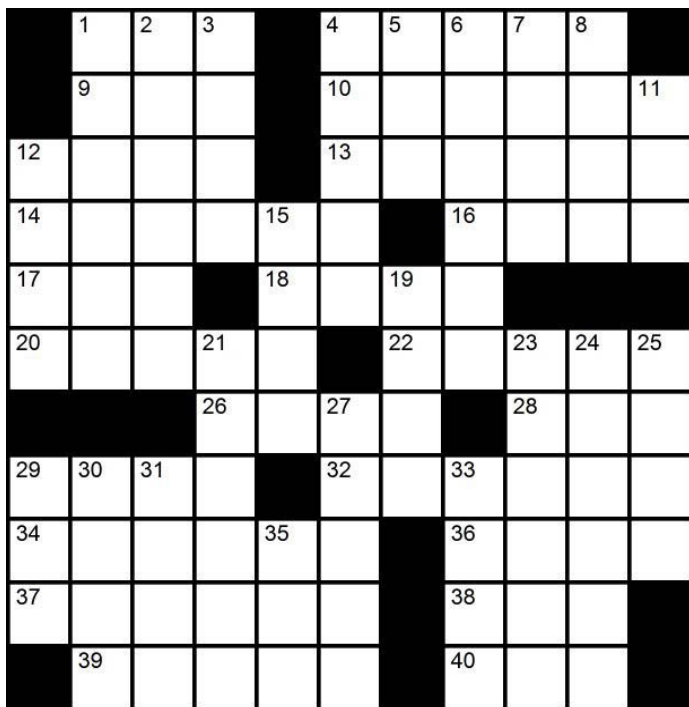
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- 1 " --- now or never"
- 4 Hard on the nose
- 9 Vast amount
- 10 Arranged for voices
- 12 Pie-crust ingredient
- 13 Only state with two official lang
- 14 Puncture
- 16 Caltech, for ex.
- 17 Sparse fluid
- 18 P --- puzzle
- 20 A freckle past ---
- 22 Once more
- 26 Exultation
- 28 Attempt
- 29 Comedienne née Molinsky
- 32 Commuter computer
- 34 Taking the place
- 36 Outer covering
- 37 Softened
- 38 "Halt, --- fire!"
- 39 Prolonged blockade
- 40 Advent mo.

## Down

- 1 Prophetic Bible book
- 2 Blessed Mother
- 3 --- City (Baghdad district)
- 4 Pains
- 5 Half a dance, perhaps
- 6 Quarreling
- 7 Pakistan neighbor
- 8 Politician's stand?
- 11 Snockered
- 12 Where to find swinger Michelle Wie
- 15 Songwriter --- Perkins
- 19 UN nuclear watchdog
- 21 Set on fire
- 23 What one goes around in
- 24 Subtly sarcastic
- 25 Big Apple corps
- 27 Cleverly avoid
- 29 Dandy beginning?
- 30 Singles
- 31 Slimming drug
- 33 Urge along
- 35 Brain surgeon's test equipment

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	4	5		1		7		
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Medium

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	9					1	6	
							5	1
		4	7	2	1			6
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		6		1	2	4		
		1		5			7	
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2/7

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2/8 — 2/24

### My First Date:

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2/9

**Ennis Czech Music Festival:**  
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**Valentine's Dinner Dance:**  
American Legion, 706 Rumbo Rd.,  
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### Noises Off:

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3/22-3/23

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Mondays

### Sign Language Class:

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Second Mondays

### Ellis County Veterans Networking:

Dinner and guest speaker. 6:00 p.m., IHOP, Waxahachie. Jim McKeever  
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Third Mondays

### Ellis County Aggie Moms meeting:

7:00 p.m., Waxahachie First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin, Waxahachie. [www.elliscountyyaggiemoms.org](http://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.  
[www.txmn.org/indiantrail](http://www.txmn.org/indiantrail).

### Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County meeting:

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 Grand Ave.

Tuesdays

### Lariat Bridge Club:

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First Wednesdays

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Third Wednesdays

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# 3/1 — 3/3

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## Fourth Thursdays

### MACS:

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## Last Thursdays

### Marine Corps League, Detachment 1452 meeting:

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## Second and Fourth Fridays

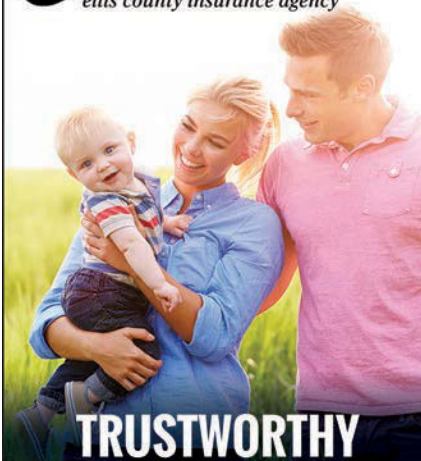
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12	L	A	R	D	13	H	A	W	A	I
14	P	I	E	R	C	E	16	I	N	S
17	G	A	S		18	A	S	I	N	
20	A	H	A		21	I	R		22	A
				26	G	L	E	E		28
29	J	O	A	N		32	L	A	P	T
34	I	N	L	I	E	U		36	R	I
37	M	E	L	T	E	D		38	O	R
	39	S	I	E	G	E		40	D	E

### Easy

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

### Medium

5	6	3	1	9	7	2	4	8
1	2	7	6	8	4	5	3	9
4	9	8	2	3	5	1	6	7
6	8	2	9	4	3	7	5	1
3	5	4	7	2	1	9	8	6
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# Medical Surgical & Compcare - Enviva Awarded Best Small Business Employer for North Central Texas



Medical Surgical & Compcare - Enviva (MSAC-Enviva) of Corsicana and Teny D. Williams, D.C. of Ennis received the Employer Award of Excellence by the Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (North Central) area at the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) 22nd Annual Texas Workforce Conference held Nov. 28-30 in Houston. The award honors private sector employers that are actively involved with Texas Workforce Solutions and have made a positive impact on local government, employers, workers and the community.

MSAC-Enviva was nominated as the recipient for 2018 by local employers and selected by Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas because of the meritorious content and generous number of the letters of recommendation. MSAC-Enviva supports the local workforce, police and fire departments, local city and county government and school districts by providing occupational medicine services and resources related to hiring, health, and safety. This employer fully believes in the value of partnership and works diligently to ensure community sustainability in Corsicana and Ennis.

"Texas leads the nation in job creation because we continue to build and support partnerships that effectively connect employers to workers and equip job seekers with the innovative skills to help them succeed," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public, Robert D. Thomas.

MSAC-Enviva frequently utilizes State of Texas Workforce Solutions services and advocates training staff and giving individuals the opportunity to realize their full career potential.



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