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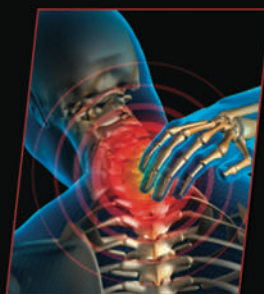
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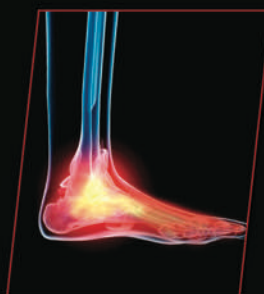
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EDITOR'S NOTE

"Wearable weather" is here!

Never heard the term? I hadn't either until just a couple of months ago, but I thought it perfectly describes our end-of-the-summer hot, humid and occasionally stormy August weather. Thank heavens for the advent of air conditioning! However, AC doesn't help much when we get ready for the day, step out into this dampened heat and instantly feel claustrophobically clothed and enveloped by the elements.

August, my birth month, does have its good qualities. I love hearing the ice cream trucks' welcoming tunes as they drive through neighborhoods. Kids of all ages still respond, happily leaving the confines of home with money in hand. Soon the school bells will be ringing, too, welcoming dedicated staff and excited students back to school. Bands and sports teams from all seven Navarro County school districts, Navarro College and private schools are already braving the heat with practices that make for perfect performances we'll all enjoy next month.

A dog days of summer month, August brings us long days when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises at the same time as the sun. Make the most of it, as I will, by enjoying homemade peach ice cream, chilled watermelon and running around barefoot while making great memories with family and friends.

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(Freshman)

Saturday, Aug. 11

9 AM-Noon • **Back-to-School Rally**
(IOOF)

Monday, Aug. 13

9 AM-4 PM • **CHS Schedule Pick-up #1**
(10th - 12th Grades)

4 PM-6 PM • **Corsicana Middle School**
(7th & 8th Grade) Schedule Pick-up

5 PM-7 PM • **All Elementary Campuses**
(K-4th Grades) & **Drane** (Pre-K)
Meet the Teacher

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ANNIVERSARY!

— By Virginia Riddle

Corsicana experienced a practically overnight business boom with the accidental discovery of oil in 1894. By 1898, there were 287 producing wells in the Corsicana oil fields, bringing new construction and downtown merchants such as Sanger Brothers.

NEW SECRETARY OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



In 1918, C.N. Olsen was Corsicana's first secretary of the Chamber of Commerce (the equivalent of today's president/CEO).

By 1902, street lights had been installed, and the Corsicana Transit Company had converted its service from mule-drawn cars to electric trolleys, while the Texas Electric Railroad provided hourly service to Dallas. A railway hub and cotton producing center, Corsicana's business climate was thriving despite the New York Stock Exchange having collapsed in 1893, marking the beginning of a period of national economic depression and recovery.

Several business-related organizations existed during this time. The oldest that Brad Cook, a Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce board member, has documented was the Corsicana Commercial Club, formed in the 1890s. The Corsicana Booster Club, organized in the early 1900s, met in the Damon Building where Timbers is now located.

After a name change from "booster" to the Corsicana Business League, the two organizations combined their efforts under the banner, Corsicana Chamber of Commerce in 1917. Lowrey Martin became the first president, and C.N. Olsen was the first secretary (today's president/CEO). The new group joined the national Chamber organization in 1918.

From its beginning, the Chamber improved the shopping



Chairman of the Board Laura Capehart.



Board Chair-elect and Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee Michael Stewart.



2007 Board Chairman Dr. Linda Timmerman.

experience for retail and industrial businesses' customers. One of the more memorable changes of the 1920s was the installation of downtown public restrooms. "Farming and ranching families coming to town to sell and buy on weekends had modern bathroom facilities and didn't have to use the stables for that need anymore," Dana Stubbs, local historian and genealogy librarian, said. "They could linger longer and shop, dine and have fun."

On September 15, 2018, the Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce, a name that reflects its ever-expanded role, will celebrate 100 years of its past and present support of area businesses, while looking toward a promising business climate. "We champion our business members and move them forward," current chairman of the board, Laura Capehart, stated.

Dr. Linda Timmerman, the 2007 Chamber board chairman, agreed, "The Chamber has been, is and will be the voice of this community. It represents the community and stands as the front door." Noting that commerce drives the area in many ways, Linda said, "Really the Chamber promotes our entire community."

Chamber leaders are typically trained by becoming volunteers, then committee chairs and board members. Linda moved upward through the ranks for years before becoming chairman. "Training happens by just 'getting into the mix.' During my chairmanship, we tried to create a synergy that didn't exist before," Linda explained. "We saw the need for all entities to work toward working together. It didn't happen overnight, and we're still working on it, but the synergy that has resulted has been very rewarding." Linda, working with many other Chamber leaders and members, has planted seeds of synergy that are now reaping rewards.

A visit to the Chamber's website or Facebook page gives members and visitors a look at the many different types of sponsored and promoted events, from golf tournaments to business-after-hours to ribbon cuttings for business openings to economic collaborations with different levels of government. "The Chamber has a history of networking with other area Chambers through organizations such as the North Texas Chamber Executives organization," Laura remarked. "We like to see what's working elsewhere and share our successes."

"Communication and transparency is important to the Chamber. Folks need to know the why of our decisions and know there are no personal agendas being met or drama in the decisions," Laura added.

Chamber, nonprofit and business members' events are announced via email with weekly reminders, so everyone can be involved. "You can't undersell the power of networking in a smaller community," Laura explained.

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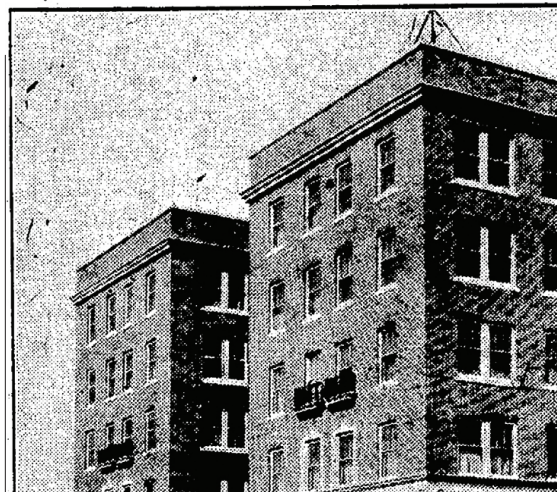
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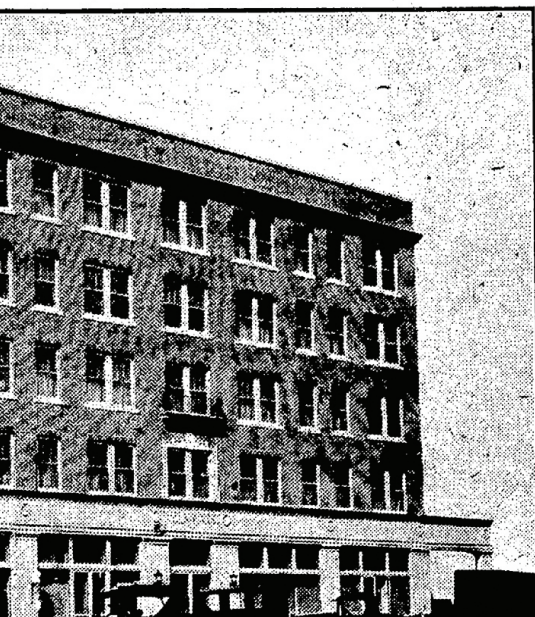
Built through Chamber involvement and opening in 1925, the old Navarro Hotel was the Chamber's meeting place from the 1940s through 1969.

Board chair-elect and chairperson of the Chamber's economic development committee, Michael Stewart, dove into volunteering in Chamber work quickly after having moved to Corsicana four years ago to become Navarro Regional Hospital's CEO. "I know I have to give to receive," he said. "Nothing happens on its own. Value added to a community's business organizations is important, and there's nothing better than pressing palms while networking. We build both personal and business relationships."

The Chamber's current motto says it all: "Together We Can." "The Chamber couldn't exist without volunteers," Linda explained. "It's always had volunteers who stepped up and worked hard."



Joanna Fritz serves the Chamber as its first female president/CEO.



A self-proclaimed “volunteer junky,” Laura added, “We encourage everyone to volunteer through the Chamber. Doing so leads to so many other opportunities. Serving as an ambassador and on nearly every Chamber committee and going through Leadership Corsicana has expanded my knowledge and helped me get a full vision and sense of this community.”

Linda, a Corsicana resident since 1978, is glad she’s seen the Chamber evolve under current volunteer leadership and staff. “I have a passion for history and tradition, and I’ve enjoyed watching the Chamber ebb and flow into becoming more valuable today to our business climate. I’ve seen a lot of positive change,” she said.

One positive change has been the inclusion of all genders and races. Joanna Fritz is the first woman in the Chamber’s 100 years to hold the president/CEO managerial position.

Michael enjoys working with other Chamber members and community leaders. “I see the Chamber getting better, and I love the endless energy of people who get involved. The Chamber’s always been willing to evolve as business and communication means evolve,” he said. “It’s been interesting to see what the Chamber looked like 100 years ago. We want to build on the legacy and mission that’s ever-growing and developing into an even more enhanced community presence.” **NOW**



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At Home With Carolyn Bancroft



When Carolyn Bancroft agreed to move to Corsicana with her late husband, Ed, in 2001, he had to do some convincing. She said yes on the condition that she be allowed to completely remodel their new home. After all, Sugar Land, just south of Houston, had been their home for four decades. The majority of their life together had been spent there.

Now, however, good luck getting Carolyn out of the Corsicana area. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else," she admitted. "I love the area, the house and the theater."

Carolyn's a big patron of the arts and the local theater scene. She served on the Warehouse Living Arts Center board of directors and

aces

— By Rick Mauch



is a previous president of Corsicana Newcomers. Her home reflects her love of arts. She loves faces, and, of course, facial expressions are a big part of the theater. "You can tell I love faces, can't you?" she added. "I believe the eyes are the gateway to the soul."

Interestingly, one of her favorite pieces of art, and something you see immediately upon entering the comfy, two-bedroom, two-bath home is a painting of two dancers. All you can see, however, is the

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back of the female and neither of their faces is showing. "I just love things that are different," she said. "I know you can't see their faces, but I loved that picture from the time I first saw it. I just love that it's about the body."

Much of the artwork throughout the home is unique. On an adjacent table is a lamp with a base crafted to look like an acrobat holding the stem on his feet as he lies on his belly. In the living room, a pair of cherubs guards the fireplace. Among the items on the shelf next to them is a round piece of stone art that resembles the legendary Medusa.

"These are from our travels," she said. "Ed and I went to so many places like Africa and even The Great Wall of China. It was incredible, just incredible. You feel so insignificant. To know that it was created by humans is amazing."

Like any home, there are plenty of family photos. Carolyn's is no

different. One is of her dad who has his own place in the world of archives. He worked on the Apollo project when the astronauts first walked on the moon, which earned him a place in the Smithsonian. "He never even talked about it," said Carolyn's son, Jason, who lives across the driveway from her. "He just wasn't that kind of guy, but that's really cool. He once told me he flew a bomber into the eye of a hurricane. I can imagine what an experience that must have been."

Along with artifacts, Carolyn's home is full of memories. Ed passed away in 2009, and in the corner of the couple's backyard is a memorial gravestone to him presented by the Veterans Administration. Ed was a military doctor, later becoming an OB-GYN. Though Ed was cremated, Carolyn likes having the backyard headstone as a way to visit with him each day.

Carolyn also often thinks of her

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oldest son, Sean — who passed away in 1995 — particularly when she looks at one of many angel statues throughout the home and in the backyard. “When Sean died, I started to love angels,” she said. “I just like the way they remind me of him.”

Like the rest of the house, the backyard is small, but cozy, and relaxing. It features lots of plants and a variety of small statues, including one entire area that is an assortment of frogs.

And, returning to her love of faces, there is a rock statue of the face of Bacchus, the Roman god of agriculture, wine and fertility, copied from the Greek god Dionysus. It also doubles as a soothing fountain.

The entire house says “relax, enjoy the ambiance.” But nowhere is that more evident than in the den. It was added by Ed’s father, from whom they purchased the house. When he owned the home, the area was simply a screened-in porch, but also

his favorite part of the house. “He slept out here, and when Shadrack (his dog) wanted to go out, he would just pull a cord he had set up to let him out,” Carolyn said, adding that even after they put up actual walls, “Ed loved to sit out here and look at his cattle.”

The room is indicative of the entire house. Jason comes over daily for their Bible study and to just visit, sometimes talking about nothing in particular. “It’s a nice cerebral vibe,” he said. “There’s not a lot of stress when you come over here.”

Carolyn loves working in the green yard underneath the two tall trees that offer a plethora of shade. She also loves taking daily walks with her dog and cat. “I walk Bliss every day and Fatty walks with us, just like he’s a dog,” she said with a giggle.

Carolyn’s life has included a lot of volunteer work. She was active with the Houston International Film Festival and MS Society of Houston,

and is involved in the Corsicana FMC’s card ministry. She has long-loved helping others in her longtime business in Sugar Land, a workout facility, that allowed her to rub elbows with some celebrities. “All of the Houston Oilers’ wives were friends with her,” Jason said. In fact, she was good friends with the wife of former Oilers fullback Alonzo Highsmith.

Though she has always loved theater, she became connected locally when she taught as a substitute teacher at nearby Mildred High School in the theater arts department. “I loved those kids. Then, when some of them graduated they went to work for H-E-B, and I’d go there to get my fix visiting with them,” she said with a laugh.

“It’s funny how life takes us places we never thought we wanted to go,” she said. “I never thought I wanted to leave the Houston area, but now I can’t imagine life anywhere else but here.” **NOW**



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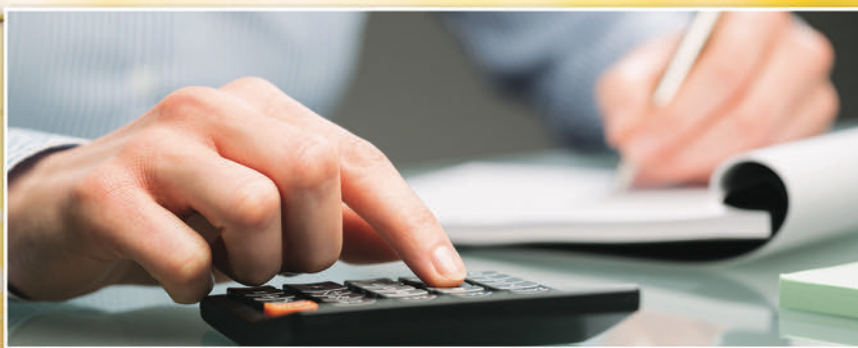
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A Youthful Leader

— By Virginia Riddle

What could possibly happen to a self-described “short, chubby little girl” who starts clogging? At age 14, she might become the director of the Corsicana Cloggers. Claire King is at least one of the youngest, if not *the* youngest, director of any clogging group in Texas. “I started clogging at age 10 for the skills taught, but I didn’t get it,” Claire said. “I had never danced before clogging. I wasn’t the best dancer. At about 12 years old, I started to feel differently about the dances.”

Before Claire’s directorial predecessors, JC and Ashley Goodnow, moved to Georgia nearly a year ago, Claire was asked to take over the position. “I had taught a couple of songs as kind of a tryout without having an idea at the time that that was what it was. It was a total shock when she asked me to do this job. I agreed because I had

daydreamed about doing it, but it was still a shocking experience,” she recalled.

Claire counts Ashley, her first teacher, as a mentor, along with the group’s founder and current member, Helen Griffiths. “Ashley never gave up on me,” Claire recalled.

With dancer ages ranging from 5-99 years, Claire is leading dancers much older and more experienced. She also must teach her siblings, two sisters and one brother, who are members of the group. “I think my becoming the director actually made them feel more comfortable,” Claire explained.

“If you can keep moving, you can keep clogging at any age,” Darren King, Claire’s dad, added. “I don’t clog, however. I’m the roadie. I stay in the background.”

The Corsicana Cloggers perform regularly around the area and in the Metroplex. Once a year, they attend and compete at a regional clogging conference. “I don’t choreograph most of the dances. Most are already choreographed, but I’m working on some now,” Claire explained. “Clogging focuses on the unity of the group. Even when you are working with a partner or dancing as

an individual, you are still part of the total group.”

She enjoys working with and teaching her students. “This is still new to me, but very enjoyable,” Claire admitted. “I get to learn about different types of people and their learning and thought processes.”

Currently, the group numbers around eleven, with membership fluctuating. Claire’s planning a session for newcomers to learn the basic steps. “We encourage people to try clogging on a trial basis to see if they like it. New people don’t have to purchase clogging shoes. They can wear socks or sneakers,” she said.

The group meets at the Corsicana Senior Citizens Center on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. “We’re self-financed,” Claire shared. “Everyone helps with everything. The per-session charge is \$5 for an individual or family to participate. One couple is from out-of-town, but most of us are from around Corsicana. We enjoy what we’re doing, and everyone’s welcome.”

Claire is the second oldest child of Darren and Sara King’s nine children. She volunteers at a local food pantry and with the Cloggers. A Corsicana native, she’s homeschooled and is working at an eighth-grade curriculum. Art, drawing and conducting research in those areas are Claire’s favorite subjects. Her family participates in an area homeschool association’s activities, as well. “I don’t know what I want to do in life yet, but I know I don’t want to be a bail bondsman,” she quipped, referring to her dad’s profession.

“Claire’s a fashionist,” Darren agreed.

Claire encourages would-be cloggers to try it, noting that “messing up” is allowed. “Clogging may look daunting, but it’s really fun, and we rely on each other,” Claire said. “Putting myself ‘out there’ mentally is a little scary, and it’s still new, but I’m having fun, too.” **NOW**

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In the Kitchen With

SHERRY CLAGETT

— By Virginia Riddle



As a child, Sherry Clagett watched her mother cook by putting “a little of this and a little of that” into recipes. However, Sherry recalled, “When I married my husband, Paul, 47 years ago, I had never cooked a meal. I guess my mother felt sorry for him because she gave me a Betty Crocker cookbook as a wedding gift!”

Sherry’s work family at Corsicana’s Community National Bank praise the dishes she prepares and brings to their potlucks. A receptionist, Sherry is also a mother of eight grown children, some with spouses, and is a grandmother of 16. “My family’s always been my inspiration when it comes to cooking,” she said. “It makes me happy to know they’re well fed and satisfied. Cooking’s a way to show them I care.” **NOW**

Blueberry Kuchen

Kuchen:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour**
- 3/4 cup sugar**
- 2 tsp. baking powder**
- 1/2 tsp. grated lemon peel**
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg**
- 1/4 tsp. salt**
- 2/3 cup milk**
- 1/4 cup butter, melted**
- 1 egg, beaten**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries**

Topping:

- 3/4 cup sugar**
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour**
- 1/4 cup butter**

- 1. For kuchen:** In a mixing bowl, combine the first six ingredients; add the milk, butter, egg and vanilla. Beat for 2 minutes until well blended.
- 2.** Pour into a greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan; sprinkle with blueberries.
- 3. For topping:** In a separate bowl, combine the sugar and flour; add the butter.
- 4.** Toss with a fork until crumbly; sprinkle over the blueberries.
- 5.** Bake at 350 F for 40 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Crispy Chicken

- 1 1/2 cups crisp rice cereal, coarsely crushed**
- 2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour**
- 1/2 tsp. salt**

- 1/4 tsp. dried thyme**
- 1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning**
- 1/4 cup butter, melted (divided use)**
- 4 chicken breast halves, skinless and deboned (about 1 lb.)**

- 1.** In a shallow bowl, combine the cereal, flour and all seasonings; place the butter in another bowl.
- 2.** Dip the chicken in the butter, then into the cereal mixture; place the chicken breasts in a greased 11x7x2-inch baking dish.
- 3.** Drizzle the breasts with the remaining butter; bake uncovered at 400 F for 20-25 minutes, or until the juices run clear.

Taco Soup

- 2 lbs. ground chuck**
- 2 15.25-oz. cans corn**
- 1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes**
- 1 1-oz. pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Mix**
- 2 15-oz. cans pinto beans**
- 1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel tomatoes**
- 1 1-oz. pkg. taco seasoning mix**

- 1.** In a large pot, brown the meat; drain.

2. Return the meat to the pot; add the remaining ingredients.
3. Bring to a boil. Cover; let simmer for at least 30 minutes.

Broccoli and Cheese Soup

- 1 qt. water
- 2 cups potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 cup onion, diced
- 1 20-oz. pkg. frozen, chopped broccoli or 1 bunch fresh broccoli, chopped
- 2 10.5-oz. cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 lb. Velveeta or American cheese, cubed

1. In a soup pot, mix the water, potatoes, bouillon, onion and broccoli; cook for 15-20 minutes over medium heat.
2. Add the soup and cheese; simmer for an additional 15 minutes.

Broccoli and Bow Tie Pasta

- 8 cups broccoli florets (4 heads)
- 1/2 lb. farfalle bow tie pasta
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. garlic, minced
- 1 lemon, zested
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- Grated Parmesan (optional)

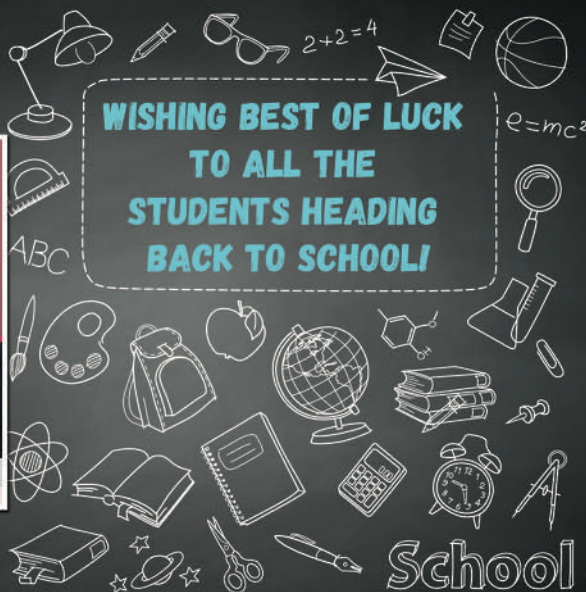
1. In a large pot, cook the broccoli for 3 minutes in boiling salted water; remove the broccoli from the water with a slotted spoon.
2. Place the broccoli in a large bowl; set aside.
3. In the same water, cook the bow tie pasta according to the package directions or about 12 minutes; drain well. Add the pasta to the broccoli.
4. In a small sauté pan, heat the butter and oil; add the garlic and lemon zest. Cook over medium-low heat for 1 minute.
5. Remove from heat; add the salt, pepper and lemon juice. Pour mixture over the broccoli and pasta.
6. Toss well, add seasoning to taste. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, if desired.

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Glenda purchased her full-service hair and nail salon in

January 2017, after having been associated with Cassady's Salon and Boutique. That same year, the community named the salon “best of the best” in its service category.

Cuts, perms, color treatments, braiding, highlights, manicures and pedicures and lashes are offered at the salon. Walk-ins are welcome, but with this month's back-to-school season, appointments are encouraged to reduce wait time. There's plenty of easy parking in the salon's convenient shopping center location, and most major credit cards are accepted, as well as cash and checks.

Gifts, especially the small items that enhance hairstyles, are available. “Whether you are here for a salon service or just coming in looking for a last-minute gift, you will want to look over our gift selection,” Glenda explained. Hair and nail products, and essential oils, are also available for purchase. The salon offers gift certificates, as well.

Along with Glenda, seven other stylists are available: Monica

Carter, Elonda Cassady, Yesica Castillo, Leslie Garcia, Elizabeth Gardea, Misty Holloway and Melissa Lopez. Christie Reamy is the office assistant. "Everyone's working independently and renting booth space," Glenda explained.

A native of Mexico, Glenda went back and forth between the U.S. and Mexico during her childhood, moving to the U.S. permanently when she was 17 years old. "I got married, went to work to help my elderly parents still in Mexico, had babies and went back to school when I was 38 to finish high school," she recalled.

Through Navarro College, she earned her GED, took English as a Second Language classes and completed her cosmetology classes in 2011, becoming licensed in Texas. "I graduated with my GED at the same time my son graduated from Navarro College," Glenda added proudly.

With seven years of learning from Elonda Cassady while working at Cassady's, Glenda was ready to own the shop when it became available. "Having my own salon and business is a dream come true. I'm learning every day, going step-by-step slowly while offering more and better services," Glenda said. "I'm a very responsible owner and operate a clean, neat and well-organized salon."

Glenda also mentors cosmetology students and has served as a judge at Navarro College hair shows. "I give students real-world experiences," she explained. She also gives back to the community through face painting at various functions.

Married to Alejandro Gutierrez for 27 years, they're the parents of two grown sons, Emmanuel and Andrew, and have a daughter-in-law, Christal. The couple are grandparents to 4-year-old granddaughter, Camilia. "She's here all the time," Glenda said.

With one item off her life's bucket list, Glenda encourages others to work hard for their dreams. "Set goals. Be persistent," she said. "They'll come true." **NOW**

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Where Comes the Bride?

— By Zachary R. Urquhart

In a time gone by, most weddings tended to be at one of a few locations: churches, the courthouse or the family's backyard. Today, though, almost anywhere could be a wedding venue. If you are getting ready to plan a wedding, there are some new and unique locales to consider.

Something Old

- *Barns are back in style.* Trending with the popularity of house remodeling shows over the last decade or so, weddings in rustic farmhouses and barns are becoming more and more common. You can look for places online or reach out to friends who live in rural areas. You might be surprised how easy it is to find a barn you can use. With some old-world style lighting, a simple large shed can become an idyllic wedding sight.
- *Church is in session.* A unique spin on the tradition of

a religious setting is to have your ceremony in an old church building. There are churches that are no longer functioning for local congregations, but that are available for special events. And if you are willing to host a destination wedding, you can find such buildings across the country.

Something New

- *Trendy restaurants make great wedding sites.* If you live close enough to a big town with cool restaurants that are only busy in the evening, you might be able to reserve the place for an early wedding time. What is even better, you will have a place for a ceremony and reception all-in-one.
- *Find a venue near you.* People are sometimes surprised to learn how many beautiful venues are hidden just around the corner. With anything from simple buildings that have the necessary amenities to locations providing

outdoor wedding scenes, there are often myriad options within a short drive. Many wedding venues offer an all-inclusive package, with much of the planning provided with this option.

Something Borrowed

- *Public spaces can be great for private events.* Local parks have gazebos or pavilions available to rent for private events. If you are expecting a smaller wedding party, this can be a cute, quaint way to have an inexpensive wedding. Some more recently built parks even have spaces built with events in mind, so a wedding at a park does not have to feel like a wedding at a park.

- *If you book it, they will come.* If you want the beauty of an outdoor setting, but need a bigger venue, you can sometimes reserve the sports fields in your area during their off-season. With a little decorating work, a large field can turn into the perfect wedding site.

Something You


- *Somewhere that defines the couple.* Anything from a golf course to the outdoor chapel at a church camp from your childhood is perfect if you both think it is perfect. If you and your spouse-to-be are the adventurous types, maybe a bridge spanning the gap between two mountain peaks is the location for you. People may question your choice, but it is just that, your choice, so have fun deciding where to host the big day.

Whatever you decide, remember that the day of your nuptials should be one of the happiest days of your life. As long as you are marrying the person you love, surrounded by the friends and family you want supporting you, no place is the wrong choice to ring your wedding bells. **NOW**

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Zoomed In: Sheila Moore

By Virginia Riddle

Sheila Moore enjoyed country living in Navarro County so much, she returned six years ago to Navarro Mills after having lived in Red Oak, Texas. “I wanted to buy something in the country, and I like the people here,” Sheila explained. She also invested in the community by opening her store, Prayers from Heaven, in Corsicana.

Two Yorkies are Sheila, and husband, Harold Moore’s, “pride and joy.” “They’re both rescue Yorkies and are my babies,” she added. The couple enjoy visiting with family members, most of whom live in the Metroplex or out-of-state. They also love fishing at area lakes. Sheila enjoys volunteering at her church, Trinity Assembly of God. She concluded, “Moving back was a great idea!”



Municipal Court Judge Cody Beauchamp and Hope Center's Danielle Pillans return to the stage together in Ghost of a Chance at the Warehouse Living Arts Center.



Corsicana's All-Star 6U T-ball team advances to regional play after placing 2nd in the district tournament.



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Members of the Senior Circle Group join for an Alzheimer's Awareness Lunch and Learn event.



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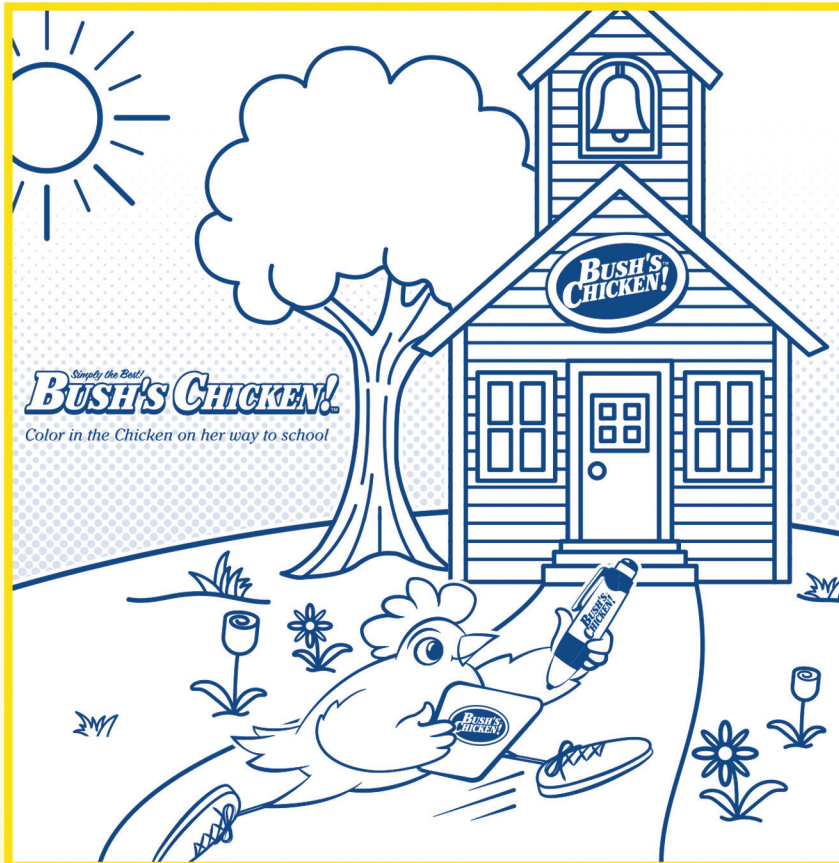
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