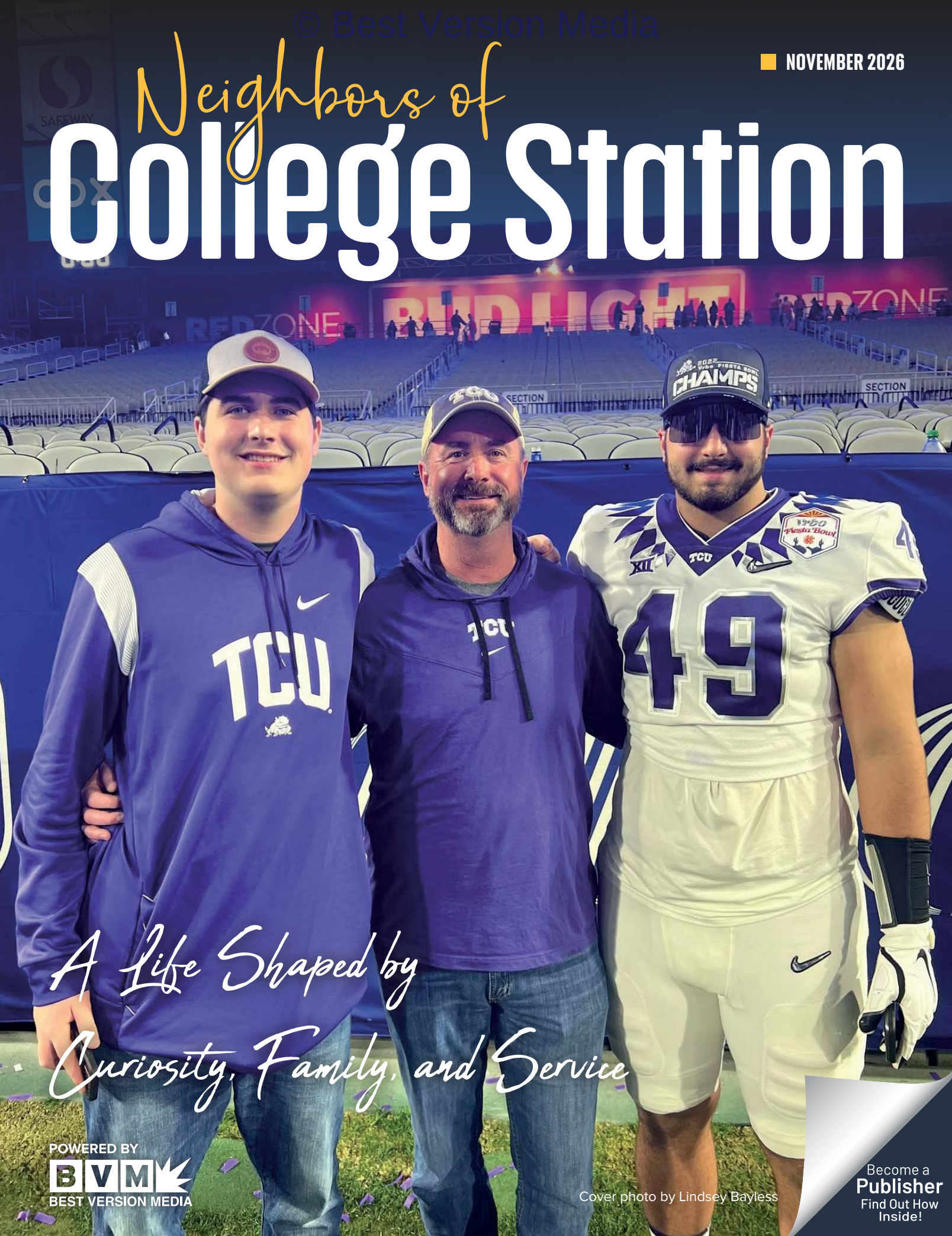
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Dear Neighbors of College Station,

Happy November, Neighbors!

November is a month that reminds us to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the people and moments that mean the most to us. It is a time for gratitude, family, community, and making memories that last long after the holiday season has passed.

We begin the month by honoring our military veterans on Veterans Day, November 11. To all those who have served and sacrificed for our country, thank you. Your courage, dedication, and service are deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy because of you.

As the month comes to a close, Thanksgiving gives us another opportunity to pause and think about what we are most thankful for. For many of us, that means family, friends, neighbors, and the people who make our community such a special place to call home. I hope you are able to enjoy meaningful time around the table with the people you love and create memories you will treasure.

This month, you'll have the opportunity to meet the Lingren family. I truly enjoyed learning more about their family and getting to know their story, so be sure to turn to page 2 to read their feature.

Our team loves bringing you stories that introduce you to the wonderful people who live right here in our community. If you or someone you know would enjoy being featured in an upcoming edition, please reach out to me at mistydunham@bestversionmedia.com.

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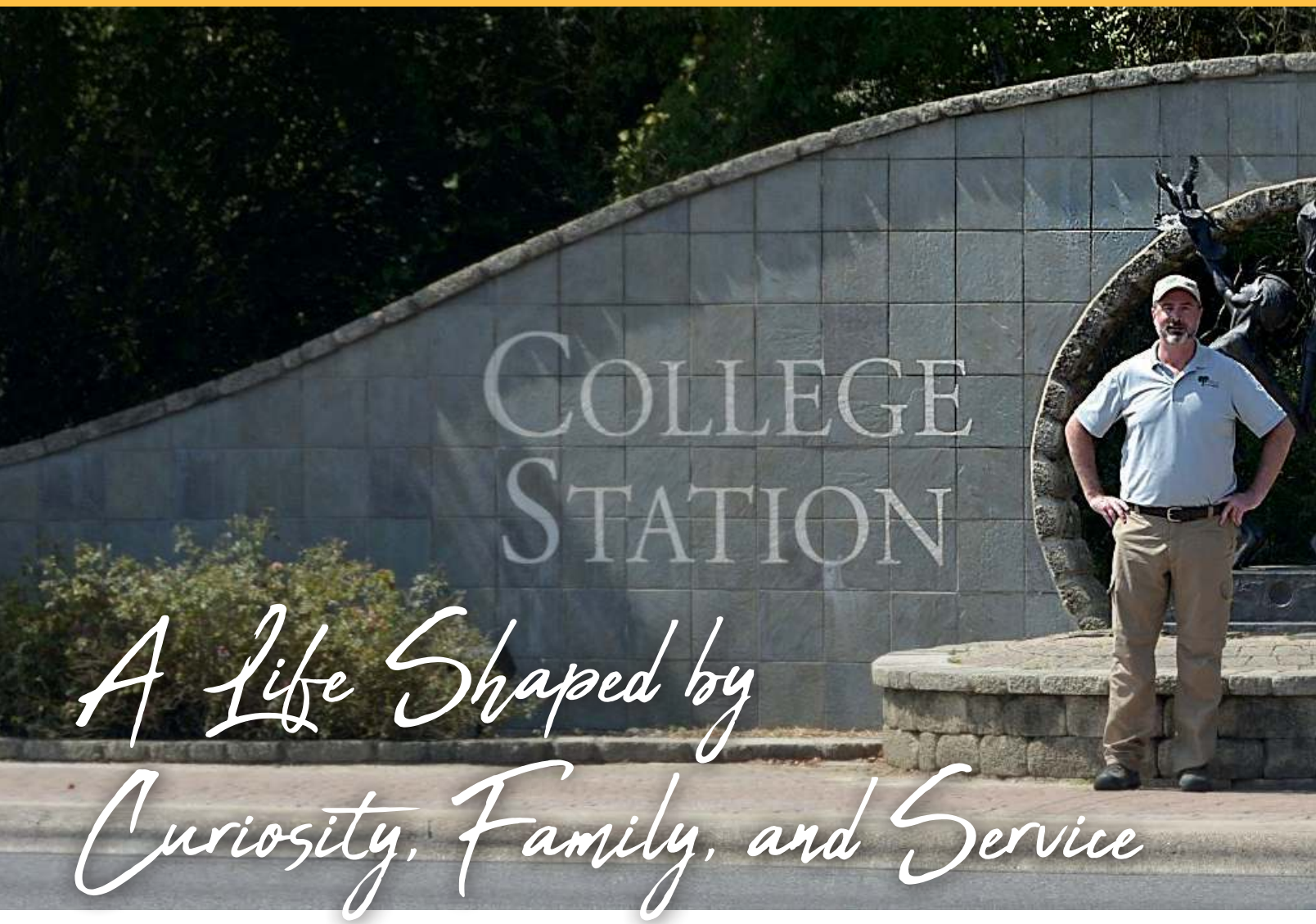
We hope you enjoy this month's edition of Neighbors of College Station!



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A Life Shaped by Curiosity, Family, and Service

Long before Dr. Scott Lingren founded a company, earned a Ph.D., or returned to College Station, he was a nine-year-old boy walking through Arizona cotton fields at night with a headlamp and an insect net.

His job was simple: catch pink bollworm moths for his father's research.

Scott's father, Dr. Pete Lingren, was a USDA research scientist who studied insects affecting corn and cotton. Scott spent those summer nights alongside adult technicians and summer employees. He remembers being able to keep up with them and sensing his father's pride.

He looked forward to returning each year. While his father never pressured him to follow the same career, neither of them knew then how much those experiences would shape Scott's life.

By high school, Scott was already working in fruit and vegetable research and had earned his first pesticide applicator's license.

When Scott entered Oklahoma State University, he planned to become a veterinarian. Entomology seemed like a natural major because of its connection to animal science, and he already knew many of the professors through his father.

Over time, his plans shifted. Scott realized that entomology, the subject that had interested him since childhood, was the work he wanted to pursue. His university research examined how crops respond to insect damage and how pests could be managed while reducing the need for insecticides.

That research taught him something that would remain important throughout his career: before trying to solve a problem, understand it.

After earning his doctorate, Scott moved into agricultural product development, working with growers and university scientists across the United States and abroad. He enjoyed the work, but the travel eventually wore on him.

By 2000, Scott was ready for a different kind of life. He wanted to settle down, start a family, and become part of a community.

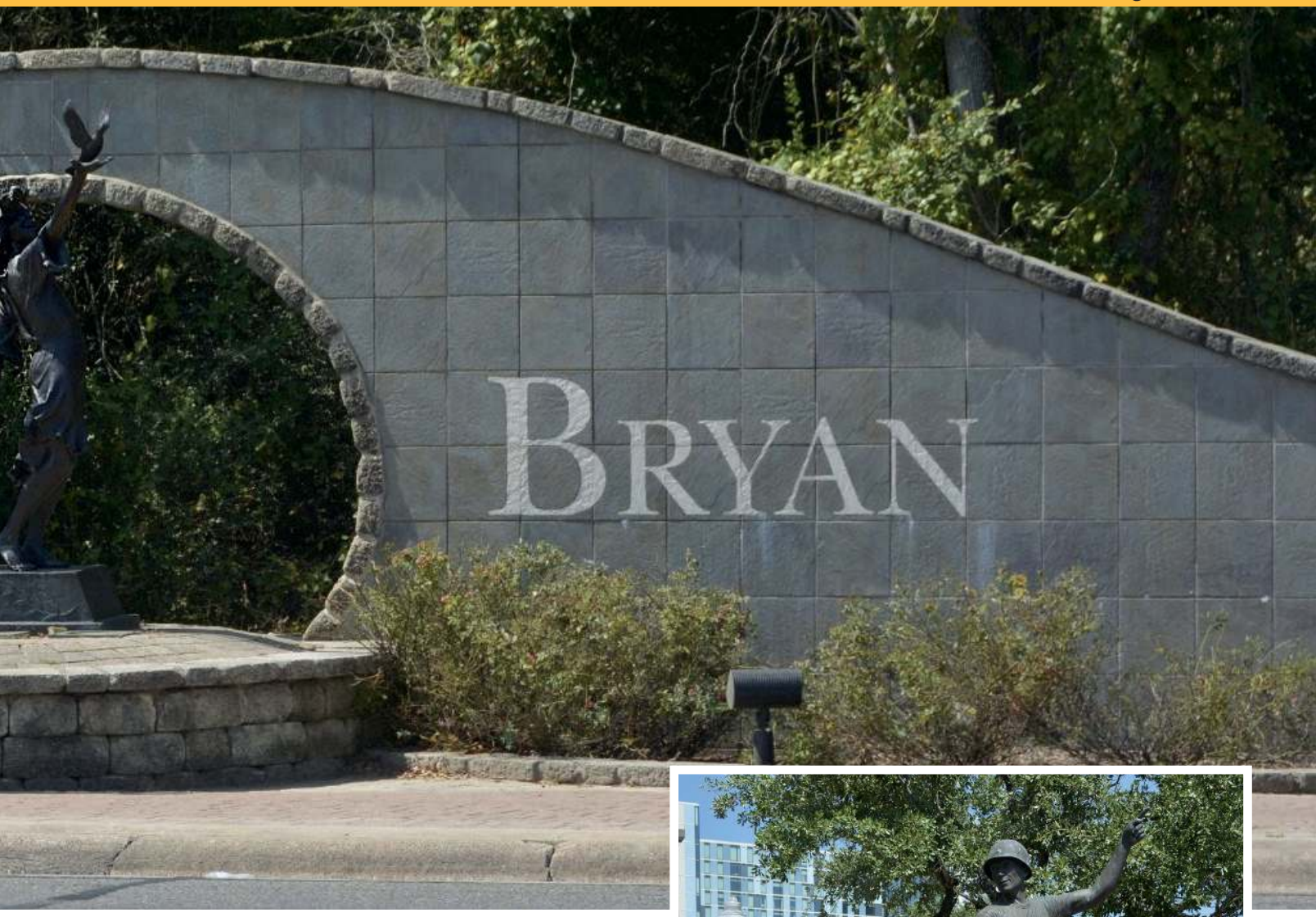
College Station felt like home. His parents were there, and Texas A&M was familiar. Scott was ready to put down roots.

At the large companies where he had worked, Scott felt that his efforts ultimately benefited shareholders he did not know. He wanted his work to have a more personal impact.

Building something that helped people he knew, including employees, customers, vendors, and members of the community, became increasingly important to him.

By Lindsey Bayless

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The timing was difficult. His employment ended on September 9, 2001. Two days later, the attacks of September 11 changed the country forever. Scott was still several weeks away from receiving his license, but he chose to move forward.

Later that year, he started the company with little more than himself, a 1989 Ford Bronco, a magnetic sign on the door, and an office inside his home.

Scott remembers how proud and supportive his parents were when they attended the Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony. For him, the ceremony marked both the beginning of the business and his independence. It also allowed his father, who had once taken him into the cotton fields, to watch Scott step out on his own.

One early memory still makes him smile. The first time the new business phone rang, Scott was nervous and wondered what kind of pest problem awaited him. The caller only wanted to say that one of his tires looked low. The first call was a false alarm, but the real calls soon followed.

Some customers have remained with Scott for decades. He has watched their families grow and has gotten to know them personally. Those relationships are among the most meaningful parts of his work.

Scott believes that when people invite him onto their property, they are placing their trust in him. They expect honesty, clear communication, reliability, and a genuine effort to help.





His scientific background taught him to look closely and ask questions. Running a business taught him that solving the problem is only part of the work. How people are treated matters too.

When Scott returned to College Station, his circle consisted mainly of family and a few neighbors. The Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Aggieland helped him build friendships and become part of the wider community. He later served in leadership roles and became involved with organizations including Keep Brazos Beautiful. These organizations also led to friendships that have lasted for decades.

Through the Rotary Club of Aggieland's Thanksgiving basket program, Scott applied his experience with routing and organization to improve deliveries. The program began with about 40 food boxes, and deliveries took most of the day. Over time, it grew to roughly 400 boxes delivered by noon.

Scott remembers the cooperation more than the scale. Different organizations identified families, collected food, packed boxes, and delivered meals. That shared effort showed him what a community could accomplish.

Fatherhood has also changed how Scott thinks about leadership. While coaching his sons' youth sports teams, he learned to examine the training and the system before looking for someone to blame when something went wrong. That lesson has stayed with him.

Scott is especially proud of his sons, Connor and Parker, who both graduated from College Station High School. Connor attends TCU on a football scholarship and studies finance with a minor in energy. Parker studies aviation at Schreiner University. Neither has followed his father into entomology, at least not yet.

Scott recognizes in both sons the independence and entrepreneurial spirit that have shaped his own life. He values the time they spend hunting and fishing together and the chance to watch them pursue their own paths. Those moments matter more to Scott than any business award.

Twenty-five years after launching the company from home with a Bronco and a magnetic door sign, Scott sees a clear connection between the Arizona cotton fields, his years in agricultural research, and the life and company he has built. He began as a boy helping with his father's research and later became a father raising two sons of his own.

Scott does not talk about the past as though it were one long, carefully planned journey. His life has been shaped by opportunities, unexpected turns, family, hard work, and a willingness to keep learning. What surprises him now is how quickly the years have passed.

Seasons change. New problems appear and new questions need answers. In many ways, Scott's approach remains the same as it was during those nights in the cotton fields, when he carried an insect net and tried to understand the world around him. Today, he still approaches each new problem the same way: look closely, learn, and then solve it.

"Somehow," Scott said, "we've done that 25 times in a row."

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Submitted by Nina Reid | Photos provided by Texas A&M Zeta Tau Alpha

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Govee has partnered with Texas A&M's Zeta Tau Alpha to light the Aggie Zeta House pink throughout the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

Each year, the Aggie Zetas kick off their philanthropy month with their highly anticipated House Lighting celebration on October 1 with live music, food and pop-up shops to raise proceeds for Breast Cancer Education and Awareness. This year, Govee is illuminating the cause by sponsoring the event and providing the outdoor lighting to help bring the house to life in pink throughout the month.

Govee, a global leader in smart lighting and the No. 1 brand for household permanent outdoor lights, recently became the Official Smart Lighting Partner of Texas A&M Athletics and unveiled a new 4th Quarter LED light show at Kyle Field. Through its Light Up Aggieland campaign, Govee is taking its Aggie spirit beyond the stadium by supporting Zeta Tau Alpha and lighting the Aggie Zeta House pink throughout October for Breast Cancer Education and Awareness.

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Calendar of Events

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Mark Your Calendar

November is a wonderful time to enjoy the Bryan–College Station community. Cooler temperatures make it easier to get outside, football season is in full swing, and holiday events begin popping up toward the end of the month. From hands-on workshops and historic attractions to live entertainment, shopping and the first holiday lights of the season, there are plenty of ways to make memories with family and friends. Grab your calendar and start planning your November!

Fri., Nov. 6

First Friday

@ Historic Downtown Bryan

Kick off November with one of Bryan's favorite monthly traditions! Enjoy an evening filled with local art, live music, performances, shopping, food and interactive activities throughout Historic Downtown Bryan.

Time: 5pm-10pm

Cost: FREE

www.destinationbryan.com

Sat., Nov. 7-Sun., Nov. 8

History in Motion

@ Museum of the American G.I.

Watch history come alive as restored military vehicles and tanks rumble into action. Families can see historic vehicles in motion, enjoy special demonstrations and explore the museum's impressive collection. Children can even climb aboard select vehicles.

Time: 10am-3pm

Cost: Adults $25; children over 5 $10; children under 5 FREE

www.americangimuseum.org

Sat., Nov. 7

Model-Making Workshop with the Aggieland Modeling Club

@ George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

Families can get creative during this hands-on model-making workshop. Participants can build a model to take home while learning more about historic aircraft, military equipment and presidential transportation. The event is designed as a "make and take" experience.

Time: 10am-4pm

Cost: FREE

www.bush41.org

Tue., Nov. 10-Wed., Nov. 11

A Beautiful Noise — The Neil Diamond Musical

@ Rudder Auditorium, College Station

Enjoy an evening of music and theater with this Broadway musical telling the story of Neil Diamond's life and career. The production features many of the songs that made him a household name.

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: Tickets required; see website for pricing

www.opastickets.com

Fri., Nov. 13

November Vendor Market

@ Hotel McCoy, College Station

Spend a Friday evening supporting local makers and small businesses. Browse handmade goods, vintage finds and other unique items while enjoying live music in the hotel's colorful courtyard.

Time: Evening; check website for current hours

Cost: FREE

www.hotelmccoy.com

Sat., Nov. 14

Texas A&M Football vs. Tennessee

@ Kyle Field, College Station

Aggie football fans won't want to miss this November matchup at Kyle Field. Make a day of it with family and friends and experience the energy of an Aggie game day. The City of Bryan offers a free game-day shuttle from Historic Downtown Bryan to Kyle Field.

Time: See Texas A&M Athletics for kickoff time

Cost: Tickets required for stadium admission; shuttle is FREE

www.12thman.com

Fri., Nov. 13, 2026-Sun., Jan. 3, 2027

Santa's Wonderland

@ Santa's Wonderland, College Station

The holiday season arrives in Aggieland! Walk through millions of twinkling lights, enjoy Texas snow and ice, take a hayride or horse-drawn carriage ride, visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, and explore Santa's Town and Santa's Farm. There is something for every member of the family.

Time: Times vary by date

Cost: Ticket prices vary

www.santaswonderland.com

Fri., Nov. 20

Lights On! in Historic Downtown Bryan

@ Gloria Sale Park & Historic Downtown Bryan

Get ready to kick off the holiday season! Watch the lighting of the Christmas tree, enjoy live music and performances, take a free holiday train ride, visit Santa, and warm up with complimentary hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes.

Time: 5pm-10pm

Cost: FREE

www.destinationbryan.com

Sat., Nov. 21

Jingle Bell Sip & Shop

@ Historic Downtown Bryan

Start your holiday shopping early while exploring the shops of Historic Downtown Bryan. Participating businesses will stay open late with unique gifts and special activities. While the evening's ticketed tasting portion is for adults 21 and older, the shopping portion is open to all ages.

Time: 3pm-8pm

Cost: FREE to shop; tickets required for the 21+ Sip & Shop experience

www.destinationbryan.com

Fri., Nov. 27

Texas A&M Football vs. Texas — Lone Star Showdown

@ Kyle Field, College Station

College football rivalry weekend arrives in Aggieland! Gather your family and friends and experience the excitement surrounding this special Friday night matchup at Kyle Field. The City of Bryan provides a free game-day shuttle from Historic Downtown Bryan.

Time: See Texas A&M Athletics for kickoff time

Cost: Tickets required for stadium admission; shuttle is FREE

www.12thman.com

Sat., Nov. 28

Farmers' Market in Brazos County

@ Midtown Park, Bryan

Enjoy a Saturday morning shopping for locally grown produce, baked goods, handmade goods and other treasures from area vendors. Bring the family, stroll through the market and support local farmers and small businesses.

Time: 8am-12pm

Cost: FREE admission

www.brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com

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Fall in Love with Wine: A Sommelier's Guide to the Season

Submitted by Lisa Atneosen | Certified Sommelier

BRAZOS VALLEY STUMP GRINDING

As the first crisp mornings arrive and leaves begin trading green for amber and crimson, something changes in our wine glasses, too. Summer's refreshing Sauvignon Blancs and Provençal rosés naturally give way to reds with a little more warmth, texture, and spice.

But that doesn't mean it's time to jump straight into the biggest Cabernet Sauvignon you can find.

For those just beginning their wine journey, autumn is perhaps the most exciting season to discover red wine. The secret is choosing bottles that complement the season without overwhelming the palate.

Think of fall as a gradual transition. Look for lighter to medium-bodied reds with vibrant acidity, silky tannins, and notes of cherry, cranberry, baking spices, and forest floor. Styles such as Pinot Noir, Gamay, Grenache, and elegant cool-climate Syrah offer complexity while remaining incredibly approachable. They pair effortlessly with everything from roasted vegetables and grilled pork to hearty soups and the first comfort-food dinners of the year.

One of the joys of wine is discovering how closely it reflects the places where it's grown.

While California often dominates conversations, some of America's most exciting autumn wines come from cooler regions that mirror the changing season.

In the Pacific Northwest, few producers showcase elegance better than Cristom Vineyards in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Their beautifully balanced Pinot Noir captures

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the earthy aromas and bright fruit that make fall wines so inviting. Nearby, Lingua Franca crafts refined Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that demonstrate why Oregon has become one of the world's premier cool-climate wine regions.

If your travels—or your wine shopping—lead east, Virginia offers another compelling destination. Barboursville Vineyards produces exceptional Bordeaux-inspired reds alongside elegant Italian varieties, while RdV Vineyards has earned national acclaim for structured, age-worthy blends that rival wines from much more established regions.

Of course, you don't have to visit these wineries to enjoy them. Many independent wine merchants throughout the Midwest and Heartland proudly feature bottles from both Oregon and Virginia, making it easier than ever to explore America's diverse wine landscape from home.

The best part of fall wine isn't simply what's in the glass—it's what surrounds it.

Imagine an afternoon at a local apple orchard, returning home with fresh cider and warm apple cider doughnuts before opening an Oregon Pinot Noir as dinner roasts in the oven.

Picture a Saturday spent wandering a pumpkin patch or cheering on your favorite college football team, with friends gathered around a charcuterie board featuring aged cheddar, smoked sausages, roasted nuts, and mushroom flatbread alongside a fruit-forward Grenache or Syrah.

As evenings grow cooler, few pleasures rival sitting beside an outdoor fire pit wrapped in a blanket with a glass of medium-bodied red. The gentle spice of the wine echoes the aromas of burning wood, while its bright acidity keeps every sip refreshing instead of heavy.

For new wine drinkers, the most important lesson is this: don't chase the biggest wines simply because the temperatures drop. The finest bottles are those that invite another sip, encourage conversation, and elevate everyday moments.

Fall has a remarkable way of slowing us down. Whether you're hosting friends after a day at the orchard, preparing a comforting Sunday supper, or simply watching the leaves change from your back porch, choosing wines with balance, freshness, and character allows the season to unfold exactly as it should.

This autumn, let the changing leaves inspire more than your wardrobe. Let them inspire what's in your glass, too. You may just discover that the season you fall in love with is wine itself.

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Come to 'Merry and Bright' Calvert for a Victorian Christmas



Calvert's Victorian Christmas

Submitted by Don Klausmeyer

Christmas – 30 days of merry and bright festivities, music, food and events throughout December.

Calvert's famous 47-block historic district, preserved Victorian homes, ornate business district, and grand Virginia Field Park will come alive with a huge variety of activities and attractions for visitors of all ages:

- Stroll the festively decorated Main Street while serenaded by carolers, enjoy late sip and shop nights at businesses, create memories at crafting events and Christmas markets
- Experience the grand Christmas tree lighting, a bell choir, live bands, food trucks, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, face painting, inflatables and many more activities at Virginia Field Park
- Relive another era as you tour five Victorian homes and two historic churches
- Enjoy the sparkle of neighborhoods lit up with holiday lights – more than 40 homes in the historic district and surrounding neighborhoods
- And so many more!

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Get the Latest Updates

Get an updated map and event flyers at CalvertTX.us. While most features are firmly scheduled, details may change. Be sure to check for the latest information before you go. Calvert community volunteers and business owners are still planning even more attractions and events for your visit.

Calendar These Dates and Times

Events and attractions are sponsored or hosted by volunteers with Calvert non-profit organizations and community businesses:

Saturday, Nov. 30

- Shop Small Saturday: Main Street Businesses. Championed by Calvert Main Street. Sponsored by Calvert Main Street Preservation.

Friday, Dec. 4 (All Month)

- Holiday Lights Driving Tour. Evenings. Holiday decorations adorn homes throughout the historic district and adjoining residential areas. Available throughout the month but take the tour on a weekend for the best experience. Sponsored by the Calvert Historical Foundation.

Friday, Dec. 4

- "Night of the Bells," 15 th Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting. 5 to 9 p.m., Virginia Field Park. Features a bell choir, two live bands, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and their holiday horses, train rides for all ages, inflatables, face painting with Christie the Clown, food trucks, hot cocoa and more. Sponsored by the Christmas Extravaganza Committee.

Saturday, Dec 5

- Holiday Home Tour. 9 a.m. pipe organ concert and check-in at the Episcopal church. Tour: 10 a.m. to 3 p. m. Sponsored by Calvert Main Street Preservation.
- Mistletoe Mercantile Christmas Market. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., mini holiday market at Main Street locations, hosted by Sugarcane & Magnolia.
- Wreath Workshop. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Drennan & Randolph Building.
- Christmas Movie and Concert. 7 p.m., The Eloia Theater.
- Texas A&M Reveliers women's chorus. Times and location TBA.

Saturday, Dec. 12

- Wreath Workshop. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Drennan & Randolph Building. Sponsored by Under the Chandelier.
- Boozy Cocoa Crawl Main Street Sip & Shop, Outdoor Carolers and Christmas Tree Stroll. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Carolers at each of the lighted trees on Main Street during the Cocoa Crawl. Main Street businesses open late. Sponsored by Calvert Main Street Preservation.
- Holiday Three-Course Tea. Time and location TBA. Two seatings are planned. Sponsored by Calvert Main Street Preservation.

Saturday, Dec 19

- Concert. 7 p.m., Eloia Theater.

Watch for These Events

Other events are still in the planning stages, including Christmas programs open to the public at Calvert churches. Watch for times and dates. There is no charge to attend most events and features, except for food, beverages and ticketed events. Email questions about Calvert's Victorian Christmas to info@calverttx.us.

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The Thanksgiving Table, *Reimagined*

Submitted by Leslie Fuentes

Thanksgiving has a way of bringing us back to what matters most, like good food, familiar faces and the joy of gathering around the same table.

This year, instead of making your Thanksgiving table look picture-perfect, try making it personal. Sometimes, the best centerpieces are already sitting on a bookshelf, tucked inside a photo album or hanging on the refrigerator.

Start with what you already have. Walk through your home and look for small objects that represent a significant memory or something your family is grateful for. A favorite serving dish passed down through the family, a collection of pinecones gathered on a hike together, a treasured candleholder or even handwritten family recipes can become part of your table. Group a few pieces together, add flowers and suddenly you have a centerpiece that tells a story.

Sprigs of herbs like rosemary, sage or thyme tucked into napkins, arranged around candles or placed in small jars can be another beautiful and practical addition.

Let the people around the table become part of the decor. Handwritten place cards can be written on a folded piece of cardstock, or you can write a short note of gratitude for each guest. It could involve a favorite memory, something you admire about them or a few words about why you're glad they're there.

If children are part of your Thanksgiving celebration, give them a special role in decorating for the holiday by displaying their Thanksgiving-themed drawings, paintings or handwritten gratitude lists around the table.

You can also leave conversation cards at each place setting with questions such as, "What is one thing you're grateful for this year?" or "What is a favorite Thanksgiving memory?" To make it more meaningful, invite guests to write down their answers and save the cards to read again next year.

Most importantly, leave a little room for imperfection. A table filled with pieces that remind you of the people, places and moments you're thankful for will always have more meaning than one with matching dishes, elaborate arrangements or expensive decorations.

This Thanksgiving, look around your home with fresh eyes. The makings of a beautiful centerpiece may already be there in a photograph, a child's drawing, a favorite recipe, a few sprigs of greenery or a treasured object with a story behind it.

After all, the best Thanksgiving tables remind us why we gathered around them in the first place.



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November Journaling

By Grace Schulte

As the air grows cool, we're reminded to slow down and take time to reflect. One of the best ways to channel your thoughts as the seasons change is through journaling. Whether you're new to journaling or have been keeping a diary for years, November is a perfect time to start, or refresh, this beneficial practice.

Journaling has been celebrated for a long time due to its numerous mental and emotional benefits. By putting our thoughts on paper, we create space to process our emotions, clarify our goals, and reduce stress. Research has shown that journaling can help to improve mood, boost memory, and even strengthen our immune systems by giving us a healthy outlet for managing stress. Regular journaling can lead to greater self-awareness. By consistently writing about our thoughts and experiences, we may begin to notice patterns in our feelings and behaviors. Having these insights about ourselves can empower us to make more mindful choices and lead to personal growth. In general, keeping a journal also allows us to capture the essence of moments in our lives, whether it be documenting what we're thankful for during Thanksgiving or simply recalling a fun day you had with family or friends.



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If you're not sure where to start, here are some fall-inspired and general prompts to help you get into the habit of journaling this November:

1. **What are you most thankful for this year?**
   With Thanksgiving approaching, take a moment to reflect on the people, experiences, and things that have brought you joy.

2. **What are your favorite fall memories from your childhood?**
   Whether it's jumping in giant leaf piles, carving pumpkins, or trick-or-treating, recall some of your fondest memories from autumns of your past.

3. **How do you feel, or how are you feeling, as the year begins to wind down?**
   November is the perfect time to reflect on the progress you've made this year. What have you accomplished, and what are your goals for the rest of the year?

4. **Describe a moment in nature that made you feel at peace.**
   Think about the crisp air and beautiful fall colors. Write about a time when you felt connected to the natural world.

5. **How do you manage stress during busy times?**
   As the holiday season approaches, consider how you cope with pressure. Are there any habits you'd like to change or strategies you'd like to try?

6. **Write about your ideal cozy day.**
   Envision the perfect fall day spent at home. What does it look like and how would you spend your time?

7. **What are some things you're looking forward to in the coming year?**
   As you reflect on the past, look ahead and think about your hopes and aspirations for the new year.

8. **What have you learned about yourself this year?**
   Consider how you've grown and changed over the past months, what insights have you gained about yourself?

9. **What does the fall season represent to you?**
   For some, fall symbolizes change, while for others, it's a time of rest and preparation for the long winter. What personal significance does this season hold for you, if any at all?

10. **What are three things that always bring you joy, no matter the season?**
    Reflect on the constants in your life–those people, places, or activities that always make you smile and bring you peace.

Journaling in November provides a quiet, thoughtful way to reflect on the season, the year, and your personal journey. Whether you spend five minutes or half an hour writing each day, it's a powerful tool for self-reflection and growth. So grab a pen, find a quiet spot, and start writing! You may be surprised at the clarity and calm it can bring. Plus, it's always fun looking back at old entries if you're a sucker for nostalgia like me.









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