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My job makes good use of my chameleon-like ability to be both an extrovert and an introvert. It's

great fun to get out and about, interrogating people everywhere I go. There comes a point, however, when I need to hole up and focus on the information gathered — and I find special pleasures in this solitary activity.

This month, our family celebrates our blessings around the campfire at an East Texas state park. Where does your family gather to count your blessings? I'd love to hear about your traditions for this vital American holiday.

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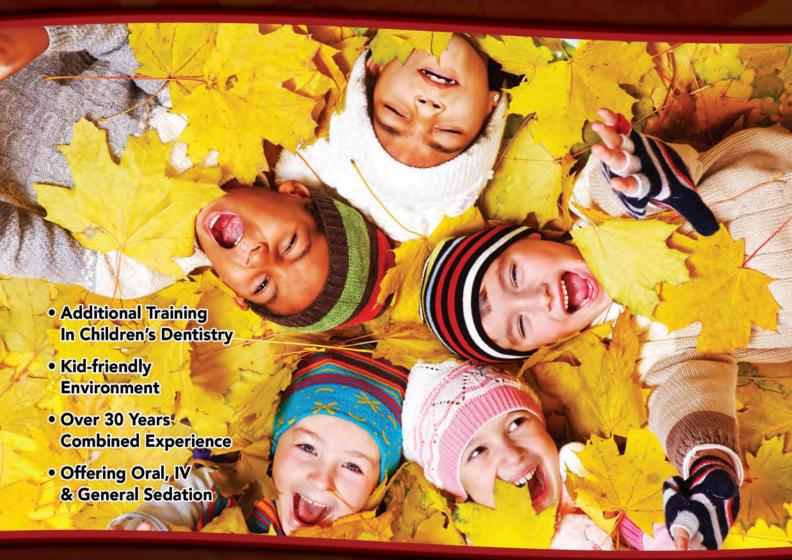
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From Ward's earliest memories until now, "Sports has always been part of my life. I grew up in the locker room." He remembered being in the Burleson locker room at the age of 3 listening to his dad, Gary Whites, give players direction and advice. "Sports became my passion," Ward admitted.

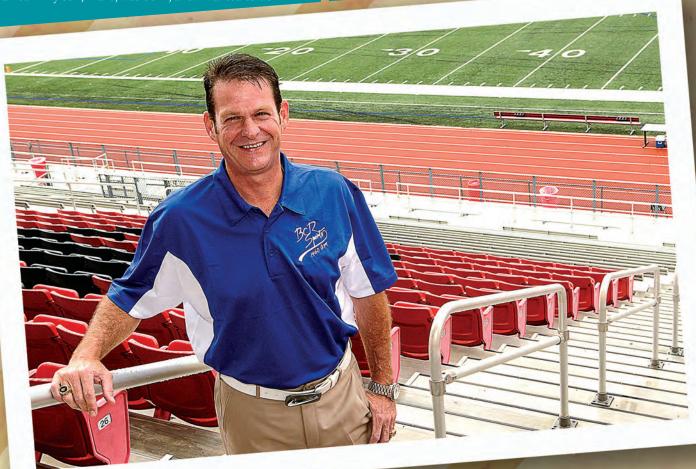
Ward competed in football, basketball and track at Burleson High School under the direction of his dad. He continued his passion for sports at Texas Tech University. After graduating in 1986 with a degree in exercise and sports study, he accepted a coaching position at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He was the linebacker coach and special team coordinator for eight years. He helped lead the Texans to eight conference titles, a bowl game win and a chance to play for two national titles.

"It was very time consuming. I worked 18-hour days," Ward explained. "My son, Blaze, was born, and I wanted to do

something different, so I got a job at a private business," Ward said. "It was okay, but I jumped at an offer by Robert Boots' Elliott at KSTV in Stephenville, where I was still living after the Tarleton years, to do sideline reporting for the Mid Day Show." He covered the Stephenville Yellow Jackets in football, basketball and baseball. Then Ward got back into sports. He also played Texas music on the air and reported on Texas musicians he interviewed. This sparked his love of country music. He admitted that he "fell into broadcasting," which has been his passion ever since. Soon he got the call to come to Big Country Radio where he started covering the Elks. He drove from Stephenville to the station for about two years.

Eventually, Ward moved back to Burleson. "It was time to come home. My folks and brother live in Burleson. It will always be my home." For eight years, Ward has been the voice for Burleson athletics on the radio. He is the general manager for Big Country radio. The station caters to classic country music fans and sports fans alike. "Now I have the best of both worlds," Ward explained. "I broadcast the game. I get to spend time watching film, as well as talking to the coaches and the kids. But, at the end of the game, I go home. I don't have to wonder why we won or lost and try to fix it."

Ward does not do his job alone. A five-man team combines all facets of the game together for the listeners. The team includes two statisticians, a sideline reporter and Ward's sidekick, Shawn Minor. Shawn can be heard alongside Ward at every event. "Shawn adds color to the broadcast in the form of intricate details," Ward explained. They have been a team for six years.





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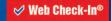
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"He does a great job for us. I could not do it without him." The pair knew each other through childhood. "I remember Shawn as a kid riding his bike around the high school football field when I was at practice. I also coached him when I was at Tarleton."

Burleson's fiercest rival is Cleburne. Ward coined the phrase, "The War on 174." He and Shawn even created a trophy to be passed to the winner and enjoyed until their next duel. The trophy is a large silver railroad spike, which the winning team displays in their trophy case. "The coaches love it," Ward said. "The Santa Fe Railroad ties the two cities together, and that is why we call it the Silver Spike Award."

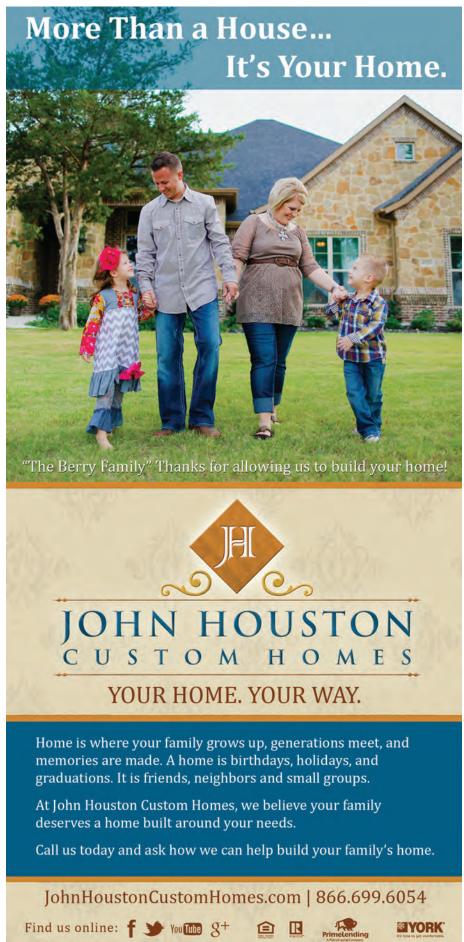
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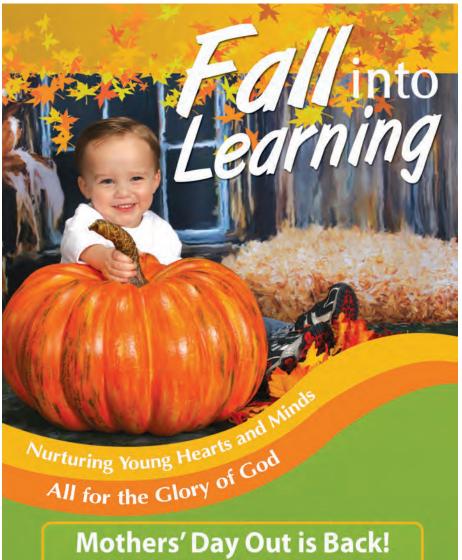
During the eight years Ward has been on the air at Big Country, Burleson has gone to the play-offs four times. Two of those games were played in the infamous Cowboy Stadium. "It was a neat experience. We were up high in the Fox Sports booth," Ward explained. "We were the first high school team to play in the stadium. Our hats are off to the Burleson fans for their support. It meant so much to the players to see a sea of red and black."



A lot of banter goes on behind the microphone. "We always have fun in the booth [during commercials]," Ward grinned. Gaining composure to continue announcing the game can be an interesting challenge at times. Although times in the booth are exciting and fun, it is different this year. When the new high school was built last year in Burleson, it brought a transition for the kids and the community. Centennial High was added to the roster and Elk Stadium had to be changed to BISD Stadium. So far the Elks have been supportive of the Spartans and attended some of their games. "As announcers, Shawn and I are Elks at heart, but we support both sides. We plan to bring both programs the recognition they deserve," Ward said.

Ward's reporting talent reaches far. ESPN recognized him and contracted him to announce play-off games in the area. He also attends Texas Rangers baseball, Dallas Mavericks basketball and Cowboys games so he can report statistics and scores during the Scoreboard show. As well, he has done a live show in Pit Row at Texas Motor Speedway. "I meet a lot of people at these events," Ward said.





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A montage of framed, autographed photos line the walls in Ward's office at the radio station, showing the collision of his passion for sports and Texas music. Representing his love for sports is Pudge Rodriquez, Mike Renfro, Jason Whitman and a picture of Ward in a Texas Tech University football uniform. An old radio On Air sign glows next to his Red Raider helmet and a baseball signed by Nolan Ryan. Mingled with sports memorabilia are antique radios, photos signed by George Straight, George Jones and Willy Nelson. A guitar, signed by country musicians, such as Pat Green, Charlie Daniels and Chris LeDoux, is displayed by a bookcase.

Ward's voice is full of passion for broadcasting. Behind the scene he loves the process that makes the reporting great. Ward's motto is, "If you can't have fun doing what you're doing, you're doing the wrong thing. I can't see myself doing anything else." **NOW** 



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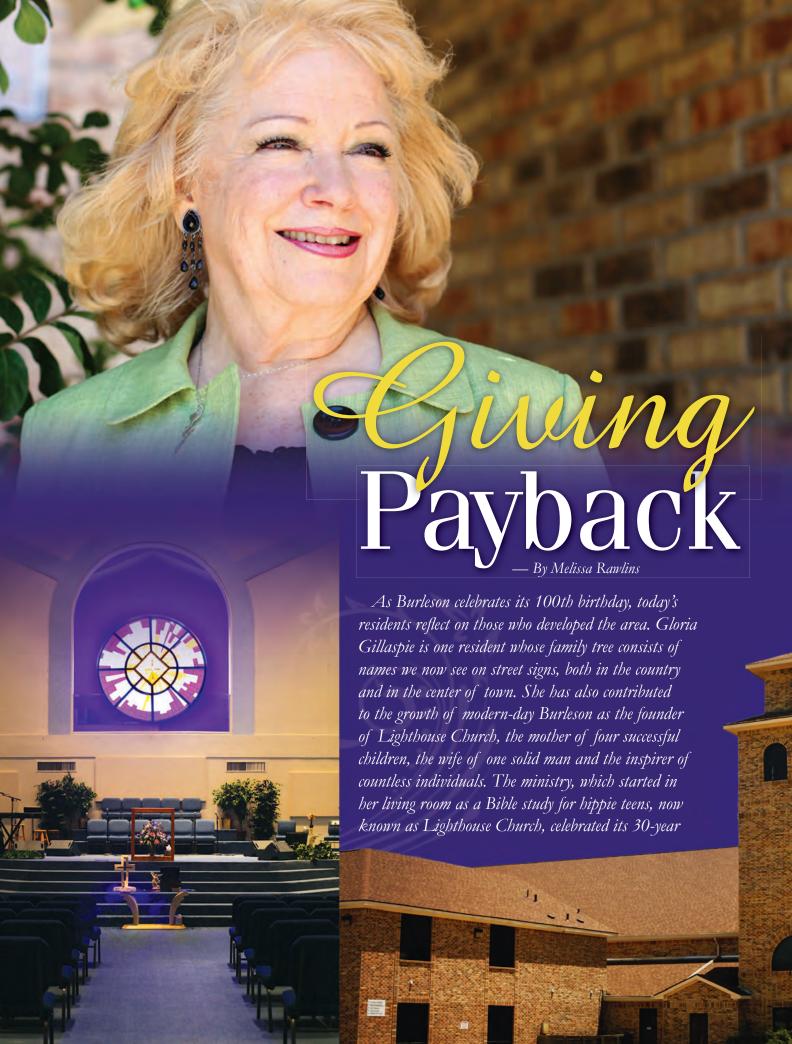
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anniversary this year. Dignitaries from the city, county and state attended, and a congressman gave tribute to Gloria's husband, John. "He said how honorable it is that John has stood with me all these years," Gloria said. John is one of untold numbers who has encouraged Gloria over the years.

After 73 years of living right here in Burleson, continuing the traditions of her family, Gloria recently documented her matrilineal genealogy all the way back to H.C. Renfro's sister for the Burleson Heritage Foundation. Born here at home to Clyde and Francis Lewis, Gloria grew up with two brothers and two sisters, each of whom graduated from Burleson High School. Gloria remembers one of her first teachers was the woman after whom Nola Dunn Academy is named. "When I was in fifth grade, they built Nola Dunn, which just last year was torn down," Gloria said. "Next door to it had been the original three-story building where I began school. When it was torn down in the 1960s, all of us old timers lamented over the loss of that historical building. But that is part of progress.

"I saw Burleson begin growing in the late '50s and early '60s, at which time there was a sign between here and Fort Worth saying Burleson was the 19th fastest growing city in Texas," said Gloria, whose children — Otis, Stuart, Shanda and Rochelle - attended Mound Elementary. After they were grown, she received an invitation from Lion Charles Tyson to join the Burleson Lions Club. "I









highly respect Charles Tyson. One of his sons was in my youth group when it was the Steppingstone Youth Center. Mr. Tyson was like a father to many young guys in the high school. He taught print shop, and that's how Lance, Shanda's husband, became involved in the printing business."

Since joining in 1999, Gloria's impact on the community has increased. "The service clubs help a lot of people get to know each other and serve together, which brings cohesion to the community, somewhat like the churches do," said Gloria. She would never have thought to



join the Lions Club were it not for Lion Tyson's invitation. She had assumed the service club was just for men, because she and her sisters' gospel trio often sang for area Lions Clubs, not only in Burleson but also in Alvarado and Cleburne.

The Lewis Trio also sang for church worship services, as well as on the CBS Saturday night program, Big D Jamboree, broadcast live from Dallas' Sportatorium. "During the '50s, the breadwinner had a car, and nobody else did," Gloria said, explaining how their boyfriends drove the trio to performances. Invited to perform daily on a television program on Channel 5, WBAP TV, the sisters turned down the offer because they were still studying at Burleson High School. When on the verge of signing a recording contract, all three sisters suddenly walked away from the Grand Ole Opry circuit.

From then on, they only sang at church. "The enjoyment, excitement, even the want-to just left us," Gloria said, adding that Burleson's population in 1957, when she graduated from high school, was 700 people - many of whom had high hopes for the trio's career. Success is relative, though.

Each time Gloria entered a different phase of her life, she came out of her comfort zone, stretched and changed. For example, when she was a mother of four teens in the 1970s and her neighborhood was plagued by careless teenagers trampling flowers, she chose not to call the police but instead to speak to the teens about what they were doing. "All of



that vandalism on the whole street just stopped," Gloria said.

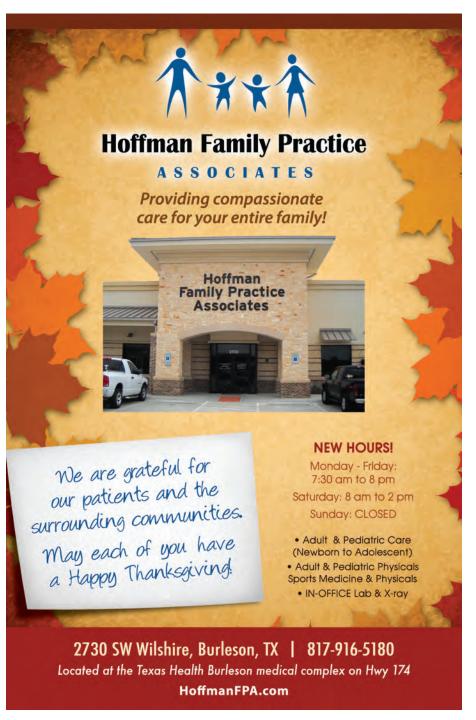
That was the first of many experiences that forced her to grow. And as she matured, her Bible study became Steppingstone Youth Center and then evolved into Steppingstone Family Church. In 1993, it was augmented by Steppingstone Christian Academy.

After the new millennium, the ministry grew into a new building with a new name: Lighthouse Church. Now Gloria is mentoring another woman, Lisa Schwarz, who runs Crazy8 Ministries in buildings on the Lighthouse Church property.

One of at least 20 pastors engaged in the Burleson Ministerial Alliance, Gloria enjoys the camaraderie of people endeavoring to work together. "At our monthly meetings, we'll have 20 or more of us planning and talking about how to help in the community," she said, "by producing events like National Day of Prayer and our Thanksgiving service." They also support Harvest House and The Little Red School House project.

Since having open heart surgery a couple years ago, Gloria concentrates on pastoring and being a grandmother and great-grandmother. She is also spending more time helping her mother, Frances, who just celebrated her 95th







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birthday, through whom Gloria traces part of her heritage. "Henry Renfro's sister, Melinda, married a Bockman, and their daughter married a Floyd, and their son, John Floyd, was my grandfather," Gloria said. "There was a school in Bethesda community — Bethesda School. My grandfather, John Floyd,

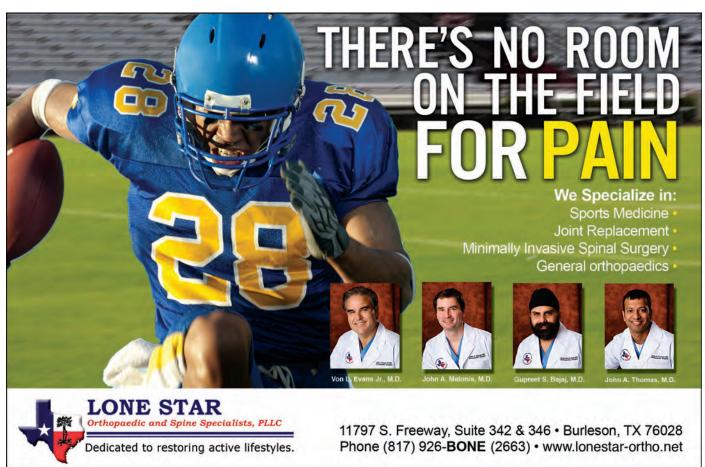


was the first headmaster when they opened the school." Almost all of this side of Gloria's family is buried south of Burleson in the Bethesda Cemetery.

North of town, Gloria also has history in the Oak Grove area. "From Daddy's side of the family, my great-grandfather, James Winfield Lewis, had a horse ranch and raised race horses, and they raced at what was then Arlington Downs. When my great-grandfather died at Oak Grove, a portion of the Lewis estate was donated to the Oak Grove Baptist Church. My grandfather took his share of the money from the sale of the ranch and bought the family farm over at Bethesda. I feel like I kind of have a little heritage in that church, too."

Heritage matters, whether by forming values or inspiring action. For Gloria, it is no small gift that Henry Renfro, considered the founder of Burleson, is her great-great uncle. And for all her many blessings, Gloria's favorite way to show gratitude is to give more of herself to her family and her community. NOW

















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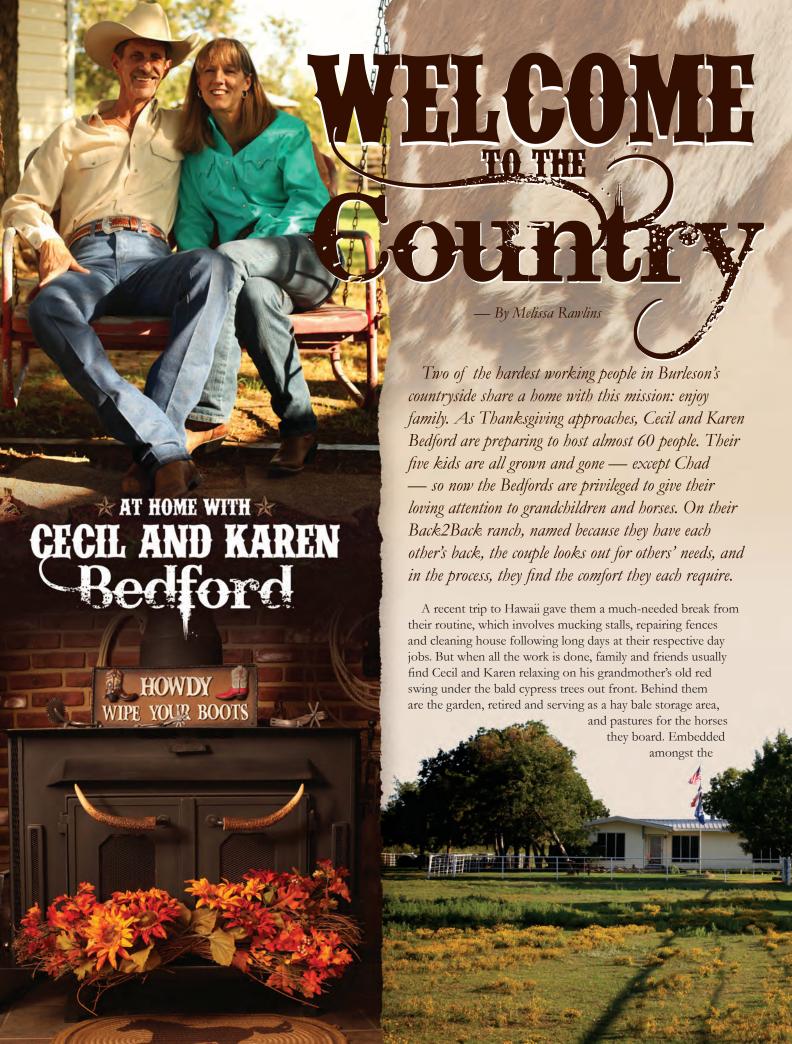
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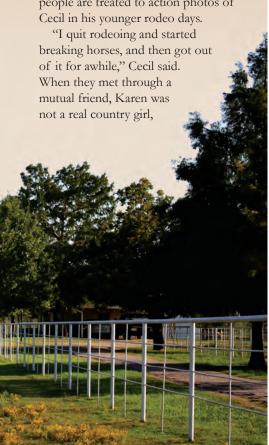


trees and flower beds are rusted tools, metal sculptures of cactus and old longhorn skulls. Cecil keeps tools out in the shop, as well as a pool table and volleyball net for the grandchildren who like to come hang out.

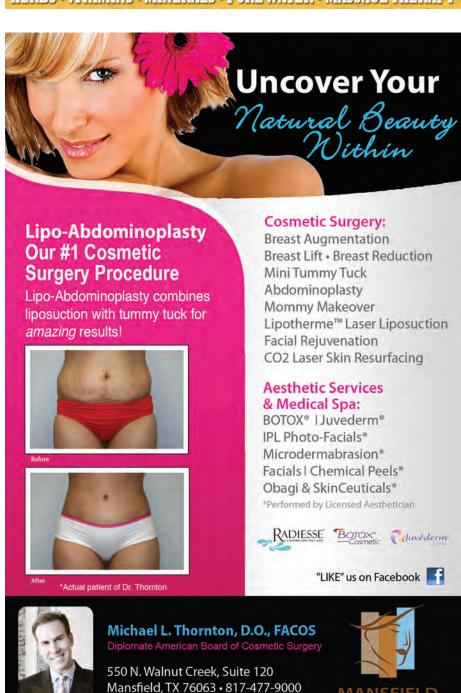
Karen and Cecil have seven grandchildren now, each an inspiration for more fun. Their first was only wearing size 2 shoes when Karen decided to invest in cowboy boots so little Tryston could go for a horseback ride. "Now, we have all sizes of boots over in the living room corner to fit anyone who wants to come over to ride," Karen said.

Inspired by ideas gleaned from magazines, Karen made a frame for a large mirror out of old boot tops collected from garage sales or family members. "I have a folder of magazine ideas and try out the ones I like," Karen said. She has a husband with tools, a talented brother and lots of kids to help when her ideas start to become reality.

"She comes up with a lot of ideas and asks, 'Hey, can you do it?' That's why I got a shop out there with every tool in it you can think of," Cecil said. He recently put tin roofing material up for the ceiling of the remodeled guest bathroom, where people are treated to action photos of Cecil in his younger rodeo days.

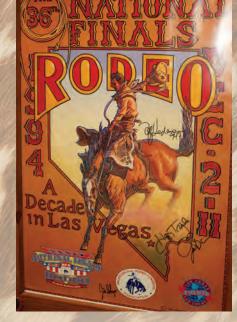






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but over time Cecil inspired her to enjoy taking care of chores at home every day. "When Karen and I got together, we went into raising longhorns and developed our brand, a C and a K linked along their backs. Eventually, I decided I knew more about horses and fixed up the old wooden barn on our property."

Their granddaughters were the first to enjoy horses with them. They started doing play day rodeos together, and now they are hoping the boys follow suit. The children learn about country living from their grandparents. "There's a water well on this property. I like to show the kids the old-time well," Karen said. "It's a 600-foot, sucker-rod well, and is pumped up into the house.

"We also have old Concord grapes growing out back. I tell the grandkids, "That's where grapes and jelly come from.' There's not a lot of old country like that left. Whether the kids let it soak in, I don't know. But I like to let them know," said Karen, who has not ever made jelly with them. "That's a little more industrious than I really am."

Karen works a full-time job as







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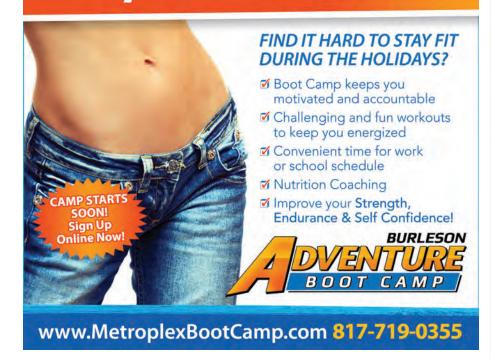
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customer service rep for Conway Freight, as well as keeping horses. Cecil has a fulltime job, too, as director of maintenance at Crowley Nursing Home. "She won't let me quit,"

quipped Cecil. "We had a couple hundred dollars together when we met," Karen said. "We've slowly worked hard, been honest and saved our money." Their older home has been a mutual project since they joined forces. They put on new siding, doors and a metal roof. Her sonin-law, Matt, redid her bathroom, as a gift.



"I was never so happy to see a sledgehammer in my life," Karen said. Removing baby-pink tile, along with a never-used bathtub, Matt created a space that Karen and Cecil can use comfortably. Now painted in Southwest colors, and punctuated with glass tiles in blues, faded turquoise, browns and rusts,



the ceiling is a simple pressed tin. "Cecil had about six old windows in his shop, and we took one and turned it into his mirror."

The adjoining master bedroom is decorated with elk horns given to Cecil by an old boss, who liked to hunt. In this large and fanciful room, the Bedfords display all sorts of western memorabilia, mostly inherited from family and friends. "If somebody's got an old piece of junk,

they run it by us first," Karen laughed, "because they know we might want it!" The collar mirror was her parents', but she collected all her little guns from



garage sales. The cactus sculpture was a joke Christmas gift. And the 1994 National Finals Rodeo poster signed by big rodeo stars? "That's a souvenir from the trip to Las Vegas Cecil planned because he wanted me to see where the best cowboys ride!"

The big, fun, comfortable room reminds them a bit of a bar. "Cecil's not a drinker, but everybody brings him a jigger back from somewhere," Karen laughed. Over 200 of them are displayed under the southern end of a wall of arches that were here when the couple moved in. "The room was very feminine and flowery, and we had to deal with it." After texturing the walls, and then painting the room in a Palomino brown, Cecil topped off the leathery feeling with a western version of crown molding recycled from Karen's mother's old cedar fence.

The comfort of the country welcomes Cecil home every night. "I'm thankful I have somebody to come home to who works together with me," he said. "It doesn't look like Karen cooks for me-I'm a skinny guy — but she does." And the kitchen is the next project where she will rely on Cecil to bring her visions to pass. To modernize it while adding a country feel, Karen's list begins with a tin ceiling and new countertops. But first, those old counters will be needed for all the holiday food brought in by the extended family. "The more the merrier is the saying, and we usually get the more!" NOW



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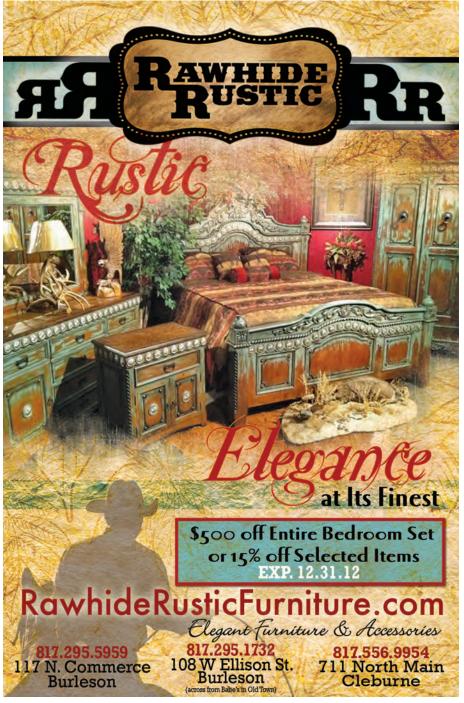


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Veterans' Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. It is a day set aside by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to honor armed service veterans. Cameron and Camden Lewis, 13-year-old twins, have long known the significance of this day celebrated on November 11.

In a family surrounded with a long history of military service, Cameron and Camden take on the charge of continuing their rich heritage. Both brothers are enlisted in the United States Navy League Sea Cadet Corps program at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth. The boys want to carry on the long tradition of military service that started with their greatgrandfather. The United States Navy League Sea Cadet Corps (USNLCC) program is for boys and girls ages 10-17 interested in learning about the Navy. Enlistees learn about naval life, basic seamanship, military drill and leadership.

One weekend a month, the Lone Star Squadron meets to drill, march and learn about naval history. On Sunday, they attend the nondenominational worship service on the base. "We have achieved the current ranking of LC3, and will soon be promoted to Petty Officer 3rd class," Camden said. There are several ranks to maneuver through. Advancement requires course exams and training camps held twice a year. Ribbons are awarded for service and achievement. Both boys have ribbons for academic success at









Hughes Middle School and community involvement activities. A family goal and priority is to give back to others.

Cameron and Camden joined the USNLCC program in August, 2011. "The longer they are in the program," Tabor, their dad, said, "the more diverse their trainings become. They offer everything from SEAL training to marksmanship training." The longer recruits stay in the program, the more benefits they accrue. They will be eligible to enter the armed forces at a higher rank, are favorably looked up to and may receive scholarships.

SCUBA school is coming up, and they are looking forward to completing the training and becoming scuba-certified by the end of the year. "I want to go out to the lake and dive," Cameron said. Kids from all over the United States take part in these training programs. They are held twice a year in various locations across the country.

Melissa, the twins' mom, works as a mentor and supervisor with at-risk juveniles through the Youth Advocate Program. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Even though the family calendar is full, she also gives her extra time as unit photographer when their squadron needs individual and group photos. Tabor works for a military manufacturing and distribution company. "If a plane, helicopter, tank, sub or battleship needs parts," Tabor explained, "we are available to meet those needs." He helps Cameron and Camden with academics and football skills and volunteers with USNLCC when he is needed.

The twins' family is very important and a huge support when it comes



to getting the boys to school, sports activities and USNLCC training. The boys were introduced to the USNLCC program by their grandmother, Sharon West, who is one of their strongest encouragers. "They couldn't be any more blessed to have the support of her and their grandfather, Jack West, who is also a veteran of the United States Navy," Melissa said. The USNLCC program encourages kids to have high academic scores and stay drug- and alcohol-free, while developing team work, patriotism, courage and self-reliance.

The Lone Star Squadron showed their patriotism when they traveled to Galveston, where they were assigned duties in the commissioning of the *USS Fort Worth* combat ship in September. "We helped send in a petition for the name," Cameron said. "It is the only ship named after a city, and it is an honor to have it named after the city of Fort Worth." In July, the squadron raised money for the journey through a Burger Burn fundraiser where cadets cooked burgers for the Marines on base.

Military service runs deep in the family. Their great-grandfather, Richard Lewis, served in the Army. Their grandfather, Rick Lewis, also served in the Air Force as military police. He has traveled the world and was also deployed to Desert Storm. He is a huge part of their lives. He has taught Cameron and Camden how to spit-shine shoes, fold uniforms and properly pack their sea bags. "He is a great resource for the boys," Melissa said. "He is so supportive."

Rick gives the boys advice. Most they follow, some they don't. "I tell them, 'Go Air Force," Richard laughed. "But, I didn't follow my dad into the Army, and













they are not following me into the Air Force. Our family samples a little bit of it all. Together we work as a team to meet all the demands of our family's busy lives, as well as others' lives we can touch along the way."

Cameron and Camden have many other interests, like other boys their age. "We lead them in many directions, so they're able to explore what they like and find out what they don't like," Melissa said. Both boys enjoyed attending the Burleson Junior Fire Academy that is held yearly. Their younger brother, Taybor, completed the academy this year, and their dad, Tabor, completed the Burleson Citizens Fire Academy in 2009. For one week in the summer they don full gear as they shoot water from hoses, run the tower maze through smoke and learn about fire trucks, ambulances and medic helicopters.

Camden plays football at Hughes Middle School, and Cameron enjoys art. Many of his pieces are on display in the family's home. Camden is a Longhorn fan, and Cameron is a Sooners fan, so football is always an interesting debate in their home. Both boys plan on pursuing military police careers, like their grandfather, Rick.

With the approach of Veterans' Day, when the nation celebrates the service of all United States veterans, Camden and Cameron will be remembering and celebrating, too. They will remember the military service of their family members and celebrate the freedoms it allows. As these two eighth graders continue to earn stripes in the USNLCC program, their passion for military service leads them into the future. NOW

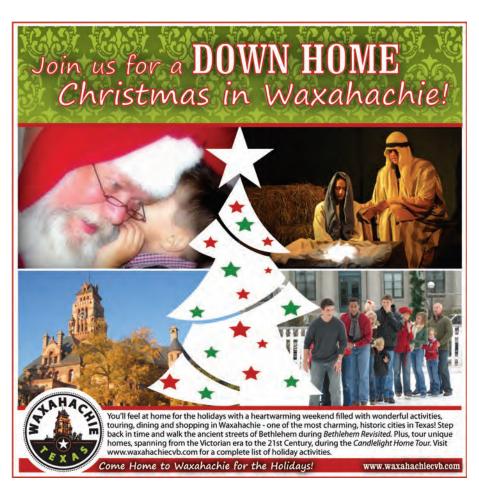














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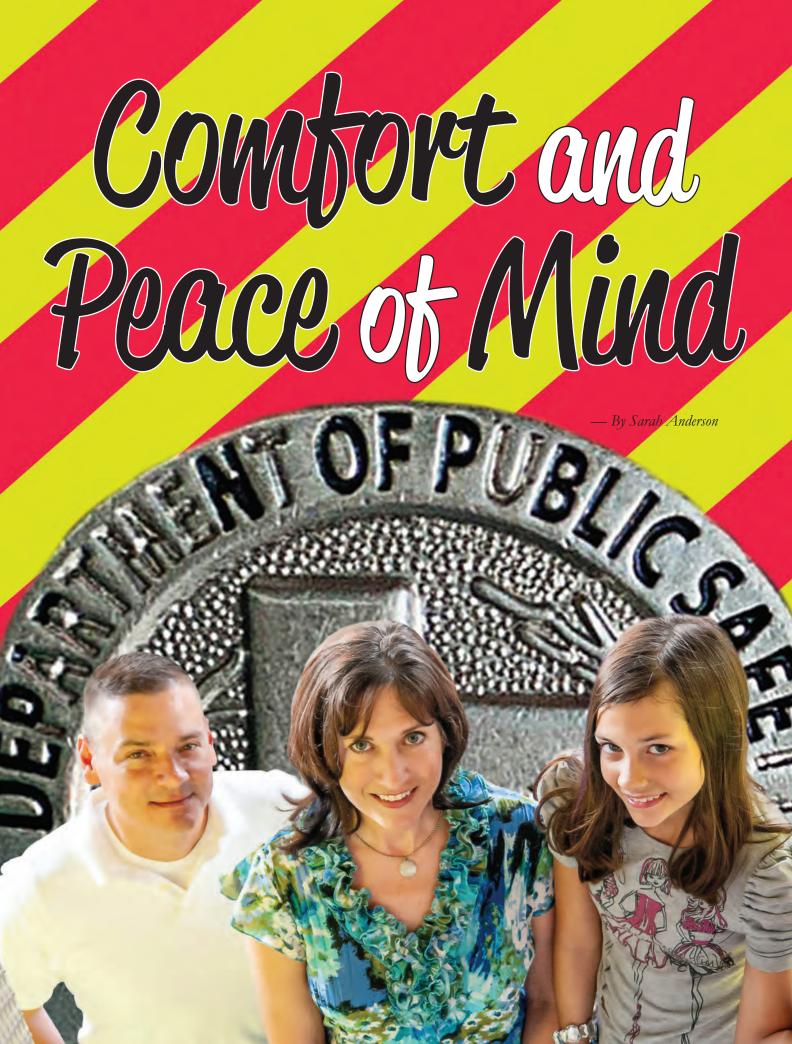


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As the holidays approach and Melissa Zaborowski plans her family's festivities, she never knows when or if her husband will be able to join her and their two children or just how long he will be able to stay. As a dedicated Johnson County highway patrolman, Richard Zaborowski is one of nearly 1,200 first responders who stand at a moment's notice ready to protect and serve their community. Nights, weekends, holidays — there is no guarantee they will have that time with their families. Although Melissa respects her husband's noble profession, his unpredictable schedule and uncertain safety is a sacrifice. A sacrifice she has willingly made for the past 14 years.

"It's like being a single parent at times because of your spouse's hours and the things they miss out on," Melissa said. "You try not to think about what they're doing. You try not to think about the danger they face, and when they don't get home at 1:00 a.m. like they are supposed to, you try not to [speculate] why they are late." But living in a community with a















100 Club makes it a little easier. So much so, that when Richard and Melissa moved their family to Egan from Brenham, Texas, in 2008, Melissa made it a priority to spark interest in creating a local 100 Club in her new community.

The 100 Club is a national organization founded in 1952 when a young Michigan woman, married to a police officer and expecting their first child, was widowed when her husband was killed in the line of duty. William Packer, a local businessman and friend of the young officer's police commissioner, was moved to action. He asked 100 friends and colleagues to donate \$100 to the widow and her unborn child. His example soon blossomed into a nonprofit organization, which has grown over 60 years and spread across the country. There are over 50 individual 100 Clubs in the United States, seven of them in Texas. They are all dedicated to supporting families of first responders when their loved one is injured or killed in the line of duty.

"It gives you peace of mind and a sense of security knowing there's something and someone there for you if the worst happens," Melissa said. "When Richard was a sheriff's deputy in Washington County, I witnessed firsthand what the Houston 100 Club did for a close friend whose husband was killed on the job." The Houston 100 Club not only blessed the woman and her 4-year-old daughter with immediate financial help, they also helped her go to school and find a career after being a stay-at-home mom. They even set up an education fund for her daughter and were there to offer moral support as she faced countless decisions in the wake of the tragic accident.

Seeing what the Houston 100 Club did for her dear friend before she moved from Washington County, Melissa knew



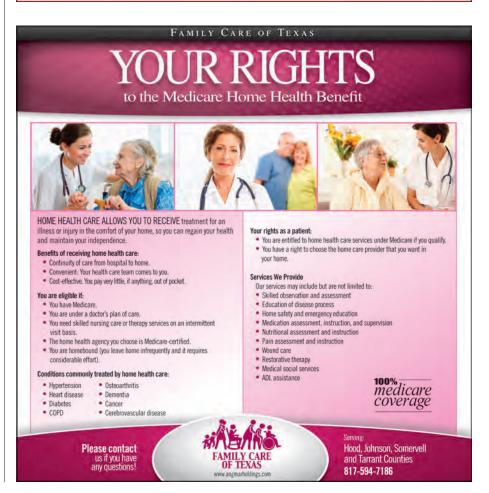
getting a 100 Club started in Johnson County was a must. Before long, she approached Sherriff Bob Alford about the possibility. Without hesitation, Bob agreed whole-heartedly and invited the community's movers and shakers to an informational meeting to gauge interest in a 100 Club. Within several months by early 2009 — the Chisholm Trail 100 Club, the newest 100 Club in Texas, was born. Now every police officer, paid and volunteer fire fighter, sheriff's deputy, EMS and correctional officer in Johnson County is covered by an individual \$50,000 life insurance policy through the Chisholm Trail 100 Club.

"We are thrilled to already have enough members paying their \$100 annual dues that we can give our first responders and their families some peace of mind with the life insurance policies. Our goal is to grow enough and have enough members to move from insurance policies to self-funding," said Niki Passmore, the organization's executive director. "We can't wait to have enough funding to offer even more." Niki, the Chisholm Trail 100 Club's founding and current board members and especially Melissa, as the wife of a first responder, are delighted to offer the families of our local heroes peace of mind. Families of first responders can rest assured the club will be there to support them emotionally and financially in a crisis.

Melissa knows exactly what the families experience every day as they anticipate their loved one's return from a shift of being poised and prepared to respond when their community's citizens need them. She understands the effort to avoid worry and uncertainty. Each spouse or parent learns to believe they will safely return. They cannot let themselves think any other way.

"It's comforting to know you live in















an area that has a 100 Club, with people who will walk with you and be there for you if you lose your loved one. The Club doesn't merely come in and give you a check. They come in, and sit with you. They guide you as you do all the things you have to do," Melissa said.

Niki said the Club's members and leaders know money and support does not replace a lost loved one, but they want to do everything they can to offer comfort and any means possible to provide help in their absence. Burleson businessman and founding president, Jerry Payne, agreed. "You never want to get that call, but if you do you want to be prepared. I'm proud we have developed means through the Chisholm Trail 100 Club to provide assistance," he said.

Sherriff Alford was instrumental in getting the Club off the ground and is grateful it has become a reality. Unfortunately, his department was the first to experience a loss. A young sheriff's deputy from Cleburne, Clifton Taylor, was shot to death in April, 2010, during a standoff in response to a domestic violence call. The tragedy occurred within a month after the Chisholm Trail 100 Club finalized the \$50,000 death benefit for first responders. Clifton's fiancé and parents' lives were shattered, but the club's provisions gave them means to face the resulting responsibilities and grief. Clifton's parents offered their testimony on a video, which shared the club's mission. "I have such deep affection and respect for this organization," Clifton's mother said. "They helped us at the most overwhelming time of our life when we lost our son." NOW

Editor's Note: To learn more about Johnson County's Chisholm Trail 100 Club, visit ct100.org.

## Fall is a Good Time for Planting Trees

— By Nancy Fenton

Was the long hot summer as hard on your trees as it was on mine? If you have to replace or just add a bit of color, fall is really one of the very best times for planting trees or shrubs of any size. The cooler weather gives the tree a much better chance to develop strong roots. Container-grown plants, including trees, can be planted any time of year, but the fall is still a much better time since they won't require as much watering. Trees, like most plants, shock easily when moved around. The roots start to dry out the minute the soil is pulled away. This makes careful planting a must.

For careful planting, the tree guys at Texas A&M University tell us the width of the planting hole is vitally important. Three times the width of the pot is essential, as is digging the hole no deeper than the container in which the tree is planted. If you are looking at a tree that is bare-rooted (no soil), just make sure that the hole is good and wide. Lots of room is needed for the roots to spread out. Good looking trees in containers often have lots of roots in a very small space. A

good soaking will often loosen the container and the soil around the roots. If that doesn't work, try a good, sharp knife to cut through and loosen the roots.

The depth issue is one that has changed over the years. The crown of the tree should be just above the level of the surrounding soil with the roots spread around it. The main issues in North Central Texas are our alkaline soils, plus the uneven moisture levels. Refilling the hole with the same soil that came out and topping with two to three inches of course mulch is recommended. Less air exposure to the roots means less of a chance the tree will be shocked. Regular watering after the fact (even after the temperature drops) will also help.

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## To Your Health

This month Short Family Medical Center gives thanks for rewarding relationships with over 6,000 patients! – By Melissa Rawlins

The first day Rusty Short served a patient in her center, she had on flip-flops and cut-off shorts for the job of unpacking boxes into Short Family Medical Center. "I had forgotten to lock the door," Rusty laughed. "But I saw the girl, treated her ringworm, and she and her mother left satisfied that the little girl would be accepted in school the next day."

Old-fashioned health care has been available at Short Family Medical Center since October 2010, and this month the owners are giving thanks for their rewarding relationships with over 6,000 patients throughout Johnson County. With or without insurance, people are welcomed here by Jack Short, D.O., and his wife, Rusty Short, FNPC.

The couple started the center close to their Joshua home to

provide affordable, accessible health care for entire families. "It's the concept you had years ago when you had a family doctor who knew you," said Rusty, a nurse practitioner who runs her center with a collaborative physician, who also happens to be her husband.

"We want to simplify things for patients. Certainly there's a need for specialists, but there's a whole lot your family practitioner can do," Rusty added. Consulting with other physicians, nurse practitioners are licensed in Texas and trained to do almost everything a primary doctor does. Rusty and Dr. Short maintain referral relationships with several local physicians, including: Barry Bass, M.D.; Greg Hoffman, M.D.; or Joe Etter, D.O. Within the Short Family Medical Center, Rusty

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relies on Medical Assistants Brittany Hoeninghaus, Christine Phillips and Melissa Graves and receptionist Mel Behney.

As an adjunct professor for The University of Texas at Arlington's nurse practitioner program, Rusty helps prepare health care providers for new careers. She mentors students from the Hill College LVN program, too. Heather Curtis has done her residency with Short Family Medical Center and will finish in December.

Not long after Heather's graduation, Rusty and her staff will say goodbye to their four-room building, which has been quite hospitable to the growing patient list. "People are usually shocked to find they actually can afford to take care of their health. They often come with a whole laundry list of things they need to deal with, because they haven't been to a doctor in so long," Rusty said. The center is able to provide this experience thanks to their supporters, like laboratories and imaging companies, which have worked with them to give

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special prices for their patients.

Short Family Medical Center has set March 15, 2013, for the opening of their expanded center, directly behind the current building. Already, Rusty and Jack and their staff treat a long list of medical issues, from gynecological exams to minor emergencies. They see many children for school physicals and vaccines along with other wellness issues. The center also runs a successful weight-loss program.

The mission of Short Family Medical Center is working itself out, with patients coming from Crowley and Cleburne. "When someone finds out they can go see a doctor for a very low price — and pay cash if they like — we get a lot of patients in here, who are pretty good about following instructions to do what they can to improve themselves," Rusty said. "They know the value of their health." NOW

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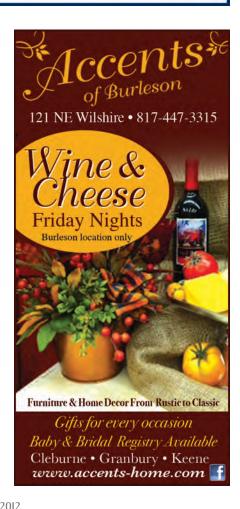


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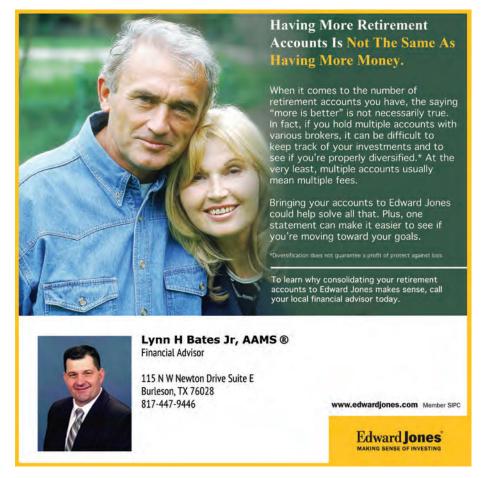
# Common Myths About Life Insurance: Singles and Stay-at-Home Parents Among Those Most at Risk

— By Mark Jameson

A recent survey by LIMRA International<sup>1</sup> shows that one-third of adults in the U.S. have no life insurance. Those with coverage, the study also showed, have far less than most experts recommend for a secure financial future for their families. For most consumers, buying life insurance can be a tough decision, and myths about life insurance can confuse and delay consumers from purchasing a policy, potentially forcing their families to make financial sacrifices.

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•Myth: I don't work. Stay-at-home parents often make significant financial contributions to a family's budget by providing such things as child care, transportation and housekeeping services that could add up to tens of thousands of dollars a year. Could a single surviving spouse afford to pay for these services on his or her own?

# "For most consumers, buying life insurance can be a tough decision."

•Myth: Group life provides all the coverage I need. Group life insurance is a great component of a life insurance program. However, the coverage offered is not always enough to take care of your beneficiaries and usually offers limited coverage options. Group policies are generally nontransferable once you leave your current job.

•Myth: A permanent policy is better than a term policy. The kind of coverage that's right for you depends on your unique circumstances and financial goals. A term policy generally offers the greatest coverage for the lowest initial premium. A permanent policy may work best if you anticipate a need for long-term protection.

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### Taking the Bite Out of Pain

— By Betty Tryon, BSN

Relaxing with a cup of hot tea or just chilling with friends enjoying an ice cream cone are simple pleasures you may have to enjoy at your own risk. Sensitive teeth can definitely take the pleasure out of eating. The symptoms are easy to recognize. Stimulation or irritation of teeth by hot or cold substances, or sometimes even by flossing or brushing, can cause pain and discomfort in the affected tooth. Sensitive teeth in and of themselves are not a medical crisis. However, they could be the indicator of worse things to come.

Many reasons might cause a tooth to suddenly become difficult to live with. Damage to the tooth would be an obvious cause. Fractured or cracked teeth can lead to great sensitivity and pain. Frequently, the damaged tooth is discovered after pain has driven the person to the dentist's office. Teeth grinding or biting on a hard surface, such as ice or popcorn kernels, can lead to tooth trauma. Having a tooth restored after such an ordeal is extremely important in order to avoid having bacteria seep into the exposed surface and cause tooth decay. Erosion of the tooth's enamel can occur with abuse of illicit drugs, such as methamphetamine, which has earned the nickname of "meth mouth," because of the prolific amount of damage to teeth from the highly acidic drug. Some over-the-counter medications can cause damage to the enamel if not taken

properly. An example is aspirin with its acidic nature or the sugar in cough syrup that's allowed to remain in the mouth and not rinsed or brushed away. Saliva helps protect teeth, but some medications, such as antihistamines, can cause dry mouth. Gastroesophageal reflux, as well as eating disorders, such as bulimia, cause stomach acid to bathe the teeth, which then breaks down enamel. Teeth whitening products are one of the major causes of sensitive teeth.

Preventing tooth sensitivity can be accomplished various ways. If you grind your teeth, have yourself fitted with a proper mouth guard. If your teeth have been damaged, seek the help of a dentist for remedy. Good oral hygiene is vital. Proper brushing, flossing and regular dental checkups go a long way toward keeping your teeth in good condition. Avoid hard bristled toothbrushes, because they can wear down your tooth enamel and cause irritation to the gums. Use fluoride toothpaste, and check with your dentist about which mouth rinse you should use. When brushing, do so gently. In today's world, modern dentistry can perform miracles. If you need dental services, call your dentist.

This article is for general information only and does not constitute medical advice. Consult with your physician if you have questions regarding this topic.









#### November 3

Crowley Area Chamber Extravaganza and Business Expo: 3:00-7:00 p.m., CTE Center, 1033 McCart Ave., across from Nicky D's. Featuring The Taste of Crowley Area, in which restaurants from Crowley and surrounding areas offer their goodies. Call (817) 297-4211.

Magic Show: 7:00 p.m., Burleson High School Auditorium, sponsored by the Burleson Kiwanis Club. Contact bur88kiwanis@gmail.com.

#### November 5

Walk with Council: 6:00 p.m., Bransom Elementary School. The public is invited to walk two miles with Burleson City Council members along the Oak Valley Trail, the first pedestrian trail leg in the City's planned trail system. Contact (817) 426-9687.

#### November 9

Senior Dance: 7:00-9:30 p.m. Burleson Senior Center, 216 S.W. Johnson Ave. Dancers from surrounding areas gather here for conversation and dancing. Come join the ball! For more information, contact (817) 295-6611.

#### November 10

Crowley Quilt Show: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., First

Baptist Church Community Life Center, 400 S Eagle Dr., Crowley. For entry information, call (817) 297-2189 or (817) 297-4347.

Fort Worth First Fall Craft Fair: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Fort Worth First Church of the Nazarene, 2001 E. Main St., Crowley. Local vendors from all over the Metroplex bring their handmade arts and crafts to sell for unbeatable prices. Contact Clint Grimes, (817) 297-7003, ext. 107.

Free Acoustic Music Concert: 7:00 p.m., Grandview SDA Church, 12801 S. 35W, Grandview. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a hodgepodge of acoustic music, from classical guitar to bluegrass to gospel to country. Please contact Rendall Caviness at wrcaviness@hotmail.com or (817) 770-5663.

#### November 10

Military Veteran Tribute: 2:00 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park at Renfro Square. Dedicated to warriors wounded in action and Purple Heart recipients. For information, call (817) 426-9622.

#### November 17

Foster Care Expo: 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Field Street Baptist Church, 201 N. Field St., Cleburne.

For all those interested in providing foster care for hurting children. Visit orphansunday.org or contact Tammy King, executive director, Children's Advocacy Center, (817) 558-1599.

#### November 30

Youth Bee Scholarship application deadline: 5:00 p.m., Metro Beekeepers, c/o Tim Wallace, 1510 Sunnydale Dr., Midlothian. The Metro Beekeepers Association will provide a hive and all its related responsibilities — to a youth hobbyist. Visit www.metrobeekeepers.net.

#### December 1

Joshua Christmas Parade: 6:00 p.m., Staples Elementary is the starting point. Parade ends with annual celebration in City Park. For more information, call Joshua Chamber of Commerce, (817) 558-2821.

Submissions are welcome and published as space allows. Send your event details to melissa.nowmag@sbcglobal.net.







## Cooking NOW



#### In the Kitchen With Pam Vire

— By Melissa Rawlins

Earning her Girl Scout badge while also preparing dinner on nights when her mother worked late, Pam Vire began cooking at the age of 10 and hasn't stopped. The first meal she cooked — under her mother's tutelage — was flame-broiled steak and oven-baked frozen French fries. She experimented with new recipes, and, after marrying Craig, began collecting cookbooks — amassing 300, which she reads cover-to-cover. The obsession started with Junior League cookbooks, her favorite being Apron Strings published by the Junior League of Little Rock, Arkansas, where Pam is from. In her 25-plus years as a paralegal, she frequently catered for co-workers, as well as her litigation team, when in trial. Her passion now benefits the Bethesda Baptist Church congregation, because Pam loves cooking for hungry people. NOW

#### Sausage Pinwheels

- 1 lb. ground Jimmy Dean pork sausage
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 2. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt.
- 3. Cut in shortening with a fork or pastry blender; stir in milk.
- 4. Place dough on large piece of floured wax paper. Knead dough briefly; roll out into a rectangle about 1/4-inch thick.
- **5.** Spread raw sausage onto the rectangle. Roll up lengthwise.
- 6. Cut dough into 1/4-inch slices. Lay pinwheels flat on a baking sheet and bake 30 minutes until golden brown.

#### Ready-by-dinner **Yeast Rolls**

- I package rapid rise dry yeast
- I cup very warm water (just shy of hot)
- I tsp. salt
- I heaping Tbsp. sugar
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1. Dissolve yeast in water in the bottom of a large mixing bowl.
- 2. Add all other ingredients except the flour and mix together with a mixer.
- 3. Begin stirring in all the flour; mix until the dough is smooth. (This can be mixed in a food processor with the dough blade or with a stand mixer using the dough hook.)
- 4. Pour out onto floured wax paper; knead the dough slightly. Pull apart and roll into balls the size of golf balls. Put dough balls

- on greased round metal pan about
- 3/4-inch apart. Let rise in warm place about 45 minutes.
- 5. Preheat oven to 375 F; cook about 20 minutes until golden brown.

#### **Stuffed Cream Cheese Jalapeños**

- 1/2 lb. ground Jimmy Dean pork sausage
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened 1 cup fresh Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 lb. fresh jalapeño peppers, halved lengthwise, seeded
- **I.** Preheat oven to 425 F.
- 2. Cook sausage in skillet over medium heat until brown; drain and crumble into very tiny pieces.
- 3. In a bowl, mix sausage, cream cheese and Parmesan cheese.
- **4.** Spoon 1 Tbsp. cream cheese mixture into each pepper half.
- 5. Place on a cookie sheet; bake 20 minutes until bubbly and lightly browned.

#### Maple-sauced Pork Chops

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup maple-flavored syrup
- 1/4 cup white cooking wine
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. instant beef bouillon granules (or 1/2 cube)
- I small bay leaf
- I garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 tsp. ginger root, grated or 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp. dried ground thyme
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil, crushed
- 1/4 tsp. chili powder
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/8 tsp. ground cloves
- 4 pork chops
- 1. In a saucepan combine all ingredients except pork chops.
- 2. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the bay leaf.
- **3.** Grill chops over medium heat for 15-20 minutes. Turn chops; grill 10 minutes longer, brushing sauce over chops occasionally.
- 4. Serve with warm sauce.











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