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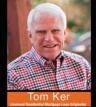
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# Editor's Note

Happy Valentine's Day!

At my house, February is wrapped up in love for family members and close friends. It's also the month we spend the most money on cards — birthday and anniversary cards to be exact. We celebrate five birthdays and two very special anniversaries. And let's not forget the Valentine's Day cards — the cardboard fold-overs we will diligently read through in order to find the perfect one with just the right words for our sweethearts and those we hold most dear.

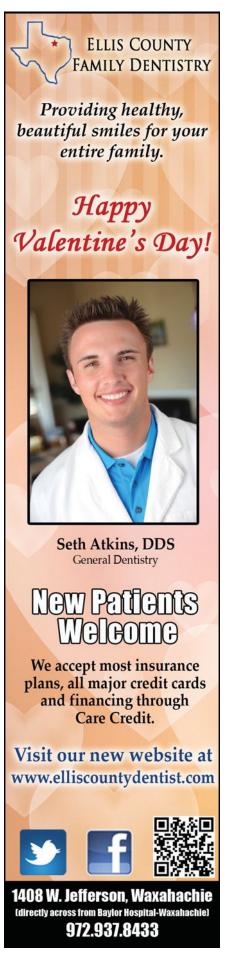
I get really excited about being a Waxahachie ISD volunteer during this time, too. You see, on Friday, February

7, I'll be sitting in a classroom filled with third-graders. I will make myself comfortable as I read a selection aloud in honor of the district's annual Drop Everything And Read Day event. It's one of the most rewarding things I'll do this month!

# Sandra

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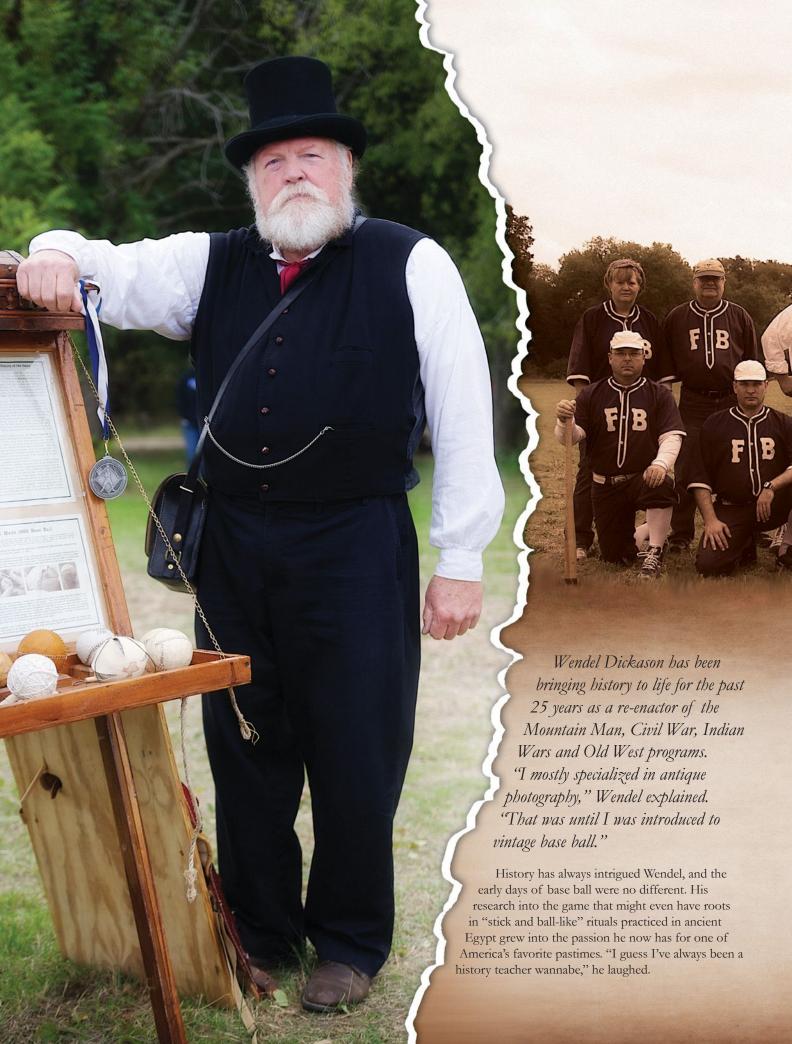


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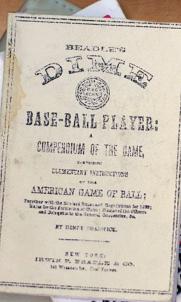
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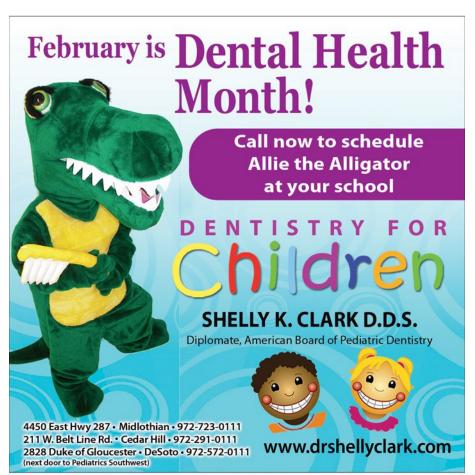
By Sandra Strong

Vintage base ball is a form of living history, animated by the passions of all those who volunteer to play. When done properly, guests and spectators should feel as if they've been transported back in time.

The rules of the game have changed quite a bit since 1860. While they called for the grounds (ball field) to be the same size as they are now, the hurler (pitcher) stood only 45 feet from the striker (batter). The base ball — two words in the beginning — was slightly larger and heavier than the modern ball, and bats were slightly thicker in the handles. Gloves weren't used until the 1870s. The behind (catcher) didn't wear protective gear, but usually stood 10 to 20 feet behind the striker. Hurling (or pitching) was made underhand and in such a way that suited the striker. "With no called strikes or balls, pitching is for the striker," Wendel noted. "It's designed to give him a chance to hit the ball and put it into play."

There is only one Blind Tom (umpire), who usually positions himself about 15 to 20 feet behind and to the right or left of the striker. He may also choose to move to a better position anywhere on or off the field to better observe the action, or even to be in the shade! "An old back injury keeps me from suiting up and making the big plays, but I'm more than happy to serve as











Blind Tom for most of our league games and tournaments," Wendel said. "As a vintage base ball Blind Tom, my job is to loudly announce strikes, fouls, balks and outs. I don't even use hand signs or signals, because those weren't used until around 1900."

At times, Wendel has had to depend on the observations of the striker, fielders or even spectators when making a call. "They're expected to be honest, even if it means a player is out or safe," Wendel said. He tries his best to encourage and educate younger spectators to appreciate the way the game was played when it was a friendly competition among gentlemen.

"While we play the game by some of its oldest rules dating back to 1860," Wendel explained, "we also try to do it with the looks, language and customs of those early days so guests will be learning not only about vintage base ball, but about other aspects of the sport's long history."

Applauding, shaking hands, back slapping and doffing of caps were the normal way to express a good play or a job done well. Sleeves and collars were buttoned, and ties were properly knotted.



"It was considered improper to display flesh on the forearm and legs," Wendel stated. "The knickers and high stockings we wear were introduced in the late 1860s, and although they were considered bold, they were not obscene."

Words and phrases like hunky-dory, bully, show some ginger and leg it are often heard on the vintage field. "Hunky-dory and bully basically mean the same thing - great, fabulous and special," Wendel explained, "while legging it or showing ginger means to run or play hard!"

They also try to keep anachronisms like cell phones and plastic water bottles out of sight of spectators. "However, we have had to tweak a few customs for practical reasons," he said. "It's difficult, not to mention expensive to obtain



authentic reproduction 1860 base ball shoes, so we try to wear modern shoes that closely resemble the vintage cleats. And we wouldn't think of imposing some of the membership restrictions some of our ancestors had."

"Yes, anyone is allowed to play," his wife Martha added. "We even have an 84-year-old man on one of our teams. Wendel does his best to accommodate all those interested in playing."



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"One more small allowance we've had to make," he admitted, "was opting to wear 1869 knickers instead of 1860 style long pants. Frankly, it was more practical to just have small, medium and large knickers instead of a huge combination of waist sizes and leg lengths."



Wendel's passion extends to the use of a treadle-operated Singer Model 66 sewing machine, which has made it more economical for Wendel to sew the uniforms, especially since vintage apparel of any kind is so expensive. "I first had to learn to sew, and then I started making the pants, caps, ties and belts."

When Wendel first got involved in vintage base ball in the 1990s, the sport was still new and equipment was either hard to come by or expensive, so he learned how to turn older type bats on a lathe and then started hand-making his own 1860 style balls. "Before 19th century sporting goods manufacturers

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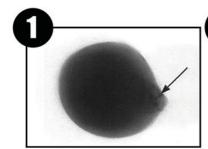
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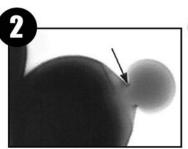
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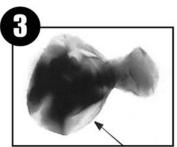
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made base ball gear, clubs had to craft their own bats and balls," he explained, "so I'm just following in their footsteps."

What Wendel, Martha and all those who volunteer to be part of the team focus on is the friendly game it once was. "We play to win, but we keep in mind that winning is secondary to demonstrating the game as it was in the early days when it was a contest between friends who exhibited gentlemanly conduct on the field," Wendel said.



And of course, Wendel and his team, the Waxahachie Vintage Base Ball Club, want guests and spectators to have fun. In fact, that's also right at the top of their list. "At the risk of sounding pacifist," he added, "one big difference between vintage base ball and Civil War reenactments or gunfighter shows is that what we do doesn't involve trying to kill the other fellow!"

In addition to being a Blind Tom, Wendel gives talks and demonstrations about how baseball, a compilation of many stick and ball games, has evolved throughout the years. He is continually learning something new. But, his main goal is to keep the vintage style game alive for generations to come. "I think my passion for the sport is what has grown the team," Wendel humbly said. "For a venture like this to be successful, you have to have someone at the helm to keep volunteers in the loop and to be an encourager."

"And he does this all for no profit," Martha said. "Some guys retire and get into motorcycles or fancy cars. Wendel loves the old game!" NOW

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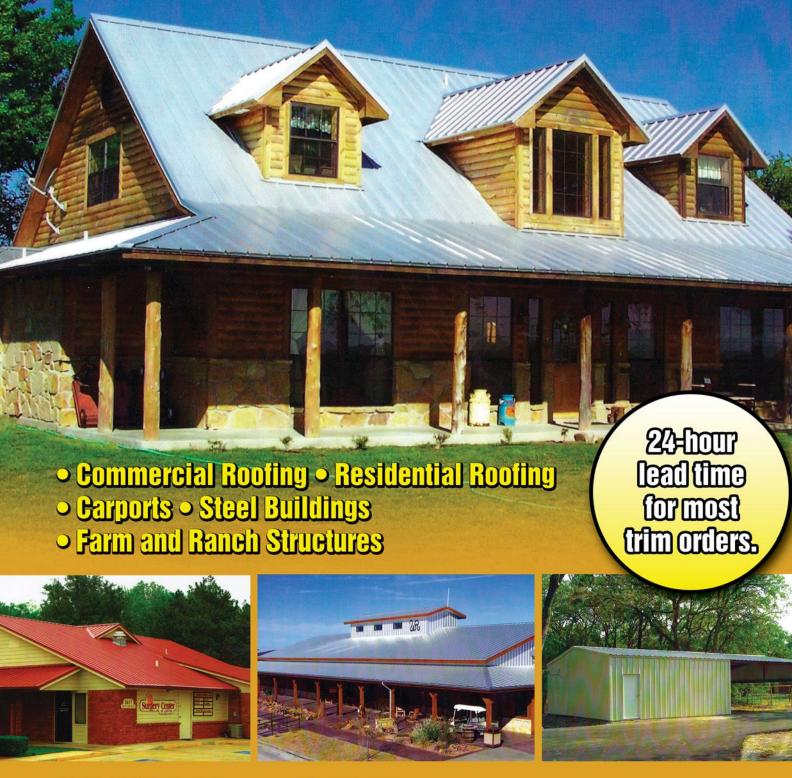
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Now What

— By Shannon Pfaff

He finally popped the question, and you said, "Yes!" Now it is time to plan your wedding. When you sit down to plan, you may be overwhelmed trying to figure out where to begin. Several things should be considered: the date, the location, the cost, etc. But one of the major tasks to think about is finding the dress. No matter how long the engagement, it is never too early to start shopping for your wedding attire.

One of the first things to decide regarding the perfect dress is budget. A good rule is to budget 10 percent of the overall wedding fund for the dress, accessories and alterations. Wedding dresses can cost anywhere from \$400-\$4,000 depending on the store and brand. Larger bridal stores will have less expensive dresses, whereas the bridal salons will have pricier designer dresses with handmade details. If your wish is to have a custom-made dress, expect to pay more. When you decide what your dress budget will be, factor in the cost of alterations. Alterations for your dress can cost \$100 or more. Remember, most dresses don't come with a bustle, so you will have to pay an alteration fee.

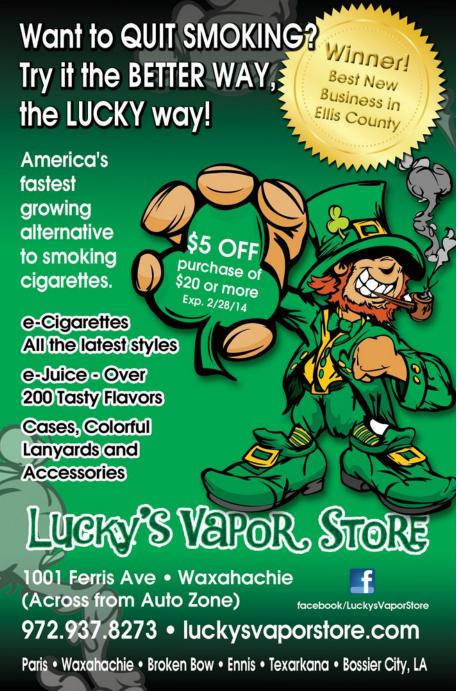


Another thing to consider when shopping for a wedding dress, is your body type. Some brides make the mistake of planning to shop for a dress when they have lost weight or ordering a dress in the size they plan to be for the wedding. It is best to shop early and purchase a dress based on your current size. You can always have the dress altered later if you lose weight. Body type is more than just dress size, you need to think about your body shape as well. Are you shaped more like an hourglass? A triangle-or pear-shape? An apple-shape? Or a rectangle-shape? Knowing your shape can help you determine which dresses will accentuate your best features and mask the ones you like least.

Shopping for your dress may be stressful, but it should be fun and exciting as well. Consider bringing a close friend or family member with you while you shop. Second opinions can help when you are trying to narrow down your













choices. Then there is the added bonus of having someone who isn't working on commission tell you how beautiful you are. Of course, you can bring more than one person with you while you browse, but don't feel obligated to bring everyone who expresses a desire to go with you.



Whatever dress you decide to wear, make sure you love it. Begin shopping early to allow time to look at multiple stores with plenty of time for shipping your dress. With many bridal store options available, you are sure to find the dress that fits your budget and your body type perfectly. Don't be afraid to go back and try a dress on two or three times. After all, you will be gracing the aisle, and you'll want to feel good about how you look.



For more help with planning your wedding, here is a timeline to keep you on track:

#### 12 Months Before:

- Select a date.
- Think about the wedding type formal or informal.
- Set a budget.
- Hire a wedding planner, if desired.
- Reserve ceremony and reception sites.
- Select attendants.
- Select and book caterers, photographers, videographers, florists, musicians, etc.
- Begin compiling guest list.
- Shop for wedding dress and accessories.
- Start planning honeymoon.

## Nine Months Before:

- Order your dress and accessories.
- Create a wedding website.

### Six Months Before:

- Send save-the-date cards.
- Sign contracts and place deposits for wedding services.
- Reserve rental equipment tables, chairs, tents, etc.
- Meet with officiant to go over ceremony details.
- Choose attendants' attire.
- Order wedding cake.
- Book honeymoon
- Begin planning rehearsal.



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## Four Months Before:

- Schedule fitting.
- Schedule appointments for hair and makeup.
- Register for gifts.
- Purchase or reserve groom's attire
- Book accommodations for wedding night.
- Choose and order favors.
- Choose gifts for wedding party.
- Order invitations, announcements and stationary.
- Arrange transportation for the wedding day.
- Compile a music list for your ceremony/reception.

#### Two Months Before:

- Go over final details with service providers menu, flowers, etc.
- Address invitations and announcements.
- Make a list of readings for the ceremony.
- Complete the order of the ceremony and reception.
- Print programs.
- Purchase wedding rings.
- Send event schedule to the vendors.
- Shop for ceremony/reception accessories, such as a cake knife and the guest book.
- Schedule rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

#### Six Weeks Before:

- Mail invitations.
- Discuss wedding photo ideas with photographer and videographer.
- Send announcement to newspaper.
- Prepare all of the necessary name change documents.

# Four Weeks Before:

- · Obtain marriage license.
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# Two Weeks Before:

- Notify caterer or reception venue of the guest count.
- Address announcements.

### One Week Before:

- Pick up wedding rings.
- Confirm details with all service providers, including arrival times.
- Verify that all attendants have picked up their formalwear.
- Delegate wedding day tasks transporting gifts, bustling dress etc.
- Make sure attendants know when to arrive for the rehearsal, rehearsal dinner and wedding.
- Pick up your dress.
- Set aside final payments for vendors.
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- Advise caterer of changes to guest count.

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Little did Roland Hernandez know as a young boy that the enjoyment he gained from tilling up most of his front yard by hand, much to the chagrin of his mother, would become a life-long passion. Roland admits he has always been drawn to nature. So it was no real surprise once he graduated from Waxahachie High School in 1989 he found himself working at a local nursery and learning the skills of a nurseryman. For more than 10 years he learned the business inside and out, and even though he had never really considered going into business for himself, when the opportunity presented itself he knew he was ready and jumped at the chance.

In 2004, with his wife, one of his sons and two friends, Roland's Nursery was born. He leased 1 1/2 acres from a local contractor who had property available on the southbound service road of 35E just south of Hwy 287. The family business grew along with a need for more space. Over time, he leased more and more land adjacent to his property to accommodate the growing business, realizing he needed to find a permanent home for the business. When he found what had been Joe Naughton Farms property on N. Hwy 77, he knew it was the right place. In the 1940s, Joe Naughton Farms was one of the largest nurseries and seed farms in the U.S. The original homestead, built in 1939 still proudly stands on the property.

Even though the new property had been found, it would be many years before Roland could combine the inventory of both nurseries and move his operation from the I-35 nursery, which had grown to cover almost 10 acres. In 2012, Roland and his team began actively moving the operations and preparing their new home. By the beginning of 2013, the move was complete.

What has emerged, and continues to develop, is a unique nursery that provides a botanical-garden experience rather than rows of stacked flats sitting on the concrete. You will find many of the products Roland offers in their natural habitat. Landscaped and manicured gardens line the flagstone pathways meandering through cedar arbors and waterscapes. Even more is planned for the future. A wedding venue is in the works, as well as a walk-through aviary with plenty of birds to enjoy.

Roland's team has now grown to over 20 employees and still includes the family. That family component has been a key ingredient in Roland's business from the start. Family connection with his people is very important to Roland. Over the years, as he added more and more people, he has looked for those who could be part of his business family. The family connection is evident as the business flourishes. He has four Texas-certified nursery professionals on staff.

These certifications are not easy to attain and require yearly continuing education to keep current. The team at Roland's is proficient in design and installation of not only landscapes and irrigation, but outdoor kitchens/fireplaces, arbors, cabanas, water features, koi ponds, retaining walls, flagstone patios/walkways, outdoor lighting and more.

Roland would like to say, "Thank You" to all of his customers, business associates and team members who have made all of this possible. He also invites you to stroll through his garden and see what all that digging in the front yard has been about.





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# Delighted TO BE IN WAXAHACHIE

— By Carolyn Wills

Cynthia Montgomery is deeply rooted in her love for family, friends, history and community. "I'm a history enthusiast," she smiled. "Growing up in Waxahachie, I always wanted to live in a charming, historic home." That dream came true in a big way when, in 1994, she moved into her stunning 6,000-square-foot English Tudor home on Main Street designed by renowned Dallas architect, Bertram Hill.

The home was built in 1925 for W.D. Anderson as a gift to his wife and has been described in local media publications as "one of the most beautiful homes that Waxahachie has ever had on West Main Street." The majestic structure, clad in nine different colors of ACME brick, is topped by a tile roof and surrounded by a breathtaking 1,000-square-foot, wraparound porch floored with heather-brown tile imported from Wales.

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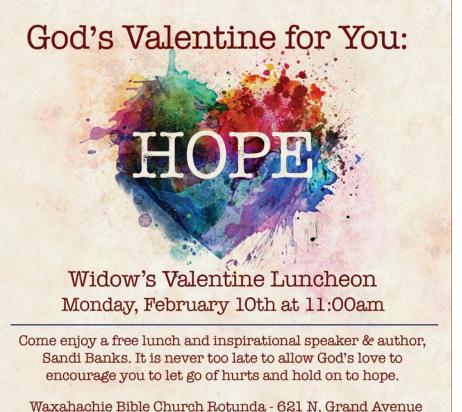


"Everyone falls in love with the porch," Cynthia grinned. It seems that, in days when radio was the main source of entertainment, people would open their windows, turn up the radio, sit outside and listen. For the Andersons, the front parlor became known as the radio room.

After Mr. Anderson's first wife passed away, he remarried. He died in 1953, and his widow, Catherine, remained in the home until she sold it in 1994. "Mrs. Anderson was open to selling the furniture, and that's how a lot of the furnishings ended up staying," Cynthia said. "I collect English antiques and was thrilled to keep many of the mahogany pieces that were original to the house. Many of them feature beautifully hand-painted embellishments, and they are my favorites."

Decorating is a passion for Cynthia. By removing heavy drapery, lightening window treatments and adding soft wall colors, she managed to give the home a fresh look without sacrificing its regal history. Beyond repainting, rearranging and adding her personal artwork and accessories, the original home has remained virtually unchanged.

Through the massive front door accented with leaded glass is a warm and welcoming parlor, or the radio room, as it continues to be known. To the left of the parlor and through a set of double-paned French doors, is a room to rival all great rooms. "They called this the music room," she explained. The huge 20x32-foot formal living/music room is distinguished by a tall vaulted ceiling, huge windows, custom moldings and millwork, a seven-foot wide fireplace framed in black and gold marble accented



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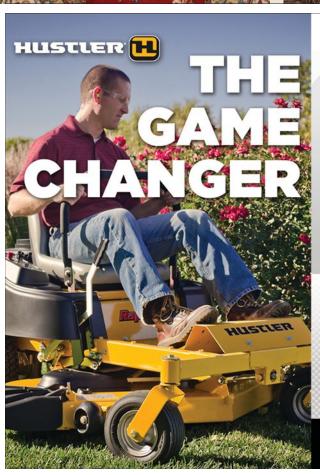
with a handmade stone mantel and a 14x28-foot oriental rug. Richly upholstered or mahogany wood furniture is arranged in groupings to accommodate intimate to grand gatherings.

"I would say the music room is my favorite because it is most outstanding," she added. Braced against the mantel wall is a substantial one-of-a-kind mirror believed to have been handcrafted in France in the late 19th century. Truly a work of art, the mirror's border in hand-carved ivory is accented with shapes of cherubs and musical references. The great room's music theme is also reflected in chair-backs shaped like harps. "At one time, the room had a beautiful grand piano," Cynthia explained. "A unique, early 20th century, brass U-shaped fire bench faces the fireplace."

Beyond the music room is an elegant dining room with an arched area for the buffet. The dining room opens into a small butler's pantry with access to the kitchen. "The kitchen has not

changed since the home was built," Cynthia shared. The small, cozy white kitchen with vintage Hoosier cabinets, antique cupboard, and original ice drop box also has a nice pantry and utility closet.

A long central hallway on the main floor divides the music room, dining room and kitchen on one side and two large bedrooms, baths and parlor on the other. The hall also accesses a full basement and a spacious attic, which has been partially finished with a third bedroom and bath.







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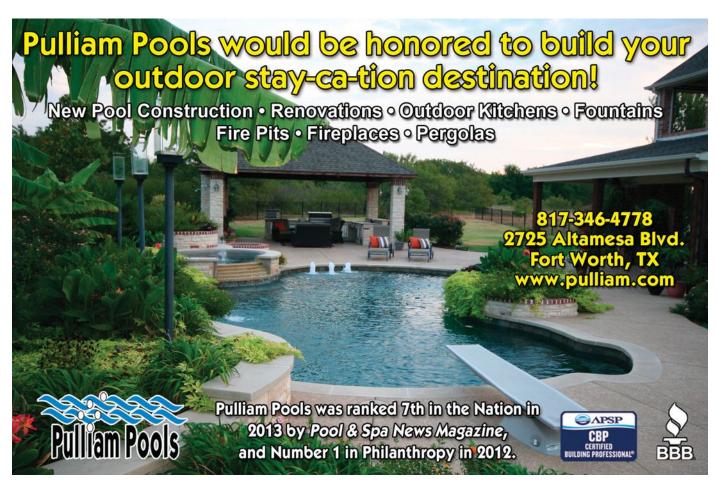
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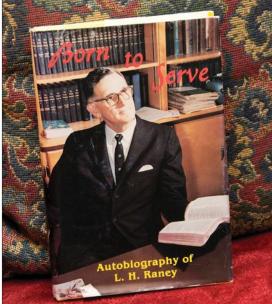






The master suite and second bedroom are elegantly appointed with mahogany furnishings, cedar-lined closets, wood floors and paintings suspended from picture-hanging molding. Each room is equipped with stunning, softly-colored Rookwood tile fireplaces.

While Cynthia clearly has a talent for decorating, she's quick to say it is not her first passion. "People are my real passion," she smiled. "My grandfather, L.H. Raney, was pastor of Farley Street Baptist Church. When I was a little girl,



I would go with him to visit church members. I think that's how I learned to talk with people and to never meet a stranger. I love serving others, and it's a joy to have family and friends in my life."

Her Waxahachie roots run deep. "My parents, Howard and Dorothy Raney, owned a furniture store and design business in downtown Waxahachie," she said. Her decorating passion also runs deep. "My younger brother, David, is a designer in North Carolina. Bridget, my younger sister, is an interior decorator in Dallas and our youngest brother, Steven, owns a roofing company in Waxahachie."

Cynthia graduated from Waxahachie High School and earned her teaching degree in home economics at Baylor University. "I continue to keep in touch with my high school girlfriends," she smiled. "They don't all live here, but we get together often."

Without question, her greatest loves are her five grandchildren. "My son, Matthew, and his wife, Lisa, have a son

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and daughter: 4-year-old Levi and 2-year-old Georgia Kate. My daughter, Melissa, and her husband, Perry, have three daughters: 18-year-old Jadyn, 12-year-old Alyssa and 9-year-old Victoria. I see them often," she smiled. "I babysit and go to school activities, and each one is the apple of my eye!"

Cynthia is a vibrant, beautiful woman who, in addition to family and home, enjoys her shy white Persian cat, Precious, all genres of music and entertainment, gardening, photography, painting and travel. "T've been to Europe several times and have taken a couple of cruises recently." She is a member of Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie's Gardeners Limited Club, as well as the Heirloom Club.

Her interest in photography centers on her grandchildren. "I have over 2,000 photos on my phone," she grinned.

Her love for gardening includes the flowers, shrubs and trees in her yard. "In winter, I decorate with berries, pine cones and magnolia leaves," she said. "In spring and fall, it is a real treat to sit on the great front porch, drink tea, visit with friends and enjoy the outdoors. I'm not only blessed to live in Waxahachie, but blessed to live in a special home on historic Main Street."



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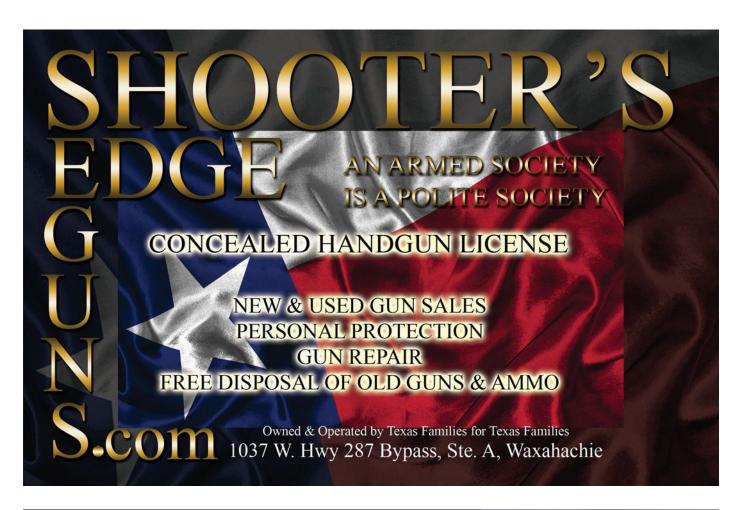
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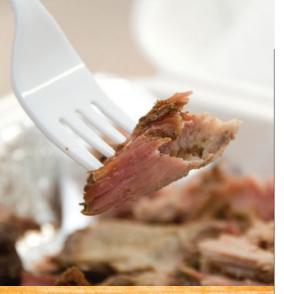
# EARBICUING for a CAUSE

— By Sydni Thomas

Approaching its fourth year, the Knights of Columbus' International Barbecue Cookers
Association sanctioned cook-off promises to be bigger, meatier and more fun than ever. During the first weekend of March, professional and hobbyist barbecue cooks will bring their smokers and pits from all over

the country to battle it out at the Texas Motorplex Speedway in Ennis to raise money for local charities. "If you're looking for great barbecue, this is the place to find it," said Dennis Williams, event coordinator for the cook-off. "It's a great day for the family to come out, sample some barbecue and see cool cars."

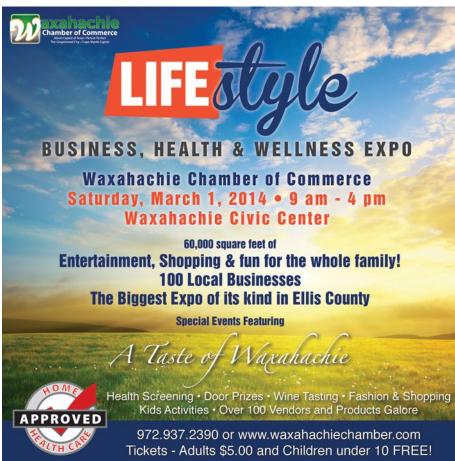




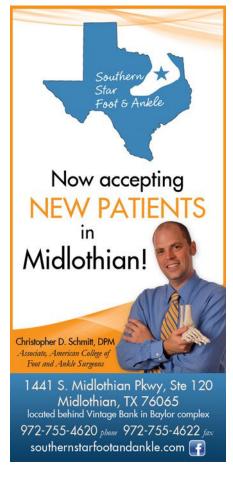
The Knights of Columbus is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting its community through charitable works. This cook-off is the Waxahachie council's largest and only cook-off fundraising event of the year. While several local charities receive benefits from this event, the two main organizations helped are Waxahachie Care and Wounded Warrior Project. "The first order of Knights is charity," Dennis said, "so we put everything into it."

Competitors start dropping off their smokers and pits early Friday morning, and by that afternoon they are fired up and ready to go. To kick off the weekend, the Knights of Columbus hold a fish fry that anybody is welcome to attend. All proceeds from this dinner will contribute to the overall donation made to Waxahachie Care, Wounded Warriors and the other charities represented. A special event consisting of barbecue sauce, pinto beans, cobbler and youth pork chops will raise funds to go strictly toward Wounded Warriors. Last year, Dennis was approached about adding barbecue sauce to the event. This year they created the category of Special Event to increase the potential for fundraising. "I thought it was a great idea to add this event," Dennis said. "I am a veteran and know that the Wounded Warriors organization is a great cause. The proceeds from this event go strictly to the Wounded Warriors instead of being added to the total and divided out. We are hoping to raise even more money for them this year."

The third year the Knights of Columbus hosted this event they decided to make Waxahachie Care the main charity. The council learned their budget was based on helping 6,000 people, but

















Waxahachie Care has over 8,000 people in need. Their need was urgent, and the council wanted to focus their efforts on



helping the group that reaches so many by providing assistance with food, utilities, gasoline, aid for the elderly and help in emergency situations. The majority of



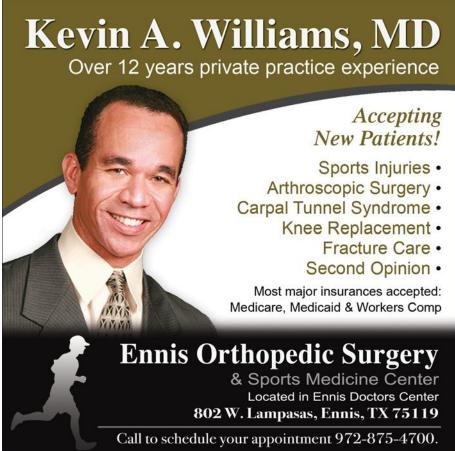


funds from the Saturday event will benefit Waxahachie Care and smaller portions will be distributed to several other charities. Last year, the group helped five different groups. "The work Waxahachie Care does is incredible," Dennis said. "We want to help them reach as many people as possible."

An entire year of planning goes into bringing this event together, and Dennis and his brothers work hard right up to the last minute to make sure it goes off without a hitch. An IBCA official arrives on Friday, and the council turns the event



over to them. A head cooks' meeting is held on Friday afternoon. Shortly after, each cook starts prepping his meat. Since this is an IBCA-sanctioned cook-off, many of the cooks follow the circuit and know each other. However, there is always a new face at each cook-off, and the officials make sure that everyone knows the rules. "By talking to some of the professional cooks over the past three events, I have learned why they get into these competitions," Dennis explained. "Some have seen a cook-off on television















and think they can do it, too, so they sign up for a competition. Then they get hooked. Everyone has a great time."

A full day of judging begins on Saturday, with more meat categories than ever scheduled for competition. First up is the youth pork chop category followed by the pinto beans. The four main meats judged by the IBCA are chicken, pork spare ribs, pulled pork and brisket. A cobbler competition will also take place. "Having four types of meat means more categories. The more categories we have, the more chances cooks have to win. We want more winners and more categories, because it will bring in more cooking teams. The bigger the draw, the more we can help our community."

A lot of volunteers inside the Knights of Columbus organization are needed to make this event happen. Dennis has been organizing it since the first year. This year the event has been divided into teams to enhance and build on the positive outcome of the past events. "We are a group of brothers, but we all think differently," Dennis said. "The goal is to bring in as many people as we can so we can raise funds, but also share in fun times. We have all brought our ideas together to make this the best year ever."

Volunteers outside of the organization are also needed for the event. On the day of the big cook-off, outside volunteers are needed as field judges. These volunteers, who need to be at least 18, get to sample all of the meat, pinto beans and cobbler served at the event in order to rate them. Their help is invaluable, and

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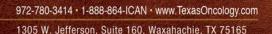
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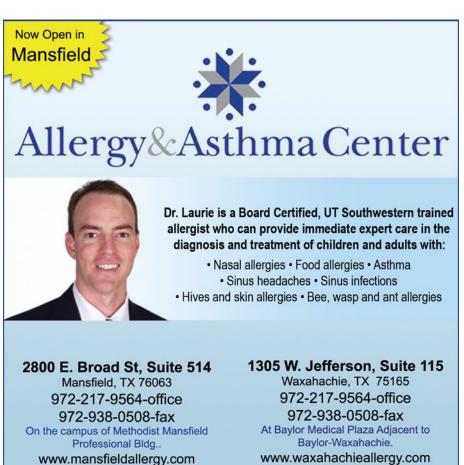


the council enters them into a drawing as a means of thanking them. "This year we are giving each judge a free T-shirt and a chance to win a barbecue grill," Dennis said. "It's a great way for barbecue lovers to sample the best barbecue in the state for free. They help a great cause and leave with a full belly."

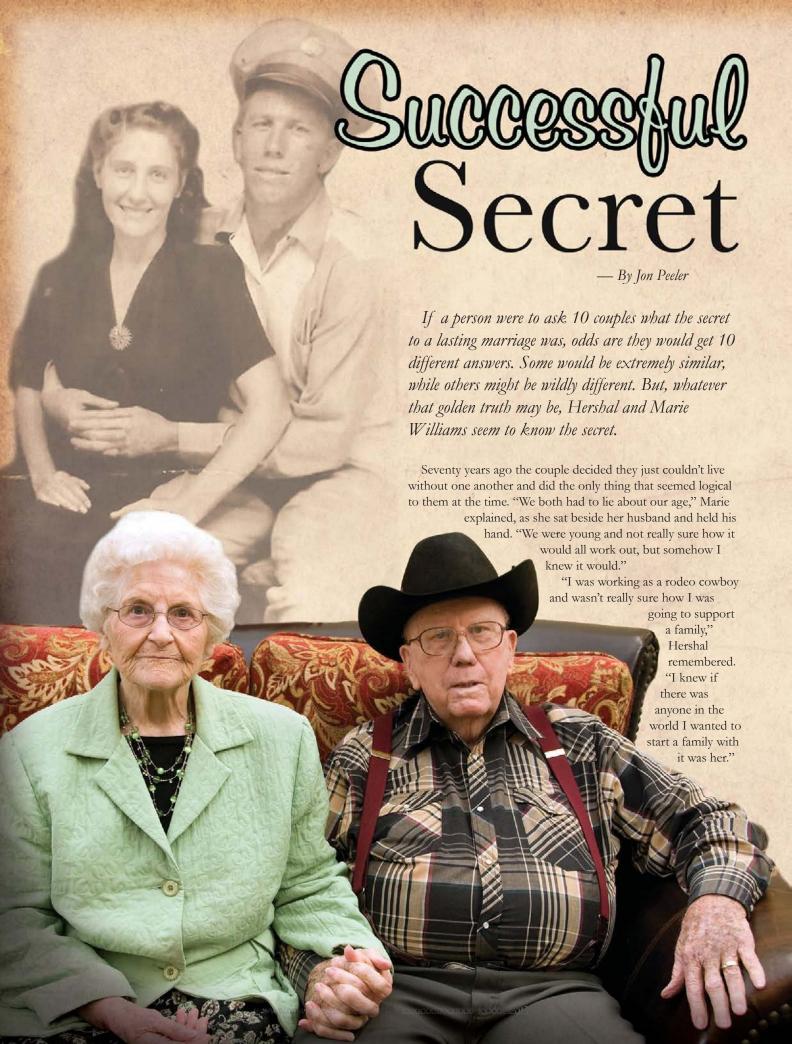
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This year's cook-off is a chance to eat the best barbecue around, win top-of-the-line raffle prizes and see some of the coolest cars in the county. Most importantly, it enables the community to support local charities. "Looking around this town you wouldn't know so many people need help, but they do," Dennis shared. "Waxahachie is a town that takes care of its people. We want to support the community and those who work so hard to take care of our citizens in need."









And so, in the peak of their youth, Hershal and Marie became Mr. and Mrs. Williams with nothing ahead of them except a lifetime of dreams and opportunities. But like so many young couples of their generation, that life would include some separation. "I joined the Army in 1944," Hershal stated with pride in his voice. "I hated to leave her behind, but it was just something I had to do."



After completing his training at Camp Fannin in Texas, Hershal found himself on a troop transport on its way to invade and liberate the Philippine Islands. The boat ride was very nearly his last. "I was on the deck of the ship with my best friend who was also in the outfit. We all called him Chief. A typhoon blew in," Hershal explained as he described the worst storm he had ever seen in his life. Standing on the deck, he watched as the other ships in his convoy were tossed about on the violent sea, seemingly beyond anyone's control. "I knew I had already been called to preach, and I had told Chief about that. So he looked at me in the middle of that storm and said, 'Hershal if you're really called to preach you have nothing to worry about, God won't let one of His own go down out here."

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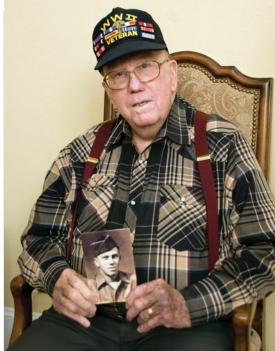
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was tossed upside down. As it capsized, it began to settle to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Hershal was, of course, spared and left floating in the ocean until one of the other ships pulled him from the sea

That was one of Hershal's first trials. He would spend a total of 26 months in the Army, rising to the rank of platoon sergeant. "Of the original 46 men in my platoon that landed on the Philippines, only six of us made it off the island," Hershal said, humbly remembering his fallen comrades.

But all things eventually do end. And Hershal found his way back to his family home in Hope, Arkansas, where his wife and 2-year-old daughter were waiting for him. "I had only met my daughter once before I shipped out," Hershal remembered. "She wasn't quite sure what to make of me, and it took some doing to convince her I really was her daddy."

But convince her he did, and before long the two were an inseparable pair.

As happy as the reunion was, Hershal had a family to support and a calling to follow. "The week after I returned home I got a job breaking horses and, several years and five children later, was enrolled in Ouachita Baptist College," Hershal said with a smile.

After finishing college, Hershal was called to be the pastor of a small church there in his hometown. "I was really nervous when I preached that first sermon. And when they took a love offering, it was \$1.75," he shared. "I just knew they wouldn't want me." But after the service was over the deacons came and told Hershal the job was his if he wanted it. "They offered me \$5 a week." And so began the first of Hershal's 63 years in the ministry, with his sweet Marie at his side the whole time.























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As time passed, the turbulent family history became something of an American novelty, drawing attention from any number of directions. "Oh, I've been interviewed for magazines and books and even a movie," Marie said. "I really don't think too much about it on a day-to-day basis. It's odd how some people are so fascinated by such terrible events, but they are."

"I knew if there was anyone in the world I wanted to start a family with it was her."

Time heals all wounds, and feuds are no exception. "Things are much more agreeable with the families now," Marie explained. "We even had a Hatfield/McCoy reunion." This just goes to show if human nature has a certain tendency for violence, it also has one for forgiveness. She remembers the clear, spring day when both families met on a bridge separating West Virginia from Kentucky. On that day, the families buried the proverbial hatchet for good.

These are the personalities that make up Hershal and Marie. Good and bad. Strengths and weaknesses. They seem to fuse together as one. And as anyone who has ever met them can attest, it's a beautiful union.







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Jamey and Nicole Barron purchase, restore and sell older homes. The first home Jamey restored, featured here, is now owned by Heather Strokes, who purchased the home in August 2011.

# **Double Blessings**

The team's passion is found in the older homes in Waxahachie.

— By Sandra Strong

Opening, operating and finding success in a family-owned business doesn't happen overnight. It takes months of research and planning, or at least that was the case for Jamey and Nicole Barron. "We didn't jump into this decision," Jamey said. "We thought things out very carefully before opening The Pike Team Restoration in July 2012."

Once the decision was made, the plan seemed simple enough. The goal was to turn, or purchase and restore, two to three properties a year to supplement the family income. "I've been a licensed real estate broker for the past 10 years," Jamey said. "Nicole wanted to stay at home with our children, Brooks and Emma Kaye, and still be gainfully employed. The family business allows her to do both, and so much more."

These young entrepreneurs had no idea how fast their

newfound business would take off. Three houses quickly turned into six restored homes in less than two years. "We wanted to go slow and take our time," Jamey admitted, "but calls kept coming in. We received a warm welcome, and we still find it difficult to say no when a prospective customer calls."

The Pike Team Restoration acquires their properties in several ways — cash for homes, estates, foreclosures and tax liens. Jamey and Nicole recently purchased a New Orleans-style home on East University that was originally built in 1907. "The owner saw our ad and gave us a call," Jamey explained. "He needed to sell for personal reasons. It was a double blessing."

Jamey and Nicole have specifics in mind when looking for their next project. Homes built before 1950 are at the top of their list. "We prefer the older, gingerbread-style homes,"

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Jamey said. "We work to restore the old bones, or the historical integrity, to the home. And yes, we've had more than one going at a time."

After a purchase, completion of the refurbishing process typically takes The Pike Team Restoration three months. Many times, the homes will need to be rewired to make sure the electrical is safe and efficient. Other times, the plumbing will need to be totally redone.

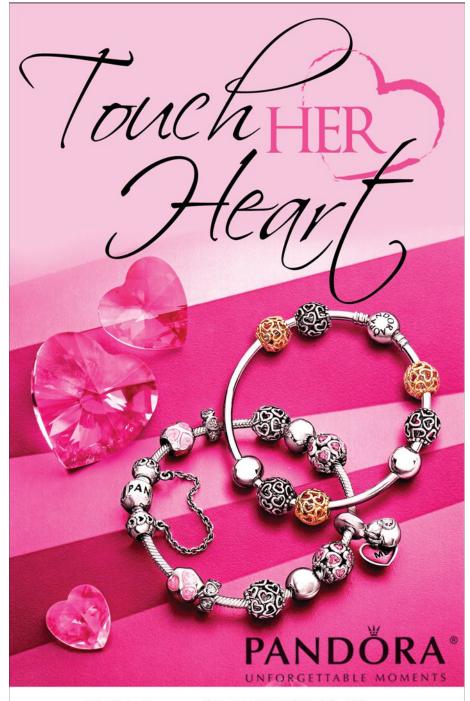
"Blessings come when we help someone out who has a need. They pass our name along, and it becomes a double blessing."

Regardless, Jamey and his crew make sure the house is restored properly for the family who will make it their home. "We encourage someone to spend a little more to get a home that has some personality," Jamey explained, "one with character."

On several occasions, calls have come in for The Pike Team Restoration to do smaller-scale jobs for customers. Removing walls to allow for a more open floor plan can satisfy the customer's need to modernize their home, or a kitchen can be restored to its original state. "We listen to what the customer wants and go from there," Jamey shared.

As a Christian-based company, Jamey and Nicole know what it means to give back to those within the community where they themselves grew up. "We are here to help people," Jamey humbly stated. "Blessings come when we help someone out who has a need. They pass our name along, and it becomes a double blessing."

Jamey and Nicole love Waxahachie. They have a strong desire to see the downtown revitalization project come to fruition. "We recently had the opportunity to purchase a downtown building," Jamey said. "It was leased to our friends, Texas Pearls & Co." Just one more double blessing to add to The Pike Team Restoration's growing list.



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Rachel Espinoza and her dog, Maximus, don't mind taking a cold Sunday afternoon walk.



Bryan Backus helps customers locate the perfect vintage find at Crooked Creek Farms.



John Terminella, owner of Kwik Kar Lube & Tune, cuts the Waxahachie Chamber ribbon.









# What Questions Should You Ask About Home Equity Loans?

Tips to help you understand what these allowances are all about.

The economic recession appears to be over, but its financial ramifications still affect many homeowners every day. In fact, perhaps now more than ever before, every penny counts, and those who manage to reduce their regular expenses might be able to reap the rewards for years to come.

In many situations, home equity loans are worthwhile, especially for those who want to noticeably lower their annual bills. While many homeowners frequently need money for unforeseen expenses, such as those associated with major property repairs or medical fees, home equity loans may benefit people who require immediate financial assistance. Home equity loans enable property owners to take advantage of the equity they have already built up in their houses.

### What is the loan's APR?

Understanding a loan's annual percentage rate (APR), can make it easier for cost-conscious property owners to make the best financial decisions. A loan's APR is the percentage that will be charged on it. Look at this factor closely before deciding whether it's worthwhile to submit a home equity loan application.

# What are the repayment terms?

Unfortunately, loans are not gifts. They must be repaid over a period of time. No two home equity loans are identical, however, and property owners should study the repayment terms to determine what options could work best.

Remember, late payments often result in penalties for those who take out home equity loans. Meanwhile, some loans might even penalize homeowners who pay off their allowances early, so review all of a loan's repayment terms during the decision-making process.

## Is a home equity loan tax deductible?

For many Americans, saving money is a top priority, particularly in today's challenging economic climate. As a result, property owners who can take out home equity loans and enjoy tax benefits from them may profit for years to come. The interest paid on a home equity loan is typically tax deductible, further increasing this allowance's value to property owners. Find out whether this loan can be used as a tax deduction. If it can, it might be the right choice to help cover various expenses.

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Exotic Reptile Show: Texas Motorplex. Info at www.texasmotorplex.com.

### February 6

2014 Daddy/Daughter Dance & Dinner: 6:00-9:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln. Tickets: \$15 per person.

## February 7

Waxahachie ISD's Drop Everything and Read Day: reading times are 8:45 and 10:15 a.m. Contact Melissa Cobb at mcobb@wisd.org or (972) 923-4631 to find out more details

### February 14

Free Book event: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Pettigrew Academy, 806 E. Marvin Ave. Books available will include those appropriate for children and adults.

## February 14 — 16

13th Annual Chili Cook-off and Barn Dance: Ellis County Youth Expo. For more information, contact John Wyckoff at (972) 937-1870 or john.eccac@ectisp.net or visit www.elliscountycac.org.

Waxahachie Community Theatre announces the dinner theatre performances of *The Foreigner*: **Friday** and **Saturday**, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. show; **Sunday**, 1:30 lunch, 2:30 show, Park Meadows Baptist Church, 3350 N. Hwy 77. Tickets are \$25 per person and prepaid reservations are required by **Feb.** 12. Seating is limited, so order tickets early. Contact the WCT at (972) 646-1050 or email wct.texas@gmail.com for more information.

## February 15

Share the Love Gala 2014: 6:00 p.m., Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Ln. The event will include a dinner and auction benefiting CASA of Ellis County. Live entertainment will be provided by The Classic Swing Band. Tickets are available at www.casaofelliscounty.org or by calling (972) 937-1455.

Scouting for Food: Cub Scouts from Pack 681 will walk door-to-door to collect non-perishable food items for their annual food drive. Foods will then be distributed to local food pantries in the Ellis County area. For

more information, contact Jennifer Rice at txrice@sbcglobal.net.

## February 23

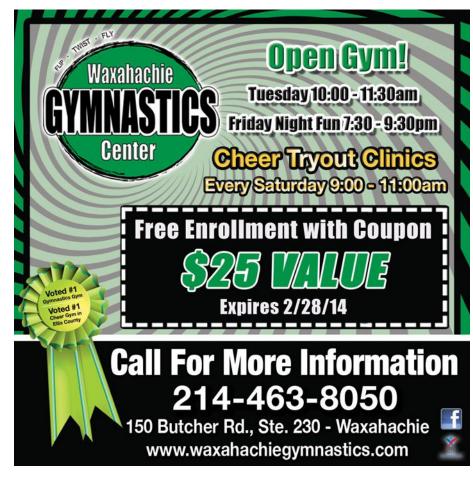
Waxahachie Junior Service League Afternoon Tea: 2:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 505 W. Marvin. Women who are over 21, live in Ellis County and are interested in finding out more about WJSL are invited. For more details, visit www.waxahachiejsl.org, or contact Becky Wilson at (214) 636-1020.

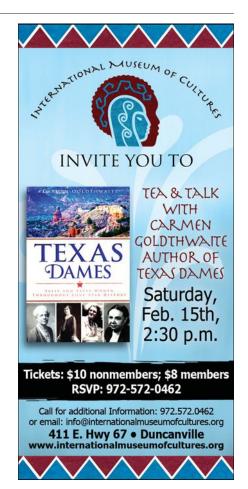
## March 1

Dare to Be... The Journey Continues: 6:00 p.m., doors open; 7:00 p.m., event begins, The Avenue Church, 1761 Hwy 77N. The nationwide tour will feature vocalist Natalie Grant and international speaker and author Charlotte Gambill. For information, contact Mary Sword at (469) 383-9007.

Waxahachie Symphony Association presents Stephen Nielson, international Steinway artist: 7:00 p.m., Central Presbyterian Church, N. College St. Contact Sherry at (972) 938-1181 for more information.

Submissions are welcome and published as space allows. Send your current event details to sandra.strong@nowmagazines.com.









# Not Just a Guy Thing

Heart Disease Remains Top Killer of American Women

Each October, as the leaves turn yellow and orange, a lot of other things seem to turn pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While these efforts have certainly been a huge boost to increasing breast cancer awareness, leading to better prevention and higher survival rates, many women may not realize that they are far more likely to fall victim to heart disease than breast cancer.

Heart disease is often still thought of as a "man's disease." But in reality, it's also the top killer of American women. In fact, women are six times more likely to die from heart disease than they are breast cancer, and by the time a woman reaches 80, her risk of dying from heart disease actually surpasses that of a man.

February is National Heart Month. Between this national recognition and Valentine's Day, what better time to focus on matters of women's hearts?

# Putting Her Heart in Jeopardy

Many of the risk factors for heart disease are the same in both men and women, including:

- Family history
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- High cholesterol
- High triglycerides

However, there are some risk factors either unique to women, or that play a much bigger role in the development of heart disease in women than in men. For instance, smoking seems to be a bigger risk factor in women than in men. Other examples include:

*Menopause* — After menopause, the reduced levels of estrogen rapidly accelerates a woman's risk of heart disease, especially in blood vessels.

High Stress — High stress can put women at risk for broken heart syndrome, a life-threatening condition unique to women that mimics a heart attack.

Depression and Metabolic Syndrome — While men's hearts can be affected by depression and metabolic syndrome (belly fat combined with high blood pressure, high triglycerides and high blood sugar), these conditions seem to take a greater toll on women's hearts.

## Symptoms for Women

Both men and women often report heart disease's classic symptom: angina. Angina is pain radiating from the chest to the neck, arms and legs. But women with heart disease frequently suffer from less obvious symptoms as well:

- Incredible fatigue
- Abdominal discomfort
- Upper back pain
- Swelling in the ankles

### Heart Guard

There are many things women can do to keep heart healthy.

- Take time out to relax, get a massage or otherwise reduce stress.
  - Stop smoking.
  - Eat a low-fat diet.
  - Exercise regularly.
- Get a heart screening if there is a family history of the disease. NOW

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# In the Kitchen With Veronica Edwards

— By Randy Bigham

Veronica Edwards has been cooking since she was 13 years old. "When my mother had to work late," she recalled, "I cooked for my younger brother and sister." But it was never a chore. Instead, cooking became a passion. "Cooking just makes me feel good," Veronica insisted, adding that her kitchen skills and inspiration derive from her grandmother, who used to babysit her and her siblings. But Veronica's mother, a cook for Baylor Medical Center for 26 years, was also a major influence, bringing home new recipes which she then gave her own twist.

"I'm so happy I can share great food with my family," she said. "And cooking is a great way to relieve stress. Give it a try, and you will love it!"

# **Pretzel Goodies**

1/2 12-oz. bag mini pretzel twists
2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups chocolate chips
Sea salt or table salt, to taste

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- **2.** Line large jelly roll pan with aluminum foil, lay single layer of pretzels down.
- **3.** In medium saucepan, melt butter and brown sugar until sugar is dissolved, forming smooth but thick caramel.
- **4.** Remove from heat and pour evenly over top of pretzels. Bake in oven at 350 F for 5 minutes.
- **5.** Remove from oven, sprinkle the chocolate chips over top.
- **6.** Spread chocolate chips around with spatula until mostly melted, sprinkle generously with salt.
- **7.** Let cool on countertop for few minutes; pop in freezer for 2-3 hours.
- **8.** Break into uneven chunks with hands and serve.

# **Meatball Subs**

Makes 8 servings.

### Meatballs:

I egg, lightly beaten 1/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs

2/3 cup onion, finely chopped (divided use)

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. dried oregano, crushed

1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef

### Sauce:

1 15-oz. can tomato sauce

1/2 medium-sized green bell pepper

2 Tbsp. packed brown sugar

1 Tbsp. yellow mustard

1 tsp. chili powder

1/4 tsp. garlic salt

1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

1/8 tsp. bottled hot pepper sauce

8 hoagie buns, split and toasted

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

**1.** For meatballs: In large bowl, stir together egg, bread crumbs, 1/3 cup onion, salt,

oregano and pepper. Add ground beef, mix well.

- **2.** Shape meat mixture into 32 balls. Arrange meatballs in single layer in ungreased 15x 10x 1-inch baking pan.
- **3.** Bake uncovered at 350 F for 25 minutes. Drain fat.
- **4.** For sauce: In 3 1/2- or 4-quart slow cooker, stir together tomato sauce, remaining 1/3 cup onion, bell pepper, brown sugar, mustard, chili powder, garlic salt, pepper and pepper sauce.
- **5.** Add cooked meatballs, stirring gently to coat with sauce.
- **6.** Cover; cook on low-heat setting for 3 to 4 hours or on high-heat setting for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.
- **7.** Place 4 meatballs on bottom of each bun. Top with some of the sauce and a sprinkle of cheese. Add bun tops.

# **Breakfast Enchiladas**

2 cups ham, cooked and cubed1/2 cup green onions, chopped2 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded (divided use)

10 6- to 8-inch flour tortillas

1 1/4 cups half-and-half

4 whole eggs

1/2 tsp. salt

1 Tbsp. flour

Salsa, sour cream and additional green onions, as desired

- **I.** In medium bowl stir together ham, green onions and 2 cups of cheese.
- **2.** Spray 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Scoop 1/3 cup of cheese mixture onto tortilla. Roll up tortilla; place seam side down in baking dish. Repeat until all tortillas are filled and placed in baking dish.
- **3.** Whisk together half-and-half, eggs, salt and flour. Pour over tortillas. Cover; refrigerate overnight.
- **4.** Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake covered for 30-40 minutes. Remove foil and sprinkle remaining cheese over enchiladas. Bake for 10 more minutes, until tops are golden brown and egg mixture is set.
- **5.** Serve with salsa, sour cream and additional green onions.

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