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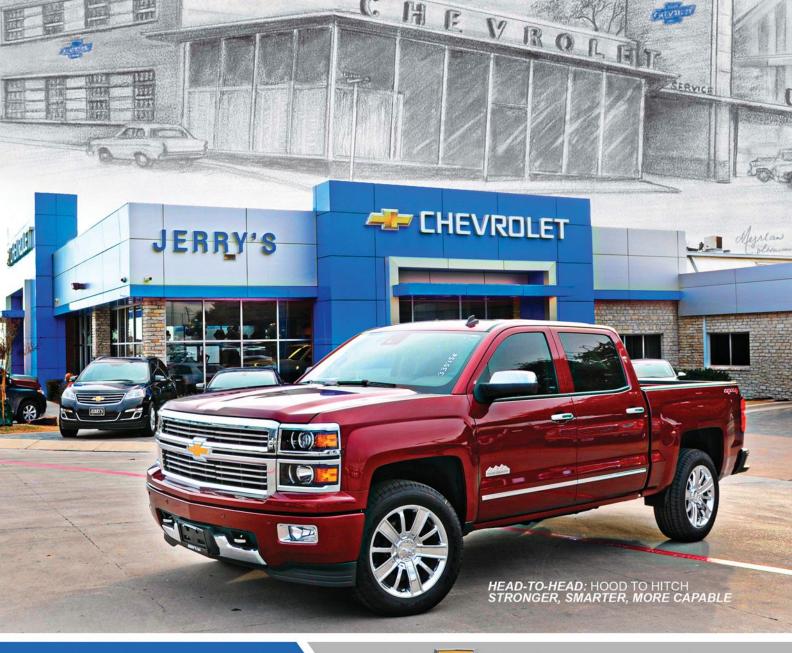
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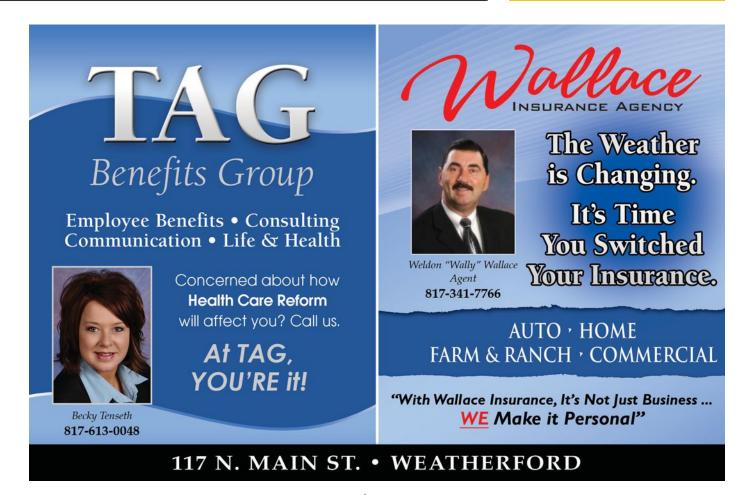
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Later this month, Texas and other states will recognize Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. The day has been set aside to honor the men and women who served and sacrificed for their country. Tens of thousands of Vietnam

vets never made it home. And, for those who did, the memories remain. Looking back, Lee Poland doesn't care to remember the bad times he encountered while serving in the Vietnam War. He prefers to only speak about the good times.

Lee joined the Army in 1961 — just because he wanted to serve his country. Lee first went to Vietnam in 1966 for a one-year tour. He was a squad leader with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. "On my first tour, I was a door gunner on a helicopter for assault and destroy missions," he shared. "I got a Purple Heart. I got shot in the butt," he said, grinning, remembering the injury he suffered while hanging out the door of a helicopter.

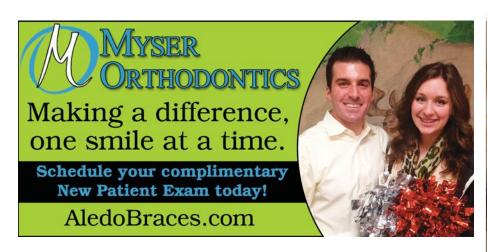
He went back to Vietnam with the 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One) for his second tour in 1969. Lee appreciates the camaraderie he had with many of the men in his division. "You really did get to know the guys," he explained. "You go in with someone you know really well, and they get killed. It takes a toll on you," he recalled. "You try to remember the good times, but frequently, they're overshadowed by the bad times." Lee remembers an incident when he was greeted by a heckler at the airport while on leave. "He called us baby killers," he said. "That was one bad time." Other times, he was greeted with respect, especially in his hometown in Iowa.

While serving in Vietnam, Lee also flew on medical evacuation missions. "Assault and destroy wasn't so bad. The worst one was flying on medevac," he said. "It gets to you after a while. You just never get over it." He considers his tours in Vietnam all part of the job.

That job in Vietnam and his time serving in the National Guard left Lee with many ailments, which he deals with daily. "He had a lot of joint problems and bone deterioration," Lee's wife, Lonna, explained. "Because of all of this, he's had both knees replaced, both hips replaced, rods in his spine and plates in his neck."

Due to his health issues, Lee was awarded a service dog. He was leery about the idea at first, because he had just made the difficult decision to have his 16-year-old Border Collie, Trixie, euthanized in January 2013. She was losing her quality of life, and although she wasn't a service dog, Trixie had been his constant companion. "That was the hardest thing I had to do," Lee admitted. Shortly after Trixie's passing,

Lona asked him if CONTROL OF A CONTROL OF A







he wanted another dog. His answer was, "Yes, but only if the dog was 'something special."

Lonna got to work and began searching the Internet and area shelters and breeders. "We didn't want a puppy. We just wanted a dog that was already mature and maybe partially trained," she shared. Lonna spoke with a representative at Parker Paws, which led her to H4 - Hounds Helping Heroes Heal. The organization awards shelter dogs trained by the Lone Star "Dog Whisperer" Susan Herbert, to veterans



as emotional support animals. Missy was discovered at a Corsicana shelter, and right away, H4 representatives knew she was the perfect fit for Lee.

Mark German with H4 awarded Missy to Lee on a Sunday in March 2013. The following day, Lee's wife was admitted into the hospital with internal bleeding and was in an induced coma for three weeks. She remained hospitalized for two months. "But, he had Missy. He just clung to her, because





I was gone," Lonna said. "I am forever grateful to H4 for providing her. It was like a lifeline for him." Missy has been his constant companion ever since. "She always senses if he's getting upset or agitated, and she will go right to him and try to get his attention," Lonna explained.

Donning her service dog vest, Missy accompanies Lee everywhere he goes. She's a constant fixture at his side while he shops at area stores or takes leisurely strolls through his Willow Park neighborhood. "She gets upset if I go out without her," he said. "Pll be out in the yard in the summertime. It's hot," he said. "She'll be right there. She's smarter than I am. She'll find a shade tree," he joked. Missy enjoys frolicking in the backyard. She will wait for Lee's signal and then take off, running as fast as she can.

Always by his side, the Miniature Australian Shepherd provides emotional support to Lee. He suffers from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). "She's just sensitive to all kinds of things, which makes her the great dog that she needs to be. She can tell when he's



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getting upset or agitated, and she tries to comfort him in some way," Lonna said. The Polands want to move forward with additional training for Missy, so she can provide more physical support to him, such as bringing Lee his walking cane. He recently suffered a fall, and although Missy was quickly by his side, she couldn't help him. "She knows she's supposed to be with him. She knows that's her job," Lonna explained.

Although Missy knows it's her job to watch over Lee, she has become a part of their family. When she's not wearing her Veteran Assistance Service Dog vest, Missy is off-duty. She gets comfy on the floor next to Lee's chair or hops up on the couch and watches for his approval to know if she can stay. Missy may lie on the bed for a few minutes at night, but she sneaks out to roam the house, searching for her perfect sleeping spot. Whether that ends up being in the closet or the bathroom, Missy always returns to the bed before Lee and Lonna wake up. "She's got a good home, and she knows it, too," Lee said.

Missy has been with Lee for a year now, and he feels lucky to have her. She is there to provide support as he works through emotional and physical problems caused by the war and his time in the National Guard. "She's a blessing to me," he admitted. Missy probably feels the same way. Rescued from a shelter and now putting her training to use, she is part of the family. Lee and his wife of 50 years often hit the road in their RV, and Missy is always ready to jump onboard and sit by his side. Both Lee and Missy are living life a little easier now as constant companions. **NOW**





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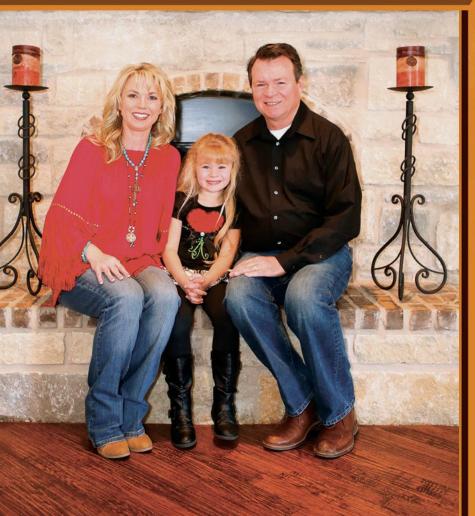
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At Home With Randy and Melissa Offill



The neighborhood children often come over to play in the Offill's fenced backyard, complete with a trampoline, play set and brick play house. Inside, their home's warm color choices and comfy couches are inviting. The custom-made leather couches in the open living room are the perfect spot to plop down and enjoy a cartoon or two. "We had those made a couple of years ago, because we wanted three recliners — Riley wanted her own," Melissa giggled. "We're not big TV people," she confessed. But, Melissa and Randy often make time to watch *Sofia the First* and *Doc McStuffins* before tucking Riley into bed.

By Amber D. Browne

Riley's room houses a white, custom-made bed that includes shelving to showcase her collection of stuffed animals. Her room exudes little girl — decorated in pinks, purples, pale yellows and greens. Colorful flowers and butterflies brighten up her room, which includes a white wicker dresser. A large mirror rests above it, but Riley isn't quite tall enough yet to catch a glimpse of her reflection.

A playroom sits down the hall, lending just the right amount of space for the 6-year-old's toys. Melissa labeled plastic storage boxes, which sit on shelves, so Riley can access her play things. "She's learning the letters, so she can at least find



"This neighborhood is just phenomenal."



things," Melissa explained. "We used to have pictures on the front of everything, because she didn't know the words." A wooden easel also provides Riley with space to paint and color.

When they're not spending time playing with their little one, Randy and Melissa enjoy catching up in the sitting area, transformed from the formal dining room. "We're not formal people," Melissa admitted. The new sitting area gives the couple some alone time, but Riley is still within ear's reach while watching her cartoons in the living area.





Since moving into the home in January 2013, Randy and Melissa have renovated a few things. "All the bedrooms had carpet, so we ripped up all the carpet," Melissa explained. They added dark wood floors throughout the house to make cleanup a little easier, especially when the big dogs, Bruiser and Diego, join their Shih Tzu, Zeb, and fat cat, Nosey, inside the home.

They replaced the granite in the master bathroom, and they would like to

eventually replace the tile. "Time and budget. We don't have either at the moment," she said. "So, that's on the to-do list."

Another project on the list is to transform a front room into a game room. "We are going to put in two bistro tables — one with wood and one with iron. And, we'll add a bar and some game room-type stuff." Pocket doors draped with floor-length







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curtains hide the room, which now houses Melissa's exercise equipment. One day soon, it will include darts and a foosball or air hockey table. "That way, the kids can use it, too, if they want to. I like having it where I can keep an eye on them."

A new chandelier was installed over their granite and wood dining table, on which is found a granite lazy Susan. Randy and Melissa opened RAM Granite several years ago, so their home includes granite countertops throughout and furniture, all custom-made by Randy. The original black kitchen countertops were replaced with Bellini granite. "This, I didn't have to wait on. I actually ordered this myself. I always laugh and tell people I get pieces of stuff that are left over," Melissa joked. Several stools provide plenty of room for friends to pull up to the bar for a chat.

Melissa is right at home in the kitchen and likes to experiment with new dishes. "I don't like to cook the same thing twice," she explained. "We'll ask if it's a do-over or not, and I hope I can remember what I put in it," Melissa said, grinning. The smaller kitchen was difficult to adjust to at first. "In our other house, the kitchen was probably twice this size."

Although they're now living in a onestory home, they still have the space to entertain guests. "I love to have people over," Melissa said. "When we had a large house, people still congregated to one little tiny area. So, it doesn't matter how big your place is — they all hang around the bar. That's why we're going to do the game room, so people can do that."

Randy's family lives across the Dallas/ Fort Worth Metroplex, but most of Melissa's family lives in Florida. They recently helped move her mother, Jeannie McComis, to Aledo. "She doesn't go too far," Melissa explained. "I'm an only child, and I have the only grandchild. So, we have the trump card. Nana just follows us," Melissa joked.

Although their family is small, much love can be seen. Melissa feels like Randy is her perfect match. "He calms me down. He's just always even-keeled," she said. And Randy likes how Melissa always speaks her mind. They complement one another.



Melissa totes Riley to her extracurricular activities, and Randy enjoys making furniture. "I like to be creative," Randy said. His favorite piece in the house is the baker's rack in the living room. He also likes the coffee table in the sitting area, but he wants to tweak the metal base and replace it with a wooden one. Melissa has plenty of other projects for Randy to work on, too.

There will always be projects to complete, but the Offills are enjoying their new life in Aledo. "This neighborhood is just phenomenal," Melissa said. "It's big enough to not be on top of each other, and it's small enough that it's quaint." And, with Riley just in kindergarten, the small but loving family plans to stay for a while. **NOW**





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— By Randy Bigham

Unlike contrary Mary of the classic nursery rhyme, you probably don't have silver bells or cockleshells in your garden. But as spring escapes winter's gloom, you're no doubt as ready as she for the bounty the season brings to your little patch of Mother Earth.

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So How Does Your

Robin Smith, an Ellis County Master Gardener, is poised to start her routine fired with the enthusiasm brought on by warm, blue skies and green leaves sprouting. "At this time of year, I find it hard to contain my excitement," Robin admitted, "and I tend to get ahead of myself a bit. If you're like me, a bit of restraint is in order."

Robin insists a checklist is a good method for prioritizing time and effort in the garden, even for experts. "It will allow you to have fun but still get great results," she explained. Items on Robin's list include pruning evergreens, summer flowering trees and shrubs early in March. "For trees and shrubs that bloom in the spring," she cautioned, "wait until they have finished blooming, and prune fruit trees before bud break." She also advocates cutting back all groundcover early in the month, so it "looks nice and tidy when it sends out new shoots later."

Raising vegetables in small city gardens is increasingly common, and Robin has useful tips for those just starting out. "Don't be in a hurry to put out young pepper or tomato plants," she cautioned. "Wait until close to the end of the month to be sure all chance of frost is gone. And be prepared to cover them if temperatures dip low one night."



Joseph Masabni, assistant professor and extension horticulturist for the Texas A&M University System, also has words of advice for new urban gardeners. "Home gardening continues to grow in popularity," he wrote in the *Texas Home Vegetable Gardening Gnide.* "One of every three families does some type of home





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gardening." He ensures great results for vegetable and herb gardeners who observe basic, practical considerations. Joseph believes the following rules can make all the difference between a merely functioning veggie patch and one producing high-quality, delicious specimens year-round:

Choosing a Garden Site

The city offers limited space for growing herbs and vegetables, but a well-placed and tended garden can be a productive one. "The ideal garden area gets full or nearly full sunlight," Joseph specified, "and has deep, well-drained, fertile soil. The garden should be near a water outlet but not close to competing shrubs or trees."

Selecting Crops

Choosing vegetables suited to the size of the garden space is an important consideration. Vine crops like watermelon or squash require more room unless situated near a fence or trellis. For the small garden, beets, broccoli, onions, spinach, carrots and eggplant are ideal. For larger spaces, cantaloupe, cauliflower, pumpkin, okra and cucumber work well.

Garden Planning

The placement of long-term crops like Brussels sprouts or sweet potatoes, which mature in 80 days or more, shouldn't interfere with caring for and harvesting short-termers like leaf lettuce or turnips. "When you plant a new crop, it should be totally unrelated to the crop it is replacing," Joseph cautioned. "This is called crop rotation. Crop rotation helps prevent the buildup of diseases and insects. For example, follow early beans with beets, squash or bell peppers."

Preparing the Soil

For top production, make sure the garden soil is aerated and drains well. Adding organic matter can improve soil that has a heavy clay or sand component. "Never work wet garden soil," Joseph advised. "And seeds germinate better in well-prepared soil than in coarse, lumpy soil."



Fertilizing

"Heavy clay soils can be fertilized much more heavily at planting than can sandy soils," Joseph pointed out. "Heavy clay soils and those with lots of organic matter can safely absorb and store fertilizer at three to four times the rate of sandy soils. For most soils, two to three pounds of 21-0-0 (ammonium sulfate) per 100 linear feet of row, applied in the furrow and watered in, is adequate."

Planting

For successful production, plant vegetables in early spring or early fall.





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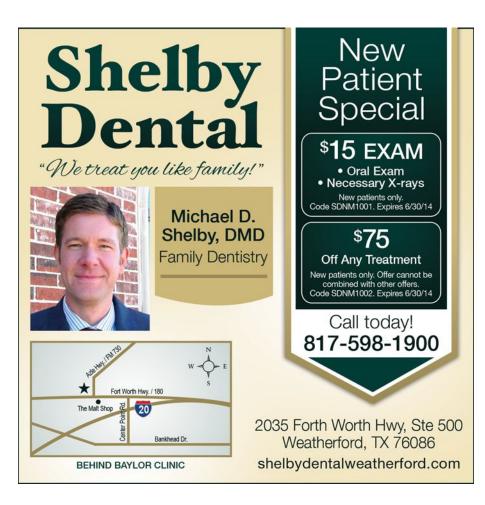


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"Using transplants rather than seeds, when possible, allows crops to mature earlier and extends the productive period of many vegetable crops," Joseph shared. Beets, lettuce and cabbage are among easily transplanted crops. Carrots and pepper plants require more care while sweet corn and peas are hard to transplant without the use of containers.

Watering and Mulching

"Apply enough water to wet the soil to a depth of at least 6 inches," Joseph recommended. "For best production, most gardens require about 1 inch of rain or irrigation per week during the growing season." Organic mulches like straw, leaves, peat moss or compost, applied to a depth of 1 to 2 inches, are commonly used.

Weed and Pest Control

A long-handled hoe is the tool of choice for removing unwanted growth in a vegetable patch. To eradicate pests, use only approved chemicals.

Harvesting

"A vegetable's full flavor develops only at peak maturity," Joseph pointed out, "resulting in the excellent taste of vineripened tomatoes, tender green beans and crisp, flavorful lettuce. For maximum flavor and nutritional content, harvest the crop the day it is to be canned, frozen or eaten."

As home vegetable gardens continue to multiply, the influence of organic gardening methods has spread as well. That's a good thing, according to Robin. "The awareness of the environment," she concluded, "has opened up this earthfriendly approach, and it's another great way to enjoy gardening."

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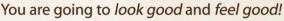
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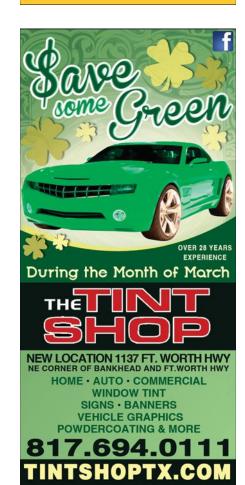


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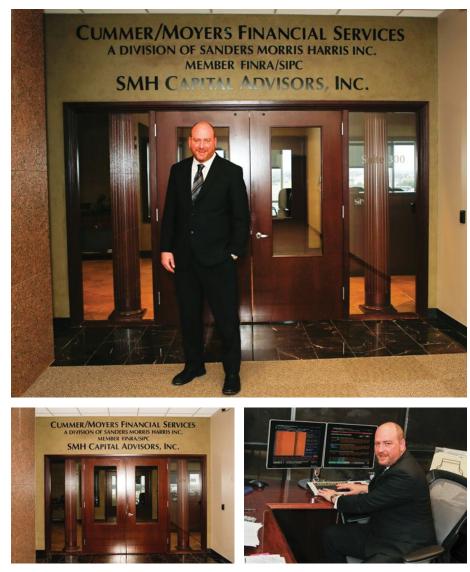
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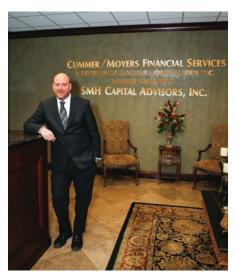
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STRATEGIES FOR WEALTH

SMH Capital Advisors, Inc. works strategically to help clients reach their financial objectives. — By Amber D. Browne

At SMH Capital Advisors, Inc., Dwayne Moyers and his knowledgeable staff strive to help clients achieve their financial goals. The investment firm offers a variety of strategies and services to plan for the future, giving clients peace of mind.

Dwayne, president and chief investment officer with SMH Capital Advisors, joined forces with Jeff Cummer, who is now retired, at the Weatherford office in 1991. Just two years later, a second location opened in Fort Worth. SMH Capital Advisors has grown over the years, and Dwayne and his staff now manage more than \$1.3 billion in assets for over 1,400 clients worldwide.

SMH Capital Advisors' strategies and services are offered through the Cummer Moyers Financial Services Program. Most clients are retirees who invest the majority of their net worth in various strategies depending on investment needs and financial goals. "The majority of our clients are invested more in bonds, because bonds tend to be more conservative and less volatile than stocks. And they get a guaranteed rate of interest as long as the bond does not default," Dwayne explained. "Our investment methods provide more certainty of return."

Many clients have been with the full-service investment firm since the beginning. Over the years, word of mouth, referrals and retirement seminars have brought in additional clients. The *Dallas Business Journal* ranked the company as one of the largest money managers in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. It has also been recognized by Lipper MarketPlace, and rankings within the company's investment products are very high.

"We are registered investment advisors. As such, we owe a fiduciary duty to our clients," Dwayne explained. "We make a

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point to really listen to our clients. I've learned over the past 20 years that most people can't tolerate the volatility of the market. It led us to an investment methodology that works, as long as the client sticks with it."

At SMH Capital Advisors, skilled professionals outline reliable strategies using appropriate investment products and services available in the market. Customized portfolios are created and monitored based on the client's investment objectives. The customized approach provides investors with the knowledge and strategies necessary to build their wealth. "There's a high level of quality that exists with our services," Dwayne said.

Lisa Haley, a financial advisor, has been with the company for about a decade. "I wanted to work for this firm because of their reputation for honesty," she shared.

"Our investment methods provide more certainty of return."

"We put the client first and are good stewards of clients' money." Everyone's financial situation is different, so Dwayne suggests scheduling an appointment for advisement. SMH Capital Advisors will offer a personalized approach to help clients understand the strategies and services available to them, while giving them tools to build their wealth and accomplish their financial goals.

Because of the financial experience and personalized strategies available through SMH Capital Advisors, many clients have been able to enjoy their retirement years. Dwayne draws a lot of satisfaction from helping retirees reach their goals. "It can be scary being retired in today's economy," he said. He helps calm any fears investors may have about their finances. "We've taken them through all kinds of markets and have been very successful."



Around Town NOW



Jim Perz, of A Step Back'N Time, gives Parker County Women's and Newcomers' Club members tips about antiques during their monthly meeting.



Bruce and Lily Dyer enjoy the afternoon cruising around on their 4-wheelers.



Weatherford High School practicum seniors in the first Fall Certified Nurse Aide class graduate at Weatherford College.



Weatherford ISD Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Hanks honors Jeina Dunn, Mary Martin Elementary fourth-grade teacher, as WISD 2012-2013 Elementary Teacher of the Year.



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Kristi Roberts hands over a really thick Blizzard at Dairy Queen.



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Saving Is Good ... But It's Not Investing

It's a good thing to have some savings. When you put the money in a lowrisk account, you can be pretty sure it will be readily available when you need it. Nonetheless, saving is not investing — and knowing the difference could pay off for you far into the future. Think about it this way: Saving is for today, while investing is for tomorrow.

You need your savings to pay for your daily expenses, such as groceries, and your monthly bills — mortgage, utilities and so on. In fact, you might even want your savings to include an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

These are all here and now expenses — and you could use your savings to pay for them. But in thinking of your long-term goals, such as college for your children and a comfortable retirement for yourself, most individuals typically can't rely on savings — but will need to invest. Why? Because, quite simply, investments can grow, and you will need this growth potential to help achieve your objectives.

To illustrate the difference between saving and investing, let's do a quick comparison. Suppose you put \$200 per month into a savings account that hypothetically paid 3 percent interest (which is actually higher than the rates typically being paid today). After 30 years, you would have accumulated about \$106,000, assuming you were in the 25-percent federal tax bracket. Now, suppose you put that same \$200 per month in a tax-deferred investment that hypothetically earned 7 percent a year. At the end of 30 years, you would end up with about \$243,000. (Keep in mind that you would have to pay taxes on withdrawals. Hypotheticals do not include any transaction costs or fees.)

This enormous disparity between the amounts accumulated in the two accounts clearly shows the difference between saving and investing. Still, you might be thinking that investing is risky, while savings accounts carry much less risk. And it is certainly true investing does involve risks — investments can lose value, and there's no guarantee losses will be recovered.

Nonetheless, if you put all your money in savings, you're actually incurring an even bigger risk — the risk of not achieving your financial goals. In fact, a low-rate savings account might not even keep up with inflation, which means, over time, you will lose purchasing power.

Ultimately, the question isn't whether you should save or invest — you need to do both. But you do need to decide how much of your financial resources to devote toward savings and how much to devote toward investments. By paying close attention to your cash flow, you should be able to get a good idea of the best savings and investment mix for your particular situation. For example, if you find yourself constantly dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, you probably don't have enough money in savings. On the other hand, if you consistently find yourself with large sums in your savings account even after you've paid all your bills, you might be sitting on too much cash — which means you should consider moving some of this money into investments with growth potential. Saving and investing — that's a winning combination.

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March 4

IHOP National Pancake Day: 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., IHOP, 2005 S. Main St. You can get a free "Short Stack" of pancakes. Guests are encouraged to make a voluntary donation during their IHOP visit to benefit Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Call (817) 598-1925 for more information.

Mardi Gras 2014: 8:00 p.m.-midnight., Boo Ray's of New Orleans, 3039 Fort Worth Hwy., Hudson Oaks. Enjoy food and live music. Please call (817) 599-6266 for more information.

March 13

Gardeners' Club of Parker County Meeting: 10:00 a.m., St. Francis Church, 117 Ranch House Rd., Willow Park. Call (817) 919-6280 for more information.

March 18

Weatherford Regional Medical Center's Senior Circle Program Seventh Anniversary Celebration: 4:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 301 S. Main St. Area seniors age 50 or better can enjoy dinner, dancing and more at the Texas-themed event. For more information, call (682) 582-1751. Parker Paws Quarter Auction Fundraiser: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Weatherford Senior Center, 1225 Holland Lake Dr. Bring a couple of rolls of quarters to bid on auction items and raise funds for pets in foster care. For more information, please call (817) 694-5718.

March 20

Quilter's Guild of Parker County monthly meeting: 6:30 p.m., Great Hall of Grace First Presbyterian Church, 606 Mockingbird Ln. For more information, visit www.quiltersguildofparkercounty.org or call (817) 771-4325.

March 22

2014 Lions Gala Benefitting Weatherford Christian School: 6:30-10:00 p.m., North Side Baptist Church, 910 N. Main St. The fundraiser features silent, super silent and live auctions. Visit www.wcslions.org for more information.

March 23

Chandor Gardens Bridal Fair: 1:00-5:00 p.m., Chandor Gardens, 711 W. Lee Street. Bridesto-be can meet with local vendors. For more information, visit www.chandorgardens.com or call (817) 613-1700.

March 29

One Book/One Community Event: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., various locations. The East Parker County Library's historical tour will feature 10 sites found in Homer Norris' *Parker County Prairie Sketchbook*. Call (817) 441-6545 to find out more.

March 29, 30

Clark Gardens Spring Festival 2014: **Saturday**: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., **Sunday**: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Clark Gardens, 567 Maddux Rd. Come out and enjoy a weekend of Texas wine, cheese and art, along with car and motorcycle shows, live music and entertainment. Visit www.clarkgardens.org for more information.

April 4

Friends of the Library Annual Spring Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Doss Heritage and Culture Center, 1400 Texas Dr. Motivational speaker Vicki Hitzges will entertain attendees. All proceeds will benefit the Weatherford Public Library. For more information, call Gail Greenfield at (817) 594-4473.

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In The Kitchen With Jo Loveland

- By Amber D. Browne

For Jo Loveland, the presentation of what she cooks is almost as important as the food itself. "I love making it pretty, creative and, of course, delicious." Jo tends a vegetable garden and enjoys cooking with fresh ingredients. She often substitutes some ingredients with a lower fat item to lighten up the dish.

She and her family love to entertain and often plan themed dinners. "We decorate, will dress up and have a menu planned," she explained.

Jo collects recipes from magazines, the Internet and cookbooks and never hesitates to ask for a recipe after trying a delicious dish. She treasures recipes passed down from her mother and grandmother. "I have them in their original, handwritten form they gave me. I will pass these down to my girls one day."

Pecan Pie

I 1/2 cups light corn syrup
I/4 cup butter
I/2 cup sugar
3 eggs
Dash of salt
I tsp. vanilla
Crust for single pie
I cup of pecans, halved

I. Preheat oven to 325 F. Bring the first 3 ingredients to a boil in a saucepan. Boil gently for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool.

2. In a bowl, beat eggs, salt and vanilla together. Fold the mixture into the cooled syrup mixture.

3. Roll unbaked pie crust into pie pan. Spread pecans onto the bottom of the crust. Pour syrup and egg mixture onto pecans. Bake for 20 minutes, or until set.

Potato Soup

- 1 stick butter
- I rib of celery, chopped
- I small onion, chopped
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 4 large potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 14-oz. cans condensed milk
 - (divided use)
- I cup potato flakes
- 1/2 cup Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 8 bacon slices, fried and crumbled

I. Place butter, celery and onion in a skillet; sauté and set aside.

2. Place broth and potatoes in a large pot. Over medium heat, cook until potatoes are soft; mash potatoes in the pot.

3. Add celery and onion mixture, 3 cans of milk, potato flakes and cheese to the potatoes. Cook on low heat and stir until cheese melts.

4. Stir in additional 1 can of milk until the soup reaches desired consistency. Spoon into bowls and top with crumbled bacon. Serve hot.

Mom's No-cook Fudge

- I lb. Velveeta cheese
- 1 lb. butter
- 4 lbs. powdered sugar
- I cup cocoa
- l tsp. vanilla
- 3-5 cups of pecans

Melt cheese and butter in a large pot.
 Stir in powdered sugar, a little at a time.
 Stir in cocoa; then stir in vanilla. Add pecans.
 Spread mixture onto a greased pan; cool. Cut into squares and serve.

Broccoli Salad

2 broccoli heads, finely chopped
1/2 cup purple onion, finely chopped
1 cup yellow raisins
1 cup walnuts
1 cup cashews
1 4.5-oz. pkg. real bacon bits
Honey mustard dressing

Mix first 6 ingredients in a bowl.
 Right before serving, stir in just enough

honey mustard dressing to coat the salad.

Fresh Cranberry Sauce

12 oz. fresh cranberries, finely chopped1 20-oz. can crushed pineapple with juice

1 6-oz. box cherry or cranberry Jell-O

I. Mix all ingredients together; refrigerate until set.

2. The dish is best served a day after preparing, so the flavors blend together well.

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