



Foam Recycling Now In Waxahachie



On a snowy February 11th, the new Dart foam recycling drop-off opened.

Those participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were (L to R): Debra Wakeland, President of the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce; Doug Barnes, Director of Waxahachie Economic Development; Paul Coles, ServPro of Ellis County; Paul Stevens, Waxahachie City Manager; Mike Kitchens, Dart Plant Manager; Byron Campbell, Deputy District Director for U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison; David Hall, Dart District Sales Manager; and Paul Hernandez, representing Oncor

Be good to the environment and drop-off your 65 foam

at Dart Container Corporation's Waxahachie, TX plant.

850 Solon Rd, Waxahachie, TX 75165

Call 972.937.7270 to schedule large deliveries

Open 24/7 We only accept foam with the 65 symbol.

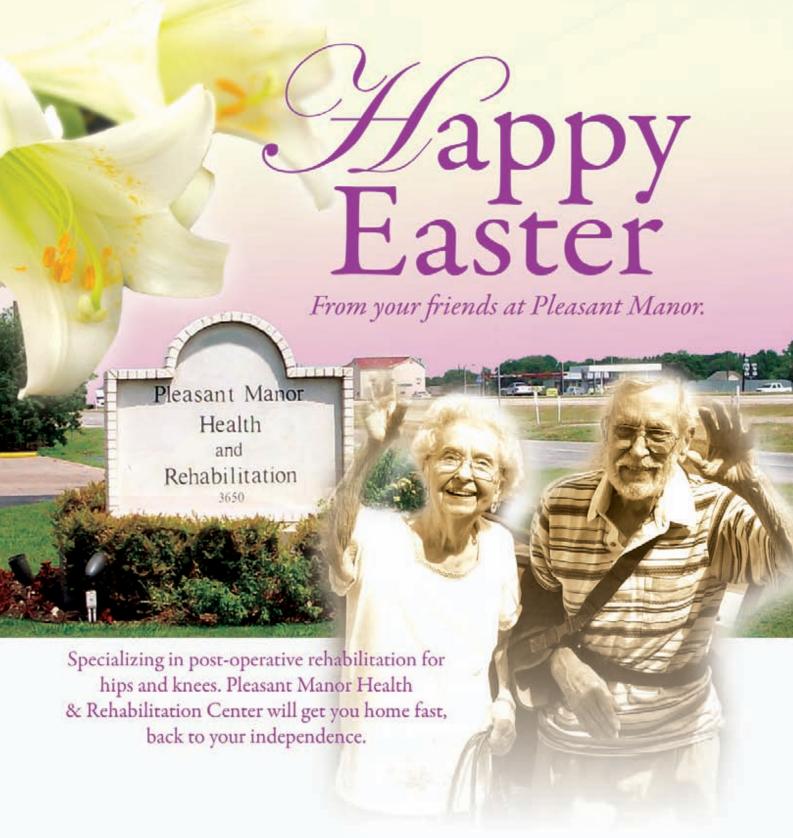


Questions? Go to www.dart.biz

Food Service Foam and Packaging Foam both accepted. Food Service Foam must be rinsed prior to recycling. No foam packaging peanuts please.







Customer Service • Customer Care • Caring for Friends
Providing Skilled Nursing Services 24 Hours a Day





SENIOR CARE

Satisfy Your Chocolate Craving! With A Sweet Deal On A Great Phone.



Our Wireless Consultants Provide

- Personalized service you're not just a number to us.
- Free software installation for Mobile Broadband Internet products.
- Prompt, professional response to ALL your wireless needs.
- Free email setup on advanced devices.
- Free rateplan analysis.

Waxahachie Location Opening April 24, 2010!

ENNIS

508 W Ennis Ave A Short Drive East On US Hwy 287

972.330.4041

Open Mon-Sat 9-8 • Sun 12-6



Activation fee/line: \$35 (\$25 for secondary Family SharePlan lines w/ 2 yr Agmts). IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to Customer Agmt, Calling Plan & credit approval. Up to \$175 early termination fee/line (\$350 for advanced devices), up to 45¢/min after allowance & add'l charges apply for data sent or received (incl Mobile Web ads). Offers & coverage, varying by service, not available everywhere. Network details & coverage maps at vzw.com. Nights 9:01 pm – 5:59 am M-F. Max 5 lines, on same account. Rebate debit card takes up to 6 wks & expires in 12 months. © 2010 Verizon Wireless.

Publisher, Connie Poirier

General Manager, Rick Hensley

Editorial

Managing Editor, Becky Walker
Waxahachie Editor, Sandra Strong
Contributing Writers,
Faith Browning . Nancy Fenton
Janice C. Johnson . Adam Rope
Betty Tryon . Adam Walker
Contributing Editors/Proofreaders,
Pat Anthony . Melissa Rawlins . Beverly Shay

Advertising Art

Art Director, Chris McCalla Ad Artists, Julie Carpenter Allee Brand . Cherie Chapman Marshall Hinsley . Arlene Honza

Editorial Art

Creative Director, Jami Navarro Production Artists, Brande Morgan Pamela Parisi . Jennifer Wylie

Photography

Photo Director, Jill Odle Photographers, Natalie Busch John Riley . Shana Woods

Advertising

District Sales Manager, Carolyn Mixon Advertising Representatives,

Renée Chase . Rick Ausmus . Teresa Banks Linda Dean . Will Epps . Julie Garner John Powell . Steve Randle Linda Roberson

Billing

Billing Manager, Lauren De Los Santos Office Manager, Angela Mixon

WaxahachieNOW is a NOW Magazines, L.L.C. publication. Copyright © 2010. All rights reserved. WaxahachieNOW is published monthly and individually mailed free of charge to homes and businesses in the Waxahachie ZIP codes.

Subscriptions are available at the rate of \$35 per year or \$3.50 per issue. Subscriptions should be sent to: NOW Magazines, P.O. Box 1071, Waxahachie, TX 75168. For advertising rates or editorial correspondence, call (972) 937-8447 or visit www.nowmagazines.com.



Contents

April 2010 Volume 7, Issue 4



Pam Moore and her family have been richly blessed by practicing patience and putting their trust in God.

6 In Ways We Would Never Guess

12 Fabulous Finds

At Home With Ralph and Marion Reynolds

22 Around TownNOW

24 ArtsNOW

Singing Some Different Tunes

28 SportsNOW

Walking Through His World

32 BusinessNOW

Something to Laugh About

34 EducationNOW

Training Up a Child

36 Who's CookingNOW

38 FinanceNOW

40 HealthNOW

42 OutdoorsNOW



On the Cover

Ralph and Marion Reynolds spend time together on their back patio.

Photo by Shana Woods.

Editor's Note

Happy Easter!

Time flies when you are having fun, but I am learning firsthand how quickly time passes when your list of "things to do" outnumbers the hours in a single

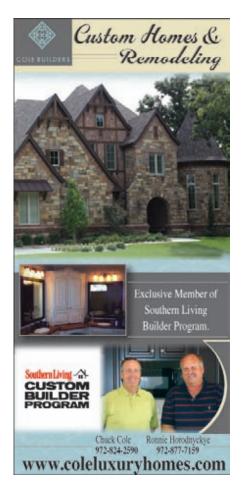
day. Moving into my new home and getting married have sure made for some interesting moments in the past couple of months, but I have survived. As winter finally turns to spring, I am finding the light at the end of the tunnel.

I am also looking forward to the Easter holiday. Churches all across America will be having record attendance as pastors retell the story of the empty tomb; women will be donning their "Easter bonnets;" and children will be patiently waiting for the family photos to be taken so they can get to the business of hunting colorful Easter eggs. Me, I think once I return from church, I am going to put my feet up and just relax awhile.

Sandra Strong
WaxahachieNOW Editor







Your Local Ellis County Independent Agency.

116 N. Rogers Street

972-938-2801





Young Pam Rosewell wished to avoid three things at any cost. First, she never wanted to leave her comfortable home in Hastings, England. She depended greatly on her loving, close-knit family, and she would have been dismayed at the idea of leaving home to live far away from them. Second, her shyness gave her a dread of speaking in public, even before a small group. Third, Pam dreamed of a marriage as happy as her parents'. She had no intention of living out her life as a single. Although she was a Christian, these three fears left her wary of following Christ too closely. She was afraid that if she did, He would ask her to be a missionary, which she felt sure would be impossible. Such a life would require leaving England

and speaking in public, and would more than likely

prevent her from ever marrying.

In Ways We Would Never Guess

— By Janice C. Johnson

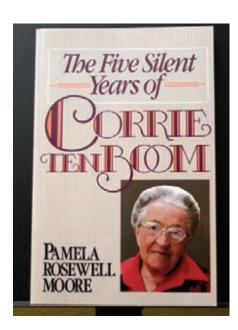


The turning point came in the mid-1960s, when 21-year-old Pam was listening to a talk about Christ's sacrificial death. "I saw, as [if] it were for the first time, what the Lord Jesus had done. I saw it in a powerful way that changed my life," she said. Pam realized that she owed Him her whole life. Struggling for some time between caution and trust, she remembers finally praying, "Father, thank You for not leaving me, although I have rejected Your way for so long. I want to give You all my life now, and particularly the things I am afraid of." As she set aside her own plans and asked God to lead her, she felt an overwhelming joy and satisfaction.

That prayer touched off a life of adventure beyond Pam's wildest dreams. The following October found her in Nairobi, Kenya, beginning a 12-month term of secretarial work through the Anglican Church's missionary organization. Those were the days before Internet and cell phones. That whole year, Pam communicated with her family only through letters and one

telephone call. "I certainly missed them. I was very, very homesick," she said.

After Pam's return, she attended a mission conference and met Brother Andrew, a Dutch missionary who smuggled Bibles to Christians behind the Iron Curtain. He mentioned that he needed an English-speaking assistant in Holland. Pam volunteered to help. She stayed in Holland for seven years assisting Brother Andrew, coming to love the Dutch people, learning their language and even helping smuggle Bibles, on occasion. She also met and worked with another Dutch

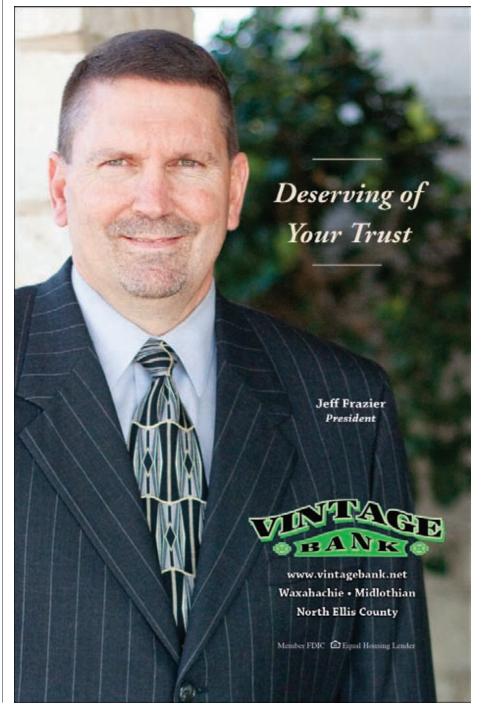


missionary: Corrie ten Boom, who, with her family, had been imprisoned in Ravensbruck Concentration Camp for protecting Jewish people during the Holocaust. Pam helped with Miss ten Boom's autobiography: *The Hiding Place*, published in 1971. In 1976, Corrie ten Boom, then 84 years old, asked Pam to become her traveling companion. The formerly timid Pam agreed, and the two left Europe for California that April.

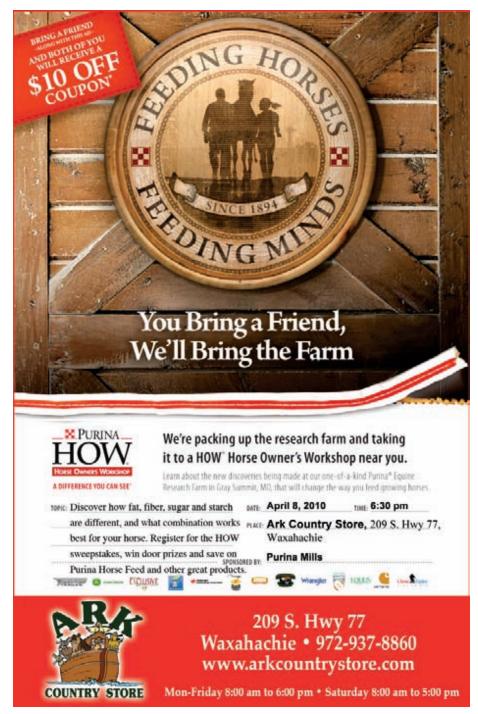
For two years, Pam assisted Miss ten Boom with her relentless work and travel schedule. "It wasn't always easy," she recalled. "Corrie was very Dutch, very straightforward — but she had a great sense of humor." Then in 1978, a series of strokes robbed the older woman of her ability to speak. Pam stayed on as her companion until Corrie's death in 1983.

Middle-aged and with no immediate responsibility for the first time in years,









Pam still did not look for a husband. She began writing about the grace Corrie had displayed during her illness in her first book titled, *The Five Silent Years of Corrie ten Boom.* While visiting friends in Waco, Texas, in 1986, she met Mr. Carey Moore. Friendship grew to



love almost immediately, and they married that fall, the same year her first book was published.

Looking back over the years, Pam said with a smile,

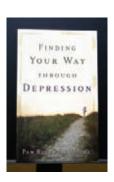
"You can see

that my life's journey contained lots of lessons. The Lord let me go through the things I thought I feared, in order to prove that He is able to take any one of us who will say, 'Not my will, but Yours be done."

During that pivotal year in Kenya, Pam was testing God's promise to be with her. She said, "I remember my tears

"You can see that my life's journey contained lots of lessons."

and the loneliness of it sometimes. But He helped me learn to trust Him more — to know Him more as a person." Though never again living permanently in England, she found deep



satisfaction in her adventurous life. There were times when she visited, such as in sickness when her parents needed her, and her faith grew as she found herself available to be at home with them during every one of those times.

Beginning after her first short-term assignment, Pam was often asked to talk to groups about the organizations and



PUTTIN' IN PARADISE

Benefiting the Education Foundation for Waxahachie ISD

Sponsored by the Brian Waters Foundation



Friday, April 16, 2010
Waxahachie Country Club
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost — \$110 Per Player. Includes Hawaiin themed lunch, player gifts, live music, chance to win \$250 in the Annual Putting Contest, two drink tickets for the course, access to the "On the Green Cigar Bar," tickets to the After Play Party and a chance to win a 42" flat screen TV, and much more!!!!

The Education Foundation for Waxahachie ISD proudly salutes **Brian Waters** for being named the 2009 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year.

Don't miss the best golf tournament in Ellis County!

Sponsorship opportunities also available. For more information contact the Education Foundation for Waxahachie ISD at **972.923.4631**.





people she served. Speaking, despite intense shyness at first, she found to her delight that her audiences were interested in what she had to say. Now she loves public speaking. "I see the importance of my message — 'Not my will, but Yours be done' — because I have seen many lives changed for the better," she said. "See if it works. Just see if God will keep His promise."

Pam had also learned that she could trust her singleness to God. Now 23 years into a happy marriage, she said, "I am so glad that I didn't have to seek anybody. That took a whole load of pressure off." Instead, she waited for the Lord to show her the right man at the

"Fear is groundless, if we trust Him."

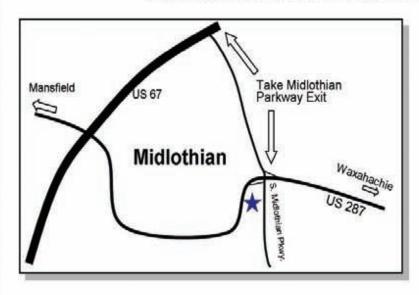
right time. "Being unmarried was, for me at that time, the best thing," Pam explained. "You couldn't undertake that kind of commitment with an elderly person" as she had with Corrie ten Boom. Of the long wait, she said, "I wasn't regretful; I didn't feel I had missed anything." She and her husband Carey, a writer and editor, both served on staff at Dallas Baptist University for several years. They moved to Waxahachie in 1998.

Pam, soft-spoken but with a quick, warm smile, has grown into a passionate communicator. Since *The Five Silent Years* she has written her autobiography, *Safer Than a Known Way*, and three other non-fiction books. She also speaks at conferences through Pam Rosewell Moore Ministries, a nonprofit that she founded with Carey.

According to the Easter story, Jesus' closest disciples thought His tragic death meant the end of their dreams of peace and freedom. Until they met Him again after His resurrection, they never guessed that His sacrifice would instead make peace and freedom possible. Like them, Pam has learned that what we most fear often turns out to be the best and most satisfying thing. "Fear is groundless, if we trust Him," she said. "The Holy Spirit can lead us in ways we would never guess, and enable us to do things we thought impossible."

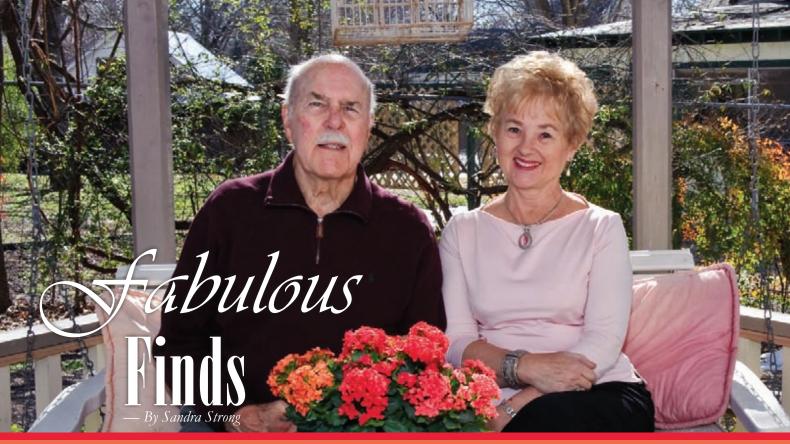


Sundays at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.





1651 S. Midlothian Parkway 972.723.6415



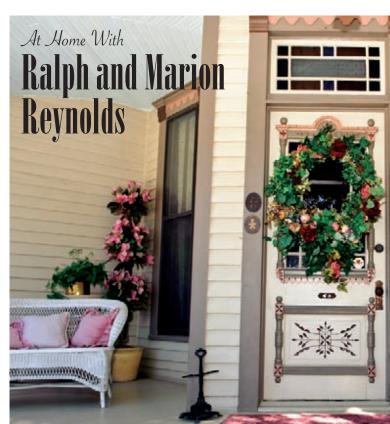






Ralph Reynolds purchased the home on Main Street in 1983, but the origins of the two-story, American Victorian abode date back to 1891. Marion moved in following their marriage in 1993, after they both lost their previous spouses within a two-week period of time in 1990. The two couples had been friends, so being there for one another during a difficult time seemed quite natural for Ralph and Marion. "After I moved in," Marion said, "we continued to add to the house." In doing so, she and Ralph have created a work of historical art — a cozy, comfy home they love to share with others.

Everything, literally, in the home has a story. No matter where a visitor looks, they will find an item of great interest that, in most cases, comes with its own history lesson. "We collect lots of Victorian things," Marion said smiling, as she looked around their three-bedroom, four-bath home. "Ralph has restored most



of the furniture to its original state. It's the special finds that keep us collecting."

The pages of a small novel could easily be filled with just a listing of the "fabulous finds" the couple has acquired over the years. They looked at one another and just grinned when asked if they could name their five favorite things in the home. "Everything is a collection, and we really don't have a favorite," Marion answered honestly, after pondering the question for a few moments. "We love it all." The love for the special finds in their home is evident as soon as they begin pointing them out. They have researched each antique with the same depth and vigor they researched the overall history of their home.

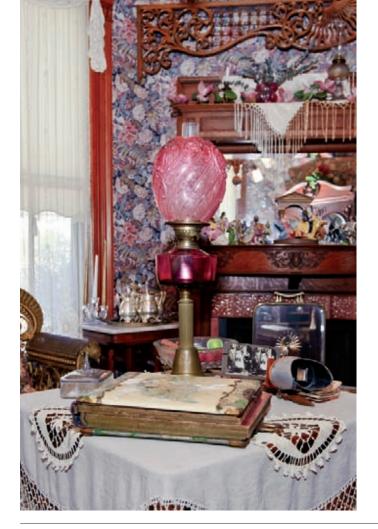
In her research, Marion discovered that the home had been converted to a duplex in 1945, as were many of the homes in this area after the war. An apartment was also added at this same time above the carriage house. The home remained a duplex until Ralph came along. "The home had been vacant for two years," Ralph remembered. "It was in a state of deterioration." After eight continuous years of restoration, the home was revived.

Before it was a duplex, each and every room had its own fireplace. Currently, the home boasts of four fully functional fireplaces. "Ralph was the one who brought the home back to its single family dwelling status," Marion said with pride in











her voice. Not only has the venture been a work of art, it has also been a work of two hearts.

The history lesson begins for visitors as soon as they open the door and step into the home's spacious entryway. Originally, the house was single-story and had no entryway staircase. When the conversion from a duplex took place, there was only a small attic space. Ralph made it into a bedroom suite, removing the narrow staircase that was built at the rear of the home, and building instead the massive staircase that can be seen today in the front entry. The newel post statue is an Auguste Moreau original. The statue is from Hannibal, Missouri, and history has it that Moreau showed his work at the 1901 Paris Exposition. The piece cleaned up beautifully. The details etched in bronze are spectacular, even to the untrained eye.

The parlor, found to the left of the front entrance, could easily be one of the couple's favorite rooms. The corner fireplace was



521 N. Highway 342

Red Oak, TX 75154

Beside Amaya's Bar & Grill











We Service All Makes

(972) 576-5533

redoaksmallengine.com

Tue. - Fri. 7:30-5:30 Sat. 9-3

	Ovilla Rd.	
1-35	Red Oak Small Engine Repair	Hwy 342

"Everything is a collection, and we really don't have a favorite; we love it all."







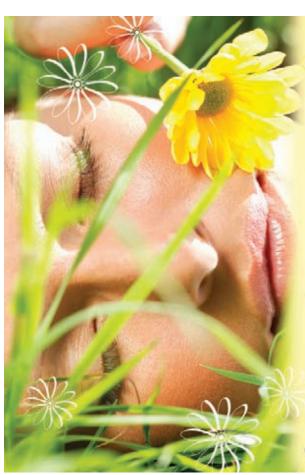




added during the restoration process, as was the antique mantel, which was from a Swiss Avenue home, and the raised design tiles and fretwork. The antique panels were purchased from another historical home in Waxahachie. The light fixture is an electrified gasolier. The doorway hanging, known as a *portiére*, is said to have hung where President Abraham Lincoln was laid for viewing following his death. The fretwork above the mantel was purchased in Canton. "It came in







Get Ready for Summer!

Laser Hair Removal 50% Off

Select areas, ask for details.

Fotofacials \$500 Off

Millennium
Laser & Medical Aesthetics

R. Paul Kare, MD Botox Cosmetic Physicians' Network Member

10

Fotofacial RF
Rosacea
Broken capillaries
Sun Damage
Red and Brown spots
Fine Wrinkles
Acne Scars

Loose Skin Polaris

Wrinkle Reduction Pore Reduction Skin Tightening Elos Luser Hair Removul All Hair Colors All Skin Colors

Medical Microdermabrasion

Bolax Cosmelic
Physicians' Network Member
Wrinkle Reduction
Brow Lift
Crow's feet
Frown Lines
Mouth Lines

Restylane
Physicians' Network Member
Wrinkle Filler
Lip Enhancement

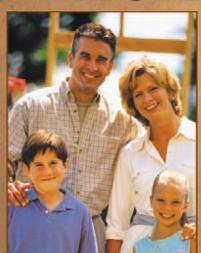
Mesotherapy Fat Reduction Cellulite Reduction Body Contouring

M.D. Forte
Chemical Peels

Obagi Skin Care Product

120 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3 • Waxahachie Call for a FREE Consultation 972-938-8200 • www.drkare.com

The Insurance Texans Trust.



Strength

Rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company.

Tradition

Insuring Texans for more than 110 years, generation after generation.

Service

Exceptional claims service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Bell Insurance Agency

Home • Auto • Commercial Mortgage Protection Specialist Medicare Supplements/Long Term Care

102 Professional Pl., Suite 102
Waxahachie, TX 75165
972-938-9676
Fax 1-877-937-7521
Hours: Monday - Friday 9 - 4
bellinsurancewax.com
rodney@bellinsurancewax.com
RODNEY JOE BELL, Agent/Owner



HOME • AUTO • LIFE

www.GermaniaInsurance.com



four grocery bags," Ralph said. "It took me four hours, two bottles of wine and a few 'new words' to reassemble it." The completed project not only fit perfectly together, it adds beauty to an already magnificent room. The antique light fixture in the formal

dining room is a converted Victorian kerosene lamp, and like all the others, is not original to the home. All the woodwork, hinges and doorknobs found throughout the home are original, but they each had to be stripped of layers of paint. The wallpaper is 1880s Victorian reproduction. The beadboard on the kitchen ceiling and walls is



original. In fact, Ralph came upon it quite by accident. "It was a wonderful discovery," Ralph said, explaining that he found it after tearing out layers of cheesecloth, wallpaper and wallboard. The countertops in the kitchen are a testament to Ralph's 30 years as a football coach. "They're made from an old maple gym floor that was torn out of a school in Dallas. Can you imagine all the dirty feet," he added with a laugh. After being selected as an All-American in college and then drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, Ralph settled into coaching, being named a Coach of the Year in Dallas.

Reach Your Weight Goal

You Can Do It!

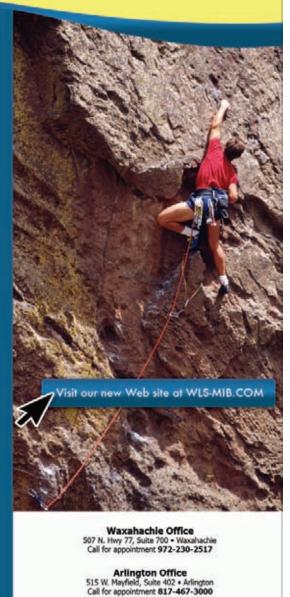
Surgical and Non-surgical Treatments Available

- Gastric Sleeve
- Lap Band
- Gastric Bypass
- Revisions
- Physician Supervised Weight Loss
- Dietician
- Behavioral Therapist



Glenn M. Ihde, MD

CONSIDERING WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY BOARD CERTIFIED BARIATRIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR









The Picture Perfect Facility



Waxahachie Civic Center

2000 Civic Center Lane Waxahachie, Texas 75165

972-938-3434 • www.Waxahachie.com



One & Two Bedroom Townhomes



- Private, Fenced-in Backyards
- Reserved Parking
- Wood-burning Fireplaces



Washer & Dryer
 Connections



HERITAGE SQUARE

~ Townhomes ~

501 Houston Street • Waxahachie, TX 75165

972-935-9898

HeritageSquareTownhomes.com

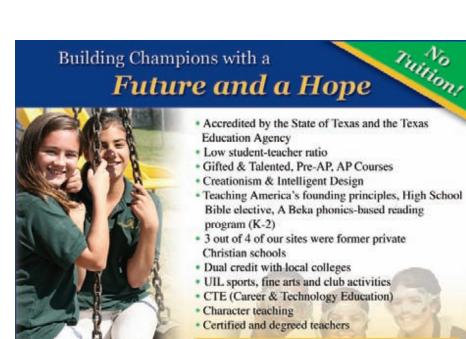
Everything really does have a story. The high-back bed in the guest room was found rotting in a garage in Waxahachie. It had been sitting in the dirt for a long time, but Ralph restored it to its original beauty. Two old spittoons, one for the man and one for the woman, sit by the fireplace in the front guest room. The seal skin cape with matching purse and muff hanging in the entry belonged to Marion's grandmother. The water pitcher displayed in the dining room dates back to 1865, and could actually be one of Marion's favorite finds within the home. The Edison standard phonograph in the den was handed down from Marion's side of the family. "It's in mint



condition," she said, as she put a wax cylinder roll in place and the music began to play. "You just wind it up and let the music fill the room."

Collections are prevalent throughout the home and include items such as: punch paper needlepoint, very detailed pencil sharpeners, several sets of china, Harrison Fisher prints, pressed glass goblets and lots of black and white photographs of family members. The collections are many, but everything in the home is put to use in the way it was intended.

Ralph and Marion are much like the Victorian people of old. "Victorians are known for their collections, but most things they had or used in their homes were also very functional. Everything had a specific purpose," Marion explained. This is also the case with Ralph and Marion, yet they take it one step further. They love to share it with others.





2010 applications accepted starting March 1

Waxahachie (K-12) 972-937-9851 • Grand Prairie (K-12) 972-262-6944 Rowlett (K-8) 972-412-7761 • North Duncanville (K-8) 214- 276-5842 www.advantageisd.com

Stability Strong, capable full-service banking

Wisdom Sound decisions from experienced local lenders

Success Bottom-line results with customized solutions

Southwest Securities, FSB is a premier financial services provider. Our highly personalized and professional service, along with broad lending expertise, will help our customers and communities grow and prosper. We are committed to building what you value.

Mary Alice Warrington

President Waxahachie Banking Center 469-941-1407

Brad Owens

Vice President Commercial Loans 469-941-1405

Russell Phillips

Vice President Commercial Loans 469-941-1403

1791 Highway 77 North, Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Real Estate (Owner Occupied) • Revolving Lines of Credit Equipment Finance • SBA Loans • Treasury Management Services



Building what you value.®

www.southwestsecuritiesfsb.com

Austin • Arlington • Dallas • El Paso • Fort Worth • Garland Granbury • Houston • Southlake • Waxahachie Albuquerque, NM • Ruidoso, NM

Member FDIC SBA Preferred Lender





Around Town NOW



DEAR Day is a success because of volunteers like Laurie Truitt, Deborah Gillespie, Carolyn Ross and Marci Cole.



Sue and Bobbie entertain residents at the Sterling House with "Music on the Go."









Shirley McElroy, Renee Chase & Carolyn Mixon at the Chamber Awards Banquet.



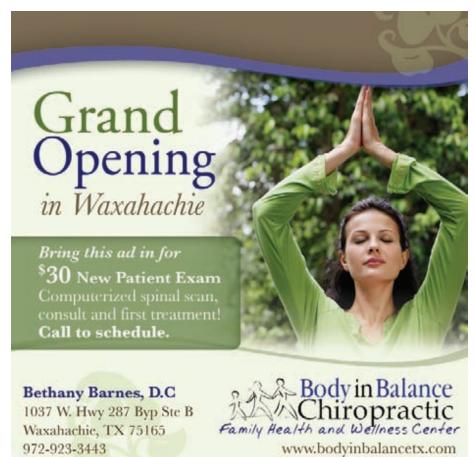
















Singing Some Different Tunes

— By Adam Walker

Almost all teenagers are passionate about music, but at Waxahachie High School (WHS) you will find a group of young men and women who take their music seriously indeed. Jessica

Berry, Zach Hatchel, Donald Kirschner, Camille Spooner and Caitlyn Woodhouse are all members of the Chorale and various other choirs at W.H.S.. These students live and breathe music, much of it classical.

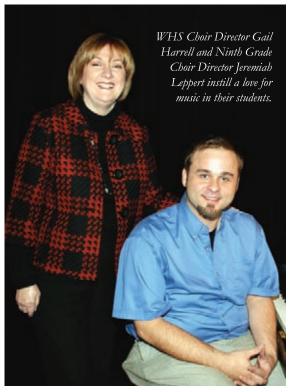
Jessica sings alto in the A Capella Choir and in the Chorale. "I like choir mainly because I do like to sing, and I like the performing thing. I like getting to be with others who enjoy the same thing and getting to bond with them that way." Jessica said she found songs with three- and four-part harmonies particularly difficult. "Oh, and that Japanese song we learned was really challenging." But she likes to sing fast, up-beat songs in foreign languages, especially German. "It's really fun to turn on the radio and hear a song on WRR and say, 'Oh, we sang that in choir.' How many people can say that?" The answer would be - not many, but these students can.

Zach sings tenor one in the A Capella

Choir and in the Chorale, but he prefers singing praise and worship music at his church. "I enjoy choir because I've been singing as long as I can remember. I like to play around with it.

I also like to compete and learn the music." So what pieces does Zach find that stretch him? "Buccinate because it's antiphonal singing which makes the timing hard, and it's in Latin, so the language is a challenge." Another piece Zach found interesting is In Taverna because it is very fast paced, has an unusual rhythm and is, again, in Latin. "The best thing about choir is the fact that you get to show your God-given talent, and your family gets to watch. That's a good feeling."

Donald sings tenor in the A Capella Choir and in Chorale but also takes the AP music class. He is in the top five percent of all choir students in Texas and is fourth in his class. His favorite piece to sing is a Russian piece by Chesnokov: *Spaseniye Sodelal*. "It's one of the most beautiful pieces of music you'll ever hear,"



-Arts NOW

Donald said. So why does he enjoy choir? "I have been given a gift to sing," he said, "and I love to use it to express myself in a different kind of way."

Camille sings soprano one in the Advanced Ladies Choir and the A Capella Choir, in addition to the Chorale. "I love to sing and compete," she said. "I have been singing since I was little, and I love performing. Choir lets me do that." Camille has done very well competing in choir; she is first chair in the regional choir and is trying for a place in the state choir. She is in the top two percent of all choir students in the state of Texas. She loves being exposed to different kinds of music. "I get to sing songs in German and Latin - pieces by Mozart. My favorite pieces to sing are from the Romantic and Classical periods." So what is her favorite song? "Wei Hirsch Schreit by Mendelssohn is my favorite piece to sing. It is my area piece. Well, one of them. My other area piece is Handel's Coronation Anthem Number 2." But she does not like Handel as much as Mendelssohn and Mozart.

Caitlyn sings soprano two in the A Capella Choir and the Chorale. Caitlyn said, "I like to work on a very challenging piece of music for a long time and then get

"The best thing about choir is the fact that you get to show your God-given talent, and your family gets to watch."

it just right. It gives you an accomplished feeling." When asked what she thought she had to stretch the most to learn to sing, Caitlyn said, "Rutter's *Gloria* — that and all the pieces we learned for the state competition. I really like to sing the slow songs in foreign languages, especially Latin and French." But Caitlyn agreed with Jessica that the Japanese song they learned was quite challenging. "I really like being exposed to different kinds of music," she said.

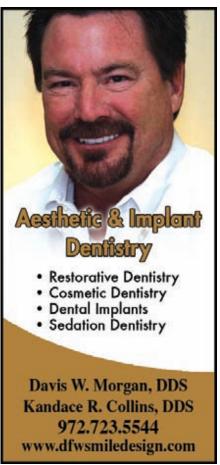
So, with the kind of focus required in achieving the level these choristers











-Arts NOW

have achieved, do they have time for anything else in their lives? Oh, yes. They are active in their church youth groups. Most of them sing with their church or youth group worship teams. Jessica and Caitlyn both play softball. Zach plays the guitar as a hobby. Donald is a cross country runner, who ran a marathon in March; he is the president of the Interact

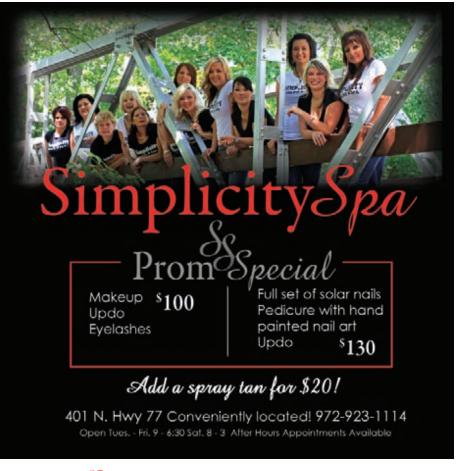




community service club, participates in academic decathlon and will be taking a missions trip to Australia this summer. Camille is on the Student Council, in the National Honor Society and works with the Rotary Club. And all of them do musical theater at WHS, as well. Only high school students could find the time and energy for all of that!

Considering the talent and passion of these students, you just might want to clear a spot on your calendar for their Spring Concert on May 11, when they will be performing everything from *Bohemian Rhapsody* to "Proud Mary." It should be quite a night.





Walking Through His World - By Sandra Strong



"best friend," Ron said, "I'm in your world; walking through it with you. Why don't you take a walk through my world?" This one question was the catalyst that began a hunting partnership that the couple has enjoyed for two years now. "I quickly realized that I could stay home alone on most weekends during hunting season," Michele said, "or I could go spend time with my husband."

Michele decided to tag along on a deer hunt in Oklahoma, during the fall of 2008. To her surprise, the experience was nothing at all like she had imagined.



"I put a buck down from about 100 yards away."

"Yes, I decided to take a walk through his world," she said, smiling at the memory, "but I didn't know there wouldn't be any indoor plumbing or electricity. I couldn't help but ask myself, 'What have I gotten myself into?""

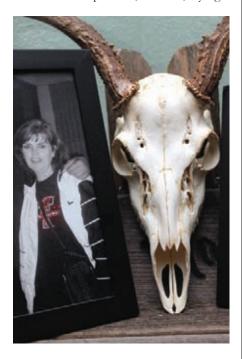
After the shock of that first hunting trip was over, Michele soon learned to love nature and all it had to offer. Walking in his world meant foregoing the amenities of home, and she was game to do that since it meant she would be with Ron. "I thought I'd just go and be there," she admitted. "I never thought I'd be shooting anything." Surprisingly, the first shot she took on a hunting trip was not with a gun or bow. "Ron bought me a new camera," she explained. "While Ron hunted, I'd take pictures. I was taking photos of wildlife I'd never seen before."

When Michele and Ron Miller started dating, they knew what they were feeling for one another would last a lifetime. Michele also knew early on in the relationship and marriage that Ron had a deep passion for hunting and the great outdoors. One of her first clues was, "When we decided to marry, Ron told me we could not marry in October, November or December because it was deer-hunting season. I knew then he was dead serious about his passion for hunting," Michele said.

When Michele began missing her

Sports **NOW**

Once Michele found her peace in nature behind the camera, Ron started nudging her to try her eye at shooting a gun. He built her a box stand with as many luxuries from home as he could include. "I wanted to make her as comfortable as possible," he said, trying



his best not to laugh. Looking back, they both agreed that her first year to hunt was a very good year. "I put a buck down from about 100 yards away," she said. "He had been chasing a doe and was standing in the food plot."

Most hunters will take aim and shoot their target in one clean shot, but that is not the case with Michele. It takes her three shots to consider the kill complete. "I shot a picture of the buck with my camera," she said, mentioning that the buck ran off before she was able to put the camera down and pick up her gun. "I just had a gut feeling he'd be back around." Her gut feeling was correct.

When the buck returned, Michele was ready to take her second shot, or so she thought. She aimed and pulled the trigger. She heard the echo of the bullet reverberate in her head as she watched the buck fall. "I never thought she'd actually shoot the gun," Ron confessed. "I was so excited when she shot that first deer." As Ron's excitement grew, all Michele could hear in her head that day









Sports NOW

were the words, What have I done? "The whole experience almost made me sick," she added. Her third and final shot that day was with her camera.

Michele's philosophy about hunting was learned through Ron's example. Neither one of them go hunting "for just the kill." They have education, care and concern in mind every time they hunt,



whether it is for deer in the fall, wild hogs in the winter or turkey in April. While Ron is considered to be a trophy hunter, Michele takes pride in being a meat hunter. "Since nature and wildlife are so important to Ron, he wants to shoot the more mature and bigger deer," Michele explained further. "I, on the other hand, know people who are in need of meat. I want to supply food for others. If you can't eat it, I won't shoot it."

Michele and Ron are walking freely in a world they created for themselves after marriage. It is one of awesome times, fantastic photographs and very special memories, which Michele and Ron enjoy sharing with others. It is a world filled with the wonders of nature as seen through their eyes and the lens of the camera. "My children were always my passion, but they grew up and have lives of their own," she said. Today, her passions include photography and hunting with Ron. Her passions, when commingled with Ron's, have created one amazing partnership where two people are walking alongside one another in one world. The walk is one they will continue to cherish because they are taking it together. WOW











Business MOW







After Hours Improv Theater

100 N. College Street, Suite 11 Waxahachie, Texas (972) 937-9839 www.afterhoursimprov.com

Hours:

Friday - Rotating Basis - Improv Comedy -

Murder Mystery Dinner - 7:00 p.m. Saturday - Improv Comedy - 8:00 p.m.

Theater rental and private shows available by appointment. For pricing information and a complete schedule of entertainment offerings, please call the number listed above.



From left: Shari and Smiley Alfaro, dinner theater programs and information pamphlets, After Hours Improv cast and the four After Hours Improv founding members.

Something to Laugh A

After years of dedication to their craft, After Hours Improv Theater is giving back to the community in a funny, family-friendly way.

— By Sandra Strong

If laughter and a night of family-friendly fun is what you are looking for, then After Hours Improv Theater is the entertainment choice for you. It all started for Smiley and Shari Alfaro back in 2001. "We were both cast in a production at the Duncanville Community Theater," Shari fondly remembered. It is only fitting that the couple would continue to perform together in local venues and, eventually, get engaged literally on stage. Although it may seem like a coincidence to some, it has proven to be a marriage made in theatrical heaven for Smiley and Shari.

In 2004, the couple attended a workshop in downtown Waxahachie. "Shari's high school drama teacher, Eric Craddock, was teaching the class," Smiley said, also mentioning that the fourth original cast member, Patrick M. Wilson, was also in

attendance. It was at this workshop that the idea for After Hours Improv was born. The four of them — Smiley, Shari, Eric and Patrick — knew in that workshop that they had something special. Soon afterward, their hilariously funny and successful journey began. "Our first time to perform as a group was at the College Street Pub," Smiley said. "We've performed in coffee houses, at private parties — anywhere we could. In the past year, things have snowballed for After Hours Improv." The years of dedication to the craft of making people laugh are finally paying off.

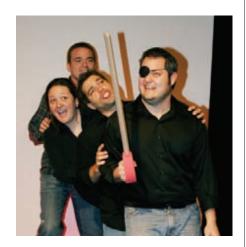
Having a stage they can call their own within the historic Rogers Hotel means a great deal to the group. The venue has a seating capacity of 108, and performing for a full house has quickly become the norm. The move that has given After Hours Improv

Business

"roots" has also allowed them to offer choices in entertainment.

Every other Friday night offers something new, and quite entertaining, to the downtown Waxahachie area. Comedy fans who love a good mystery will thoroughly enjoy the Murder Mystery Dinners. These special evenings allow all those attending the opportunity to play an active role. "It lets them be part of the fun and intrigue of solving a murder mystery," Shari added. If you are a die-hard improv fan, then Saturday nights are reserved especially for you. On these nights, you can be assured a great deal of laughter that promises to be appropriate for the entire family, regardless of age. "It can be a complete night out. You can have dinner at The Dish, come enjoy a show and then end the evening with a cup of coffee or a nightcap," Shari said. "We really do have something for everyone."

Smiley and Shari are already looking into the future as they begin to make new entertainment options available. The excitement is evident in their voices as they talk about the Saturday workshops offered for adults and children. "We kicked the



workshops off in March and continue to offer them year-round," Smiley explained. "During the summer months, we plan on having more options for the kids interested in taking improv and drama lessons."

Before Larry Burns made the Rogers Hotel an option, the couple was on the verge of moving closer to Smiley's place of employment. "In three short weeks, everything changed for us," Shari said, as Smiley nodded his head in agreement. "It's just an incredible blessing."





Education NOW



Training Up a Child

— By Sandra Strong

As a University-Model School® (UMS), Waxahachie Preparatory Academy (WPA) is partnering with parents to prepare students for college. They are accomplishing this goal one child at a time through "exceptional academics, quality extracurricular activities and purposeful development of Christ-like character." One of the most rewarding aspects of this program has a great deal to do with parental involvement. "The school thrives and depends on parents who have a desire to be involved firsthand in their child's education. The program wouldn't work without parental

involvement," said Amy Morren, WPA registrar. Discipline also falls under the "parental umbrella." Classroom time is focused solely on learning. "Parents reinforce what's learned in the classroom on the days the students are at home," Amy added. "UMS schools are not for everyone, but it works for those who have a desire to spend more time with their children."

The scheduling at WPA mimics scheduling found at most colleges. The lower grades, kindergarten through sixth, attend school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while those in seventh

through 12th go to school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. WPA parents serve nine different roles throughout the 13 years in the instructional model. In kindergarten through second, they are the child's primary teacher. Then they move up the educational ladder to co-instructor, private tutor, guide for dependent study, guide for independent study, course monitor, project assistant, parent coach and finally the active supporter. "When the children are young, the parents accomplish much of the teaching at home," Amy explained. "As they get in the higher grades, the parents back off. By the 11th grade, students should be working independently; making their own schedules, including the potential to look into some college courses."

Class sizes at WPA are much smaller than those found at most public schools. This allows for strong student work ethic because the teacher has more one-on-one time with each student. They also learn quality character traits, Bible verses and standards that meet or exceed the state and local laws of education.

The UMS gives parents the chance to stay involved with their child with an added bonus. "We get instruction from a degreed teacher," Amy said, now speaking as the parent of Emily, a WPA second-grader. "The teachers mentor the parents. It's this parent/teacher relationship that makes the program work." Teachers give parents a detailed assignment sheet of what they hope to accomplish educationally each week. "I take the assignment sheet home and plan out what we are going to study and learn that week at home," Amy stated. "The concepts are introduced in the classroom, but the parents reinforce them at home to make sure the child has what they need to move on to the next concept."

There is a high degree of parent mentoring involved in this type model school. The defined off-campus roles of the parents are based on the grade level of each child. "The younger the child, the more time the parents will spend in the teaching role," Amy said. "As they get older, time spent teaching them will be less and time spent supporting their decisions will increase."

As registrar, Amy is seeing an increase

-Education **NOW**

in enrollment. Many new students are coming from five-day public, private and homeschool environments to take advantage of the offerings at WPA. "WPA teaches at a very high academic level," Amy said. "The only testing we do here is Stanford Testing, which is approved by the state of Texas. This type school allows me to see my daughter more, and it allows her to spend more time with her dad, too," Amy shared. "Less time on campus means more time at home. It cuts down on the rat race."

Amy remembers how Sunday nights around the house used to be before WPA. They were hectic and somewhat stressful. "We only get ready for school two nights a week now," she said. "Sunday nights are relaxed." As parents,

"Parents reinforce what's learned in the classroom on the days the students are at home."

the Morrens love the fact that the Christian values they are teaching Emily at home are carried out on the WPA campus, as well. "It gives the parents the chance to influence the children in a positive way, knowing it will be reinforced in the classroom, too," Amy reiterated. It takes the heavy peer pressure out of the educational equation. More time spent with parents means one thing — the parents can have a much bigger influence on their children. For Amy and Jeff, it means raising them up the Proverbs 22:6 way: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." "We raise them," Amy said, "instead of letting peer pressure dictate their behavior and attitude toward education and life."

WPA has been a blessing for the Morren family. Emily loves her days at school, but she equally enjoys the days she spends with her parents at home. As parents, Amy and Jeff's main goal is to lay a firm foundation early and reinforce it, so when Emily does go to college, she will not be moved by the peer pressure and temptations of college. "Being in a specific group will not matter to her," Amy said. "She will be comfortable in her own skin."

Spring is there!



- Loans up to \$1,193.24
- Quick turnaround (15 minutes)
- Applications accepted by phone
- Tax season is right around the corner, remember we give FREE estimates with no obligation!
- Fast and friendly service

Don't forget ...

We Do Taxes! It's Fast! It's Easy!
Get an Instant Tax Refund Loan!
Bring your W-2 in for a FREE ESTIMATE!



Licensed by the State of Texas

LOAN COMPANY®

1014 Ferris Ave., Suite 101

Call: 972-937-7861 METRO 972-938-7861 www.sunloan.com

* additional restrictions apply



If there's any delay, it's you we pay!。



Have a plumbing problem?

Benjamin Franklin Plumbing has the solution! Contact us for repair, replacement or installation.

- We are there on time or we pay you \$5.00 per minute that we are late.*
- 100% money back guarantee. You must be completely satisfied with our service or your money is refunded.
- Straight forward "No Surprise" pricing, You know exactly how much we charge before we start your job.
- Safe and courteous employees. Your complete satisfaction with both our service and plumbers is 100% guaranteed.
- · Fully insured.



*\$300 Maximum. Certain conditions apply. Call for details.

Will air on May 2nd



972-283-6161 972-938-1500 www.benjaminfranklinplumbing.com

In The Kitchen With Marion Teske

Marion Teske grew up in Wisconsin watching her mother cook and bake Scandinavian recipes. "I am half Swiss and half Swedish," she said, "so I am really 'Swish." She has reared five children, who loved to try out her new creations. "I had lots of practice cooking," she recalled. "I would try new things, and they would always get eaten." After retiring 14 years ago, Marion

— By Faith Browning

and her husband, Tom, moved to Texas, but she remains in close contact with her Wisconsin friends. Now, she enjoys getting together with her neighbors to teach them her Scandinavian recipes. Besides cooking, Marion enjoys attending painting classes, playing the organ at her church, quilting and reading. "Church cookbooks are my favorite," she laughed.



LITTLE DRUMSTICKS

2 cups flour

Seasonings, to taste

- 3 lbs. chicken wings (Cut joint like drumsticks; remove tips.)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 1. Combine flour and desired seasonings.
- 2. Dip wings in flour mixture. Fry wings until golden brown; place in baking dish.
- 3. In a saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch, salt, ginger and pepper. Add water lemon juice and soy sauce.
- 4. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick.
- 5. Brush sauce over the wings; bake at 350 F for
- 6. Serve with lemon slices or drizzle lemon juice over wings before serving.

CANDIED POPCORN

14 cups popped popcorn

2 cups Rice Krispies

2 cups dry roasted peanuts

5 Tbsp. crunchy peanut butter

2 12-oz. pkgs. white chocolate baking chips

- 1. In a large bowl, combine first three ingredients.
- 2. In a saucepan, melt together the peanut butter and white chocolate chips.
- 3. Pour peanut butter mixture over the popcorn
- 4. Spread on waxed paper: cool. Brake into chunks and store in a plastic bag.

HAMBURGER SOUP

- 1 lb. ground beef, browned and drained
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1 46-oz. jar tomato juice
- 1 cup potatoes, diced
- 1 cup carrots, sliced

- 1/2 cup celery, sliced
- 1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
- 1/4 tsp. basil
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1/2 cup barley
- 1 1/2 quarts water
- 1 cup cheese of choice
- 1. In a stew pot, combine all ingredients except
- 2. Simmer 1 1/2 hours.
- 3. When serving, top with cheese.

FRIED OYSTER CANDY

- 1 med. potato, peeled and boiled
- 2 1/2- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 lg. bag chocolate chips
- 1 cup salted peanuts, crushed
- 1. While potato is still warm, mash it a little, gradually mashing in 2 1/3 cups powdered sugar; add vanilla and keep adding sugar until dough is stiff.
- 2. Roll potato mixture into balls; refrigerate until cold and hard.
- 3. In a double boiler, melt chocolate chips. Using two forks, dip balls in the melted chocolate then roll in crushed nuts. Place on waxed paper until

CRANBERRY BARS

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups whole cranberries
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup nuts

FROSTING:

- 3 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup butter, softened

- 1 tsp. vanilla 2 cups powdered sugar About 1 Tbsp. milk
- 1. Combine first 8 ingredients.
- 2. Place in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish; bake at 350
- F for 40-45 minutes. After cooled, cut into bars.
- 3. Combine frosting ingredients; spread on bars.

BRAZIL NUT DATE CAKE

- 3 cups Brazil nuts (2 lbs. unshelled or 1 lb. shelled)
- 1 lb. pitted imported dates
- 1 cup (8-oz. jar) maraschino cherries, drained
- 3/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1. In a large bowl, combine nuts, dates and
- 2. Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt over the nuts and fruit; mix with hands until nuts and fruit are coated.
- 3. In a separate bowl, beat eggs until foamy; add vanilla.
- 4. Stir egg mixture into fruit mixture until well mixed.
- 5. Place mixture into a greased and waxed paper lined 9 x 5 x 2-inch pan.
- 6. Bake at 300 F for 1 hour and 45 minutes. Cake must be cooled before slicing. This is very pretty after it is sliced.

SHERBERT DESSERT

- 1 pint whipping cream
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 18 macaroons, soft
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 pint each lime, lemon and orange sherbet
- 1. Whip together whipping cream and sugar.
- 2. Crumble macaroons; mix with cream mixture.
- 3. Using a 9 x 13-inch pan, place half of the mixture in the bottom; cover with all three sherbets. Top with remaining mixture; finish off topping with pecans.
- Freeze.



- · Fence Repair & Installation
- Paint Interior & Exterior
- Custom & Rough End Carpentry
- Tile Installation & Removal
- Wood & Laminate Flooring Installation
- Tree Trimming & Removal
- · Tape, Bed & Texture

No Job Too Large or Small **We Honor Competitors' Coupons** Quality Service at Affordable Pricing

Mention This Ad for 10% Off



Call 469-569-5431







Waxahachte Juntor Service League Fundraiser Art Auction and Exhibition

Benefitting many organizations in our area.

To be held at: Town Square Loft 101 S. College - Waxahachie

Saturday, April 10, 2010 Exhibition - 6:00 pm * Auction - 7:00 pm

Catered by Phoenix Catering (Rose Cameron) Produced by: Perry Berns Gallery

Admission: \$10 per person Donations accepted - Door Prizes For more info call: 972-937-9686





Traditional IRAs: Savings Vehicles With Tax Advantages

— By Adam Rope

There are many ways for you to build a retirement nest egg. One of the more popular is the traditional Individual Retirement Account, or IRA. Tax deferral is one of the reasons for its popularity.

Contributions to a traditional IRA may be deductible from your income,

lowering the federal income tax for which you are responsible. Federal income tax on your IRA will be deferred until you begin taking withdrawals, usually when you have retired and may be in a lower tax bracket. Generally, you can qualify for a tax deduction if you are not an active

participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan.

For 2010, if you are an active participant in a retirement plan, your deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA will be reduced (and then phased out) if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is:

- Up to \$89,000 for a full deduction; \$89,000-\$109,000 for a partial deduction for a married couple filing a joint return or a qualifying widow(er).
- Up to \$56,000 for a full deduction; partial deduction \$56,000-\$66,000 for a single individual or head of household, or
- Less than \$10,000 for a married individual filing a separate return.

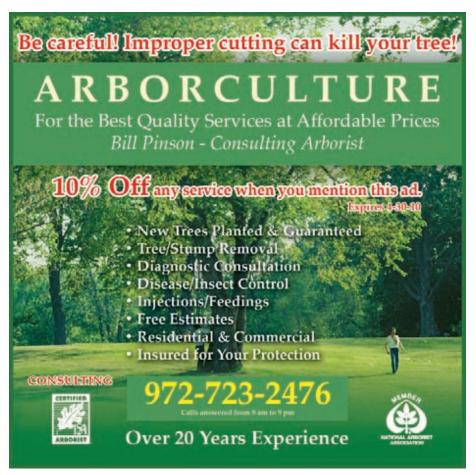
You must begin taking minimum annual withdrawals from your traditional IRA by April 1 of the year after the year you reach age 70 1/2. Taxable withdrawals will be subject to ordinary income tax rates.

There are a number of options available to you when you open an IRA. Various investments may be used depending on factors such as your time horizon, risk tolerance and other financial goals. Talk to a qualified financial professional to find out how you can take advantage of the tax benefits of a traditional IRA.

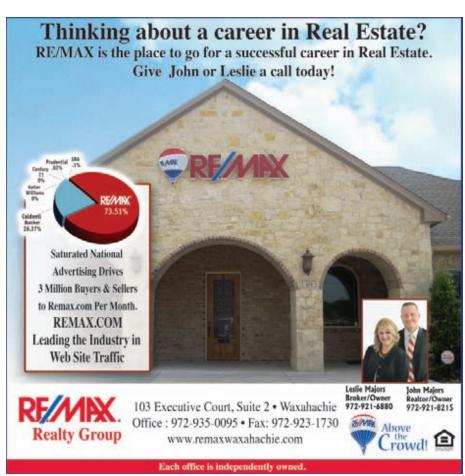
Adam Rope is a State Farm agent based in Waxahachie.











Breathe Deeply -By Betty Tryon, R.N.

One of the most overused words in the English language is stress — with good reason. Stress, a normal and necessary part of life, can lead to serious consequences if managed poorly. Stress is the body's response to meeting a challenge with enough energy, alertness and strength. A common way of understanding stress is to see it as the "flight or fight" response. For example: A danger is perceived, such as a car suddenly veering into your path; you immediately assess the situation and swiftly take defensive action. The flight or fight response can also be triggered by a circumstance that does not put your life in danger, such as nervousness about a presentation at work or a final exam at school. When that happens, stress hormones are released.

The heightened reaction on your senses caused by this explains why some people say they operate best under pressure. In that type of situation or to aid in removing one from danger, stress is good. Stress becomes harmful when the body does not settle down after the situation is over. This can occur when you have ongoing stress in your life. Financial problems, divorce and chronic illness are a few examples which can cause stress hormone levels to remain high.

At the first sign of stress, the body springs into action by releasing adrenaline (also known as epinephrine) from the adrenal glands and cortisol. These are your fight or flight hormones.



They work to increase your heart rate, respirations, metabolism, and dilate your air passages so more oxygen can be taken in to prepare you for action. They also contribute to increased alertness and increased glucose level in the bloodstream to give you energy to flee.

If you must meet danger head on, these hormones give you a fighting chance to meet that challenge. Under normal circumstances, once the challenge has been met, the body will go back to normal. Lingering problems, which cannot be solved quickly, will cause the hormones to stay in the body creating all sorts of mayhem. This may be the cause of sleeplessness at night or feeling nervous or edgy during the day.

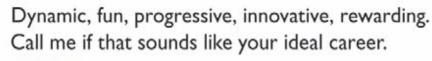
Stress is a part of life. You cannot always control what happens to you, but you can find some peace in determining how you respond. Yoga is a popular retreat for those seeking how to stay calm in stressful situations. Exercise helps to work off a lot of tension. Give yourself a chance to start your day strong by getting a good night's sleep. If necessary, ask for help from a professional counselor or your spiritual adviser. The extra effort is worth it for your peace of mind and a healthier life.

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











Ron Ansell, FIC Area Manager 100 Chambers Circle Suite 1008 Waxahachie, TX 75165 rlansell@woodmen.org

WOODMEN JOSEPH WORLD

Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society Home Office: Omaha, Nebraska woodmen.org

An Equal Opportunity Employer

CD0053WOW 11/08

Insurance Protection . Financial Security



"40 Years Experience"

Locally Owned & Operated

Quality Repair On

Most Major Brands

LCD • DLP • Plasma TVs



Service Call \$89.95

Replacement Lamps for LCD & DLP TVs Most lamps starting at \$199

Larry Ross, President

North Texas Electronics' Association

972-723-1991

1604 N. Hwy. 67 • Midlothian
 • (North of 9th Street next to All Pro Transmissions)

Outdoors NOW



— By Nancy Fenton

& Other Creatures

Now that it is warming up, it is time to think about how to avoid all those insect and animal problems that can plague homeowners. Those of us with dogs or cats immediately think *fleas!* As the temperature warms up, the fleas really get going. We discussed the use of nematodes last year, and they are still

a good bet early in the year when we have damp soil and moderate temperatures. Nematodes do not do well in the heat, so start early and get your two applications on your lawn before it dries up and gets hot. Beneficial nematodes are available from several local nurseries and feed stores.

Raccoons and squirrels are another matter altogether. According to Texas A&M, there are four basic rules for controlling raccoon and squirrel damage. First, remove their food supply. Feed your outside cats and dogs in the morning and bring the food in at dusk. Second, remove the water supply. Third, modify the habitat with screens on chimneys and around foundation and attic access points. Fourth, trap them and relocate them a very long distance from the original site!

Insects that chew on your garden are yet another issue. "Companion plants," which have a strong scent (such as basil and thyme and/or silver foliage) repel some insects. "Trap plants" attract the offending insect until beneficial insects or birds gobble them up. Both repellant and trap plants can be used as long as they are close to their "companion" and can be seen or smelled easily. Other plants have special qualities, which enhance a "friend," such as basil and tomato and garlic and roses. For specific lists of plants call the Master Gardeners at the Texas AgriLife office at (972) 825-5175. Good luck with getting rid of all those pesky critters!

Nancy Fenton is a Master Gardener.





-Happening<mark>MOW</mark>

Every Wednesday

GriefShare recovery seminar and support group meeting: 6:15 p.m., Palmer Christian Child Care and Day School, 510 S. Dallas St. For more information, call Vivian Saladino at (214) 802-2256 or e-mail griefshare@fbcpalmer.com.

Fourth Monday

Creative Quilters Guild of Waxahachie meeting: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 Grand Ave. The guest speaker will be Fran Snay. For more information, call Carol Sawyer at (972) 921-8576 or e-mail her at txgmacarol@yahoo.com.

April 3-5

NHRA Division 4 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series. For more information, call (972) 878-2641 or visit www.texasmotorplex.com.

April 17

All Free Earth Day children's event at Pettigrew Academy: 10:00-noon, 806 E. Marvin St. For more information, call (972) 923-1633.

Mansfield Women's Club Annual Yellow Rose Charity Fest Casino Night: 5:30-10:00 p.m., K-Star Ranch, 6970 Dick Price Rd. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will also be live and silent auctions. Proceeds benefit Methodist Mansfield Medical Center's Cardiac Care Unit and Mansfield Women's Club charities. Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance at Frost Bank, 1000 Walnut Creek Dr. or Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Gift Shop, 2700 E. Broad St. For more information, call (817) 366-3994 or (817) 420-5565.

April 21

Aggie Muster at Park Meadows Baptist Church in Waxahachie. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Program starts at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers will be the Reverend and Mrs. Kerlee, parents of bonfire collapse victim, Tim Kerlee. 2010-

















Happening MOW

2011 scholarship recipients will be recognized. Proceeds benefit the Ellis A&M Club scholarship fund. For more information, visit www.ellisaggies.com.

April 23

2nd Annual - The 100th G.R.E.E.N. Marathon, 7:30 a.m.-dusk, Waxahachie Country Club. Benefits abused and neglected children of Ellis County. (972) 937-3521.

April 24

The 2010 Ellis County Homeschool Expo and Used Curriculum Sale: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Getzendaner Park. For more information, contact webnotions@yahoo.com or call (214) 701-6101.

April 27

Waxahachie Preparatory Academy enrollment information meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m., 621 N. Grand Ave. For more information, call (972) 937-0440.

May 1

The 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta: 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., will be held in downtown Waxahachie at Singleton Plaza. Live music, food, vendors and a kid zone will be offered. The event is hosted by the Ellis County Hispanic Organization. For more information, visit www.waxahachie5de5.com.

May 7

Ellis A&M Club 6th Annual Golf Tournament: Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start will begin at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$100. For more information, visit www.ellisaggies. com or e-mail Bob Garrett at bgarrett7740@sbcglobal.net.

June 5

Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-In: 8:00-11:00 a.m., Mid-Way Airport. The public is invited. The event and parking are free. Breakfast tickets: ages 8 and above, \$6; ages 3-7, \$3; and all those 2 and under eat free. For more information, call Tammy at (972) 923-0080.



"Pain is no longer in control."

"I was looking at a life of pain," says Katelyn Bradwell, who was diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy. "It felt like my veins were injected with acid. Sleep was the only escape," she says. Then Katelyn went to Baylor, where a comprehensive pain program shows patients how to take control of their chronic pain. "Everything I needed, they had," she says. "They taught me how to live and manage the disease. When I went to Baylor, my body was the enemy. Now I feel the joy of being human again."

For a physician referral or for more information about Pain Management Center at Baylor Waxahachie, call 1.800.4BAYLOR or visit us online at BaylorHealth.com.



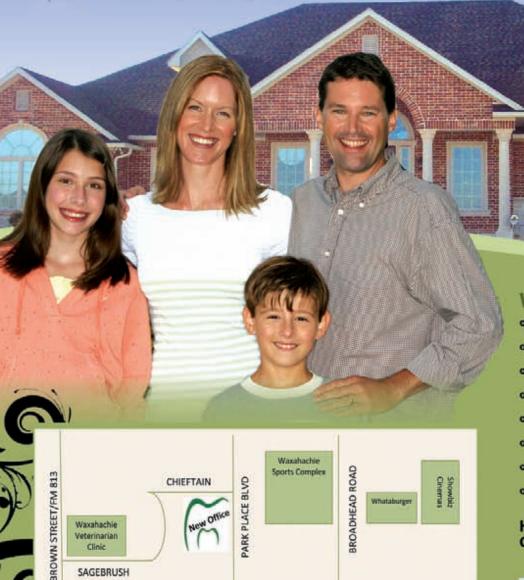
1405 West Jefferson, Waxahachie, Texas 75165

e're Growing!



Waxahachie Family Dentistry Scott Clinton, DDS, FAGD

Bobby Haney, DDS



HWY 287 ACCESS ROAD

We Offer:

- Cosmetic Dentistry
- o Implants
- Wisdom Tooth Extraction
- IV Sedation
- Dentures
- Dental Sleep Medicine
- o Digital X-rays
- State-of-the-art facilities

Hours Monday-Friday 7am-6pm Convenient location









Schedule your appointment online at www.waxfamdent.com

South toward Ennis

Waxahachie

Veterinarian

SAGEBRUSH

North toward Midlothian