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- By Erin McEndree

Carol Welch remembers her grandfather fondly working in his garden in Cleburne. He planted roses and flowers that beautifully bloomed in spring and vegetables that were tasty come summer. He instilled in her a love of nature and gardening. In 2011, Carol enrolled in the Parker County Master Gardener Association to foster that love. She learned safe and effective gardening practices, which help conserve the natural environment. Carol also educates the public at local events about gardening topics from azaleas to zinnias. One area where much attention has been placed is the preservation of the Monarch butterfly.

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The PCMGA is under the umbrella of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. "Training consists of two classes a week for six weeks taught by A&M professors, AgriLife specialists, extension agents and Master Gardeners," Carol said. "It's mindboggling the amount of information we learn." Topics include: lawn care, landscape design, plant and soil nutrition, weeds, insect and disease management, water conservation and other horticulture topics. After a test, 50 volunteer hours are required at the AgriLife Extension office, Master Gardener projects and other events. The program is a constant hands-on learning experience, and what is learned is taught to others. "It is a wonderful group of volunteers, and everyone seems to settle into an area that suits them most," Carol said. "Surprisingly, my favorite part is teaching the public." Plant propagation is an area of focus for Carol. She loves the science of making more plants by dividing, grafting and taking cuttings.

Last year, Carol and two other Master Gardeners, Lee Ann Nave and Sunshine Lockley, became aware of the plight of the Monarch butterfly. They are being considered for the endangered species list. In 1996, the population of the Monarch butterfly was over 3 billion. Today, approximately 10 percent of their population remains. Carol, Lee Ann and Sunshine wanted to know why the drastic dip in numbers. "We learned that butterflies were losing their habitat due to an increasing population, use of improved, pesticideresistant crops and the loss of approximately 6,000 acres a day of native habitat," Carol said. These Master Gardeners, together with Steven Chamblee, horticulturist at Chandor Gardens, developed a plan to help the butterflies.

Monarch caterpillars are picky eaters. They only have an appetite for milkweed. "There are more than 100 species of milkweed, but only three are native to this area," Steven said. "They can be found at independent nurseries and at the Master Gardener plant sale every second Saturday in April." Nectar-filled flowers are also important for the Monarch, and Steven's recommendations include: lantana, pentas, Gregg's mistflower, cosmos and zinnias. Planting these and other varieties will give Monarch butterflies a food source for their migration.

Monarch butterflies leave their winter roosting area at the El Rosario Monarch Butterfly Preserve in the Mexican state of Michoacán in late February and March. They begin a long migration northward to Canada. Monarchs may lay over 1,000 eggs during the journey. A yellow and black caterpillar emerges from the egg in three to five days. It can





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eat a whole milkweed leaf in as little as five minutes. In two weeks, the caterpillar starts the metamorphosis process, which transforms them into the vibrant orange and black Monarch butterfly.



"The first three-to-five generations will live six-to-eight weeks and migrate north toward Canada. The last generation each year will live six-to-eight months and migrate south more than 2,000 miles back to Mexico. It is also this last generation that migrates back into Texas every spring. It has been documented that a Monarch can fly as high as 11,000 feet and may travel 275 miles in a single day," Carol explained. "It is amazing to me that such a tiny creature can accomplish such a journey. With all we know about the science of the brain, we cannot figure out how they navigate."

With Steven's experience and expertise, Carol, Lee Ann and Sunshine made a plan to create a Monarch Waystation



at Chandor Gardens. According to Monarch Watch, a Waystation must meet certain criteria to be certified. It must be at least 100 square feet in size. Milkweed and nectar flowers must be present so the butterflies can lay their eggs and have a good source of food. There must also be a plan to maintain the area from year-toyear. Steven helped the Master Gardeners certify Chandor Gardens as Waystation No. 9502 in December 2014. As a gesture of appreciation, the site was named Steven Chamblee Monarch Waystation at Chandor Gardens in April 2015.

Along with the Waystation program, Monarch Watch and key universities are responsible for tagging and tracking Monarchs throughout their migration. The tags lay gently on the underside of the hindwing. This information helps establish migration patterns and the factors that affect migration, such as weather and food sources. Tags also determine survival rates among Monarch butterflies.

Chandor Gardens' new Monarch Waystation is now a training area for the Jr. Master Gardener Program. This busy children's program is responsible for installing a second Waystation at Soldier Spring Park. They found a large area of milkweed that was completely indigenous to the area. Using a wildflower seed ball recipe, the children planted a large area of wildflowers and milkweed in October 2014. The area was certified in December 2014 as Monarch Waystation No. 9638.

Six more locations have been selected by PCMGA to develop into Waystations. These sights encompass areas all over Parker County, including: Azle Central Park, Aledo Community Center, Cross



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Timbers Demonstration Garden in Willow Park, National Vietnam War Memorial, Weatherford Public Library and the Extension Office in Weatherford. "Waystations are so important for the survival of the Monarchs, and people are encouraged to help by planting Waystations in their own backyards," Carol said.

Carol enjoys sharing her knowledge about safe and effective ways to garden. While preparing for programs, she admits she always learns new and different things. In her presentations, she equips people with numerous techniques to preserve the environment, including how to use chemicals responsibly. "We support green products if there is research to back it up," Carol said. "Even green products have natural chemicals that may be harmful if used improperly. For example, natural products that kill harmful insects may also kill the good insects that help aerate the soil and pollinate plants."

The Master Gardeners, coupled with Steven Chamblee, have inspired community members to use safe and effective ways to preserve the city's beauty, both naturally and responsibly. "Becoming a Master Gardener is the best thing I ever did," Carol said. "It is so rewarding and challenging, and sharing what I have learned is important." Carol has learned skills she will be passionate about for years to come.

Editor's Note: For more information about Monarch butterflies, visit www.monarchwatch.org or pcmg-texas.org.

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Most people envision a reality in which they reside in their dream home. For some, the dream begins with an idea and leads to years of sacrifice and saving. Once everything falls into place, that dream is built into existence. Will and Lili Turnbow's vision of owning a comfortable home to create memories with their children has become a reality.



Will and Lili Turnbow



The Turnbows began their journey to Texas by way of Seattle, Washington. Will's career in engineering brought them to Fort Worth, but after two years, they returned to Seattle and then briefly lived in Utah near Will's parents. The Turnbows returned to Texas and settled in southwest Fort Worth, where Will works as an engineer at Lockheed Martin. "It got really crowded," Lili explained. Their vision began with the purchase of a lot in a quiet neighborhood several blocks from Lake Weatherford. Over the next eight years, they saved and planned for their dream home.

They looked at floor plans for years until they found a designer, and together they came up with a unique plan. "We figured if we're not going to use the room, we don't want it," Will said. After a couple of builders fell through, the Turnbows hired Couto Homes of Granbury to build their custom house. They added some finishing touches on the 3,400-square-foot home before moving in December 2014.

Their daughters, Sydney, 12, and Hannah, 10, chose vibrant colors of paint for their bedrooms. "We painted it before the house was finished and the carpet was added. It was a lot easier that way," Will stated. Sydney's room is lime green with an emphasis on the ceiling, as is apparent in other rooms throughout the home. Her ceiling is painted white and turquois. A red accent wall pops in Hannah's bedroom, which is otherwise painted black and white, including a striped ceiling and decorative scroll. Her love of sports is evident, with a basketball goal hanging from the door and trophies lining bookshelves. Both girls display Pop! figures by Funko on their shelves. They may have picked up their love of character figurines from their father.

In the office, Will shows off his collectible toys on several large wooden bookshelves. He plans to build and



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replace them with a permanent bookcase with a hidden closet door to make more room for his collection. Will has accumulated hundreds of toys over the years. Some of his favorites — Conan, Batman and Wonder Woman — are proudly displayed. Framed portraits of Dungeons and Dragons characters line the office walls, and the domed ceiling teases visitors to look up and enjoy the craftsmanship.

The theater/game room ceiling reveals elegance with a barrel dome ceiling. While enjoying the view, visitors are transported outside with LED lights that resemble stars. Will and Lili spent hours drilling the holes in the ceiling to



arrange the lights and create a cosmic atmosphere. Blackout curtains cover the windows, as moviegoers' eyes are drawn to the 10-foot theater screen. The theater/game room provides space for hours of entertainment, watching videos or playing board games. Visitors



can curl up on the comfy couches or the oversized bean bag chair to enjoy freshly made popcorn or candy from the lighted display case.

The kitchen has plenty of space for family and guests. With granite countertops throughout, the kitchen includes a large island and a bar where the girls eat breakfast each morning. Above the stovetop, a pot filler provides fresh water for cooking. "I thought it was ridiculous, but I use it so much," Lili admitted. A couple of drawers in the kitchen are masked by a glass insert filled with candies. "Will really wanted a lot of details in the house." Speakers were installed in each room and the patio. Each morning, they turn on the stereo and listen to music as they get ready for the day.

Their three-car garage is full of tools Will uses to build furniture for the house, arcade games and extravagant cakes for the girls. He and Lili bake cakes for their birthday parties, complete with characters and moving parts. Their cakes and other creations can be seen on their website, www.willyliliana.com. In the future, Will hopes to build a craft table for the





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guest room, where Sydney and Hannah house their art supplies. Both Will and Lili's families have a great deal of artistic talent. With this creativity running in the family, paintings of cheerful gnomes hang on either side of the hideaway guest bed, and Lili plans to add the girls' drawings and paintings to complement them. Will's parents, Mike and Lynda Turnbow, and Lili's parents, Raymundo and Patty Guerra, feel right at home in the guest wing during visits.

The girls attend the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. Sydney is involved with a theater company, Kids Who Care, and loves to ride horses. Hannah plays soccer, softball and volleyball. "She wants to do every sport on the planet," Lili grinned. Both girls play piano. In



their free time, the family goes tent camping and exploring. Lili teaches prekindergarten at McKinney Bible Church, and in her free time, she takes portrait photographs. Frames throughout the home display her work.

Will and Lili met at her sister's wedding in Mexico. Will was a friend of the groom. "It was love at first sight," Lili beamed. Several months later, they got married at an intimate ceremony in Cody, Wyoming, in December 1997, and returned to Mexico for a large, more formal wedding in April 1998. They don't return to Mexico as often now that the girls are school-aged, but Lili's parents visit them several times a year.

Growing up in Mexico, Lili was known for her love of video games and Nintendo. "I loved playing Mario and Street Fighter," she said. Gaming is a



hobby she had in common with Will. "When we met, it was a good topic of conversation."

Will, Lili and their daughters have attended Fan Expo sponsored by Dallas Comic Con and Comic-Con International: San Diego several times. Will peruses the toys and comics, and of course, all of them enjoy seeing their favorite actors and comic book writers. For each of the events, Lili sews the girls' costumes. "It's fun. The girls dress up. We don't," Will laughed.

Family time is important to the Turnbows, and with their dream home now a reality, they've enjoyed making new memories. On the patio, the girls can roast marshmallows at the gas fire pit on the table. In the evenings, Will and Lili pull down the patio shades as the sun sets and watch the girls frolic in the grass with their new puppy, Max. "We are sitting on a dream that we had for a long time. It's been a long road," Lili said, "but we have this comfortable house. For us, it's perfect."



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Artistry comes in many forms. Musicians create masterpieces of harmonies, while engineers erect buildings to stand for centuries. The definition of the word artist encompasses many professions, all of which create or master a skill. An artist of several forms, John Stout is known for hundreds, if not thousands, of creations. The 72-year-old's varied masterpieces include: carved wooden toys for his children, pin-striped motorcycles and classic cars, advertisements and signs for local businesses and painted family portraits.

While driving through downtown Weatherford, you may have noticed the Parker County Peach Festival mural displayed on the Downtown Café. It is one of John's creations. The 20-by-25-foot mural has covered the building's brick since 2002 and was updated with the date each year, until recently. The colorful invitation now displays the event date as the second Saturday of July on a blue ribbon, which also includes the title of the fun-filled afternoon. The Parker County Courthouse stands brightly in the center surrounded by peaches, of course.

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John first noticed his artistic abilities at an early age when he drew a German airplane in the back of the family Bible. His late father, Paul Stout, was in advertising, so creativity ran in the family. When John and each of his three brothers turned 14, they were to report to their father's sign shop. "He was





going to teach us all that trade, and then we could do whatever we wanted to after that," John explained.

Raised in a lower-income family, John didn't have the luxury of time. "We had to get paid for every minute," he shared. So, John would sell his ideas and make them a beautiful reality on the first try. "Being raised in that atmosphere, it almost gave you a poverty spirit. To come out of that, you spend the rest of your life to make more. I would always try to do that with my labor rather than my investments. It didn't make a difference what came along."

John took the experience he learned from his father and briefly attended art school. "I knew more than my teachers," he laughed. Although he doesn't have much professional training, John's studies haven't slowed. "If a job comes up," he said, "I head to the library." Research is crucial to any project John accepts. "I'm constantly looking for stuff that I can study and teach myself." He often takes



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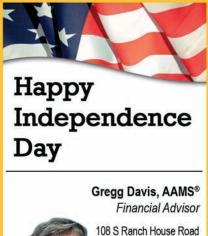


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photographs of clouds or flowers to study the colors. He studies color theory to learn how to mix paints to create the perfect shade. "The knowledge of art started with color combinations."

John's father taught him creativity and the art of sales. "You must first know people. People mean soul, and soul means spirit, mind and emotion," John shared. "You have to do a lot of listening, ask a lot of questions, don't show off, pick their brain and then go home and try it."

Over the last six decades, John has used his knowledge and know-how of reading people to share his ideas with the world. After high school, he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany with a recon outfit in the 3rd Calvary Regiment. John was unassigned, so he took his father's advice and carried around a paint brush. He soon found himself painting buildings for the Seventh Army. "We got second most decorated company in Europe in 1963." John's brother, Stewart Stout, who was stationed in Munich at the time, earned first place the same year. "We kept it in the family," John laughed.

While stationed in Europe, John and two of his buddies traveled the countryside taking note of the architecture and artwork. He was always aware of what was around him. He also spent some time studying art in Israel. Later in life, he was called on to paint scriptures in calligraphy, which once hung in the Assembly Hall in Jerusalem. "I said, 'Awe, I must be internationally known," he smiled. John finds joy in painting and sculpting anything that glorifies the Lord. He has carved several crosses and paints cherubs and angels in



many of his murals. In his down time, John studies the Bible and attends two churches — Grace Community Church in Weatherford and Convergence Church in Fort Worth.

Over the years, John has had his hand in a variety of projects. "In time, you become known as the guy who can do anything," he said. John's home is filled with his paintings and architectural models. His work can be found on and inside buildings in the local area and across the globe. He was responsible for refinishing about two-and-a-half miles of 3/8-inch thick mortar during the restoration of the Parker County Courthouse. Over three weeks' time, he stenciled the design and filled it in by hand. He has also painted nose art on airplanes for the Confederate Air Force and hand-carved and painted five horse carousels, which are displayed in several states. For 20 years, John painted arena







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At one time, John built and painted 42 stage coaches with J.W. Brown. His stage coaches have not only been displayed in buildings and advertising but also featured in movies. United Artists requested a 30-year-old stage coach for a movie set 100 years ago. To the disbelief of J.W. Brown, John threw a gallon of brown paint on the \$60,000 stage coach and began spreading it over its exterior. "I got a dry rag and started wiping it all off, except for the corners," he stated. Next, he used a process to paint a grainlike appearance on the coach, striped it and then scuffed the striping to give it an aged look. Upon delivery, a United Artists representative threw a shovel of dirt on the coach and approved it for filming. "The studio didn't have to do anything to that coach to make it ready for filming. Especially coming from where I come from, that's good," John laughed.

John has taken about a year off from painting professionally and his volunteer work with the Weatherford Art Association to care for his best friend, Ron Smith, who suffers from Muscular Dystrophy. John and his wife, Judi, consider Ron a brother. John is delving into his art a little more these days and is currently working on a piece for his daughter.

"If you understand art, I don't care what you want to do, you have something to add. It's the root, the soul and spirit to be creative," he confessed. John considers himself a servant. Although those who witness his artwork may not know who created it, they can gain peace or joy from it. "It just gives them a moment. That's what we're here for."

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The decor of a house is a direct reflection of the family that resides within, and the same is true of a child's bedroom. As children grow, their interests, hobbies and tastes change. What they find appealing from ages 4 to 7 will very likely be different from an 8- to 12-year-old and definitely different from a teen. Luckily, remodeling, redesigning and redecorating their personal space to encompass the things they love doesn't have to be an expensive undertaking.

— By Sara Edgell

Getting Started

Use the experience as an opportunity to work on the project together and bond. The very first thing to do is talk about the things your child would like to see in the space. Discuss current likes and dislikes, favorite colors, interests, hobbies and needs.

A wonderful place to start is with a theme, as this can determine color palette, accessories, bedding and even furniture. For example, if a 12-year-old girl is dreaming of a shabby-chic, vintage cottage bedroom, the colors will likely be soft pastels. The decor will include lots of floral fabrics and refurbished furniture pieces, such as a whitewashed, vintage vanity and nightstand. Repurposed picket fence planks could also be used to build a



headboard and/or shelving units, or they could be used to line the walls, starting at the baseboard and coming half way up the wall.

Assessing the project and what it will entail before developing a plan is important. Make a list of items to be purchased, as well as those that can be repurposed, determine "do it yourself" projects versus those requiring the expertise of professionals and, lastly, decide a budget and stick to it. Then, you are ready to begin.

Painting

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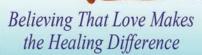
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influence mood, and since children are typically drawn to bright, bold colors, compromising on paint selections is crucial.

Take into consideration the size of the room. Lighter shades of blue, teal, purple and green can open up a smaller space, whereas darker, richer tones like plum, magenta, burnt orange and ruby can be overpowering, making the space feel even smaller and cramped. Lighting is another factor to consider. Natural light will show the truest color, whereas incandescent and florescent lighting will cast hues on the color, altering its appearance. Give your child the freedom to pick their paint color, with a bit of compromise considering these factors.

Personal Touches

Decorative painting techniques are also an option. Many craft stores carry a variety of stencils that could be used to create a slew of personalized wall graphics. You can also make your own stencil using a piece of cardboard, pencil and box cutter. Simply draw the design on the cardboard and carefully cut it out. From the popular chevron pattern to more specific designs like sailboats and anchors, cheetah print or a favorite quote, stencils — whether store-bought or homemade — make the job a breeze.

While stencils are helpful, they will not enable you to create the whimsical ambience only a custom-painted mural can deliver. From magical fairytale forests to vibrant cityscapes, nothing can top the work of a local artist or painter. These individuals are easy to find and can bring your child's vision to life like no one else can do.

Furniture, Storage and Lighting

Storage and functionality are two areas to consider. Understanding the activities the space will accommodate is key. For example, is a desk needed for homework?



Will a television and gaming system be kept in the room? Are there lots of toys or books requiring storage? All of these factors must be determined in order to decide the specific types of furniture the room will need.

You may be able to carry over large pieces of furniture, such as a bed or dresser, into the new room or update them with paint to fit the theme your child has chosen. However, in some cases, purchasing new furniture may be necessary. If your child wants a supercool and highly functional loft bed complete with a shelving unit and desk underneath, or maybe they desire their own hidey-hole built into the window frame, hiring a carpenter is in order. These professionals can build custom pieces of furniture, shelving and closet organization, or even change the layout of a room by removing or building new walls.

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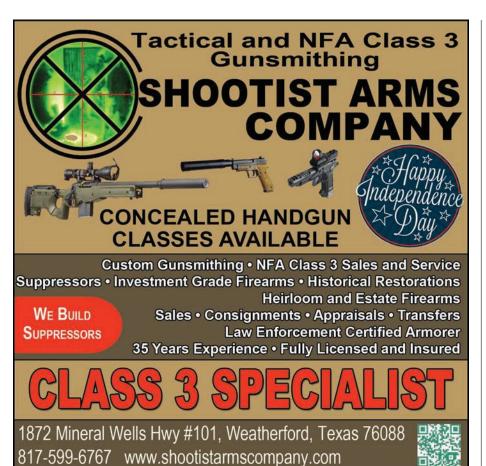
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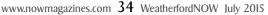














Accessories

Additional personal touches can be added to the space with specialized accessories. These specialty items can be found anywhere and can be anything. For instance, a 7-year-old boy may want a sports-themed bedroom, complete with a basketball goal and scoreboard, a football field floor and custom-painted stadium wall.

To complement these major room components, posters can be framed and hung on the wall. Sports cards could be used to decoupage the surface of a desk or the back of a shelf. Old baseball bats could be repurposed into a bed frame or curtain rods. Jerseys could easily be transformed into curtain panels or bedding.



The trick is to be creative and allow your child the power of choice when picking accessories for their new space.

In the end, a room redo is all about updating the space to be a true reflection of the child who occupies it. By revamping your child's room to fit their current interests and personality, you are not only acknowledging them as an individual but also providing them with a space all their own.

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Just southwest, Castleberry Hill etches out a space among former warehouses. Today, the community is made up of local artists and entrepreneurs, including the successful Atlanta Movie Tours, which offers tours of locales from *The Walking Dead, Hunger Games* and other popular films. Here, art galleries mix with organic garden spas, wine bars and tapas lounges. Locals and visitors enjoy lively 2nd Friday Art Walks, where businesses open their doors for wine, music and fun.

Atlanta's Heart of the Arts: Midtown

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Rodeo Drive of the East: Buckhead

Bold and brazen Buckhead cradles the bedroom communities of the up-and-coming, as well as the city's Fortune 500 families. A shopping mecca for fashionistas across the South, this upscale neighborhood is the Beverly Hills of the East. The new, ultra-lux shopping district combines the walkable, tree-lined streets of Paris with the haute shops of Rodeo Drive. From just about any point in Buckhead, you're within shouting distance of a memorable four-star restaurant where foodies get their kicks.

Trendsetting Westside

On the Westside, a blending of Georgia Tech culture with nearby loft communities has sprung into a focal point for a new design district in old industrial spaces. It's the go-to-place for interior design mavens looking for lighting, textiles, fabric and furniture. Like other Atlanta neighborhoods, the dining scene is thriving here. Long-time homesteaders Anne Quatrano and Clifford Harrison's famous Bacchanalia restaurant begat the city's best kitchen shop, Star Provisions, plus two other restaurants, Quinones and Abattoir. Nearby top-rated JCT. Kitchen & Bar, The Optimist, Miller Union and Antico Pizza Napoletana join the throngs of eateries catering to the city's sophisticated palate.



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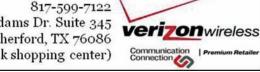
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Old Meets New in Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward

What's old is new again in Old Fourth Ward, where this neighborhood continues to redefine itself. Edgewood Avenue has experienced a resurgence, transforming into a hotspot. This street has several options for enjoying the night, including Joystick Gamebar, Sister Louisa's Church of the Living Room & Ping Pong Emporium and The Sound Table. Once an epicenter of African-American commerce, the Sweet Auburn Historic District continues to flourish on the city's southeast side. Auburn Avenue, known in the 1950s as the nation's most affluent African-American street, houses a curb market, bakeries and clubs near the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and Ebenezer Baptist Church.

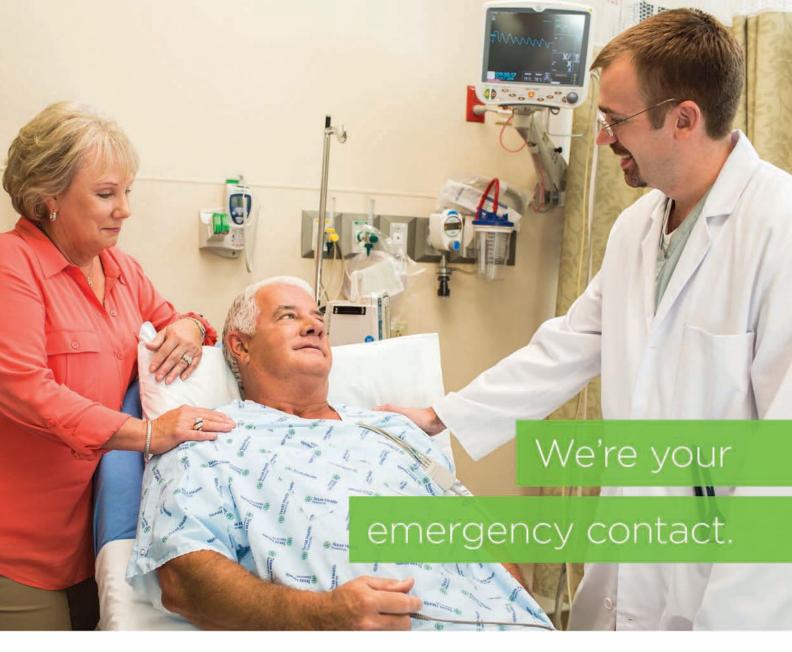
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FILL IT WITH HOPE

Through its work program and upscale resale items, The Hope Chest provides a much-needed service to the community. — By Amber D. Browne

Employment is not just a means for income. It provides an opportunity to follow dreams and passions, boost selfconfidence and contribute to the community. With The Hope Chest's new work program, area residents are able to gain the experience needed to realize their dreams and find full-time employment. While helping the cause, shoppers are finding bargains on upscale merchandise.

The Hope Chest opened its doors on Fort Worth Highway in June 2014. The upscale resale shop is a program of Parker County Center of Hope. For 10 years, the shop was only an idea, until CEO Paula Robinson began to see a need for a work program. "We needed a place for our students to receive on-thejob training and develop their skills," Paula explained. "We then realized what a great opportunity a resale shop would be to learn the soft skills needed to become a valuable employee."

The vision of the resale shop was there, but Paula was not

sure how to kick-start that type of program. Within a few days, Michelle Rivera was at her doorstep. Michelle owned several plus-size resale shops and had a calling to do more. She met with Paula and pitched her upscale resale shop idea. "We did a lot of praying. We did a lot of planning," Michelle explained, "to see if it would work out. I sold my stores to come do this. It was a challenge, but it has been a blessing." Michelle, who serves as The Hope Chest store manager, believes her professional work over the past five years prepared her for this project.

Many Parker County residents receive help from Center of Hope. Short-term crisis aid is available for groceries, utilities or medical bills, but those services only fix a temporary need. "For participants who need more help, we have the Education and Career Development program," said Staci Markwardt, Center of Hope development director. Students can participate in classes such as Jobs for Life, Adult Education and Computer Skills

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for Business, which is a class taught in partnership with Weatherford College. With the new work program, graduates of these classes can interview for internships at The Hope Chest. "When you don't have experience, it's hard to go out and get a job," Staci stated. "That's where Michelle comes in."

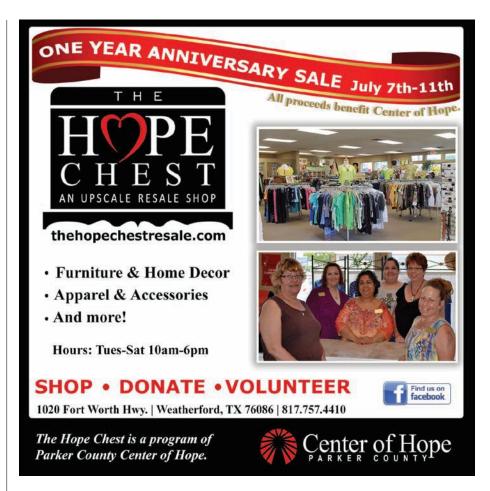
Once hired at The Hope Chest, interns can work up to 25 hours each week for up to six months. "They will work one-on-one with a supervisor," Michelle said, "and receive hands-on experience." Michelle hopes to partner with local businesses to supply their interns with job opportunities.

The Hope Chest accepts donations during business hours, and all proceeds benefit Center of Hope. The shelves and racks are stocked with new items every

With The Hope Chest's new work program, area residents are able to gain the experience needed to *realize their dreams*.

day at prices up to 75 percent off. "We pride ourselves on having nice things," Michelle shared. "I wanted it to feel like a boutique."

Treasured volunteers, Michelle and a few staff members have helped keep the shop running as the final touches were put on the internship program. The Hope Chest has also had remarkable response from donors. "We've been very blessed with the type of items we get," Michelle shared. The upscale resale shop offers clothing and shoes for all ages and sizes, items for infants and children, jewelry, purses, furniture, home decor and more. "You know that when you bring something to The Hope Chest, it is helping the person next door. It is helping your friend in need. It is helping someone in our community."NOW





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In fact, earlier this year, the euro hit a 12-year low versus the dollar. And it isn't just the euro. The dollar is strong against almost every other major currency in the world. What has led to this strength? It's not always easy to determine what's behind foreign exchange rates, which can fluctuate even more than the stock market. But the recent surge in the dollar seems to be due, at least in part, to its obvious connection to the American economy, which has been growing faster than many other economies around the world. The stronger dollar is also due to expectations that interest rates will remain higher in the U.S. than in many other countries.

But whatever the reasons for it, the dollar's strength may be having an impact on your investments. A strengthening dollar typically lowers returns from international investments, because you get fewer dollars in exchange for the value in euros or other foreign currencies. And some U.S. companies

with a global presence may face challenges due to lower earnings from their international operations.

These results might lead you to think that a strong dollar would be bad news for the stock market, but that hasn't been the case in the past. At different times, the markets have performed well with both a strong and a weak dollar.

In contrast to its impact on U.S. companies, a strong dollar can help foreign companies compete and may give them an earnings boost from their U.S. sales. Also, the stronger dollar can help make foreign investments cheaper. Even more importantly, by taking advantage of the stronger dollar and investing an appropriate amount internationally, gaining exposure to different economies and markets, you can help diversify your holdings, which is important. Although diversification can't guarantee a profit or always protect against loss, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Be aware, though, that international investing carries special risks beyond currency fluctuations, including political and economic instability.

The strong dollar may have attracted your attention, but don't be distracted by it — and don't overreact. Currency exchange rates can fluctuate rapidly, and no one can predict how long a strong dollar environment will last. By sticking with a solid, long-term investment strategy, you can help keep up the strength of your own dollars.

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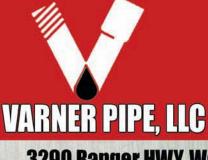
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Calendar

July 3 — 5

First Monday Trade Days:

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., First Monday Grounds at Heritage Park, 200 Santa Fe Dr. Dozens of vendors will sell home-made crafts, livestock, tools, food and other items. Please visit www.ci.weatherford.tx.us or call (817) 598-4359 for more information.

July 4

Boomin' 4th: 6:00 p.m., Gene L. Voyles Park, 210 N. Lakeshore, Hudson Oaks. The free, family event has fun for all ages including arts and crafts, face painting, food trucks and more. A fireworks extravaganza will end the evening. Parking is available at Walmart with a free shuttle bus to the event. Call the East Parker County Chamber of Commerce at (817) 441-7844 or visit www.boomin4th.com for more information.

July 7, 21

History Alive: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Doss Heritage and Culture Center, 1400 Texas Dr. On **July 7**, area children can learn about leather, and on **July 21**, they will learn about swinging and square dancing at the free events. Please visit www.dosscenter.org for additional information.

July 9

Log Cabin Concert Series: 7:30 p.m., Doss

Heritage and Culture Center, 1400 Texas Dr. Belinda Gail will perform. Tickets are \$25, and sales benefit the restoration of Parker County log cabins. Visit www.dosscenter.org for more.

July 11

Peach Pedal Bike Ride: 7:30 a.m., Weatherford High School, 2121 Bethel Rd. The ride benefits scholarships and other assistance for students through the Weatherford College Foundation. Packet pick-up begins at 6:00 a.m., and the races' start times are staggered. Check out www.peachpedal.com for more.

Parker County Peach Festival: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Historic Downtown Weatherford. Entertainment, children's activities and 200 vendors will offer a day a fun for attendees. Contact the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce at (817) 596-3801 or visit www.parkercountypeachfestival.org for additional information.

July 11, 25

Parker Paws Adoption Events: 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PetSmart, 138 E. Interstate 20. Furry friends will be looking for new families. Please visit www.parkerpaws.org for more information.

July 16

Quilter's Guild of Parker County monthly meeting: 6:30 p.m., Grace First Presbyterian Church, 606 Mockingbird Ln. Dr. Paula Barnes of Red Crinoline Quilts will share information about quilting. For more information, visit www.quiltersguildofparkercounty.org.

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July 17 — 26

Monster in the Closet: Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2:00 p.m., Theatre Off The Square, 114 N. Denton St. Participants in the theatre's children's summer camp will present the production. Call (817) 341-8687 or visit www.theatreoffthesquare.org for additional information.

July 19

Parker County Aggie Moms' Club 2015 Howdy Party: 5:00 p.m., Parker County Sheriff's Posse Clubhouse, 2201 Mineral Wells Hwy. Enjoy dinner, music and auctions. Proceeds will benefit Parker County Aggie scholarships. Visit parkercomoms. aggienetwork.com for more information.

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In the Kitchen With Sadie deMoville

- By Amber D. Browne

When it comes to cooking, Sadie deMoville is inspired by her mother, Dianne Cockrell. With a Czech lineage, her mother has passed down a plethora of recipes to Sadie, including: breads, pastries and, of course, homemade kolaches. Sadie now shares her passion to bake and cook with her husband, Trey, and children, Carter and Chloe. "To see their smiles light up when they smell a sweet smell coming from the kitchen is heartwarming."

Sadie often shares a story about her favorite recipe, buttermilk pie; her thenboyfriend Trey; and a five-pound Fox Terrier named Sophie. She had left the pie on a table to cool while they went out. Upon returning home, they discovered an empty pie dish on the floor, and Sophie's stomach three sizes too big! "Needless to say, my buttermilk pie is liked!"

Grandmother's Buttermilk Pie

Crust: 1 cup flour 1/2 tsp. salt 1/3 cup Crisco 3 Tbsp. cold water

Filling:

3 eggs, room temperature

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 stick butter, melted and cooled to room temperature
- I cup buttermilk, room temperature
- 1 tsp. Mexican vanilla

I. For crust: Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix together first 2 ingredients; cut in Crisco with a pastry blender, until crumbly. Stir in water with a fork until dough forms.

2. Flatten ball of dough into a circle on floured waxed paper. Add dough to pie dish; fold overlapping dough into dish to form edge. Set aside.

3. *For filling:* Whisk first 3 ingredients until well-blended; add remaining ingredients and combine. Pour into pie crust. Bake 30 minutes or until firm.

Easy Brisket

Full-sized brisket, trimmed to your liking 1 16-oz. bottle of Claude's Brisket

- Marinade Sauce
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/8 cup garlic salt
- 2 Tbsp. dry mustard
- 1 Tbsp. paprika
- 1 Tbsp. pepper, or to taste
- 1 2-oz. envelope Lipton Recipe Secrets Onion Recipe Soup and Dip Mix

I. Line a large roasting pan with enough foil to wrap brisket. Marinate brisket with Claude's marinade for at least 30 minutes on each side.

2. Mix together remaining ingredients; sprinkle on both sides of brisket. Wrap brisket in foil and tightly cover pan with foil. Bake at 225-250 F for 10 hours.

Mom's Potato Salad

- 6-8 large red potatoes, washed and cleaned
- l tsp. salt
- 1 cup mayonnaise (Hellmann's Light, Olive or Canola Oil)
- 2 tsp. mustard
- 2 large pickles, chopped
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 1 2-oz. jar diced pimentos
- 1/2 tsp. Lawry's Seasoned Salt
- 1/2 tsp. Morton Nature's Seasons Seasoning Blend1/2 tsp. pepper
- Paprika, to taste

 Add potatoes to a large pot; fill with water two-inches above potatoes. Add salt and stir until dissolved. Boil potatoes 15-20 minutes, or until done. Remove potatoes from pan and cool. Peel and chop potatoes.
 In a bowl, mix next 8 ingredients. Add potatoes and fold until well-blended. Top with paprika and refrigerate.

Cherry Jell-O Cake

Batter:

- 1 3-oz. box cherry Jell-O
- 3/4 cup hot water
- 1 15.25-oz. box yellow cake mix
- I tsp. orange juice
- 3/4 cup canola oil
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten

Glaze:

- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 4 Tbsp. orange juice

I. *For batter:* Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a Bundt pan.

2. In a bowl, mix together Jell-O and water; cool completely.

3. In a large bowl, mix together remaining ingredients. Blend cooled Jell-O into batter. Pour into pan and bake 40-50 minutes (begin checking for doneness at 30 minutes.)
4. For glaze: Mix together all ingredients and pour over warm cake.



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