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#### **Editor's Note**

#### Hello Corsicana.

As we observe the anniversary of the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina, we explore some of the kindnesses that have brought hope and relief to some of the victims. At the Corsicana Library, our very own librarians stepped up to the plate and made a difference for some sister libraries in Mississippi. This heartwarming story will be worthwhile reading.

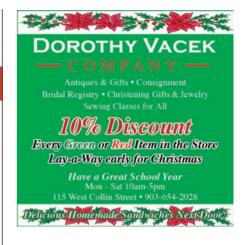
Ron Wing, of the Corsicana Emergency Corps, has his volunteers ready to meet whatever challenges this season brings. These are some heroes in our midst that vou should know about.

Summer days are still in full swing for us, and families may be planning a last, fun-filled vacation. Junior volunteers are enjoying their last month of volunteering at the hospital. See EducationNOW to learn about some youth who have more than fun on their minds.

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Mary Perkins and the Hancock County Library Systems Staff holding the banner they sent to Pat Spiller and the Corsicana Library Staff.

As the anniversary of Katrina approaches this month, Pat Spiller, Corsicana Public Library director, continues to be involved in a relief effort that began almost two years ago. Pat heard about a need among the libraries that had been affected by Hurricane Katrina and decided to do something to make a difference. "When Katrina hit, everybody was

hit," she said. "We consider ourselves a family around here, and we approach the things we do here as a family. Everybody wanted to help."

After Katrina, the American Library Association decided to start a program called 'Adopt-a-Library,' so that libraries nationwide could come alongside Katrina-impacted libraries and offer help. "The program was going to be for the long haul, for however long they had needs," Pat explained.

Pat submitted the name of the Corsicana library and, along with several libraries from the Northeast, was matched to the Hancock County Library System, in the Bay St. Louis

area in Mississippi. "What I found interesting, was that they hooked us up with the very same county that the Corsicana Police Department went to

help. They sent a mounted patrol down to the Gulf area, and so we had already had a connection."

Hancock County has four libraries in their system. One was wiped out; one was turned into a shelter. The Bay St. Louis downtown library was flooded, but was able to reopen. The farthest one inland received damage. but was up and

running within the week. "The library was where people went to tell their family they were alive. The library helped people get online and get ahold

of FEMA. There were no schools, but kids could come to story time. For the people that were in that [situation], it was a place to try and get their life back

to what it was."

"You see all these people – the firemen, the policeman, the public works people - trying to get their infrastructure back up and help the people in the area, and you realize, all of those people live there, too," Pat observed. "This is the reason I wanted to get into helping.

These people were going through all this too, while trying to help their citizens – while their houses were probably destroyed, too. I had a sense of, 'Who is helping them?'





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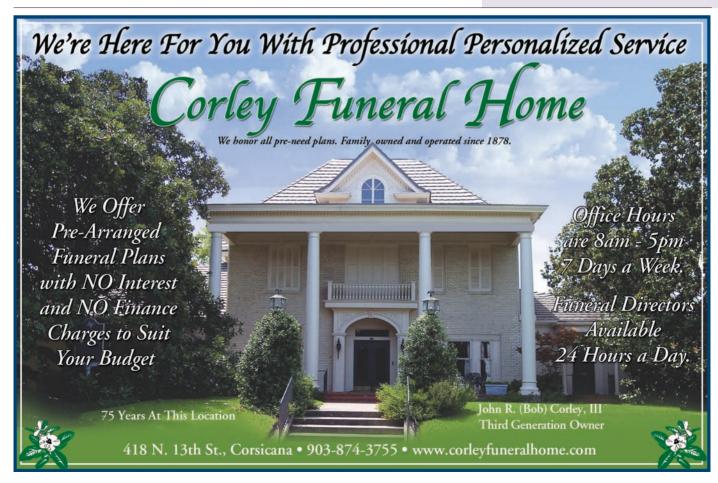
All these people were doing this, but who was there for them?"

Pat knew it would be difficult for her library to make a significant financial contribution to the damaged library system. She knew other, larger libraries would be able to help with funding large-scale repairs and restocking. "There were so many directions to go, and we asked, 'What do they really need?' I finally hit on [how to help them]. Why not center on the staff, as opposed to the library? We wanted to send them [care] packages that said, 'We are here to help you.' We decided to send comfort food that meant 'Corsicana,' which would be helpful for the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays." The library staff and local businesses made donations to provide several cases of chili, fruit cakes from the bakery, candy from



Russell Stover and pecans from the pecan factory which were assembled into packages. Two of the Hancock libraries had library cats that survived the hurricane, and they also received treats.

A letter went in the package to affirm the Hancock County library staffs, and to explain the significance of each food item and how it related to Corsicana. "We put the chocolate in a box with a Red Cross symbol on it," Pat said with a laugh. A scrapbook about the Corsicana library staff was included with a message that said, "If you need an ear to bend or a shoulder to lean on, we are here."





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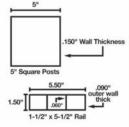
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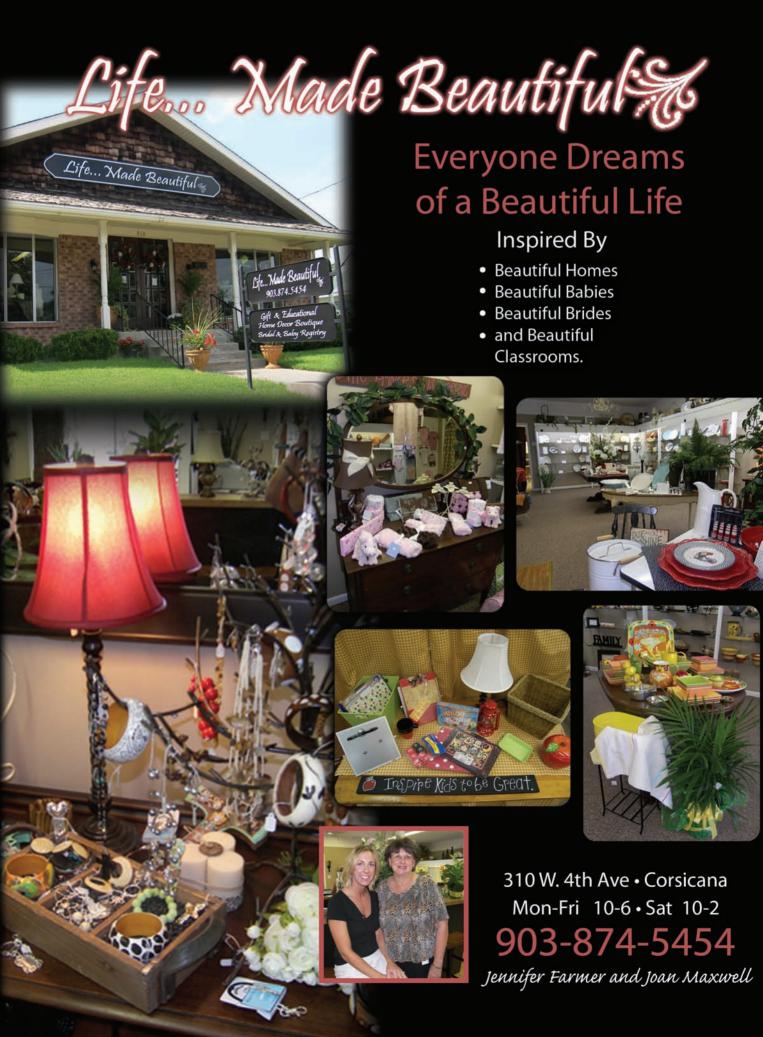
Pat received a phone call from Mary Perkins of the Bay St. Louis library, which is the headquarters of the Hancock system. "You are so wonderful!" Mary exclaimed. The gifts were divided among the Mississippi staff. E-mails, phone calls, pictures and letters were



## "It makes you feel good that in some Small way. you are helping."

exchanged both ways, including a message from the hurricane-stricken area which said, "This week was truly a week of Thanksgiving. We are thankful for folks like you who care enough to lighten the lives of those less fortunate." A staff member who lost pecan trees on her property was especially grateful that her family's holiday baking would not be without pecans. Pat received back a banner that all of the appreciative Hancock area staff had signed.

At Christmastime, Pat and her crew sent stuffed monkeys and more chocolate and pecans to everyone. At Easter, they sent a big basket filled with a bunny and chocolate. At





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"Since then, we have periodically sent them things," Pat said. Now, the Hancock system has gotten some grants to rebuild. They have received a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant to put up temporary buildings for two of their libraries that were devastated. The grant included furniture, books and computers. Two libraries that received damage are being repaired.

The Mississippi library staff wrote to the Corsicana library staff saying that their kindness to them since Katrina has been overwhelming and much appreciated. "You were like someone we could lean on and regain our strength," they said.

"It is the little things that matter," Pat affirmed. "We had a sense of knowing that something we had done had made a difference. Something as small as enough pecans to make pecan pie so you have a traditional item at your holiday dinner, was what made the difference. It made it all worthwhile. Sometimes, the one-on-one help is what matters. Sometimes, it is more the shoulder to lean on or the hug, rather than the monetary donation, which helps the most. We felt this was a way of one community helping another community. It makes you feel good that in some small way, you are helping." NOW



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# Every Day is New

— By Sandra McIntosh

When Steve and Terri Mitchell sit down by the backyard pool later this month to celebrate their wedding anniversary, they will no doubt be reminiscing over the past 13 years as husband and wife. Hopefully, the couple will not be in the middle of yet another remodeling project. "I leave and come home to a room that is totally gutted," Steve said, still remembering the day he returned home to what was left of the master bathroom. "Once the project is complete, I love it and realize it was worth it. I just don't like the construction process."

When Terri moved to Texas, she found she was homesick for Mississippi. It was during this time of great revelation that her quest to remodel the three-bedroom, two-bath "bachelor pad" began. "I'm a traditional Mississippi girl," Terri said. "I wanted an eclectic style



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that included a Mediterranean flavor. I wanted to bring a bit of Mississippi to Corsicana."

Believe it or not, Terri has been quite successful, as evidenced by the beauty that captivates visitors as soon as they pull into the driveway. The home's brick exterior is now a deep shade of gray with white accents and shutters that are so dark green they appear black, at first glance. The unique walkway is a work of art in old bricks that were hand-laid in a herringbone pattern. The exterior facelift also included several gas-accent lanterns and a new wrought iron fence around the tropical oasis Steve and Terri have created in their backyard. "The house is a work in progress," Terri said. "It's evolving just like Steve and I are evolving. One dream just leads to another and another."







Terri has not left a single stone unturned outside, and she has not missed a crack or crevice on the inside. She gained her knowledge and experience back home, so when an idea takes shape in her mind, she may sub-contract a portion of it out or do the bulk of the work herself. "I draw up the plans because I know what I want," she said. "Steve is not only a great husband and a wonderful father, he's an absolute jewel. He lets me do whatever my heart desires."

The entryway is where the journey begins. The framed photographs of Steve and Terri as children are the main pieces of artwork. They hang to the side of an antique mirror that is displayed regally over a bow-front, Sheraton-style chest. "I love cinnamon and black," Terri said, referring to the accent colors that are predominant throughout the 3,000-square-foot home.

The neutral-colored walls accentuate the rich, warm colors Terri has chosen



making for an abode that is both warm and welcoming. "I want a cozy, warm environment," she said. "I want to be comfy in my own home, so I keep trying new things."

Each room has a story all its own to tell, but the living and dining rooms hold the pieces that are most dear to the couple. You can almost close your eyes and imagine a heated, but friendly game of chess or checkers being played on the antique checkerboard table beside the wall-to-wall fireplace. "It's the only remaining piece of furniture I have that belonged to my grandmother," Terri said. "I came upon it by accident many, many years after my grandfather's death. I



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An oversized secretary that dates back to the late 1800s was Terri's first large antique. She remembers growing to love it as a youngster. "It belonged to my parents," she said. "When I graduated from college with my associate's degree, my father gave it to me as a gift." The rustic, black stain finish of the secretary, that takes up the entire width of one wall, is the perfect background color for the books and Toby mugs which Steve and Terri collect.

Terri was only 18 when she came upon another priceless piece of furniture at a Mississippi flea market. "It's a hardware cabinet that dates back to the mid-1800s," she said, pointing



to a corner of the dining room. "It's been home to everything over the years. I used to store candles in it. Now it's where we display our crystal."

The inspiration for the kitchen remodel came from the beams that are still in place today. Terri chose

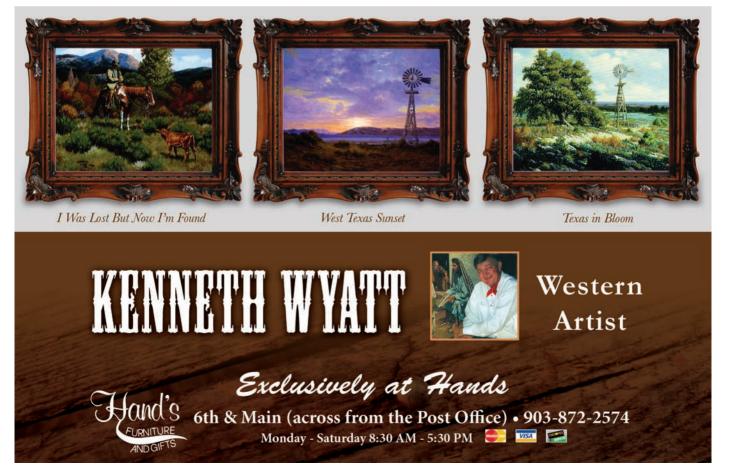
rich, dark tones, terra-cotta floor tiles and wallpaper and valances to match, accomplishing the Old World feel she was going for when she first pictured the room in her mind. "Our environment effects the whole family, so keeping traditions in place is very important," Terri said. "I've taught the girls to cook from scratch. They like to cook. In fact, they are all excellent cooks." The cookbooks in an old Corsicana



Independent School District bookcase that dates back at least 100 years, are proof that the Mitchells' kitchen is the gathering place for a family of great cooks. The stairs directly off the kitchen allow the couple easy access to their home office.

As a blended family with six children, the two extra bedrooms now belong to the youngest members of the family - Courtney and Ryan. Courtney's room is a deep hunter green with simple accents in cream, cinnamon and khaki. The iron bed is the focal point in Ryan's room.

The room with the wet bar is Steve's haven. It is where he comes after a long day to relax and watch TV. The dark



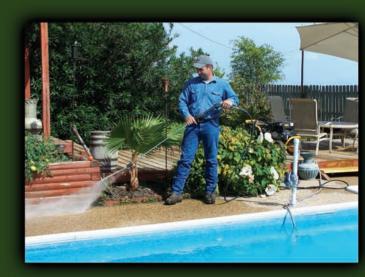
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green walls are accented with Dover white trim. Animals – a trademark with the Mitchell family – peek out from behind books and from within intricate frames that make up the decor in the bar area.

The transformation in the master suite was just recently completed. The walls, now nutmeg with a golden faux-finish, complement the chocolate bedspread piled high with European cotton pillows, silks with cinnamon accents and floral fabric that is also found in the window treatments. The oil painting that Terri said will always hang above the bed, is one her mother painted of her and her two sisters. "I want you to look at the chandelier I hung over the tub," Terri said, very proud of her special find. "The old Greek sculpture was my inspiration for this room."

As a couple with six children and five grandchildren between them, the Mitchells have a deep appreciation for their journey thus far as husband and wife. In the beginning, Terri remembers asking Steve one question. "I asked him what we were going to do when the 'new' wore off," she said, with her signature smile. "He said we'd find more new!" \*\*WW

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He has been a loyal and faithful employee to TXI & Streetman for more than 17 years. Initially, he was a maintenance employee, but now, after some minor health issues, he is a parts runner. "I just drive now," he said, with a grin.

In addition to his permanent position with TXI, he has been a volunteer with the Angus Fire Department for more than 16 years and a member of the Corsicana Emergency Corps for more than 10 years. He is extremely involved in the corps, so much so that when Jim Sykes retired as chief, Ron was elected by the officer committee to serve in his place. It was a huge "surprise," according to Ron, but nonetheless an honor.

HERGENCY With all the hours and volunteer time he spends away from home, one might think that his volunteer work would begin to wear on him, but it is quite the contrary. He is an unbelievably loving and generous person. "I really do enjoy the corps, and I'm proud to be a part of this group," he said. "I love helping people."

Ron went on to explain that not only does the corps hold a special place in his heart, but his wife is very supportive of his position and of the entire group. "My wife does all the uniforms," Ron said. "She sews all the stripes and patches we have earned onto our uniforms. It's nice to know your wife is along with you; she is really a sweetheart."

As he began to talk about the Corsicana Emergency Corps, the passion in his voice echoed through his words as he told of the duties, responsibilities and expectations of this volunteer group that operates completely on

> donations. When they are called out on a job, they are not allowed to

> > charge or request a payment

from those they have assisted. They are only allowed to reply with, "We take donations." Any size donation is welcomed by the corps, since they have to purchase all of the trucks. boats and four-wheelers with that money. Not to mention the radios, truck lights, flashlights

and pagers they own that are purchased with their own money.

As Ron recalls, the corps began over 42 years ago with such founding members as James Sykes, Otis Dunagan and Ester Williams. "I simply can't remember the fourth member right off the top of my head," Ron said. "But today,



Members of the Emergency Corps pose on their rescue boat.

we have over 30 active members, with three applications sitting right here on my desk."

The application process is pretty simple. "We accept most applications. The main requirement is that they have a clean record," Ron explained, "and that they want to be involved in the corps and not just say they belong to the organization."

If there is ever an active member that is not performing their duties as a responsible member, then the officers typically meet to discuss their level of inactivity. It is then passed off to the organization for a vote to determine if that individual should be allowed to remain a member. One of the biggest requirements of the corps is assistance. In times of danger and emergency, they need all of their best men on the situation – that is all of their men. "If you can't be active and be with your squad, then don't take a position," Ron commented.

"We have a real good group," he insisted. "I can ask any of them to do anything, and they will. We don't tell around here; we ask, since we are a volunteer organization."

Typically, the emergency calls they receive are dispatched to them through the county. However, they are willing and able to assist the city and the parks and recreation department as well. The Corsicana Emergency Corps handles most any situation. "The county usually calls on us because they know we are





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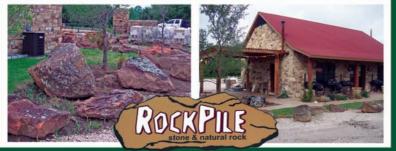
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better equipped," he said.

On a lighter side, the corps is usually called upon by the city of Corsicana to organize the parking and maintain crowd control at the annual Derrick Days festival that takes place on the streets of downtown Corsicana each April. Corsicana High School always requests for the emergency corps to provide the ultimate in efficient parking patrol and organization at all Corsicana Tiger football home games. Ron made sure to point out the fact that both the city and the high school are incredibly generous with their donations on both instances, and that those donations are much appreciated.

With a much heavier heart, Ron recalled a couple of the more trying situations and rescues he was involved in. "A tornado hit Silver City about eight or nine years ago," he remembered. He described the situation briefly as not to go into too much detail.

Basically, there were members of the community who were reenacting a Medieval Times festival in some low land within the city limits. They had heard on the news of the torrential rains that were headed their way, but continued with the festivities. Before they realized what had happened, they were all landlocked in mud by the flash flood. "They were deep down in the black gumbo," Ron described. "I was in charge of rescuing and evacuating almost 150 people out of the area,

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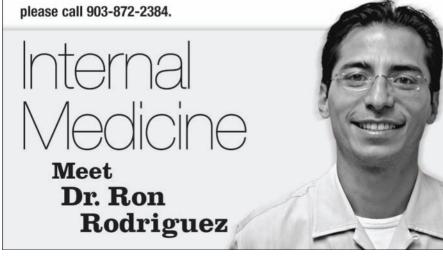




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The Emergency Corps used 4-wheelers to assist in their rescue operations.

some of which took extremely forceful encouragement, almost leading to arrest. They were then bussed to a local Corsicana hotel for the night."

Ron continued with many other stories that were fascinating, yet difficult to listen to, as the end result was not always positive. The emotional pain which each volunteer rescuer must go through each time a rescue attempt ends badly, must be exhausting and heartbreaking. "If you can't take it, you don't need to do the job," Ron said, with an encouraging smile. "It is an extremely difficult, emotional and physically-exhausting position, but the results are absolutely phenomenal."

Navarro County and the city of Corsicana depend heavily on the corps' promptness, efficiency and up-to-date proficiency and knowledge of each situation that can arise. The emergency corps depends on the citizens as much as the citizens depend on them. They have come a long way with their increased membership numbers and the amount of equipment they have been able to purchase through donations, but Ron will be the first to stress the importance of each donation.

So, the next time you are stuck out on the lake and the corps comes to rescue you, or if you get trapped in a stalled car, remember that those men are out there on a volunteer basis, risking their lives for you. Be sure to thank them.

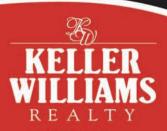


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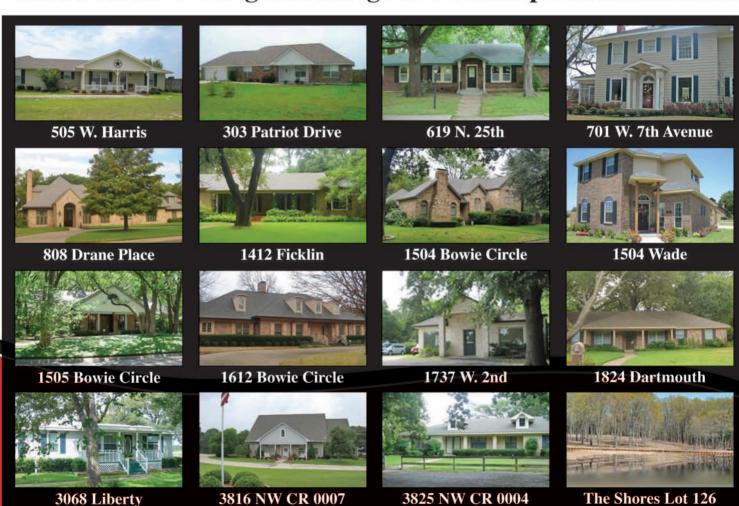
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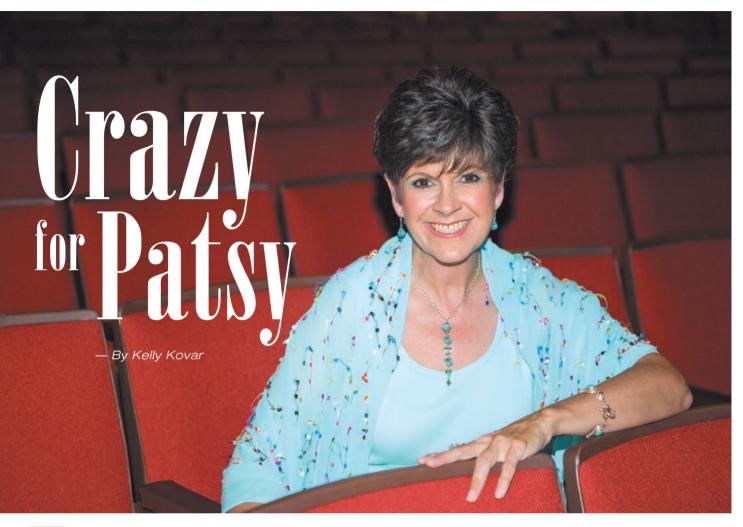
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Like Patsy Cline, the talented Corsicana singer Zanada Tally is a dark-haired beauty with a vivacious sense of humor and a big voice, who loves 'old country' music. Zanada has loved music since she was young. "I used to sing when I was little for family and anyone I could get to pay attention. I really seriously started singing when I was in high school in the acapella choir," she said. Born and reared in Corsicana, she absorbed an appreciation for music from her family. "All of my family is musical," she said recalling how her grandmother played piano and sang.

Zanada's mom and dad loved to dance. "They were really good and they enjoyed it. That was neat." By the time she was a teen, Zanada was performing publicly. "I started singing places when I was about 17. They [her parents] came everywhere I played. If I was singing, they were there." She even had an opportunity to go to Nashville at one time to try her hand at singing there.

Singing in Corsicana is always a priority for Zanada. "I sing on the Corsicana Opry the first Saturday of the month at Martin's Music Hall. It is a wonderful place. Once a month, on the second Saturday, I sing at the Ennis Opry that is in the Bardwell Community Center. The place is packed; we fill it up."

When she is not singing, Zanada works at the Corsicana Residential Treatment Center as a secretary. She enjoys spending time with her

14-year-old son, Thomas, who has inherited her musical talent and plays drums in the school band.

This month, Zanada will bring the songs of Patsy Cline to The Palace Theatre. The musical play, Always . . . Patsy Cline, will be presented in one performance only on Saturday, August 18, at 7:30 p.m.

"Some of the people who are on the selection committee for the Warehouse Living Arts Center [annual] fundraiser came and asked me if I would do the Patsy Cline show," Zanada explained. "I love her music, and I was already performing Patsy Cline material. I have gotten DVDs of her performances so I can learn her mannerisms and her voice. Her speaking voice is nothing like her singing voice."



Sandra McClure Mahood, Warehouse director, also stars in the production. "Sandra is wonderful," Zanada said. "I am so excited. Sandy will be wonderful, but she is in everything she [stars] in."

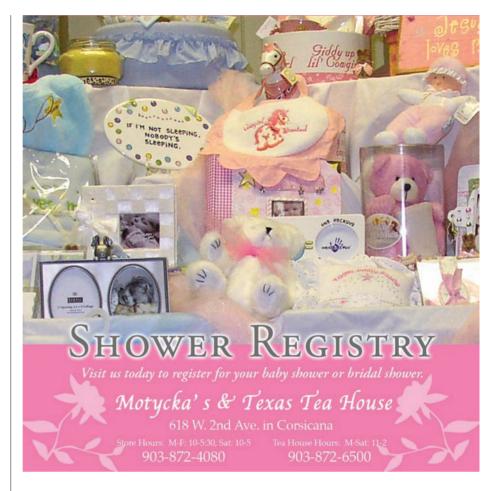
Sandra will be performing the part of Louise, Patsy's friend, in the show. The two are rehearsing now, and are



looking forward to working together for the first time. "Zanada is a terrific person," Sandra said.

Always . . . Patsy Cline is loosely based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Louise Everett Seger Zurbuchen. Louise was an elegant, blonde dancer, singer and model. Her stepfather was well-known band leader Dick Alexander. After being voted 'Miss Biloxi,' Louise graduated from junior college in Mississippi and moved to Houston, at one time owning a Houston nightclub.

By the time Louise met Patsy Cline at a Houston club, Louise had already toured with the Louisiana Hayride, married and divorced, and was a working mother of two children. "Louise saw Patsy on the Arthur Godfrey Show in 1957, and started calling the Houston radio station, asking one deejay every morning to play Patsy Cline," Zanada said. "He announced that Patsy would be playing a show in Houston, so Louise loads up a couple of her friends, and makes them go out

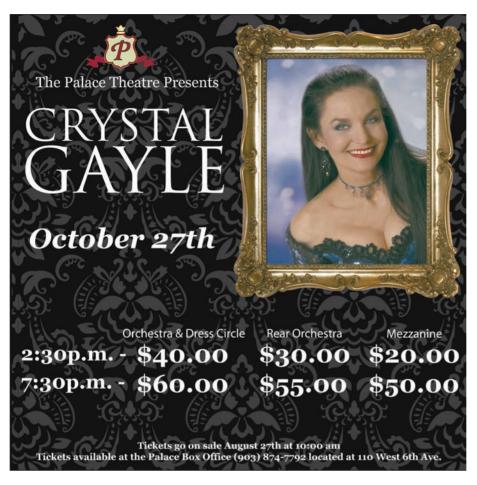


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and see Patsy Cline. Arriving early, she met Patsy there before the performance."

Patsy and Louise bonded after the show, sitting at Louise's home and harmonizing on gospel songs while sharing coffee, bacon and eggs. "Both of them were pretty strong characters and just clicked," Zanada said. "Louise had a son about the age of Patsy's son, so they had that connection, too. Patsy had a son and a daughter." The two continued to correspond and speak on the phone for two years.

The two shared a love of performing and sympathized with each other about problems in their personal lives. Louise was singing in Brazil when she heard news of the then 30-year-old Patsy's fatal plane crash. Louise passed away in 2004 of emphysema, but not before she heard that a musical, loosely based on her friendship and correspondence with Patsy, had been produced.

"The play focuses on this special relationship of mutual respect and friendship," Sandra said. "Louise provides the narrative while Patsy floats in and out of the action singing the tunes that made her famous - "Anytime," "Walkin' After Midnight," "She's Got You," "Sweet Dreams" and "Crazy" — just to name a few."

Zanada will be accompanied in Always . . . Patsy Cline by the same band that she plays with at the Ennis Opry. "These are guys that I have been playing with for years," she said. "They are real familiar with all the Patsy Cline songs." They used to appear together as Against the Wind with Zanada Tally.

Always . . . Patsy Cline was written by Ted Swindley. It has been performed for ecstatic audiences in Nashville, off-Broadway, and in theaters across America as well as in Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Zanada is excited to be performing the musical in Corsicana. WIW



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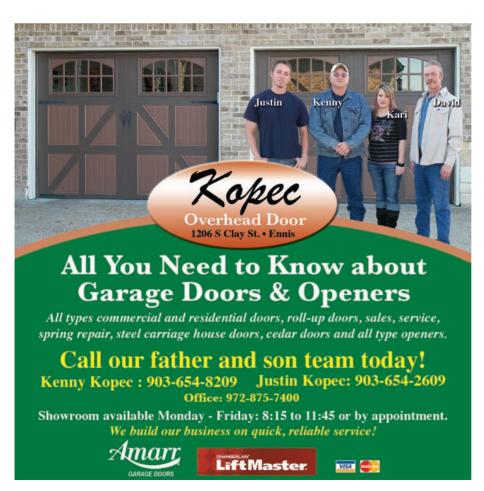
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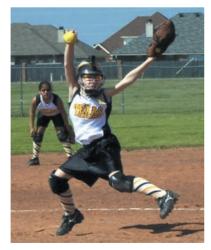
- By Alex Allred

They are the Deadly Duo. As their reputation grows on the competitive traveling ball circuit, so does their intensity. They are competitive, fearless, determined and sometimes rough. They are 11 year olds Callie Bland and Aubyn Turner, Corsicana's darlings on the softball diamond.

They were chosen to represent Texas, along with their team, Texas Trouble, in the American Fastpitch Association National Championship in Lawrence, Kansas, this summer. Combined, they are the leading RBI hitters on the team, with the best on-base percentages. They are strong all-around players on the field with Aubyn playing third base and Callie

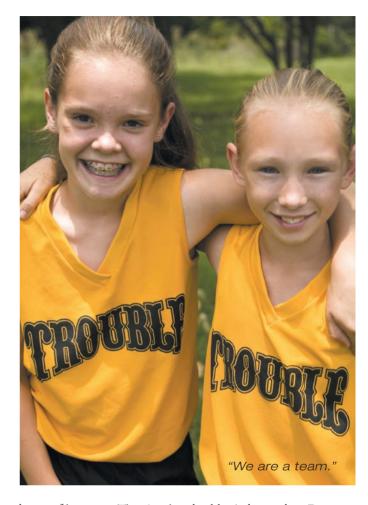
at shortstop, but when they take the field as pitcher and catcher, the team really lights up.

"Callie is a very aggressive player," Coach Mike Clay said. "She wants to perform on the field and doesn't like making mistakes." In fact, he said, she can be very hard on herself when the inevitable mistake occurs. "She's a very intelligent player, but she's very emotional," he said.



Aubyn "Peanut" Turner winds for the pitch.

While Callie is the "team leader" who is very good at picking up team morale, she sometimes needs a little morale



boost of her own. That is when buddy Aubyn, a.k.a. Peanut, steps up to the plate. "She's the player," Mike explained, "who looks forward to the next play." Also competitive, she



As catcher, Callie Bland can "read" the pitch and take the heat.

understands the dynamics of the game, including errors, and can move ahead. bringing her teammates with her. "She's the kind of player who leads by example."

Between them. they raise the level of competition, partly because they want to challenge or even "out do" each other. Pals since they were just over a year old, they seem to read each

other's thoughts on the field. "I know her pitches," Callie confidently stated. "I can just tell how she's going to throw



something." When Aubyn does throw to Callie, there is more heat on it than when she throws to other players. "I wouldn't throw like that to someone else," Aubyn confessed. "I wouldn't want to hurt them." But with Callie. there is not such a concern. She knows two things about Callie: she can take the heat, as well as dish it out, both on and off the field.

"They even sit on the phone together. watching softball on ESPN. They analyze all the plays and critique the players."

"It's okay for them to fight," Callie's mother, Melanie Bland explained. "But no one else is allowed to do that!" As Callie shares the story of how she got a black eye, Aubyn is compelled to show a few scars on her legs, which, in turn, encouraged Callie to offer up a few more war wounds.

Off the field, their personalities maintain that kind of pitcher/catcher relationship. They call each other, play together and dream together. Both hope for an athletic scholarship in softball; both want to play for the University of Texas in Austin. Both girls also hope to go to medical school, although Callie wants to be a veterinarian. "They even sit on the phone together, watching softball on ESPN," Melanie added. "They analyze all the plays and critique the players."

As though they do not see enough of each other off the field, their team schedules are grueling, playing almost





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Aubyn is competitive and leads by example.

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vear-round between recreational and select, or traveling ball. From February to May, the girls compete with the Texas Trouble, playing in tournaments almost every weekend. Traveling from Corsicana to South Lake, Texas, once a week throughout the year is an investment of time, energy and money; it is very much a family affair. "As parents," Melanie said, "we always ask them after every tournament if they are ready to quit." The girls recite in unison, "No! Never!"

For Callie and Aubyn, each tournament represents a new battle, a new opportunity to prove their mettle on the field. Of course, they want to win, but they also want to push the team to see just how far they can go. Like any great player, they are quick to point to Coach Clay and the Texas Trouble for their success. "It's what I really like about this team," Mike proudly stated. "No one walks around

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# Again

- By Sandra McIntosh

Carol King Wansley of Carol King Realty laughed as she remembered growing up in Corsicana. "My parents purchased a grocery store the week I was born," she said, referring

to King's Foods. "I grew up behind the meat counter."

As the years went by, Carol's father sold the grocery store and went into the business of developing, contracting and building homes in Corsicana. "Dad always built the homes we lived in," she said. "We always knew when the landscaping was mature, we'd soon be moving."

In 1966, while her father, the late James King, was helping the small community grow, Carol was graduating from Corsicana High School and going on to attend one year at Baylor University. She married her husband, Dave, after that first year, and later went on to graduate from East Texas State University-Commerce. "I think growing up around the service business prepared me for the real estate business," she said. "I honestly believe I grew up



learning a lot that helped me find success as an adult."

Carol made her home in various places around the state, ending up in Florida, moving her career in real estate with her. Not until nearly 40 vears later when her father's health began to fail, did she even consider returning to her roots. "I would fly in from Florida two weeks out of each month when dad got ill," she remembered. "I made a promise to my dad that if anything happened to him, I would take care of my mom."

Nearly a year after her father's passing on October 5, 2002, Carol's mom, Frances King, said she was ready for Carol to come home. "I've learned

to gear down," she said. "It's been quite refreshing to come back to a slower, much gentler pace."

In the four years since Carol's return, she has seen the real estate business pick up. "It took time for the community to realize what I had to offer as a one-agent real estate office," she said. "They now know I'm here for them."

As an independent owner/broker, Carol is able to provide more specialized services by treating customers the way she grew up believing they deserved to be treated. "My father always told me to give the customer more than they expect," she explained. "He always did this in business, and I've tried to follow in his footsteps."

# Business

She also has more time to spend with each individual client, whether she is listing or selling a property. Carol obtained all the necessary tools she needed to be a successful agent as a graduate of the Real Estate Institute. Her designation is comparable to a master's degree in other areas. "I recommend that everyone take a basic course in real estate," she said. "Everyone needs to know what they're getting into before making the largest purchase in their adult lives."



She gives a lot of credit to Dave, her husband of 40 years, who is also a huge part of her business. "I am very fortunate," Carol said. "He's the bookkeeper; he handles the signs and oversees many of the behind-the-scene duties. He's been absolutely great!"

Whether she is finding the perfect starter home for the newly married couple, or helping retirees downsize, Carol lives and works by her own philosophy. "Have fun at what you're doing," she said, "or go do something else."

She has not regretted the move back to her hometown one bit. So many people still come up to her today, only to tell her how special her dad was. She has learned that one really can come home again. "I returned to care for my mother," she said, "but there have been many times when my mom has returned the favor. I'm very proud of both my parents, and it really does feel great to be home."

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Elizabeth Burleson (left) and Manasa Karumuri (right) learn about the medical field while doing summer volunteer work.

These days it is especially heartwarming to hear of youth who make it a priority to offer their free time to help others. Manasa Karumuri and Elizabeth Burleson are just two of the many young people in Corsicana who do volunteer work. Once, they would have been called Candy Stripers. Today, they more frequently are referred to as junior volunteers, but they still proudly sport the familiar pink-and-white-striped aprons. From June through August, these young ladies join other junior volunteers, serving in the halls of Navarro Regional Hospital (NRH) and doctor's offices in Corsicana.

This is Manasa's fourth summer to help the staff. She has often been assigned to the radiology department. "We shred; we file and we make jackets, which are folders, for each patient. We sometimes get to develop film. It really does help them," she said. Manasa, age 17, has also volunteered on the third floor, the second floor, outpatient and the surgery waiting room. "This summer I am working at the new branch, the women's center," she said. Working one or two

days a week, Manasa said, "I call people and remind them about their appointments. I make copies, I also get to observe patient care."

"At the hospital, I like to take the meal trays to the rooms, give the patients water and ice, and pick up the trays," Manasa mentioned. "It takes the workload off of the staff, and they are very appreciative. The most rewarding thing about volunteering is when you get your certificate in August and it shows your total hours. I think, 'Wow! I did that much work?""

Manasa wants to be a physician, so her volunteer work gives her valuable exposure to the medical field. "It is more of a learning experience to me more than anything," she explained. She was inspired to go into medicine by her own pediatrician. "He was really nice, and I want to be like him." She also has an interest in radiology, radiation oncology and cardiology and is considering those specialties. "Something that I really want to do in life is help people," she said.

Her interest in science and math will stand Manasa in

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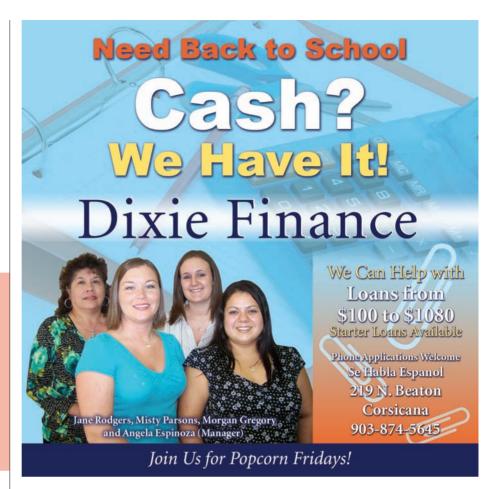
good stead as she applies to Baylor, in Waco, and to Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. "I go to Corsicana High School. I try to take as much AP [advanced placement classes] as I can, so I can maintain my GPA as high as I need to. Because the more electives, the lower your rank will go. I've signed up for all AP classes for my senior year." Manasa's

"Several of our Junior Volunteers have pursued medical careers because of the experience and knowledge they gained through volunteering at Navarro Regional Hospital.'

dad, Sat Karumuri, is an MRI technician, and the family moved to Corsicana from New York when Manasa was going into third grade. "My mom, Amala, is a research scientist by profession," she said.

Elizabeth Burleson is nearing the end of her second summer as a junior volunteer. "I have worked at the front desk and delivered flowers. Patients are really happy when you bring the flowers – you can just tell," she said. She also worked on the obstetrics floor. where she answered the phone, the door call and would go and give the new moms whatever they needed. "This year, I am working at the women's center. I work in sterile supply, in day surgery and in the kitchen sometimes." she said. At the women's center Elizabeth makes calls and answers the phone. "I got to see a sonogram; that was pretty neat," she commented.

Elizabeth's favorite place to work is day surgery. "I strip the beds of the linens, to get ready for new patients. I get whatever the patients need; run





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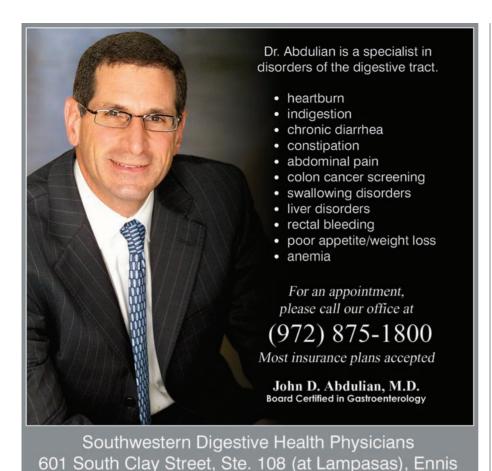
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copies. I go with the nurses and help them get patients off the floor," she explained. Her mom, Sharon, is the one who told Elizabeth about the volunteering opportunities. "Both of my parents, Steve and Sharon, work at the hospital, and I get to eat lunch with them," said the 15-year-old sophomore at Frost High School.

Both male and female students between 14 and 18 years of age can participate in the Junior Volunteer Program each summer. Last year, the JRVs participated in the hospital's "Code Black" disaster drill. This gave them an opportunity to learn about how disasters are managed in a health care facility.

"Several of our Junior Volunteers have pursued medical careers because of the experience and knowledge they gained through volunteering at NRH. To know the hospital has made a difference in a young person's life makes it all worthwhile," said Connie Beal, Navarro Regional Hospital Volunteer Coordinator.

Applications are available each spring in area schools and at the hospital. After school is out for the summer, applications, which have been approved by school counselors, are submitted to the hospital. Homeschool students can submit applications also, and they need to be signed by a parent.

What motivates these high school girls to do volunteer work during their summer vacations? It is the reward of helping others, coupled with the benefit of learning about a field they find fascinating. Manasa recommends volunteering for high school students interested in medicine. "The hospital is a great way to get exposed to a medical environment, and it looks absolutely fantastic on your college applications," she said. "I enjoy helping out and I enjoy the patient contact I have had at the women's center this year." NOW



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In the Kitchen with Angle Sanchez

ngie credits her mother for her interest in cooking. "She was an amazing cook and I was an apprentice in my mom's eyes for 12 years," Angie said. Angie's mom was somewhat of a food critic. "I would make something; she would sample it and tell me how to make it better next time," Angie remembered.

She treasures the praise of her mother after preparing a meal and finally getting it just right. "It was a magic moment when my mother said, 'I could not have done this better myself."

Unlike her mother, who only prepared staple recipes, Angie is an extremely adventurous, creative cook taking ongoing classes at a Sonoma culinary school. "I am always looking for the artistic side and take cooking very seriously," she said. **NOW** 

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Serves 8-10 as a side dish

1-lb. pkg. orzo pasta salted boiling water for cooking orzo (2 Tbsp. salt to 8 cups water)

4 sliced garlic cloves olive oil for sautéing

1 - 2 tsp. red chili flakes, according to desired spiciness

1/2 cup pasta water

4 Tbsp. butter, or more to taste

1/4 cup chopped parsley salt and pepper to taste

1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, preferably Parmigiano-Reggiano

fresh basil, torn coarsely or chiffonade sliced

Cook orzo to al dente stage (still firm, but cooked). Drain; do not rinse with water. Set pasta aside. Sauté garlic in olive oil with chili flakes until garlic starts to turn slightly golden. Add drained orzo and pasta water. Stir until pasta gets hot. Add butter, parsley, salt and pepper and once pasta is heated, remove from heat and add cheese and torn basil. Toss gently and serve.

#### WARM PEPPER TARTLETS

Serves 8

24 mini filo cups, purchased in the frozen food section olive oil for sautéing filling

1 cup julienned red bell pepper

1 cup julienned green poblano pepper

1 thinly sliced green onion

1 large minced clove garlic

1 tsp. herbes de Provence

1/2 to 1 tsp. dried fennel, ground slightly in spice grinder salt and pepper to taste 12 ounces brie

Preheat oven to 350 F. Heat olive oil in a skillet over low heat. Add the peppers, onions, garlic, herbes de Provence, salt and pepper and cook for about 10 minutes until soft. Adjust seasoning if necessary. Remove from heat and cool 15 minutes. Cut the brie into 24 small pieces and place a piece in each filo cup. Top each cheese-filled cup with warm pepper mixture. Place on a baking sheet and bake in the oven for about 5 minutes until warmed through and cheese is melted.

#### ITALIAN VEGETABLES

- 4 sliced carrots
- 2 broccoli crowns cut into 1/2-inch pieces from top to bottom of crown
- 1/2 bunch asparagus cut into 2-inch lengths

- 2 yellow crookneck squash sliced in diagonal 1/4-inch slices
- 2 zucchini sliced in 1/4-inch slices
- 3 Tbsp. butter

salt and pepper to taste

2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

2 Tbsp. soy sauce (or to taste)

1 Tbsp. Bragg's Liquid Aminos, optional (This very flavorful seasoning can be purchased at health food stores.)

1/3 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Microwave carrots and broccoli until crisp tender, put into bowl.\* Microwave asparagus until crisp tender, put into bowl. Heat butter in medium skillet and sauté squash with only a small amount of salt and pepper. Stir constantly for about 2 minutes. Squash should still be crisp; be careful not to overcook. Stir in zucchini and add the drained microwaved vegetables, balsamic vinegar, soy sauce and Bragg's Liquid Aminos. Stir quickly to combine and heat briefly till heated through, add salt and pepper to taste and adjust seasoning if necessary. Remove from heat and immediately gently fold in the cheese until melted.

\* Since the vegetables will require different cooking times, they will have to be cooked separately as indicated. This will ensure they do not overcook and lose their crisp texture.



# Who's Cooking

#### **LEMON ROSEMARY CHICKEN**

lemon pepper

4 - 5 sliced garlic cloves

3 Tbsp. butter

1 Tbsp. olive oil

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

1/3 - 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lemon

2 rosemary sprigs, some whole and some chopped

1/3 cup dry marsala wine

1/2 cup cream sherry

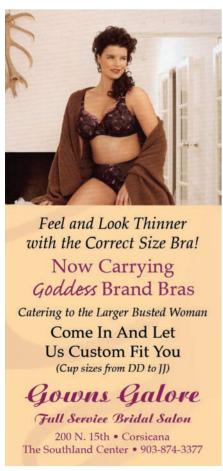
3 Tbsp. drained capers

Demaria sugar

Trim chicken breasts and sprinkle generously with lemon pepper. Sauté garlic in butter or oil and when lightly golden, remove from pan. Brown chicken in garlic infused butter or oil over medium high heat to sear and brown the chicken. Continue to turn until juices run clear when pierced with a fork.\* Remove from pan and deglaze the pan by pouring in the lemon juice and stirring up browned bits. Add rosemary, marsala, cream sherry and capers. If too sour, add Demaria sugar or regular sugar to cut acidity. Simmer the sauce until sauce barely thickens. Return chicken to the heated sauce and serve.

\* Chicken does not require a long cooking time or it will dry out. To ensure you do not overcook the chicken, do not cook until there is no more pink in the center, as the chicken will be overcooked by this time. The residual heat in the chicken, once it is removed from the stove, will continue to cook the chicken.







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Campers, top left, enjoy the Fourth of July holiday with friends, family and a fireworks show held at Fisherman's Point. Katie Cox, Kayla and Kolby Parker, top right, enjoyed watermelon on July 4 following a swim in their grandfather's pool. Folks from all across the United States gathered at Fisherman's Point, bottom left, for a family reunion. Les and Bev York, the new owners of Richland Chambers Hardware, bottom center, hosted an open house, bottom right, for well over 200 people.

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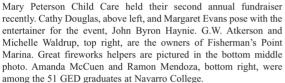


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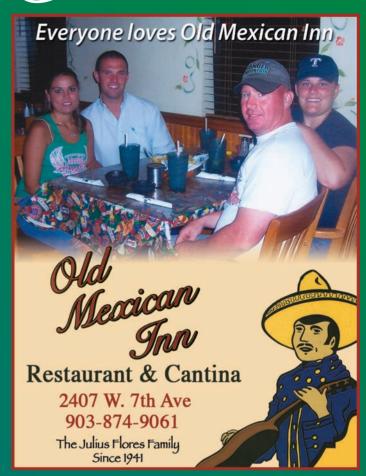


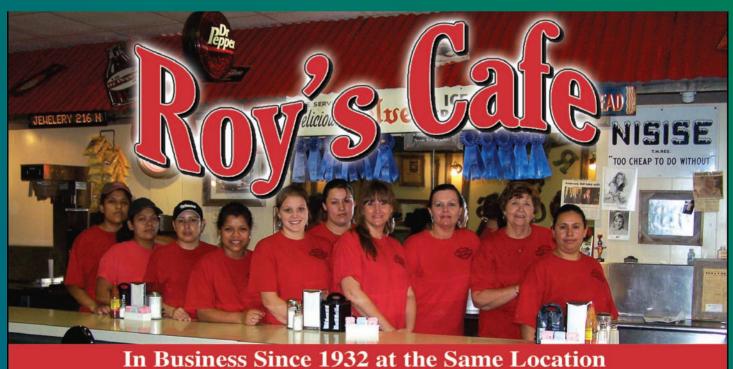




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— By Kelly Kovar

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ice machines," James added. "It is starting to get hot, and people need their air conditioner serviced," James said. "Residential business gets very busy." The heaviest time for commercial calls is in earlier summer. "If it is 80 degrees outside, it will be

95 inside a business." During the winter is the time when they get the most refrigeration calls. "The equipment works hard all summer, and by the first cold-snap,



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equipment needs service," he said.

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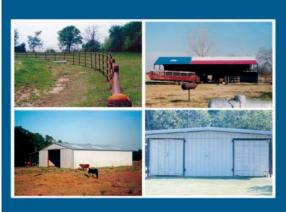


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The same procedures apply to

business needs. "Commercial equipment is larger than what you are going to find in a house; the voltage is different,

"A new product line we offer tests your air-quality – your temperature and your humidity."

but it is all basically the same principle," James explained. "We can take care of a business and handle all of their needs. With a convenience store, we can take care of their air conditioning, all their refrigeration and their ice machines. They have one company that they can call that will take care of everything."

Commercial reach-in equipment that is sold includes the two main lines – Beverage Air and True. Every brand of commercial refrigeration equipment is serviced. "We have restaurants which we take care of. Their big ice machines make up to three or four thousand pounds of ice. We take care of grocery stores, including their island refrigeration units." he said.

Area Wide services 15 or 20 area restaurants and fast food establishments. "Our customers stretch from North Richland Hills and Lake Worth, north of Fort Worth, all the way to Tyler," James commented. He has 30 years of experience in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration

# Richland Chambers



(HVAC/R) business. Leslie has been in the HVAC industry for 15 years. "She is the president of the company and manages the office. I am the CEO and the field manager," James said.

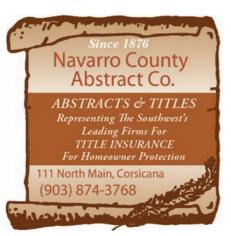
James began his career working for a property management company. "I learned aspects of the business there." Later, he opened his own business and got his state master's license in air-conditioning and refrigeration. "I did every Marriott hotel that went into Dallas for six years," he said. After moving to this area, he started Area Wide Services, Inc. "I love it down here: I wouldn't trade it for the world."

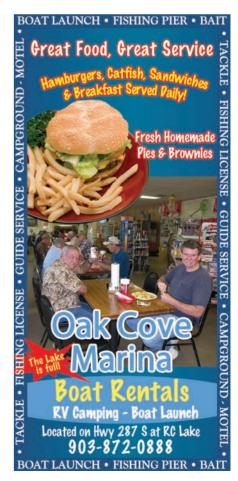
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By Nancy Fenton

Finally, the sun is shining through the lush green canopy. It would be great if I had more holes in that canopy! The heavy roof of leaves gives us shade from the scorching sun, but is hard on flowerbeds where we want some color. There are several

ferns which do well in our alkaline soil that can give you multiple shades of green, and a few multicolored bulbs that can still brighten your beds. Holly fern is fairly large, about three feet tall and wide, with large dark green fronds. Japanese painted fern has multicolored white and green leaves and is a bit smaller. Both do well in shady areas and compete well with large trees! Autumn ferns are about 12 - 15 inches tall and make a great low border, and the old standard wood ferns survive well growing to about three feet in height.

If you mix them in with bright white, pink or red caladiums, they can really brighten a dark, shady bed. It really is not too late to plant caladiums, if you can find them. The bulbs themselves have a blooming life of about three months, so there is still

time for them to come up and look great until fall. I just learned this spring that you can hurry the time from planting until they come up by soaking the bulbs for 30 minutes in warm water before you plant them. We still have August, September and October before the nights get cold, so give them a try!

Purple oxalis is another bulb that will come up year after year and will do well in the shade. It takes awhile, but will reward you with a low-growing splash of bright purple in a not-so-bright flowerbed. The bulbs are usually very small, so be prepared to put a lot of them in the ground! Then enjoy the rest of your summer and rest up for fall plantings! **WDW** 

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#### Which employers are eligible for a SIMPLE plan?

SIMPLE IRAs are generally available to both for-profit and nonprofit employers having no more than 100 employees. However, an employer may generally not have a SIMPLE plan if it provides benefits under another qualified retirement plan.

#### How much can be contributed?

The SIMPLE IRA plan contains features and requirements that may be suited for small employers. The SIMPLE IRA plan is a salary deferral-type plan.

#### Under the SIMPLE IRA plan:

- Employees may contribute up to \$10,000 (for 2005 and 2006) income tax-deferred, each year.
- · Employees aged 50 and older may make an additional catch-up contribution of \$2,000 for 2005 (\$2.500 for 2006).
  - · Employers provide either:

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#### What are the tax benefits?

- · All amounts contributed to a SIMPLE IRA plan are income tax-deductible by the employer.
- Employees are not taxed on salary they have deferred.
  - · All plan earnings are income tax-deferred.

#### Do SIMPLE IRAs require complicated testing?

The complicated, potentially expensive contribution-testing found in many other

retirement plans can limit the contributions of the business owner or the highly compensated. or require additional contributions to certain employees. This is not true of the SIMPLE IRA

#### Must all employees be covered?

An employer may place some restrictions on which employees are eligible to participate in a SIMPLE IRA plan.

#### An employee cannot be excluded if:

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#### The employer may:

- · Waive, or set less demanding, eligibility requirements.
  - · Exclude certain union employees.
- · Exclude certain nonresident aliens from SIMPLE IRA plan participation.

#### SIMPLE IRA flexibility

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or to an IRA or other qualified plan after two years. Rollover or transfer to an IRA or other qualified plan before that time may result in an excess IRA contribution. In addition, withdrawals may be subjected to federal tax and early withdrawal penalties if the employee is under age 59 1/2.

### Does SIMPLE plan participation affect IRA contributions?

Employees who participate in a SIMPLE plan are considered "active participants" in an employer retirement plan, and their IRA contribution deductibility may be affected, depending on their income. However, an IRA contribution is still allowed.

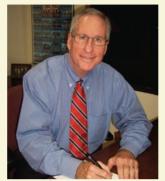
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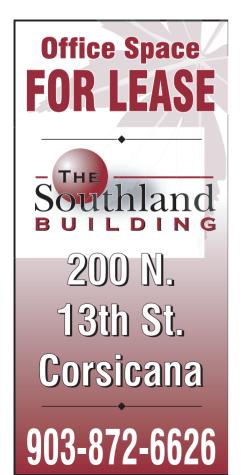
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# PREVENTING Type 2 Diabetes

- By Sandra Vernon RN

Diabetes is a chronic disease of metabolism. Nine out of 10 people with diabetes suffer from Type 2. The majority of them are over 40 when diagnosed, however, the age of onset is declining. The primary defect in Type 2 diabetes is insulin resistance. Insulin is needed to metabolize glucose (sugar). When insulin does not move glucose into the cells, the blood sugar rises. The cells of the body become resistant to the insulin that is produced by the pancreas. Insulin resistance occurs when the body becomes overweight, or "apple shaped" (the fat is distributed around the middle).

Type 2 diabetes is more common in people who are overweight, belong to certain ethnic groups, or have a family history of Type 2 diabetes. Making a few lifestyle changes can help prevent or delay the onset of this disease. The first step is to take steps. Drop the couch potato habit and walk, swim or ride a bike. Exercise helps the body use glucose more efficiently. It can also help lower your weight and increase your stamina. Walking just 30 minutes three times a week can make a difference in how you feel and can also help prevent high blood pressure and heart disease.

The next critical step is to develop healthy eating habits. Americans have a distorted view of what an appropriate portion size for a meal should be. When your body becomes accustomed to smaller portion sizes you will become satisfied more quickly and will not feel the need for larger portions. A serving size of meat is about the size of a deck of cards. Cut down on concentrated sweets and drinks. Drink plenty of water in place of sports drinks or sodas. You





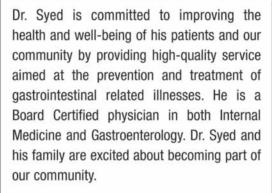
do not have to go cold turkey! Save the desserts for special occasions or for the weekends, and learn to read labels. All foods are required by the FDA to have a label. Know the difference between complex carbohydrates and simple carbohydrates. Do not stop eating carbohydrates completely. They are needed for energy and healthy brain function.

Finally, get tested. If you have a family history of diabetes it is important to have your blood sugar tested yearly. Many pharmacies and community health fairs will do screenings for free. Catching diabetes early can make managing blood sugar much easier and can prevent or delay long-term complications.

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#### August 4

Corsicana Opry takes the stage. Dining begins at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. at Martin's Music Hall. 201 South Beaton Street. Spotlighting Brooke Adams, Bill Baldwin, Jenny Burnett, Margie Holten, Krista Sifer, Matt Siwinski, Zanada Tally, Dave Young, Bobby Fluker, Fred

Hayes, Billy Lewis, Jim Barbas and Virginia Martin. Tickets are \$10 per person. Call (903) 872-8226 for reservations

Artist Connie Jordan's Painting for Parkinson's Tour begins at 5 p.m. at the American Legion, 632 Beaton Street. Call (214) 226-9757 for more information.

Gospel Concert for Charity benefiting The Dream Center. Dining begins at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. at Martin's Music Hall, 201 South Beaton Street. Spotlighting Mario Capetelli, Leslie Bruce, Jessie Steele, Brenda & Jerry Robinson Band, Cindi & Joe Bowling Band and Virginia Martin. Tickets are \$10 per person. Call (903) 872-8226 for reservations.

Show Goat Sale at the Navarro County Exposition Center. Call Bob Carroll at (903) 872-7860 for more information.

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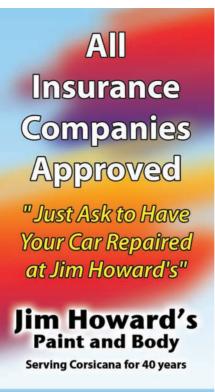
Lone Star Cowboy Church Barrel Race at the Navarro County Exposition Center. Call John Coe at (903) 872-1670 for more information.

#### August 25

"Dawg Daze" of Summer Chili Cook-off benefiting the Navarro County Animals at Risk Foundation. People's Choice – cast your vote for the best chili. Pet contest – Cutest, Most Unusual, Best Dressed, Best Trick and Pet/Owner Look-a-like. Call Kay Lefler at (972) 646-5159 for more information.

#### August 29

East Texas Kick-off Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the UT Tyler Patriot Center. Thirty-one high school and college administrators, football coaches and players will be recognized during the luncheon. One player from each team in attendance will receive a \$250 scholarship to be used toward futhering their education. The guest speaker will be former Green Bay Packer, Texas A&M and Chapel Hill player Terrence Murphy, who will talk about his time in the NFL and his struggle with a career-ending neck injury. Also, a video presentation will highlight the upcoming 2007 football season. Mr. David Smoak's Sports Director of KTBB and host of David Smoak's Sports Talk, will be the emcee for the event. Call Valerie Morby at (903) 592-1661 for more information.



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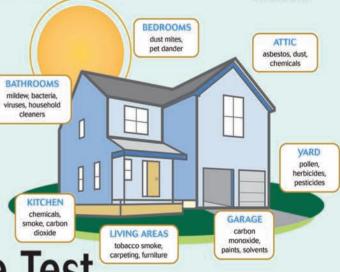
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