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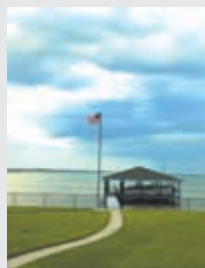
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# Corsicana NOW

## Editor's Note

*Hello, Corsicana!*

September means back-to-school for students. Corsicana High School honor students Katie and Courtney Thompson, our *EducationNOW* feature subjects, are heading for college.

September signals a new season – a new beginning for so many activities and groups. A new lineup of worthy entertainment is beginning at the Warehouse Living Arts Center. Neil Simon's *The Prisoner of Second Avenue* can be seen there September 20 - 29. This month also signals the observance of "Survivor/Caregiver Appreciation Day" at Camp Wanica. Read about one caregiver's story in our *NavarroNOW* feature on Shea Gore.

You do not want to miss our main feature on the Bailey family. Their wit and wisdom will warm your heart and make you fall in love with them like I did.

When the weekend rolls around, and you are looking for some fun, check out [www.ibbustinloose.com](http://www.ibbustinloose.com) to see where Ira Bradford & Bustin' Loose are playing. After you read our art feature, you will be eager to attend a performance.

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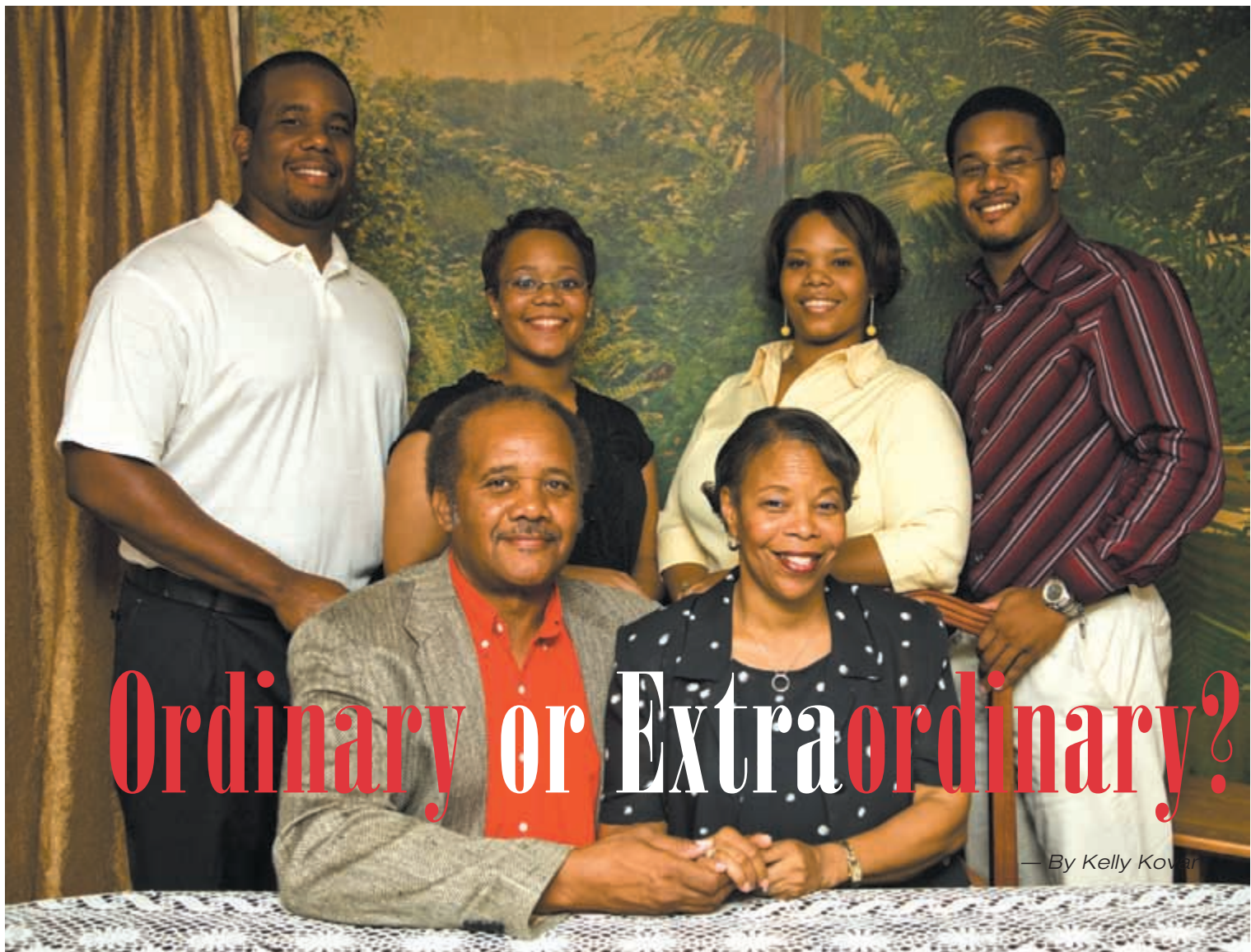
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# Ordinary or Extraordinary?

— By Kelly Kovar

*The Bailey family believes in God, family, education and old-fashioned morality.*

Sam and Mattie Bailey have done what some parents consider impossible, and what all parents consider miraculous. In our modern age, they have reared four children, (two sons and two daughters), who, as adults, have not only remained close to their parents, but also to each other. Once, this might have been considered an ordinary circumstance, but in our day of modern philosophy, cross-country job transfers and radically changing value systems, Sam and Mattie have managed to instill in each one of their offspring a love for God, family, education and old-fashioned morality. The Bailey household, where all the children come in or out at will, is a center for conversation, laughter and support.

"Sam is a hard worker, and he likes to provide," Mattie said. "I have tried to take the weight off him over the

years by managing money real well. Sam is quiet and tolerant and very level headed. He has a dry sense of humor. On road trips, he would keep the kids laughing."

**"When the kids were little, they ran in the kitchen and said, 'Mama, listen to this.' They sang a song for me, and I knew this was the start of something."**

"We devoted our life to raising the kids," Sam explained. "I think each generation has to be better. I was the son of a sharecropper. He raised five kids on \$35 a week. But we were determined to educate our kids. It was a sacrifice, and it took a lot of energy,

but I wanted them to get an education because knowledge is power."

Still, Sam said that education is not the most important value he wanted to impart to his children. "Most of our focus and energy should be on getting ready for eternity," he told them. "We imparted our values to them by example." Each one of their children has been equipped with a college education, graduating first from Southwestern Christian College (SCC) with associate's degrees, and then going on to university. Now, each of these young adults is taking their place in the world and trying to make a contribution to their own generation, because as Sam said, "You build the strength of a generation by each person doing their part."

Misti, the eldest at 29, was the first to take a stroll across the stage for her



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**306 NW CR 0018 - Enjoy the peace & quiet** on the large front porch or cozy side porch of this 3/2 Ranch Style home. Relax in the pool, go fishing in the pond, or take in the view of the open fields. Covered parking for an RV, boat, etc. Home features an open concept den, dining & kitchen w/ island & breakfast bar. Home is in move in condition! Call Judy 903-654-8583.



**1200 Bowie Dr. - Great 3/2 family home w/ 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, den w/ fireplace, kitchen w/ breakfast bar & so much more.** Hardwood floors under carpet in formal areas & front two bedrooms. Nice corner lot. Well priced! Call Julie 903-654-3970.



**3208 Francisco Bay Dr - Kerens - Be the first to live in this great lake front home!** This 3/2 home features lovely kit w/ granite counters, crown moldings, vaulted ceilings, & windows overlooking lake from the living area! Boat house & retaining wall on .74 acres. You must see to appreciate! Call Julie 903-654-3970.



**201 Hampton - Great home for a busy family!** This low maintenance 3/2 home is move-in ready! Just relax & enjoy the screened in back porch or the cozy living area just off the kitchen. Won't last long! Call Karen 903-641-9998.



**400 Forrest Ln. - Darling 3/2/1 brick two-story home on nice corner lot!** Spend warm summer days swimming in the pool or relaxing on the deck. Spend time indoors enjoying the warmth of the fireplace. Charming brick floors are one of the many attractive features that await you in this wonderful home! Call Julie 903-654-3970.



**1526 Ficklin - Nice older 2/1 home w/ tons of energy saving features!** Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, recently painted & textured walls, double windows, gas furnace, electric AC, Huge kit w/ updated ceramic tile, wallpaper & lots of cabinet space! Hurry! Hurry! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE! Call Julie 903-654-3970.



**12044 Hwy 14 - Outstanding 3/2.5 w/ 3 living areas, plus office.** Also has pool, guest house, workshops, ponds, & gazebo all on 12 acres! Lots of redos. Recent kitchen & baths! Call Julie 903-654-3970.



**249 NW CR 0017 - AWESOME HOME w/ many upgrades & extras!** Beautiful 4/3/2 nestled back in the trees creating the perfect backdrop for extreme serenity. Features 2 living areas, beautiful staircase w/ iron railing leading up to office loft, reading nook for rainy afternoons inside, frml dining area w/ whfp, breakfast area & French doors overlooking covered back patio. Workshop & so much more! Call Lynn 903-874-3722.



**615 SE CR 3124c - ALMOST NEW lake-house w/ view of Richland Chambers Lake.** Sits on just over 1 acre, heavily treed to provide just the right amount of privacy for that perfect weekend getaway. At this price, this could be the 2nd home you've been considering. Features loft bdrm & bath, 2 bdrms & bath down, kitchen, brkfst bar, large open great room w/ fp & windows overlooking front deck! Call Lynn 903-874-3722.



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**301 Waco St. - Dawson - Stylish 3/1.5 on corner lot.** Entire home has been tastefully redone. Open floorplan, kitchen w/ tumbled marble backsplash, ceramic tile flooring & newer apps, fresh paint & faux finishes throughout, decorative lighting & designer fixtures. Roomy bathrooms w/ ceramic tile & tumbled marble. Atrium door gives view to lovely back patio & large yard w/ trees. Call Lynn 903-874-3722.



**616 Overlook Dr. - Kerens - Completely Redone & tastefully decorated!** Immaculate 3/2/1 home features kitchen w/ stainless apps, granite countertops, custom cabinetry & wine rack. Beautiful paint & finishes, designer fixtures & window coverings, carpet & tile. Huge fenced bkdyd w/ open patio. Total of 4 lots w/ this property. This is a model home! Call Lynn 903-874-3722.



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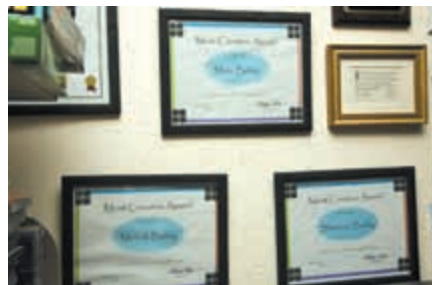
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diploma. At SCC, Misti toured with the acappella chorus. She graduated from Oklahoma Christian University (OCU) in 2001 and headed back home. "For five years, I've run the computer lab at Navarro Elementary School," she said.

Samuel, 27, attended West Texas State on a football scholarship for one year before going to SCC, where he was voted Mr. Southwestern. He obtained his bachelor's degree at Abilene Christian University (ACU), then taught and coached in California. Samuel is also a lay preacher. Lori, Samuel's wife of four years, has a master's in clinical psychology and is

the daughter of a retired Pepperdine University professor. With their baby daughter, Madison Mozell Bailey, they have also returned to this area, where Sam teaches and is an assistant football coach at Ennis High School.

The Bailey's second son, 25-year-old Shannon, joined his older brother Sam when they went to state in 1997 with the 4A Corsicana High School (CHS) Varsity Football team. In 1999, Shannon was CHS Homecoming King. At SCC, he sang in the chorus and was 1st runner up as Mr. Southwestern. He then went on to achieve a business management degree from ACU. "In 2004, I won Abilene Idol, which was a

Paramount Talent Search," Shannon said. He continues to use his musical abilities as the minister of music at Eastside Church of Christ in Ennis, where the Baileys all attend. He is a salesman at Stewart Motor Company in Corsicana.

Melodi, 22, performed in *Beauty and the Beast* at The Palace during her high school career. Along with her sister, Misti, she performed a duet at the CHS Spring Show and with her family at the Drane Christmas program. She will graduate from OCU with a bachelor's in psychology, in December. "I'm thinking about going into school psychology," Melodi said.

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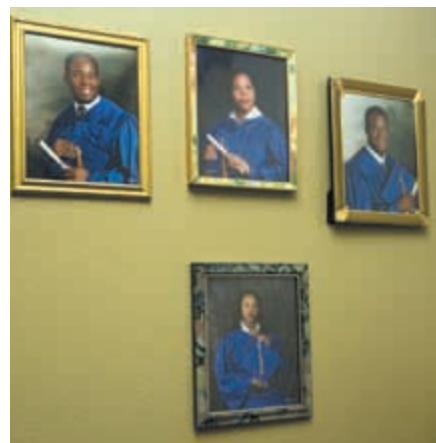
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*Samuel, Melodi, Misiti and Shannon are close to their parents and each other.*



Mattie passed on a heritage, rich in history, to her family. She can trace her lineage back to her great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sibley, who left Georgia after Emancipation and built a life together in Texas. She has taught her children to live life with that same readiness to meet the future.

"I grew up in Fort Worth," Mattie said. "I graduated from Tarrant County Junior College with a business degree. When I was 19, I met Sam at an area-wide Youth for Christ event." Sam is from Corsicana, and he was All-District in football from Blooming Grove High School before attending Navarro College.

Sam and Mattie married in 1976. Initially, Mattie worked as an underwriter at Cooper, Eady, Judson and Polk. While the children were little, she primarily was an at-home mom. Later, she worked in the school district as the discipline secretary for CHS for nine years. Meanwhile, Sam was a route salesman for Chattanooga Glass for 16 years, and then Consolidated Freightways for 14 years. Now, he operates Sam's Pallets, and Mattie is



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taking a class at Navarro College to continue her education. She is a Ladies Bible class teacher and is a speaker for ladies' day programs and church retreats.

From early in their marriage, Sam and Mattie sang solos for church functions, a musical talent they have

**“If you make a mistake in your children's presence, apologize in their presence.”**

passed on to their children. “When the kids were little, they ran in the kitchen and said, ‘Mama, listen to this.’ They sang a song for me, and I knew this was the start of something. I dropped my towel and ran and told Sam.” The children began singing together as ‘The Angels of Joy’ and still sing together at school, community and church events.

Mattie said she reared her children with ‘an iron hand in a velvet glove.’ “My mother told me, ‘Never let them fight, and then that won’t be a habit.’ If they started, we stopped it before it escalated. Also, be sure if you make a mistake in your children’s presence, apologize in their presence.”

The Baileys treated each child as an individual. “I tried to know each one of their personalities,” Mattie explained. “Friday nights were essay nights.” She gave them an opportunity to express themselves and to form their own ideas. The children gathered around her and each wrote an essay on a topic she suggested.

Mattie’s secret for communicating with her sons and daughters is to mean what she says and say what she means. “I didn’t treat them like children. I treated them like people. All a child wants is your approval; so train them at home, and tell them what they are good at.” Successful parenting and victorious living are Sam and Mattie’s extraordinary contribution to our community. **WWW**





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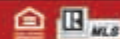


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— By Kelly Kovar

# A Room With a View

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Dan and Eve Wilkie's great room overlooks Lake Richland Chambers. One wall is encompassed in windows from the soaring ceiling to the luxurious Berber carpet, offering a beautiful view of the lake. A lake-vista was a priority when they designed their retirement home, moving here from Pennsylvania. "The best view from this house is in the spa when the full moon comes up right across the lake," Dan said. "That is a special moment."

Dan and Eve were high school sweethearts in Portage, Indiana. "We married young; then I was fortunate enough in my career to have some really good jobs," Dan related. "I headed up the IBM worldwide operations for the IBM PC." After 20 years with IBM, he served as president of several multinational corporations. "He told me he would show me the world; I just didn't know we would live in most of it," Eve exclaimed with a hearty laugh. "After you have moved 14 times, and you've had the opportunity to build your own house, you know exactly what you want."

"Eve's childhood home was in an area called Ogden Dunes on Lake Michigan; that had a lot to do with why we wanted

to retire on a lake," Dan added.

"It is really a casual house," Eve said. "I want people to feel like they can just sit down and not worry about anything. I want it just to be comfy and homey." Their great room features a white grand piano and taupe couches which help

create the homey feel as they wrap around a huge, solid marble coffee table which grounds the room. A mirrored, granite wet-bar, complete with wine cooler and mini-fridge, is handy for company.

Before you reach the great room, you pass through stunning, custom doors, with leaded-glass windows that match the panes in the dining room, into the welcoming entry space. A prized feature here is an antique writing

chair in which James Fenimore Cooper wrote *The Last of the Mohicans* and the rest of the *Leatherstocking Tales*.

Lakescapes, family heirlooms and Eve's unique swan collection find a home in the dining room. Showcased in this room are two antiques of particular interest: an







original painting by George Ames Aldrich that Eve's grandfather took as payment on an automobile during the Depression, and a gorgeous tea set Eve proudly displays that was a wedding gift to her parents.

In the kitchen resides an imposing 9' by 5' black granite island, dubbed 'the continent' by the builders, a moniker that has stuck. Illuminated, glass-fronted cherry wood cabinets display colorful dishes, while the cherry wood fronts help the appliances to blend seamlessly. "We designed the kitchen to be the centerpiece of the house for entertaining," Dan explained. Eve loves to cook, and



her nearby herb garden offers fresh basil and rosemary — lined up right

next to her green beans, tomatoes and snow peas.

"I always sat at the counter and watched my mother cook," Eve reminisced. "That was our time of day. I think that is where I got my love of cooking." In fact, she has shelves in her den for a 300-plus collection of



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cookbooks. "My den is an extension of the kitchen," Eve demonstrated. It is a wife's dream with an overstuffed couch and a desk/computer area. "I live in this room. I watch golf and read here." Tippy Toes, the 18-year-old black cat, curls up for a snooze, while the tabby, Katie, finds a sunny windowsill perch.

"One thing we wanted was our own dens," Dan said. "My den is my space." He has duck decoys displayed here,

some that his uncle carved. "The artwork on those is just incredible," he said proudly. Dan also keeps on hand here a copy of *Blue Magic*, the IBM PC book for which he wrote the dedication. "I was 55 when I retired. I had no intention of going back to work," Dan explained. But his retirement did not stick. He is now the True Value Regional Distribution



Center manager in Corsicana. Dan does, however, make sure that his schedule allows for plenty of family time. "We eat dinner here every night," Eve stated. "Dan has always turned off the television, turned on the music, and sat to eat dinner at the table. We really get to talk."

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Dan's brother and his wife live next door, which makes any holiday a fun family event. "He has two daughters and nine grandchildren," Dan said. "Our two kids and three grandkids came for the Fourth. We had about 20 people here for a week between the two houses. We jet-skied, fished and boated." They dubbed the event 'Camp Wilkie' and had T-shirts made for everyone. Even Dan and Eve's Brittany spaniels Belle and Dixie took part in all the fun. Swimming, wind surfing, canoeing and cooking out made for a great family gathering.



"Although the breakfast area can seat 12, for the Fourth of July, we were out on the big, screened porch," Eve explained. "That is what living on the lake is all about."

During these holiday gatherings, the Wilkies utilize their three guestrooms. The grandkid's room, with games and videos ready, features a king-sized bed with a colorful bedspread. "The closet is full of toys and blocks," Eve mentioned. A connecting bath leads to a guest room for their son and daughter-in-law. On the other side of the house is a second, private guest suite.



Eve and Dan have their own sanctuary for relaxing. "Our master bedroom has a his-and-her-bathroom with a common shower between them," Dan said. His sports marble tile and faux grass cloth wall covering, and Eve's houses a garden tub and a floral theme.

If Dan's space inside the house is his den, his pride and joy outside is his garage. "Monty Brazell, who built the house, said, 'I've built a lot of nice homes, but I've never built a better garage,'" Dan stated. The three-car space features a workshop area, a three-fourths garage for the lawn tractor, a tornado



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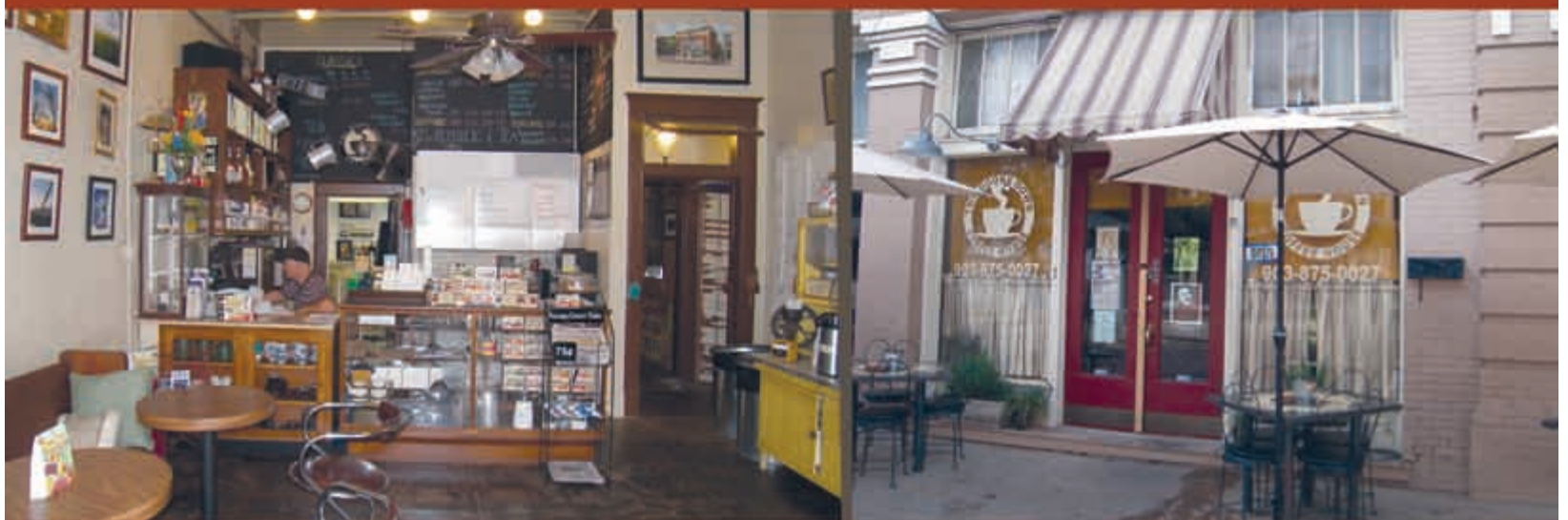


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Once their dream house was built, Dan became active in the community. He will serve as the United Way



president next year. "I am on the executive committee for the Chamber of Commerce. I got involved with the Warehouse Living Arts Center Theatre (WLAC). My wife and I enjoy going to all the plays. We help them in any way we can." Eve recently entertained 130 people for an opening-night event for a WLAC production.

"We have really enjoyed the people and the town," Dan said. "I fell in love with the great people of Corsicana. We have been here six years, and I feel like we have been here for 40." **NOW**



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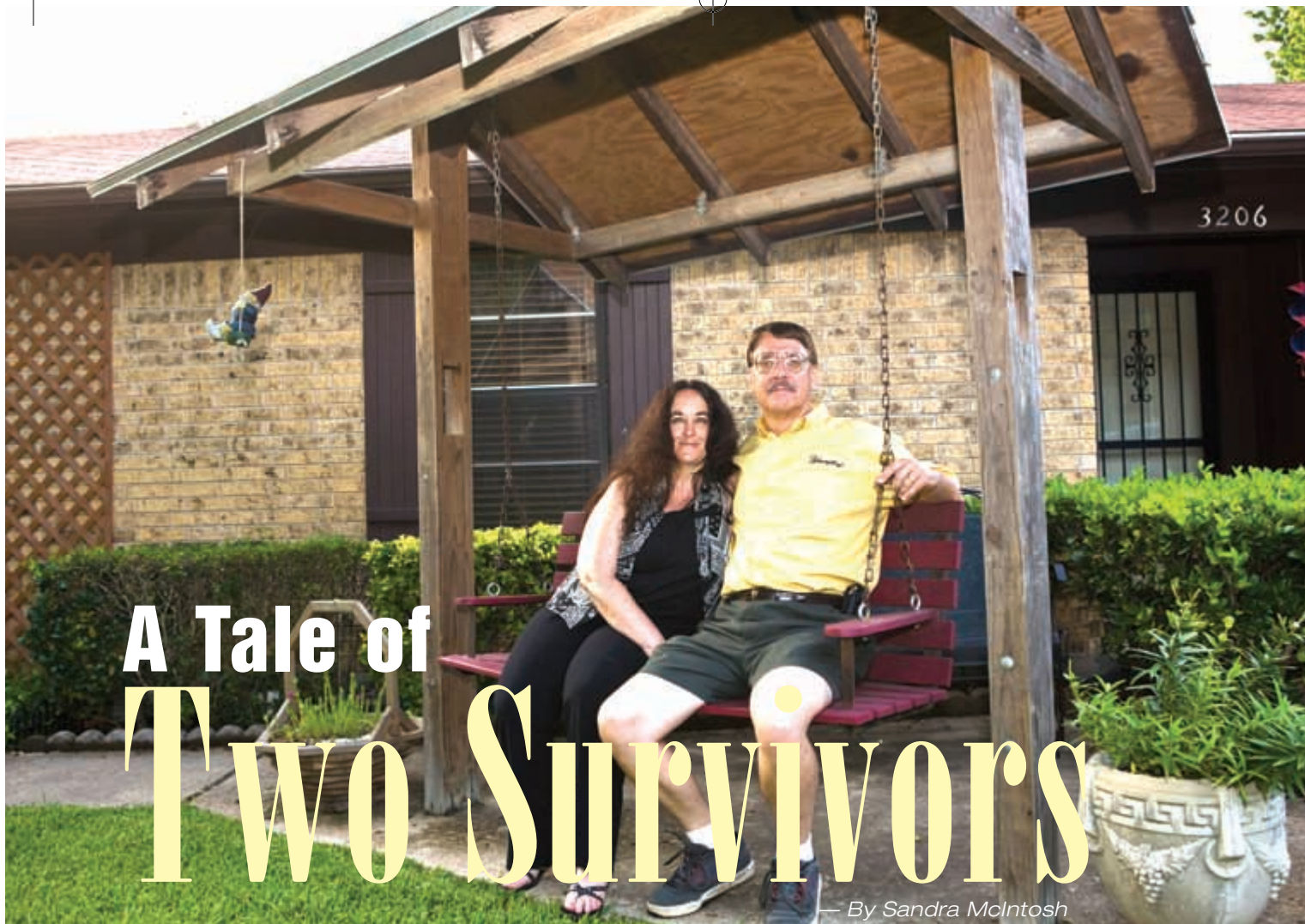
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# A Tale of Two Survivors

— By Sandra McIntosh

*Through 31 years of marriage the Nemeths have faced the ups and downs of life together — even cancer.*

Laughter is good medicine and prayer is powerful. It was laughter, mixed with a great deal of prayer that brought Dan and Beth Nemeth through their battle with cancer. Today, they are survivors.

The couple's oldest daughter, Shea Gore, was with them at the doctor's office when they received the news. "They both were diagnosed with cancer on the same day," Shea said, remembering her initial shock. "I just kept thinking they were too young for this to be happening."

When a member of the family is diagnosed with cancer, it affects the whole family. When both parents are diagnosed on the same day, that day becomes the family's personal Sept. 11. "March 11, 2005, became our 9/11 moment," Dan said. "It was the first thing that came to my mind."

To fully understand how blessed this family feels today, one must go back to several months before the nightmare began. The Nemeths had their home in Corsicana and a weekend home on Cedar Creek Lake. They had been discussing the possibility of putting the weekend home on the market. "Being a water lover, I wanted to sell the home in Corsicana and be a permanent lake dweller," Beth said. "Dan felt we needed to sell the lake house. As I was praying about it, Sherry Bryson, a Realtor friend of mine, called me before I had the chance to call her. I said, 'Okay, Lord, I get the picture.'"

The lake house was listed, and within two months they received an offer, closing the deal on Feb. 11, 2005. "We

took off for the weekend to celebrate our 29th wedding anniversary," Beth said.

Beth had been having trouble with bronchitis long before the process of selling the lake house got underway. Between the time that the house was listed and sold, she was sent for a chest X-ray. The X-ray showed a spot in Beth's right lung, so she went for a CT scan just one week prior to closing on the house. One week after they returned from their weekend celebration, Dan entered into the medical picture as well. He had been having some trouble of his own.

While Dan saw one doctor in Dallas, Beth underwent a PET scan because of the spot also seen in the CT scan. On March 11, 2005, Dan was scheduled to have a colonoscopy. Needless to say, the results showed the unexpected — colon cancer. "Shea drove her father home after he had a full body CT scan," Beth said, replaying the events of that day. "My son, Brian, drove my car home, while my mom and stepfather took me on to my appointment. The PET scan showed a 'glow' in my lung. There was something there that had to come out."

The journey through cancer truly began for the family when they received the diagnosis, and ended with a prayer of thanksgiving on Oct. 20. The timeline of events during this eight-month period began with a visit to the surgeon, Dr. Jason Harrison, who has relocated to the Dallas area since the surgeries. "We had our surgeries right here in Corsicana



at Navarro Regional Hospital,” Beth said. “When the surgeon first spoke to us and told us he and his wife had already been praying for Dan and I, that was all I needed to hear to find comfort in staying close to home.”

Shortly thereafter, Dan received a port and Beth was admitted to the hospital for her initial biopsy. “The tissues didn’t look good, so a resection



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and thoracotomy was done on my right lung,” Beth said. “The ‘spot’ was determined to be Carcinoid cancer, a rare cancer that can show up anywhere in the human body, while all the lymph nodes came back negative.” Thanks to the negative reading, all Beth had to undergo to rid her body of the parasite was surgery.

On April 7, Dan had one more test, a PET scan, to make sure his cancer was only in the colon. Eighteen days later, he was admitted to the hospital where he had a colon resection. “His lymph nodes tested positive,” Beth said, “so chemotherapy treatments were required.” Two weeks later, Dan had his first treatment. A chemo drip was started on a Tuesday and ran for 48 hours. After they returned home from having the pouch removed, they

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received a phone call stating that Dan's father had passed away. "Daddy was unable to fly because of the recent surgery," added Shea, who had become her parents' primary caregiver. "I took a week's vacation from work and drove him to Pennsylvania for the funeral."

Dan's pump was removed on Oct. 20, following his final chemo treatment. "We walked out of the clinic," Beth said, still smiling, "and let out a big 'woo-hoo,' thanking God [that] it was finally over." In April 2006, Dan went in for another colonoscopy and all was clear. It was another "woo-hoo" moment for the family.



*Dan, Shea and Beth celebrate life.*

Shea is the eternal optimist in the family, though that is not to say that the rest of the clan is all about "gloom and doom." In the beginning, she kept telling her mother that the spot in her lung was nothing to worry about, and had hoped the first colonoscopy her father underwent was just routine for a man his age. "I just like to always think positive," Shea said. "As their caregiver, I tried to always be patient, loving and kind. I learned to put my own feelings and emotions on the back burner."

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that everything happened for a reason. "I can't help but see God's hand guiding us through it all," Beth said, referring to the chain of events leading up to the cancer diagnoses, the trips to the hospital for chemotherapy treatments, the meals provided by



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# Man on the Move

— By Kelly Kovar

Ira Bradford Jr. is a country western singer like none other. His style of performing often involves an interactive evening, dancing with his audience, but he is known for singing country ballads with an impressive voice that has been likened to the style of George Strait, Alan Jackson or Merle Haggard. "I feel comfortable on stage with every song I do, because I pick songs that fit me. Whether it is a ballad or an upbeat song, I do what fits me," Ira said.

He has had the opportunity to meet many notable country singers, including Charlie Pride and Reba McEntyre. "She is the most awesome human being. I got to sit on her bus and talk with her." One memorable time, when Ira was getting ready to do a performance, he

got a phone call from Merle Haggard's son. "He was scheduled to be where I was playing, and we did some duets of some of his dad's songs together."

Ira stands alone though, with his unique singing and dancing. "Everywhere we go, even the Dallas clubs, we always get a fan base. I think we are the only local country band that actually plays in the highly competitive Dallas area. Because of the quantity of talented bands in DFW, it is hard to play up there without a very good resume. My

band has performed at Billy Bobs in Fort Worth, Post Time in Dallas, Boots and Saddle Club in Dallas,

Neon Cowboy in Dallas, Boot Scootin' Barbeque in Rowlett and other top clubs in the area including Cowboy's in Arlington and WWFairfields," he stated.

Wherever he performs, Ira is greeted by fans. "With my style, I am different from most performers," he explained. "My fans all know that if they want me to dance while I am performing, I will take my guitar off,

switch over to my headset, come down on the floor and dance with them while





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I sing." Ira keeps in shape for all this dancing because he does natural bodybuilding. "I love lifting weights; I do it before work about 6 every morning."

"If I'm on stage, they say I am pretty energetic, depending on the song. The easiest part of performing is to just be myself." Being himself leads to busting loose with some dance moves, and no doubt led to the name of his band, "Ira Bradford & Bustin' Loose." It is a five-, and sometimes six-piece band. Ira is the lead vocalist, and he also strums a Takamine acoustic guitar. The

**"I started singing while I was baling hay. I got to loving the music more and more."**

nucleus of the band has remained the same over the years. "Gary Cooper doesn't play full time now, but he has been with me from day one as my keyboard player. Jeff Valek of Ennis has been with me for nine of our 12 years. He is the lead guitarist, and he also works at Leggett & Platt with me." Ira is a quality assurance manager at Leggett & Platt in Ennis, where he has worked for 17 years. The second lead on electric guitar is Mark Bowling. "Both my lead guitar players are awesome guitar players," Ira said. Jim Stovall is the bass player, and Mike O'Conner is on drums.

The band plays basically every weekend, often being booked on a yearly basis for regular monthly engagements by area clubs. They can be seen at Coal Miner's in Malakoff. "Country Roads in Whitney is a favorite place of ours. We do New Year's up there." Once a month, they play at The Red Moon in Ennis. They also perform at parties, benefit concerts and private venues. Ira was invited to do a solo acoustic performance at the State Fair last year, and his band has been invited this year. "I love playing the outdoor festivals because you see



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kids, families and grandparents out there," he commented.

In fact, Ira was little more than a kid himself when he was first exposed to country music. He began to hear country music in high school when he went to work for a rancher. "Every time I would drive his truck, it would have country music on it. The rancher even put a radio on the tractor, so I continued to listen to country music even on the tractor — Merle Haggard and Jerry Lee Lewis. I started singing while I was baling hay. I got to loving the music more and more."

Ira's friends did not know that he was beginning to sing. "I kept it from everybody, until I established myself in the Dallas area singing solos and winning singing contests. I met an awesome singer, Leah McCullough, from Seagoville, and for three years we started doing a lot of trac singing." Then he began looking into forming a band. "I found a band that was already somewhat together, and we merged together as Ira Bradford & Bustin' Loose." His band manager, former Mildred High School classmate, Bonnie Estes, and Ira's wife, Marvis, run sound. "Marvis and my daughter, LaKresha, come out to support me when I play. They are both just awesome people."

Ira Bradford & Bustin' Loose was nominated by the Terry Awards, which recognizes the top musicians and bands in the DFW area, as the Dallas Band of the Year in 2002 and 2006. In 2003, Ira was invited to be a guest performer during the awards ceremony. In 2006, Ira was one of four finalists nominated for Entertainer of the Year. His bass player was also nominated for Bass Player of the Year.

Ira performs because he loves the music. "If you do it well enough, people appreciate it. The main thing is doing your work and doing your work well. Music is like anything else. You get out of it what you put into it." **ARTS NOW**

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# Cutting Loose

— By Samantha Stroube

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Casey and Chelsa Crouch, married eight years, are cutting horse riders. Their way of life entails traveling from show to show on the weekends, seeing new places and experiencing exciting adventures. "We are gone every weekend from the day after Christmas to early November," Chelsa said. "It never gets old." Casey agrees with his wife. "It is ever-changing, and there's always something different. Sure we get tired, but after we're off one weekend, we're ready to go again," he admitted. The couple definitely has a real knack and talent within the cutting horse industry. Casey is the youngest trainer to be inducted into the American Cutting Horse Association (ACHA) Hall of Fame with three World Champion titles in three different classes under his belt.



**"It is a family thing."**

*Passing their love of horses on to the next generation, Chelsa and Casey spend time with their son, Chaser.*

It is quite obvious that Casey loves what he does. He has a real gift for the sport of riding, especially when it comes to cutting horses. "They are all unique animals; their physical aspect is phenomenal," Casey said. It is a rigorous sport for the animal, as well as the rider. Casey explained that the animal is controlled and directed solely by the use of the rider's gluteus maximus muscles and legs, so a long ride or event can be physically draining.

Casey further explained that the training process the horses, trainers and riders must all go through to prepare a horse for showing is tedious and a bit time-consuming. When a yearling is brought to Casey, it typically takes about 90 days





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to break a horse, from "catch" to "saddle" to "safe." Once the horse is broken, it then goes through another 45 days of training that includes 35 - 40 days of saddling and about 10 days of riding, with 25 - 30 total rides. Finally, at about 3 years of age, the horses are ready for showing. During the week



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while they are home, Casey rides the younger horses almost daily. The horses that went to a show the previous weekend earn Monday and Tuesday off, while the older horses that have been involved in years of shows are run through exercises, but do not typically get ridden that much.

The work never ends, even at the shows. "The horses that aren't trying during an event are worked between events at the shows. If they are trying, then we leave them alone or what we

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call 'knock the cow fresh off,'" Casey explained. The slang term simply means that perhaps the horse has gone too long between events and just needs a bit of freshening up before its next event.

Casey, who has been riding since the age of 6, and a professional cutting horse rider since the age of 18, manages the family's farm, trains horses and organizes all the events they will be attending. Chelsa explained that Casey



is a professional, whose winnings earn him circuit respect and a reputation among other riders. "With Casey having won 7th in the National Cutting Horse Association show, it proves that he is a good rider and a successful trainer," she said proudly. Chelsa herself is considered a non-professional rider, not amateur, by association to her professionally-titled husband. She started her career off in the rodeo circuit, riding and goat tying. She won her first buckle at the young age of 5 and loves the art of cutting horses. "It is amazing to watch them work," she enthused.



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**This year, Casey managed to bring home 7th place out of the top 50 horses in the world. ... Obviously, they make a strong team.**

To really make a name for yourself in the cutting horse circuit, you have to earn your way through various affiliated shows. Some of the more recognized and notable shows include the Eastern National Championship, which takes place in Jackson, Mississippi, and is one of Chelsa's favorites. To move on from there, you have to qualify in the top 10 of your area. Then after working your way up through the various shows, you can eventually be invited to participate in the World Finals, which takes place in Amarillo, Texas, every February for the preceding year. This year, Casey managed to bring home 7th place out of the top 50 horses in the world.

Obviously, they make a strong team. Casey admits that Chelsa is his rock. "She is there to pick me up," he stated. "She is my intermediate if I am having a bad week." They support each other completely in every aspect of their equestrian activities. "It is a family thing," Chelsa said. **TODAY**

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— By Kelly Kover

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A Corsicana High School graduate, Kyle played on the football team that went to the state championship in 1982. After graduating from Southwest Texas (now Texas State University), he began his career at Fidelity Investments in Las Colinas. Derrick Days brought Kyle back home one year, and he met a former high school classmate. "I ran into Leesa and knew that day that we were going to get married." After Leesa's college graduation, they married and she joined Kyle at Fidelity.

The first thing you notice about Kyle is that he loves his family. "You

don't really know me, until you meet my family," he enthused. That is the very reason that he is so good at his job, which is writing insurance policies. He has a desire to take care of his own family's future and he understands how to help other people do the same thing. "Leesa is a homemaker, and we have three kids – a 9-year-old boy named Taylor, a 6-year-old girl named Annalee and 3-year-old Luke."

"We made a lifestyle decision that we wanted to reject the rat race, and raise our family in the small town where we grew up," Kyle explained. They opened Kyle Ward Insurance, as a Farmers Insurance Agency, offering auto, home, life, commercial, health and umbrella insurance policies. "Leesa has her insurance license and is an integral part of the business. She does all the payroll accounting, the payables, the advertising and marketing," he further stated.

"I have been blessed with a highly qualified staff," Kyle said. "My office

manager, Lori Armstrong, and I graduated from high school together. She specializes in property, casualty and commercial insurance. Brenda Coldiron, with many years of experience, has expertise in life and health insurance, and also handles property and casualty."

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## Amazing Times Two

— By Samantha Stroube

*Katie and Courtney not only have impressive academic records, but they have learned to see past their own struggles and into the lives of others.*

Courtney and Katie Thompson, on the wings of their successful high school careers, spent their first post-graduation summer gaining some perspective about life on a church mission trip. The Thompson girls are truly young phenomenons wrapped into two similar packages. They have amazing hearts and souls, while also sharing a special bond — the bond of twins. They talk alike, look alike and complete each other's thoughts.

The pair graduated from Corsicana High School in May of this year. Courtney obtained the honor of salutatorian. She admitted that it was not really a goal of hers, but by the end of her sophomore year she had established herself in the first academic position of her class. For the remainder of her high school career she bounced back and forth from first to second position; by the end of her senior year, Courtney had successfully captured the honorable number two spot. She proudly stated that she will be attending Texas Christian University (TCU) in the fall. "I am extremely excited," Courtney said. "Although I haven't quite decided on my

major area of study, I'm very hopeful for the future."

Katie also established herself as an impressively strong student, obtaining the 14th spot in her class. Surprisingly, the two girls will be following their hearts but not each other, attending two separate schools in the fall. Katie will be attending Southwestern University in Georgetown. She, too, is anxious to start the next stage in her life and has confidently declared her major to be biology.

Not only have these two amazing young women devoted their time and energy to academics, they have also managed to carve out some time for those in need. Soon after graduation, they headed over to Mississippi with St. Luke United Methodist Church to help those still in need from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The church mission trip took Courtney and Katie to Gulf Port and Biloxi, respectively. This was the girls' third trip to help those less fortunate. As they pulled into Biloxi, they saw the remains of boardwalks and marinas next to tons of debris that were still washing up onto the shores. Courtney recalled a sign that read, "Please excuse our mess."



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There were over 2,500 high school-aged students from the central and gulf coast areas of Texas who rallied to lend assistance. The volunteers were housed at Camp Seashore, a refurbished hotel that was still a bit run-down. Katie explained the accommodations. "They were 'not nice.' There were four large rooms with bunk beds, two showers and two bath areas."

Courtney reported that each deserving



"client" had to be of poverty level, show an honest need for house repairs and be an elder in the community to receive assistance. Courtney and her team were able to successfully complete their project for the week — the kitchen floor of an elderly woman. "The wood on the floor was buckled, so we had to completely remove all the wood. Then we sanded and cut a new floor for her kitchen," she said, admitting that the project was laborious, as well as tedious. "It was so hot," she recalled, "and there was no air conditioning."

"Everyone was really grateful and nice," Courtney added. "People would wave at us when we were sitting outside eating our lunches." Courtney was amazed by how kind and caring everyone was and how big their hearts were, even with everything they had gone through. "There was one little boy, Jordan, who was 5," she explained. "He always wanted to help. There were two little girls that wanted to help put the kitchen floor back. Their willingness to work was amazing."

Katie was assigned a pretty hefty project with her team. They were in

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charge of working on major wall repair and renovation for another elderly woman's home. This project was to be completed by other groups that were coming in throughout the summer. "We taped and bedded the ceilings in three rooms of her house," Katie said. "We worked on the kitchen, her granddaughter's room and the hallway, but we didn't get to finish that. We also painted the outside of her house."



The woman was so grateful. Katie recalled her saying, "God must have waited to bring me the youth."

The girls beamed as they spoke of their last night in Mississippi. The chaperones and directors gathered all the students together for worship on the ruins of an old church. "There was stained glass around everywhere," Katie recalled. It was a very surreal moment for both the girls and their peers. On the final night of the trip, the students from all around gathered in Beaumont, Texas, where a huge rally was held for all the hard work they had done together as a group.

The girls learned to put their own struggles into perspective as they observed situations like those experienced by the hurricane victims. "It's amazing how much help they still need, even two years later," Katie sadly admitted. Courtney, ever wishful, hopes to return to the coast again in the future. As Katie and Courtney go off to college this fall, they are armed not only with an impressive academic record, but also tempered with the wisdom they have gained. **NOW**

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## Look Who's Cooking

— By Melinda Hines

### IN THE KITCHEN WITH HELEN CURINGTON

#### MOM'S DRESSING BREAD

1 cup flour  
2 cups cornmeal  
1/2 tsp. baking soda  
2 tsp. black pepper  
1 tsp. salt  
6 eggs, beaten  
4 Tbsp. melted butter  
1 1/2 cups buttermilk

Butter the baking dish well. Combine first 5 ingredients, then add eggs, melted butter and buttermilk. Bake at 350 F until golden brown. Let cool. (Can be made ahead of time.) Add any other ingredients you prefer to the mix for dressing. I like to crumble the bread and add it to other prepared biscuits, cornbread or day-old bread.

#### MOM'S WILTED LETTUCE SALAD

3 - 4 slices bacon  
Head of lettuce  
2 - 3 eggs, hard-boiled and sliced

In a skillet, cook 3 - 4 slices of bacon, drain and tear into pieces. Reserve drippings. In a serving bowl, tear 3 - 4 handfuls of lettuce. Combine the slices of eggs and bacon pieces with the lettuce. Lastly, drizzle the warm bacon drippings over the mixture. Lightly toss.

#### MOM'S PEACH COBBLER

1 cup flour  
1 cup sugar  
2 tsp. baking powder  
3/4 cup milk  
1 29-oz. can O'sage Raggedy Ripe Peaches

**H**elen was born during the Depression, but never knew how bad things were. "My daddy had a meat market, so we always had meat and we had our grandmother's garden," she said. Helen recalled that stores only had the basics, but her parents never let on that times were hard financially. "We were fed and loved well," she remembered.

As the oldest girl, Helen learned to cook by watching her mom. "I always enjoyed helping, and later I enjoyed cooking for my husband and sons," she said. Because Helen is on a special diet, she has learned to cook a little differently. "I'm on a gluten-free diet, so I can't eat out as much and have to do my own cooking," she explained. **★☆☆**

Mix and blend flour, sugar, baking powder and milk. Roll into crust and place into a well-buttered 9 1/2 x 12 x 2-inch casserole dish. Pour peaches, juice and all, onto crust, breaking up the larger peach pieces with a spoon. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes to an hour until crust is light brown. First layer will rise to the top.

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3 15-oz. cans golden hominy, drained  
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### PECAN PIE

1 stick butter, melted  
3 eggs, beaten  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup light brown sugar, packed  
2 tsp. vanilla  
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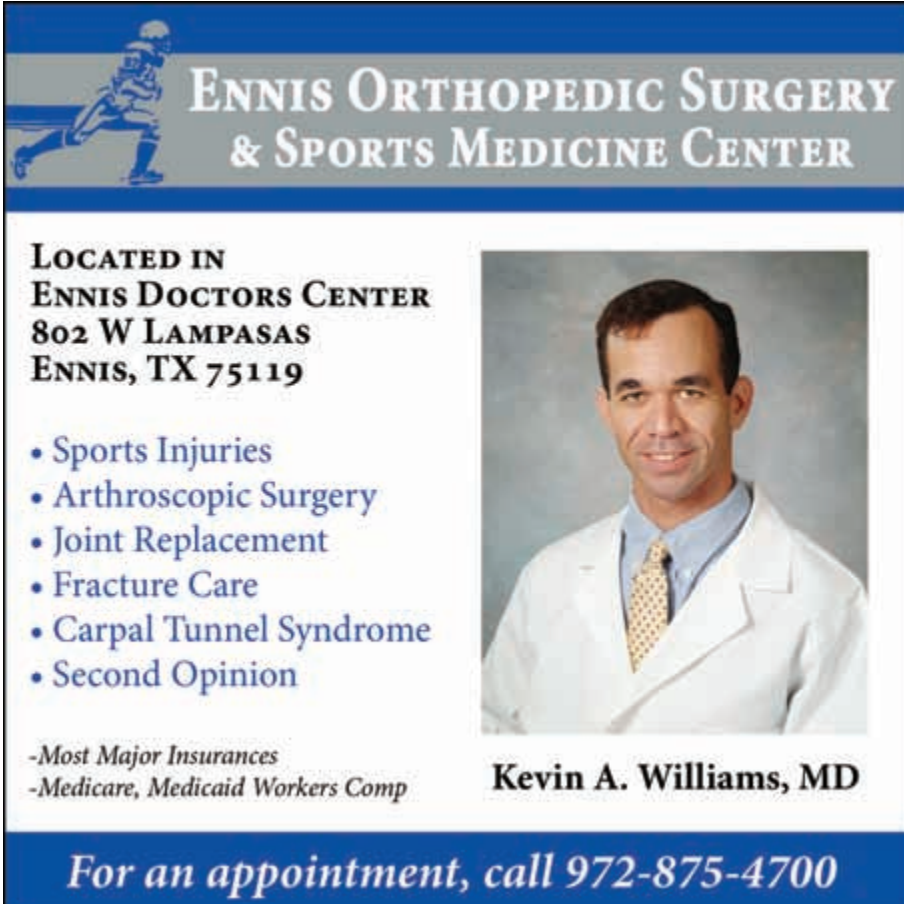
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Don Tekell and Larry Turner, top left, recently presented framed pictures to Todd Jones, owner of Two Doors Down Coffee House, as Miss Texas Molly Hazlett looked on. The pictures were of Todd's great-great-grandfather, William J. McKie and the first oil fields of east Corsicana. Loran Seely, top center, gave a donation during the recent Carter Blood Drive sponsored by the Corsicana Chamber of Commerce. Candy Cane Day Care Center, top right, enjoyed an end-of-the-summer pool party at Jester Park. Several people, bottom left, enjoyed customer appreciation day at Dixie Finance. Post office employees Tom Raley, Tina Johnson and Sherry Steward, bottom right, visit with customer Kevin Reese at the end of a busy day.


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—By Sandra McIntosh

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# Divide *and* Conquer

— By Nancy Fenton

September is finally here, so can fall be just around the corner? It is time to think in terms of what you want your yard and beds to look like next year! Any of those big clumps of perennials (the ones that come back year after year) that did not bloom as well as you would have liked, or have outgrown their space, need to be attacked this month. A sharp spade will help get them out of the ground so you can ruthlessly hack them into two or more parts. Use several large pieces to fill the space back in, and then spread them around! Just remember to water them daily for a week after you make the move, and then let nature take its course.

Daisies, irises, daylilies and Turk's-cap lilies all respond well to division with added vigor and blooms the next year. If you just want to trim back some of your grasses and

bushes, now is the time to consider doing it. If you wait too long, the new growth stimulated by the trimming will not have time to harden off before the first freeze.

If you are planning to put new plants in the ground this fall, you might want to spend an evening with me in the Waxahachie adult sessions in September. I am talking about soils that will grow anything! Call the WISD administration at (972) 923-3641 for information and dates.

Wait awhile before putting that last bit of fertilizer on your yard. The most recent news from the gurus at

Texas A&M suggests waiting until the leaves start falling, which could be November around here. This late application will protect the yard and trees from freeze damage on still-growing plants. Our heavy clay soils really only need extra nitrogen, and that only in small amounts. When in doubt, get a soil analysis from Texas A&M. Call our local extension office at (972) 825-5175 or catch a Master Gardener at the Farmers' Market in Waxahachie on Saturdays to ask for information and forms. **NOW**



*Nancy Fenton is a Master Gardener in Ellis County.*

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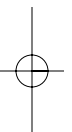
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*Gary Hayden is a financial consultant with offices in Corsicana and Ennis.*



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Health  
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# Prostate Cancer: What's a man to Do?



— By Ivan Webb

Prostate cancer is now the most commonly diagnosed cancer among men, excluding skin cancer, and is now the second-leading cause of cancer death in men. An estimated 30,350 American men will lose their lives to prostate cancer this year alone. This is more new cases than any other form of cancer, and represents 33 percent of all new cancer cases in American men.

Prostate cancer is nearly 100 percent survivable if detected early. Because there are often no early warning signs or symptoms, however, the only way to detect this disease in its early stages is through a simple blood test (PSA) and a digital rectal exam (DRE). Both are simple; each could save your life.

## Before you gamble, know the odds!

- Every 2 1/2 minutes an American man finds out he has prostate cancer.
- Every 18 minutes an American man will lose his life to prostate cancer.
- Every 24 hours, prostate cancer will claim the lives of 83 American men.
- 1 in 6 American men is at lifetime risk of prostate cancer.
- The five-year survival rate when detected early is nearly 100 percent.

## How do you know if you are at risk?

- The older you get, the greater the chance you will develop prostate cancer.
- If someone in your family has or has had prostate cancer, your chance of having the disease is higher.
- If you are African-American, you are twice as likely to have prostate cancer, and twice as likely to die from it.
- If you are Hispanic, you are at high-risk of developing prostate cancer.

## What can you do to protect yourself?

- Have a physical exam and the PSA blood test.

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- Get physically active. A healthy exercise program will increase circulation, lower body weight, lower stress and may decrease levels of prostate stimulating androgens (hormones).
- Know your family history. African-American men and men with a family history of prostate cancer should begin screening at age 35; all others should start at 40.
- Talk to your doctor. The life you save may be your own! **NOW**

*Ivan Webb is the Director of the Lab at Navarro Regional Hospital.*


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### Wednesdays

Story Time held at Corsicana Public Library. Time: 9:30 a.m. Program is geared toward ages 3 - 5, but open to all.

### Fridays

"Solar Max" at 10 a.m. and "Destination Pluto" at 11 a.m. at the Cook Center Planetarium. Call (800) 988-5317 or (903) 874-1211 to verify schedule.

### Saturdays

"Solar Max" at 2 p.m. and "Hubble Vision" at 3 p.m. at the Cook Center Planetarium. Call (800) 988-5317 or (903) 874-1211 to verify schedule.

### September 1

Annual Barbecue. Location: Frost City Park. Time: 5 p.m. \$5 donations for eat-in or carryout meals. Proceeds benefit the Frost Volunteer Fire Department.

Martin's Music Hall will feature the Corsicana Opry. Time: 7 p.m. Location: 201 S. Beaton St. Guests appearing will include: Bill Baldwin, Mario Capetelli, Bobby Fluker, Fred Hayes, Stan Hawhon, Billy Lewis, Virginia Martin, Ben Ramm, Krista Sifer, Matt Siwinski, Zanada Tally and Dave Young. Dinner at 6 p.m. Admission: \$10. For information, call (903) 872-8226.

### September 4

Orientation and meet the teachers for Kindergarten, first and second grades. Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m. Location: Fannin Elementary. For information see [www.cisd.org](http://www.cisd.org).

### September 6

Orientation and meet the teachers for third, fourth and fifth grades. Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m. Location: Fannin Elementary cafeteria. Discussion: TAKS results, daily schedule, behavioral expectations and homework. For information, see [www.cisd.org](http://www.cisd.org).

### September 8 - 9

Central Texas Quarter Horse Association Fall

Show Series. Location: Navarro County Exposition Center. Time: 8 a.m. Free admission. For information, contact Steve Orbison at (903) 641-6844.

### September 9

Navarro College vs. New Mexico Military Institute football game. Location: Midlothian High School Football Stadium. Time: 7 p.m. For information, contact office of athletics at (903) 875-7483.

### September 11

Book discussion on *Between, Georgia* by author Joshilyn Jackson at the Corsicana Public Library Civic Room. This is a book club for adults. Time: 7 p.m. Call ahead if you plan to attend: Sharon Borak: (903) 654-4810.

### September 15

The Platters, Elsbeary Hobb's Drifters and Cornell Gunter's Coasters appearing at The Palace Theatre. Location: 112 W. Sixth Avenue. Time: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are available for \$55, \$50 and \$45. For information contact The



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#### September 20

Navarro College Board of Trustees meeting.  
Location: Arrowhead Room. Time: 7 p.m.

Parental Involvement Event at Fannin Elementary. Time: 1:15 - 3 p.m. Location: cafeteria. Informal social event. Movie for underage children. Snacks and refreshments. For more information go to [www.cisd.org](http://www.cisd.org).

#### September 20 - 29

*The Prisoner of Second Avenue* by Neil Simon.  
Location: The Warehouse Theatre. For tickets or times, call (903) 872-5421.

#### September 22 - 23

Central Texas Quarter Horse Association Fall Show Series. Location: Navarro County Exposition Center. Time: 8 a.m. Free admission. For information contact Steve Orbison at (903) 641-6844.

"2007 Legends Ball" hosted by the Jackson

Ex-Students Association Juneteenth Committee.  
Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Navarro Shriners Building, 323 N. Commerce Street. Formal attire is required. Ticket price is \$12.50 per person or \$100 per table of 10. RSVP by September 1. Contact Barbara Kelley at (903) 872-7973 or Millicent Daniels at (903) 851-6495.

#### September 23

Cancer Survivors and Caregivers Appreciation Day. Location: Camp Wanica. Time: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Navarro County survivors and caregivers welcome for free food and entertainment. Contact Jamie Kitchens at (903) 875-9729 or [navarrocountysurvivors@yahoo.com](mailto:navarrocountysurvivors@yahoo.com) if you would like more information.

#### September 29

Benefit bull riding for Kirby Jackson. Location: Foxfire Arena, 7 p.m.

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