

The Community Magazine Serving Midlothian and the Surrounding Area

Midlothian NOW

M A G A Z I N E

September 2008

**Into the
Future**

**Team
Spirit**

**Full
Speed
Ahead**

**Finding
Balance**

PSRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FT. WORTH, TX
PERMIT NO. 711

At Home With

**Robbie and
Jaime Clark**

THE PLAID DONKEY

Just Arrived! New Fall Apparel!

*Come in and see our new Johnny Was, Ivey Jane, Corral Boots,
Old Gringo Boots, Coreen Cordova Fine Jewelry and Rocki Gorman.*

Let Tina, Mary or Meagan help you find the perfect outfit!



Kick It Up A Notch!

**JEWELRY, PURSES, BELTS, LUGGAGE,
SUNGLASSES, SHOES, HOME DECOR**

WE OFFER A FULL LINE OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

LET US BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY...

SEE OUR FULL LINE OF

Brighton.



**The
Plaid
DONKEY**

Monday - Sat 10am to 5:30pm



**COREEN CORDOVA
FINE JEWELRY**

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
SPECIAL**

20% OFF
Entire Purchase



With this ad. Sale Items Not
Included. Expires 9/30/08

107 W. FRANKLIN

WAXAHACHIE

972-938-1400

*Free checking
at other banks* →



*FREE Vintage Bank Rewards Checking
with 4.25% APY* & Free ATMs Worldwide!†*



It's custom built checking!



An Independent, Full Service Bank

**VINTAGE
BANK**

Personal & Commercial Checking
Home and Business Loans
CDs, IRAs, & Savings

www.vintagebank.net

Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender

Get Vintage Bank
Rewards Checking with
**4.25% APY* &
FREE ATMs Worldwide!†**

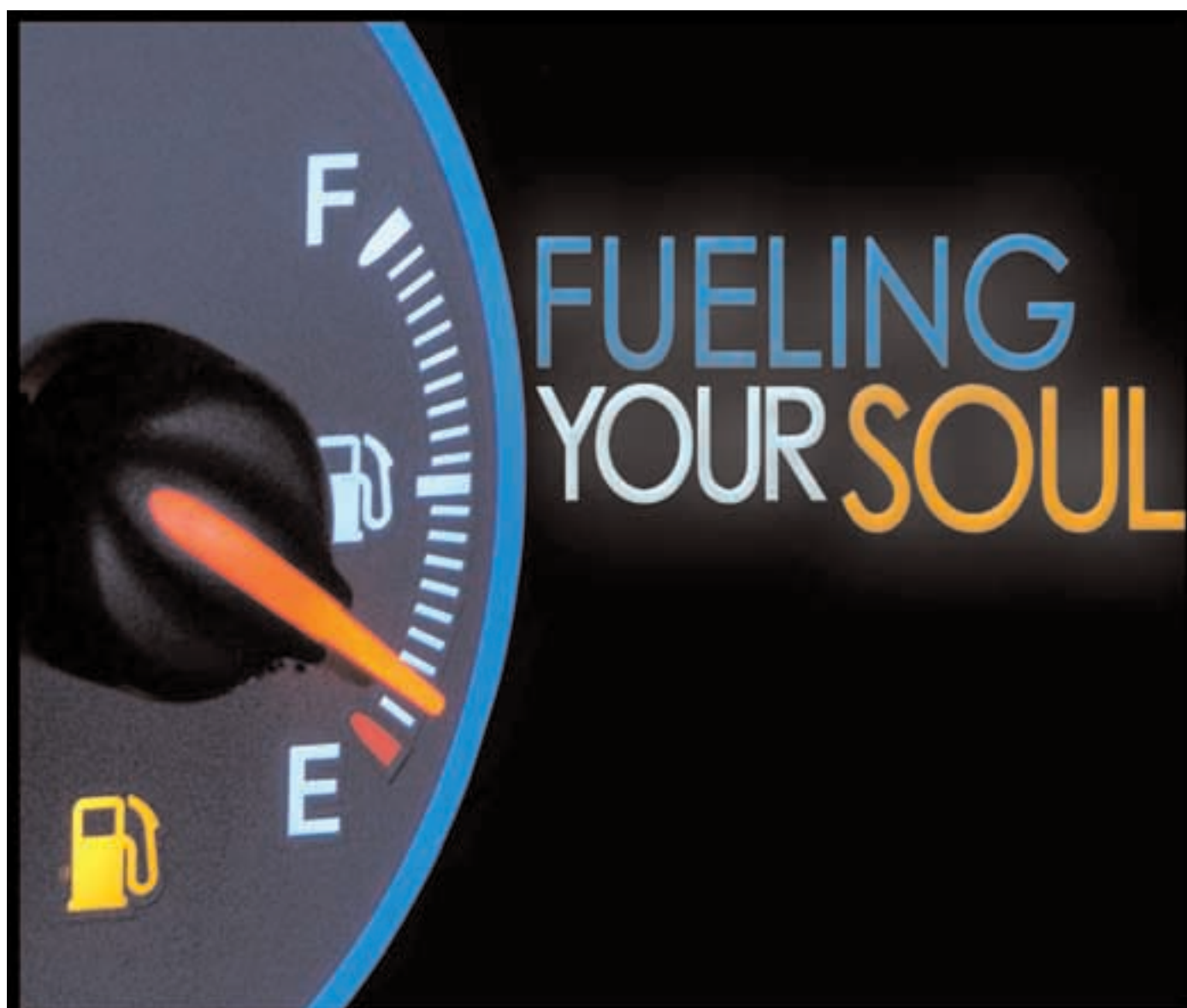
*The only real
Rewards Checking in town.*

*Variable annual percentage yield. †Account requires 10 or more debit card transactions, 1 or more ACH transaction or direct deposit per monthly cycle, and electronic monthly statements. See bank for details.

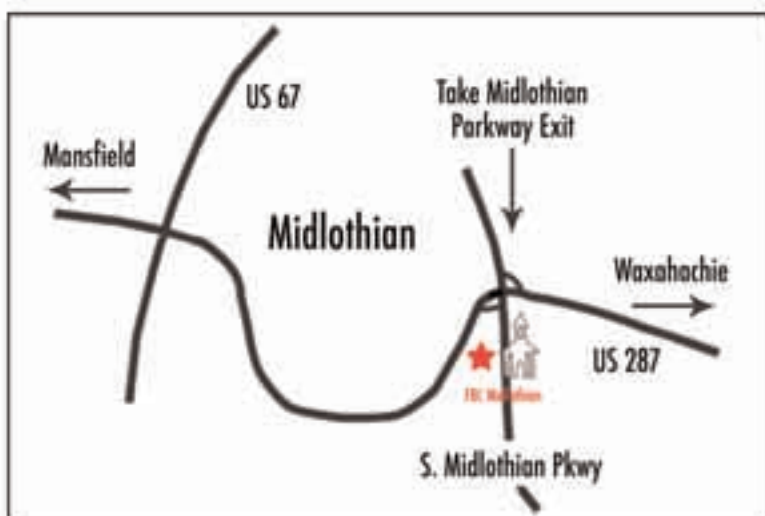
Midlothian
700 Silken Crossing • 972.775.2207

Ovilla / Red Oak / Glenn Heights
119 W Ovilla Road • 972.223.0755

Waxahachie
300 Hwy 77 N • 972.935.5200



Worship with us on Sundays at 8:15, 9:30, or 11:00 a.m.



Midlothian

fbcMidlothian.org

1651 S. Midlothian Parkway
972.723.6415

Contents

September 2008, Volume 4, Issue 9

6



Into the Future

14



Football and Firemen

At Home With Robby and Jaime Clark

22

ArtsNOW
Finding Balance

28

SportsNOW
Team Spirit

32

BusinessNOW
A Good Cool Feeling

34

EducationNOW
Full Speed Ahead



*On the Cover:
Midlothian ISD Multipurpose Stadium
is the site for many exciting football
games and other events.*

Photo by Ivey Photography.

36 Around TownNOW

44 FinanceNOW

42 Who's CookingNOW

46 HealthNOW

Publisher, Connie Poirier

General Manager, Rick Hensley

Managing Editor, Becky Walker

Editorial Coordinator, Sandra McIntosh

Creative Director, Jami Navarro

Art Director, Chris McCalla

Office Manager, Lauren Poirier

Midlothian Editor, Betty Tryon

Contributing Writers, Alex Allred • Faith Browning

Jaime Ruark • Tim Tobey

Photography, Natalie Busch • Ivey Photography

Terri Ozymy • Monica J. Pechal

Contributing Editors/Proofreaders, Pat Anthony

Pamela Parisi • Jaime Ruark • Beverly Shay

Advertising Representatives, Rick Ausmus

Linda Dean • Will Epps • Carolyn Mixon

Linda Moffett • Steve Randle

Eddie Yates • Terri Yates

Graphic Designers/Production, Julie Carpenter

Allee Brand • Jana Jennings • Marshall Hinsley

Arlene Honza • Brande Morgan • Jennifer Wylie

MidlothianNOW is a NOW Magazines, L.L.C. publication. Copyright © 2008. All rights reserved. MidlothianNOW is published monthly and individually mailed free of charge to homes and businesses in the Midlothian zip codes.

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



Midlothian NOW

Editor's Note

Hello, Midlothian!

Welcome to our back-to-school issue! Newcomers and those returning to the Midlothian ISD are entering a system filled with champions. Belated congratulations to the Problem Solving Team of Walnut Grove and Frank Seale Middle Schools for winning first place in the nation in April, and in June second place internationally in the International Problem Solving competition for their outstanding work with Project PANTRY. This community is so proud of you!

Curious about what else is taking place on the campuses of our learning institutions? Read about how J.D. Kennedy, our school superintendent, looks to the future to make sure our children can compete. Stephen Garretson, Coordinator of Academic Programs and Services at Navarro Community College, explains how you can receive your bachelor's or master's degree without ever leaving town. We look forward to sharing more inspiring stories this school year. Work hard!

Betty Tryon
MidlothianNOW Editor



CATS & DOGS
Full Service Pet Salon

Congratulations to Our Pets of the Month!

Joey & Destiny

Grooming • Boarding • Dental Care
Voted Best Pet Groomer 3 years in a row by Today Newspapers!

FREE TOOTHBRUSHING
with grooming
Expires 9-30-08

Open 8 am Monday-Saturday

Located at 521 N. 9th St. (Next to the Dollar Mart)
Midlothian • 972-723-0404

"We like the convenience of Ag Texas's way of doing business. We have financed with them since 1980, they understand our business and way of life."

—Billy Cannon • Farmer
The Cannon Venture,
Venus, Texas

We Offer Flexible Terms & Competitive Rates!

Helping Rural Texans Achieve Their Dreams

AgTEXAS
FARM CREDIT SERVICES

WE SPECIALIZE IN FINANCING FOR RURAL:

- Land & Home Purchases
- Home Improvements
- Home Construction
- Refinancing

JIM DAWSON • 817-313-3657 • WAXAHACHIE
www.agtexas.com • jimed.dawson@agtexas.com

KOEHLER
Heating & Air Conditioning

Quality Service & Installation
Service all makes and models.
Commercial and Residential

972-268-4763
972-723-1255

\$10.00 OFF
Service Call

offer good till September 30, 2008

24 Hr. Emergency Service
EPA Certified
State Lic #TACLB262721E

ETMC EMS Membership: Rescue from costly ambulance bills.



Special Limited Offer

As little as

\$60*
per year

could save you hundreds
in ambulance transports

The average ambulance transport costs \$640.

And most insurance, including Medicare, will not cover the full amount of an ambulance bill. Membership in the ETMC EMS program protects you from costly out-of-pocket expenses because it prepays any portion of the ambulance charges not covered by insurance or Medicare.

***\$60 fee for a new membership with insurance.**

\$68 fee for new or renewed membership without health insurance.

ETMC EMS Ambulance Membership benefits include:

- Full coverage of billed emergency transport charges for members with health insurance.
- 40 percent coverage of billed emergency transport charges for members without health insurance.
- Coverage of the portion of the bill not reimbursed by insurance for medically necessary non-emergency transportation to or from a hospital or nursing home.
- Access to ETMC EMS ambulance and Air 1 emergency helicopter within the shared service area.
- Coverage for all qualified members of your household.

ETMC EMS thanks you for supporting your community's access to 24-hour ambulance care through your membership.

Don't Delay!

Membership deadline is Sept. 30

Membership year is Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

To sign up for ETMC EMS membership or for more information, visit www.etmc.org or call toll-free

1-800-642-JOIN (5646)



East Texas Medical Center
Regional Healthcare System

A not-for-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life in East Texas communities.

www.etmc.org



Into the Future

— By Betty Tryon

You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink. This popular folk saying, philosophizing how you can give an animal, or by implication a person, an opportunity but it is their choice to accept it, touches one of the ways the superintendent of Midlothian Independent School District, Dr. J.D. Kennedy, approaches education. “Teachers are to design and create lessons that will motivate children to learn, to create an environment where that will happen,” he informed. “As superintendent, my job is to help them create that environment for learning.”

Midlothian’s school district is one of the reasons many newcomers choose to relocate to this area and it enjoys many supporters, but no one is as keen about the district as the superintendent. “I have been in some of the best school districts in Texas, and I can tell you that we are among the best in the state,” he confirmed. “In my opinion, you would not find a better group of teachers and leaders than what we have here.”

Considering the scope of the area, with a school district that has approximately 280 - 350 new students every year, J.D. has his hands full. “We are currently not growing as fast as previous years, but we are still growing,” he said.

“There is a continuous need for new facilities. Our school district is 112 square miles and is larger in land area than Mansfield. We will need more than one high school. We have 2,000 students in high school now; growth is a big challenge.”

As many families face pressures during these trying economic times,

“There is a continuous need for new facilities. Our school district is 112 square miles and is larger in land area than Mansfield.”



COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

BAYLOR FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER AT ELLIS COUNTY – MIDLOTHIAN

Baylor Family Medical Center at Ellis County – Midlothian welcomes Triwanna Fisher, M.D., Family Medicine

Triwanna Fisher, M.D. is board certified in family medicine and received her medical degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock. She completed her residency at John Peter Smith Hospital's family medicine residency program in Fort Worth.

Dr. Fisher is interested in the management of acute and chronic diseases, women's health, dermatology procedures, adult and pediatric medicine. Dr. Fisher enjoys reading, watching movies, and traveling internationally.

For an appointment, call (972) 723-1474

 **BAYLOR**
Family Medical Center
at Ellis County - Midlothian
A Baylor-HealthTexas Affiliate

1441 S. Midlothian Pkwy., Suite 100
Midlothian, TX 76065
(972) 723-1474 • (972) 723-9423 Fax




Physicians are employees of HealthTexas Provider Network and are neither employees nor agents of Baylor Health Care System, Baylor Medical Center at Waco or Baylor Health Care System's subsidiary, community or affiliated medical centers. © 2008 Baylor Health Care System. BID-BFMC-ECM-Fisher 8.08

WITHERSPOON LAW
ESTABLISHED 1976

The Law Offices of
Vernon L. Witherspoon
Dedicated, Driven, Determined

Providing Professional, Personal, and Proven Services

Family Law • Divorce • Custody • Adoptions • Child Support	Personal Injury Law • Auto Accidents • Product Defects • Work Accidents • Worker's Compensation	
Probate & Estates • Wills • Trusts • Powers of Attorney • Estate Planning	Business Law • Incorporations • Business Plans • LLC's, LLP's, Trusts	

**General Civil Law • Criminal Law • Mediation Services
Litigation • Background Checks & Investigations • Real Estate**

LOCATED @ 2ND MAIN PLACE
717 W. MAIN (287) STREET • SUITE 3 • MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS 76065
972.723.7550
WWW.WITHERSPOONLAW.NET

Check out the new website!

the school district faces increasing challenges as well. "The district utility costs are higher and teachers need salary increases. Our school board wisely uses the tax money we receive and provides resources," J.D. acknowledged. "I feel proud of the leadership we have created. I feel proud of the principals, and the teachers feel valued. They are truly caring in this district. The community has supported [the schools] with bonds and the teachers have good working facilities. I am also proud of the Education Foundation with its



enhanced recognition of students and teachers. The Foundation allows for new ideas that they [teachers and students] would not have had the funds to implement."

J.D. brings many years of experience to the district, including firsthand observation of his dad. "I grew up in West, Texas, and my dad was the school superintendent there for over 20 years," he stated. "I grew up with all of the challenges as a superintendent's son. I was proud of my dad, my mentor. If I could be half as successful as he was, I would be a good man. My mom was a teacher. Education was my world. I wanted to be a teacher, but became a superintendent because I wanted to make more of a difference." In reflecting more about his decision to become a superintendent, he stated, "My faith guides me. We have been put here for a purpose, and we need to follow that calling."

J.D. attended Baylor University in Waco, and received his degree in 1975 in secondary education and a minor in social science with special education endorsements. He remains a huge Baylor fan, stating with a smile, "I

RANCH STEAKHOUSE Absolutely Great Steaks & Seafood

Best Breakfast in Town! Sat.-Sun.

1435 Hwy. 67, Suite 200
Ph: 972-291-4530

LET US CATER YOUR NEXT EVENT!

Happy Hour Daily 4pm-7pm

Free Glass of House Wine or Free Bread Pudding or Chocolate Cake with purchase of dinner entree.
Expires October 15th!

HOURS:
Tues. - Thurs. 11am-9pm
Fri. 11am-11pm
Sat. 8am-11pm
Sun. 8am-4pm

"One of the finest Steakhouses in North Texas!"
- DALLAS MORNING NEWS

LUNCH SPECIALS
Daily - 5.99 & Up

Students need at least nine hours of sleep per night.

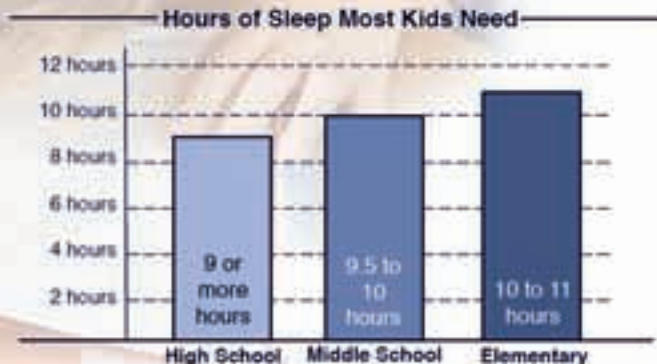


Midlothian ISD administrators and teachers emphasize that "back-to-school" is a great time to establish routines that promote health and happiness. A well-rested student performs so much better academically, socially and in activities.

Adequate nighttime sleep is just as important as healthy eating and exercise for children's development. The start of the new school year is a great time to establish a good night's sleep as a lifelong habit.

According to the **National Center on Sleep Disorders Research (NCSRD)** kids need at least nine hours of sleep per night to do their best in school. Inadequate sleep in children can lead to attention difficulties, easy frustration, and difficulty controlling emotions.

School-age students, in general, need 9 to 11 hours. Adults need 7 to 8.



Source: National Center on Sleep Disorders Research (NCSRD) at National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

The modern American family — with after-school activities, mom and dad working away from home, TV, computers and text-messages tempting us all to stay up — faces a tough time getting to bed on time.



www.midlothian-isd.net

Here are tips to help your family be well rested in 2008-2009:

- Establish a bedtime and stick to it.
- Help students develop time management skills. Homework may be done before or after dinner, but waiting until just before bedtime brings problems. Students may underestimate the amount of time needed to do the job right, so talk in advance about how long a task might take.
- Students will need a well lit, comfortable place for homework. Supplies should be kept there so that study time is not wasted getting ready. Have pencils, pens, erasers, paper, a calculator, a dictionary, and any other supplies teachers suggest.
- Limit after-school activities.
- Avoid anything with caffeine less than six hours before bedtime. Also, heavy meals or vigorous exercise too close to bedtime can interfere with sleep.
- The bedroom should be dark and free of distractions. TV, video games, computers and cell phones stimulate kids and delay sleep.
- Everyone needs a routine for winding down — a bath and reading works for many people. Students may like listening to audio books to ease into sleep.
- Sleep in on the weekend if you want, but not too late. Teens often use the weekend to catch up on sleep. But sleeping more than two hours past their usual wake up time makes it hard to go to bed on Sunday night — setting them up for another week of exhaustion.

COLDWELL BANKER

721 Reindeer, Midlothian



LIKE NEW. WILL LEASE FOR \$1,500. —Many upgrades: Open floor plan. Tile floors throughout. Tile corner fireplace in den. Open kitchen has large breakfast bar. Split master. Garden tub, sep. shower, double vanities & large walk-in closet in master bath. Open back patio. Sprinkler. Security. Neighborhood park. \$158,000.

209 Williamsburg, Ovilla



REDUCED

Seller says, "Make An offer!"—Spectacular custom. Like new. Soaring coals. Wide plank Bruce oak flrs. Custom design tile flrs. Santa Fe Trail wall feature. Decorator colors. Stone gas fireplace. 2" wood blinds. Gourmet island kitchen w/ granite ctns, stainless appls, bk splash. Split mstr suite. Jacuzzi tub, huge separate shower. Mud room. Private guest bdrm. Huge covered bk patio. Sprinkler. Lots of trees. Midlothian schools. \$275,000.

4-acre wooded creek lot available in Crystal Forest. Call for more info. 469-567-1497.

Buy or Sell with Me & Move for **FREE!**



Donna Lasater
#1 Sales Agent
469-567-1497
www.dLasater.com



INDOOR PARTY CENTER

An extremely cool place to have your child's birthday party!



FREE POPCORN
at your party
mention this ad

EXTREME JUMP

INDOOR PARTY CENTER

The party starts here!

2524 Ovilla Road
Red Oak
972-576-JUMP

First United Methodist Church

presents the

Lord's Acre Festival

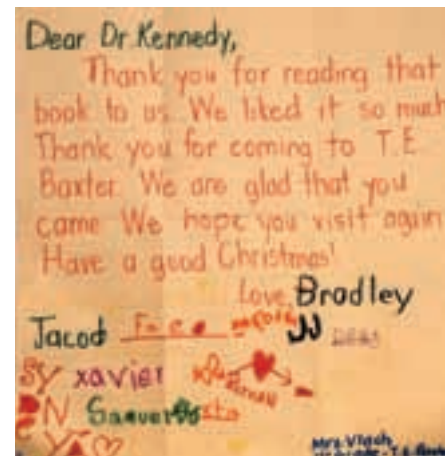
Saturday, October 4



Garage Sale
Live Auction
Silent Auction
Turkey Dinner
Hamburger Stand
Children's Auction
Children's Activities
2nd-Hand Bookstore
Hearts & Crafts Store

The fun starts at 9am!

800 South 9th Street
Midlothian, Texas
(972) 723-3993
www.FUMC-Midlothian.org



bleed green and gold." After graduating, he worked as a vocational adjustment coordinator in Southwest High School in San Antonio, helping severely handicapped students get jobs. He received his master's degree in counseling at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

J.D. spent the next four years as an elementary counselor at Aiken Elementary School. He stated, "I was next to the elementary principal and thought, *I can do that and I can do it better.* I fell in love with elementary schools and the relationships developed with the elementary kids and their parents."

J.D. returned to school at East Texas State in Commerce (Texas A & M) and earned his doctorate in education administration. Moving to the middle school environment as an assistant principal in Allen, Texas, he enjoyed the challenge of being a middle school administrator. Reminiscing, he shared, "That was a great time in my life. I had the opportunity to open a new school — Vaughan Elementary. I'm excited that Beth Van Amburgh, the principal of our new elementary school, LaRue Miller Elementary, will have the chance to do this."

After working in Allen, J.D. continued to stretch his educational wings when he moved to Waco and became assistant superintendent for instruction in the school district there. From Waco, he returned to North Texas, to Decatur, for his first superintendent's job. "I served as superintendent in Decatur for five



Stay close.

Our open MRI is open to our neighbors.



Where life shines bright.™

Methodist Midlothian Imaging Center has a high-field open MRI system right here in the community. Designed to comfortably accommodate claustrophobic or larger patients, the high-field open MRI provides clearer, more precise images at three times the speed of other systems. For a quicker, more comfortable diagnosis, ask your doctor to refer you to your hometown imaging center. We're open six days a week.

972-775-7410 • www.methodisthealthsystem.org/midlothian

Highway 287 @ Plainview Road • Midlothian, Texas

The physicians on the Methodist Health System medical staff are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Methodist Health System.



WALTON'S
MUFFLER, BRAKE & TIRE

\$10 OFF Any Service
*Excludes Oil Change

Air Conditioning • Brakes
4-Wheel Alignment
FREE BRAKE INSPECTION
Exhaust • Diesel Pick-up Exhaust • Tires
Shocks & Struts • Ranch Hand Bumpers
Flow Master Exhaust • Truck Accessories
Catalytic Converters • Motor Home Service
Weches

Voted #1 Automotive Repair Center in Ellis County for 2006 & 2007

We treat you like family!

1530 HWY 287 Bypass • Waxahachie • 972-938-9922 • www.horsesunderthehood.com

years, but I wanted to be in a larger school district. This opportunity presented itself, so I moved to Midlothian and accepted the position. I have been in this position for five years," he said. Moving to Midlothian with J.D. is his wife, Pam, who currently works as a special education diagnostician in another district, and their two sons, Matt and Chris. Chris

"I have been in some of the best school districts in Texas, and I can tell you that we are among the best in the state."

and his wife, Kelly, are blessed with a beautiful daughter named Norah Grace. Speaking as a proud grandfather, J.D. explained that the name Norah is an Arabic name that means "light of."

J.D. had the opportunity to meet some of the educators in this district before he moved here. "In the mid 1980s I headed a leadership workshop in Midlothian and met some of the leaders here," he recalled. "I was very impressed with the quality of administrators in Midlothian. I always thought Midlothian had a lot to offer."

With his many years of experience, operating and functioning on many different levels of the educational scales, J.D. proves himself to be qualified to usher our school district into the future. "I believe this country needs to be competitive on a global scale," he informed. "It is common to compare students to nearby districts, but we should be comparing them to students in other countries. We prepare students to be successful in a global economy. The workload for kindergartners today will be totally different in 12 years. It will be a new world for them, and we need to prepare for that. We are developing a quality school district."

Smiling, he added, "I pinch myself every now and then. You will never hear me say we have arrived because improving learning is a moving target. There is always room for improvement." **NOW**



Thank You for allowing us into your home for the past 22 Years!

Customer Appreciation Gift

Get a **FREE LAMP** with any purchase of \$399.⁰⁰ or more.

Offer Expires 10/31/08

Financing Available! W.A.C. Free Estimates!

LONE STAR FLOOR TO CEILING
Interior Design Showroom

2203 W. Ennis Ave.
Ennis, TX
972-872-9800
Mon.-Fri.: 10am-6pm
Sat.: 10am-3pm
or by appointment

Serving Ellis County Since 1986
www.lonestarfloor.com

3502 N. Hwy. 77.
Waxahachie, TX
972-617-9229
Mon.-Fri.: 8am-5pm
Sat.: 10am-3pm
or by appointment

Flooring • Lighting • Cabinetry • Area Rugs • Hardware • Sinks



parentheses have a place
but not on your face

So smooth and natural,
everyone will notice
(but no one will know).

ASK YOUR DOCTOR
ABOUT NEW

Juvéderm
INJECTABLE GEL

Millennium
Laser & Medical Aesthetics

R. Paul Kare, MD
Botox Cosmetic Physicians' Network Member
Call for a free consultation! 972.938.8200

Free Consultation &
Gifts Certificates Available

©2008 Allergan, Inc. B mark owned by Allergan, Inc. JUVEDERM mark owned by Allergan, Inc. SAG, SUT, SUT-02

NEW
BOTOX
Cosmetic
Allergan
BOTOX® Cosmetic is a
pharmaceutical drug,
available by prescription only.

120 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3 • Waxahachie • www.drkare.com • 972-938-8200



KING POOLS, INC.
Designers & Builders of Fine Pools

*We now offer fencing, landscaping
and weekly pool cleaning service.*

"Pools built for a king."
972.723.2800

Remodel • Repair • Service
104 N 8th St. • Downtown Midlothian
www.kingcustompools.com



Football *and* Firemen

— By Jaime Ruark

When does a newly built, spacious three-bedroom, two-and-one-half-bath brick house, with 1.2 acres of trees and green grass, seem small? Only when the three Clark boys are bouncing and playing, running and throwing footballs, can such an expansive home and yard seem half its size. Cagen, who is 6 years old, 4-year-old Conley and Chaden, who is 1, easily fill their new home with spirited yells and laughter as only young boys can.

Midlothian has been home to the Clark family for the past

At Home With



Robby and Jaime Clark



two years, and the Midlothian High School Panthers have been proud to have Robby as their head football coach. Robby, along with his wife of eight years, Jaime, who teaches algebra and pre-calculus at the high school, has been working hard to restore a consistent winning tradition to the team. He is excited to begin his third year because the team has grown from a roster of 26 to 50 players, and he is hitting the field with 35 incoming seniors.

The family of five enjoys spending their time at football games. The boys clamor to be with their dad and his



team, and they will not let their mom stay home. On nights when there is no game, however, the Clarks spend time with each other. "We love to be outside. When we first moved here, our backyard was pretty bad and needed a lot of work," Jaime said. The green lawn and play area are a testament to all the time she and her husband have spent working to make their yard a place their sons

Downtown Digits
with Cathy Curry

Nail Artist since 1993

A Good Pedicure is not Cheap, & a Cheap Pedicure is not Good!

Welcome our new artist Jessica Curry!

112 N. 8th St. Ste B • Midlothian, TX 76065 • 972-775-8198
www.myspace.com/downtowndigits

Specializing in Family Care
for All Ages

Kare Family Clinic

Kare Family Clinic

Most Insurances Accepted
Same Day Appointments
Board Certified in Family Medicine

Dr. Paul Kare

120 S. Grand Avenue • Ste. 2 Waxahachie
972-938-0100



can play. Robby added, "It's still a work in progress. It's such a great lot, with all the trees. We're trying to develop all of it. It's going to end up being a nice area to relax outside."

With three boys ready to follow in their daddy's football footsteps, Jaime had some definite wants and needs when it came time to buy a home. "The main reason we bought this house was for the game room, and our kids live in there," Jaime said. Robby also spends

much of his time at home in the game room with the boys. "We can go in there, the three of us — well, soon it will be all four of us — and close that door, and the rest of the house can stay pretty much intact," he laughed. "They have a place that is just theirs, where they can go be creative," he continued, as Jaime interjected with a smile, "Just as long as they don't get *too* creative. We've had to repaint in there because Conley colored pictures on the walls."

Having a stranger take a tour of the boys' special room caused a little concern from a confused Conley, who loves his new home. With a concerned little voice, he told his dad, "I don't wanna sell it!" Reassured by his dad that they were not moving, he and Cagen shyly began showing off their toys. The space is outfitted with all the things the boys love most — football helmets, a child-sized table and chairs decorated with fire trucks and stuffed bears in



TIER ONE networks

Next Gen High-Speed Wireless Internet Service is here!!!

\$50.00 Off Installation

Residential	
Premium	Platinum
Up to 100x Dial up	
\$39.95 up to 3 Mbps	\$49.95 up to 5 Mbps

Installation with 1 year contract \$129.95
An additional charge of \$30 may apply to configure a wireless router or \$40 to purchase a pre-configured wireless router

SOHO/Business	
Premium	Platinum
VoIP enabled Connection Speeds	
\$59.95 up to 3Mbps	\$79.95 up to 5Mbps

Installation with 1 year contract \$179.95
An additional charge of \$30 may apply to configure a wireless router or \$40 to purchase a pre-configured wireless router

www.TOCN.com

1.866.551.1367

Call for T1 replacement, VoIP, virtual PBX, and Up to 40 Mbps Bi-Directional Custom Plans

24/7 Customer Support



TXI Cement • TXI RailPort • TXI Transportation

www.txi.com



firemen outfits. "My dad is a volunteer fireman, and they are totally into firemen things. Their daily play routine usually includes putting out some kind of pretend fire," Jaime said. The red rug in the middle of the room provides a bright spot of color, and as Jaime explained, it serves a dual purpose: "I tried to put something in the middle of the room, a little table or something, but it doesn't matter what I do, they always move it because

they have to have that space as their football playing field."

Jaime favors deep reds, vibrant blues and dark browns for her décor, and her choices give the house a cozy feel. "I want this to be a place that is lived in and cozy, where people feel at home. I keep saying I want a new couch, but we haven't gotten one yet because this one is the kind of suede I can take Wet Ones to and wipe things off," she explained, holding a possible messy

COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

BAYLOR FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER AT ELLIS COUNTY – MIDLOTHIAN

Routine medical care is important in maintaining good health, and a group of trusted doctors and specialists in close proximity saves time. Families and individuals of all ages are welcome at Baylor Family Medical Center at Ellis County - Midlothian. The clinic employs a host of Pediatricians, Internists and Family Physicians to provide complete health care services for families and individuals of all ages.

BAYLOR
Family Medical Center
at Ellis County - Midlothian
A Baylor-HealthTexas Affiliate

To schedule an appointment, call (972) 723-1474

1441 S. Midlothian Parkway, Suite 100, Midlothian, TX 76065

Physicians are employees of HealthTexas Provider Network and are neither employees nor agents of Baylor Health Care System, Baylor Medical Center at Waco or Baylor Health Care System's subsidiary, community or affiliated medical centers. © 2008 Baylor Health Care System. BDD-BMC-ECM-Sweet 8/08

Internal Medicine

*Jeffrey Astbury, M.D.
Leigh Nordstrom, M.D.*

Family Practice

*Karen Yeh, M.D.
Chad Coleman, M.D.
Matthew Moreland, D.O.*

Pediatrics

*Shirley Joslin, M.D.
Kimberly Sweet, M.D.*

Nurse Practitioner

Judy Davis, R.N., F.N.P.

Services include:

- Preventive care for all ages
- CT Scans
- X-Ray services
- Bone density screening
- Most insurance plans accepted
- Convenient, easy access

Kimberly Sweet, M.D. is board certified in Pediatrics. Prior to joining Baylor Family Medical Center at Ellis County-



Midlothian, Dr. Sweet practiced at our Waco location. Her clinical interests include caring for patients with asthma. In her spare time Dr. Sweet enjoys spending time with her family, participating in church activities, and traveling. Dr. Sweet accepts most insurance plans, and is accepting new patients.

be our guest this Sunday.

go south on fm 663
from the 287 bypass

worship: 8:30 & 11:15
sunday school 10:00

www.midlothianbible.org

Midlothian Bible Church
BUILDING GOD'S FAMILY
Together!



Steve Crowe
Owner/Broker
972-977-5412



RE/MAX
Suburban South

138 N. 8th Street • Midlothian • 972-723-2553



Leisha Crowe
Owner/Realtor
972-977-5402



Serving Ellis County & Southwest Dallas Counties • To view all MLS properties visit www.suburbansouth.com.



4/2/2 Custom home on cul-de-sac w/lots of upgrades! Granite counters & 2 pantries in kitchen. Wood laminate in entry, dining, hall, kitchen & nook! Tall ceilings & large fenced lot. \$206,000



3/2.5/2 Home on 3.65 acres! Must see inside! Study/library room w/bookshelf ladder! Large closets & custom cabinets. Flower garden pond in back w/fish pond! Sprinklered yard! \$245,000



Great starter home 3/2/2 in Venus. Floors are tile & laminate wood floors. Backyard is fenced w/ covered patio, pool & storage bldg. Must see! \$93,900. Call Robin @ 469-658-3025.



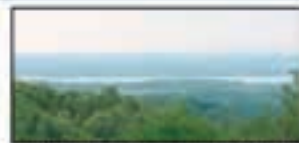
Secluded Shiloh Grove subdivision, adjacent to Shiloh Forest. Ready for your custom home. Several lots are available from 1 acre to 2.5 acres. \$38,500 - \$86,500.



Fabulous Troy Biddy Custom home in Ovilla. 4/3/3 open living area w/stone fireplace & lots of windows overlooking covered patio & nice yard. Cook's kitchen! \$549,900.



4/3/2 well maintained home on 1.7 acres w/ 2 living areas & a study! Enjoy evenings on the shaded patio! Detached garage & large backyard! \$199,500



WOW! Lake view! 4,000 sq. ft multi level custom home on heavily wooded lot! 16' ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, gourmet kitchen, bar-wine cellar, exercise rm, sunroom, decks with views! Must see! \$379,000.



Great home with super floorplan! Space where you read it! Split bedroom design with large living area & study/office area, nice kitchen & large master suite. Fenced backyard w/patio. \$114,900.



WOW! 4 bdrms & 3 baths includes 2 master suites on corner trend lot near schools! New carpet January 2008. \$432,900. Call Robin @ 469-658-3025.



Well maintained home on large fenced lot & ready to move in! 4/2/2 with fresh paint & new carpet in bedrooms. Open floorplan w/large kitchen & eating area. \$167,000.



Custom 3 bdrms & 3.5 bath home on 1 acre! Gorgeous on inside w/ detailed accent tile, handcrafted hardwoods & custom cabinetry. Game room w/wetbar & back patio with built-in grill & sink. \$472,800.



4/2/2 Custom home on 1 acre! Open floorplan w/ wood laminate floors. Granite counters & large pantry! Sprinkler & security system! 30x24 shop w/ utilities! \$289,900.



\$150
Print Credit
with this ad

agile images
photography

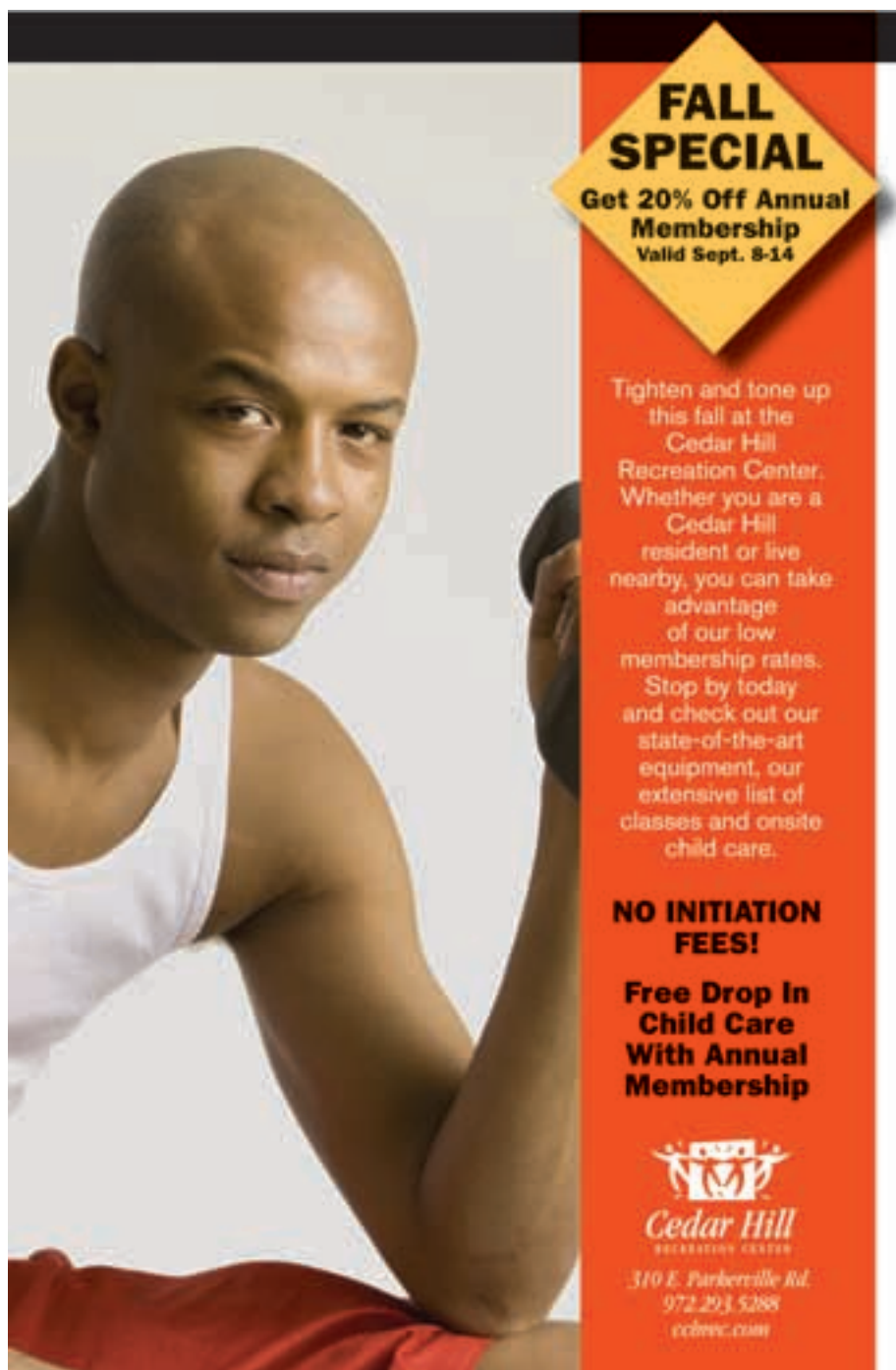
972.775.2769

www.agileimages.com



culprit, Chaden, in her arms. "We have coaches' parties and Christmas parties, and people come with their kids and they're always worried about them making messes, but I say, 'Just let them go!'"

Jaime's favorite room is her kitchen, because, as she said, "That's where I spend 90 percent of my time. With three boys, somebody's eating all the time. That's another reason we wanted this house." From her kitchen's vantage point, she can see outside as well as




FALL SPECIAL
Get 20% Off Annual Membership
Valid Sept. 8-14

Tighten and tone up this fall at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center. Whether you are a Cedar Hill resident or live nearby, you can take advantage of our low membership rates. Stop by today and check out our state-of-the-art equipment, our extensive list of classes and onsite child care.

NO INITIATION FEES!

Free Drop In Child Care With Annual Membership


Cedar Hill
RECREATION CENTER
310 E. Parkersville Rd.
972.293.5288
cedhrc.com



into the living room and game room, so she is able to keep her eye on her playful little men. The creamy yellow-textured walls contrast beautifully with her dark wood cabinets and granite countertops, and the new stainless steel appliances help to keep her growing boys well-fed. "It's also a good place to be when we have friends over, because everyone always seems to end up there, snacking and talking," she added.



Cagen and Conley are eager to show off their shared bedroom, decorated in Midlothian blue; the boys are obviously proud to be part of the Panther tradition. "We had them separated, but then we had Chaden, so we put them back together in one room. They always sleep together anyway; they do everything together," she smiled, as the two boys tumbled and wrestled behind her.

Chaden's room is also accented in shades of blue. It sports a gorgeous dark brown crib as well as a corner full of stuffed animals, including Chaden's favorite — monkeys.

Truly, with three rambunctious boys, Jaime is a bit outnumbered as the only female in her household. "I had to get used to that, because I have two sisters. Robby came from a family of four boys, so he's used to it, but I'm not, and neither is my mom. She'll come over and see how they've banged up my walls, and I just tell her, 'It can't be helped.' We just have to repair it and move on," she laughed, pride in her brood apparent.

Robby and Jaime are glad to call Midlothian home, and the boys' Panther pride could mean Midlothian is in for some serious football winning traditions in the years to come. Jaime shared, "The boys love the players. That's the most important thing to me. They have guys who are role models they can look up to. The team is really full of good Christian guys who make my boys feel like they are important and a part of the team." **WOLVERTON**

KIDS EAT FREE EVERYDAY

*Two free kid entrees per adult entree.
Drink not included. One coupon per visit. Not
valid with any other offer. Offer expires 09/30/08.

Open 24
Hours

Present this
coupon for

\$5 OFF

Any Check Over \$15

Valid only at the Red Oak location.
Offer expires 09/30/08

408 N. I-35 E. Service Rd. • Red Oak • Ovilla Rd. Exit 972-576-2000

Call The Experts

North Texas Homeowners
Have Trusted Since 1939

At Wolverton Air, we understand
how to eliminate severe
inefficiencies in heating
and cooling systems that
cost you money and
waste energy.

For your wallet as well
as your comfort, nothing
will beat a system
designed specifically for
your home by our energy
efficiency experts.

For new systems - or repair
to your existing system -
**Call the experts at
Wolverton Air.**

It's Hard To Say A Trane.[®]
Expect More From Your
Independent Trane Dealer

Wolverton Air

(972) 938-1750

www.wolvertonair.com

704 Solon Road
Waxahachie
Tex. #TACLA0001.52E

Finding

Balance

— By Alex Allred



It has often been said that the spirit of a true writer cannot be contained. Mindy Tomlin is a perfect example of that sentiment. Just 20 years old, she has accomplished more than most people double and triple her age. She is studying Japanese, has served as a yearbook editor of her high school and danced on the Midlothian Pantherettes drill team for four years. She is a certified jazzercise and kickbox instructor, has earned her black belt in tae kwon do and fights competitively.

As her reputation has grown as a fighter, she has been invited to compete overseas with her entire family, all of

whom compete competitively. With a class load of an astounding 18 hours per semester, not only will Mindy graduate on time, she will earn her bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University in a meager three years, all while working in the university's library and continuing her martial arts training. Next summer she will study abroad in Japan and travel the world.

The awards and nominations Mindy has received are too numerous to count, but they include the Team Academic All-American Texas House of Representatives, the Congressional Student Leadership Conference and

National Society of High School Scholars. For four consecutive years, Mindy was selected as a Who's Who candidate for outstanding high school students. She was the recipient of academic scholarships and, once in college, she continued her pursuit for excellence, making the dean's list with a 3.93 grade point average.

For Mindy, there is still much more to be done. This attitude is both her driving force and her nemesis. In her writing, names, faces, places and events, all figments of her imagination, constantly roll around in her mind, all begging for her attention and to be put

ARTS NOW

on paper. "I was taking a creative writing course," Mindy recalled, "and I was so stuck. I didn't know how it [the writing piece] should end." During one of her regular treks from Midlothian to TCU, "I thought of the perfect scenario!" Mindy recalled, her eyes lighting up. She called her mother and began speaking so rapidly, so excitedly, that her mother could hardly understand her. "She said, 'Quit spazzing

"With each testing and each new belt, Mindy found balance — literally."

out! You're going to have a car accident.' I stayed up half the night working on it." In fact, most nights are lost to ideas that speak to her and characters who seem so real she can hear them talking.

As a child, Mindy filled dozens and dozens of notebooks with stories and character development, "but most of them were never finished." By her own admission, this is a frequent occurrence and she relies heavily on her friends to keep her grounded. "They're always telling me to finish what I started," she shared. Through her Internet blogging, Mindy shares her short stories online and, as is often the case, frustrates her readers with incomplete works. Her style, described as dark humor, is engaging and fun, but the restless soul of Mindy is often off and running before any one story reaches its conclusion.

Mindy discovered her true passion for writing in the fourth grade. Already an avid reader, her vocabulary and sense of writing were extraordinary. "I don't remember a time when I didn't have a book in my hands," she said. By the time Mindy was in the eighth grade, she began working as a library assistant at Frank Seale and under

FAITH FAMILY ACADEMY

Your Public School With Private School Atmosphere, Where Every Student Matters.



701 Ovilla Road
(at Hwy. 287 Bypass)
Waxahachie

972-938-3996

**Enrolling NOW!
Hurry, Space Is Limited!**

Midlothian's Newest Premiere Salon
OPENING SEPTEMBER 2008

Edge STUDIO

Salon • Nails • Spa



Salon Services Include:

The most current cutting Techniques for Men, Women, & Children
 Highlites & Lowlites • Perms • Brow Tinting • Special Event Styles
 Special Event Make-up • Hair Extensions • Eyelash Extensions • Ear Piercing

Solar Nails • Deluxe, Hot Stone & Designer Art Pedicures
 Deluxe & Hot Stone • Manicures
 Facials • Chemical Peels • Full Body Waxing

117 Ave. B & 8th • Midlothian 972-723 EDGE (3343)



Visual Expressions creative art school

1425 N. Hwy 67
Cedar Hill, TX 75104
www.veartgallery.com
info@veartgallery.com
Ph: 972-293-1117

gallery & custom framing

Start your Art Projects for the Holidays
Classes for ages 5+ sign up now
starting **September 15th**

September workshops

Pastel: Marion Hirsch
Sept 2 - Sept 4 9:30am - 4:30pm

Watercolor: Ted Nutall
Sept 22 - Sept 25 9:30am - 4:30pm

classes: drawing, photoshop, watercolor, oil, acrylic, mosaic, stained glass, creative clay & many more!

young artist classes: pastel, mix media

Gift Cards available!

Don't forget
Date Night
ART PARTIES
Call for details

ARTS NOW

the guidance of Susie Yarbrow, Mindy gained more and more confidence in her writing abilities.

After multiple rejection letters, the prospect of being published slipped away and Mindy eventually stopped writing. While she was published in local magazine and newspaper writing contests, it was impossibly difficult to break into the book industry. Utterly discouraged, she admitted, "I thought, *What's the point?* and stopped writing." Only when her stepmother signed Mindy up for the Institute of Children's Literature, because she and Mindy's dad saw her writing as a skill, did she pick up the pen once more. Like all good writers, inspiration often comes in the most unusual of circumstances. For Mindy, her inspiration was martial arts. "Stories have always run through my head," Mindy confided, explaining that as she trained and slowly rose through the ranks, headed toward the prestigious goal of black belt, a new sense of contentment, confidence and dedication developed.

Slowly, her purpose for writing changed. Becoming published was no longer the motivation. "I write for myself and my friends and family. Tae kwon do pushed me in a lot of ways," Mindy said. With each testing and each new belt, Mindy found balance — literally. "It's kind of cool," she said of earning a new belt. "When we get a new belt in tae kwon do, we tie it in a way that both of the ends are perfectly even to symbolize both a physical and mental balance."

Once a very shy little girl, books and writing allowed Mindy to express herself and slip away into a fantasy world created by her own hand. Through tae kwon do and strong familial support, she has become more bold and determined to add yet one more thing to her impressive résumé: *The Completed Works of Mindy Tomlin*. It is going to be a best-seller! **NOW**



*Smile Today
for a
Brighter Tomorrow*

Scott G. Clinton, D.D.S.

New Patient Exams can receive a
Whitening Kit for \$89 (valued at \$400).
Receive Free Whitening Gel with
6-month Recare Appointments.

Restrictions may apply.

Waxahachie Family Dentistry
201 Ferris Ave., Ste. J • Waxahachie, TX 75165
972-937-4370
www.scottclintondds.com



Enriching Lives In A Warm,
Caring, Country Setting.



A Great Place To Call Home.

Open Admission
Membership Not Required

Medicare & Medicaid Approved



**Odd Fellow & Rebekah
Nursing Home**

Post-Operative & Rehab Care

2300 S. Oak Grove Rd. • Ennis
www.iooffx.org

A Skilled Nursing Facility
Specializing In:

- PT, OT, Speech Therapy
- Status Post Hip/Joint Replacement
- Status Post Total Knee Replacement
- Post Fracture
- IV Therapy
- Debility Following Hospitalization

**Metro 972-878-8666
972-875-8643**



972-72ELITE (972-723-5483)

110 Roundabout Drive (FM 663 & The New bypass)

eliterealtytexas.com



ELITE REALTY
GROUP OF TEXAS



1340 Walter Stephenson - Midlothian \$237,000
Country Living in the city! This country charmer sits on 2 heavily wooded acres with creek running thru. Enjoy the quiet privacy from the wrap around porch overlooking the woods and creek. The home features wood floors, great country kitchen, large bedrooms with jack-n-jill baths for the kids. For dad there is a 30x40 workshop with lift, office, water and electric. Easy access to town, schools and highways. Call Debbie 972-365-0382.



7250 Edgerton - Midlothian \$267,500
Come home to your own private oasis. This property features 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, gourmet kitchen with open floor plan. Private master suite offers grand master bath with see-thru fireplace and sitting area overlooking heated pool with spa. The study located off the main living area includes french doors and built ins. There is even a detached two car garage or workshop for dad.



2861 McAlpin Rd. - Midlothian \$187,000
Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home sits on 3.77 acres. Call Sharon 972-921-6448.



4811 Angela Circle - Midlothian \$267,500
Fabulous Crystal Forest with Pool & Spa. Formal dining, 2 living areas plus a terrific study, 4 bedrooms, fabulous kitchen with solid surface countertops. Call Janet 214-695-9079.



4691 Whitehead Road - Midlothian \$195,000
Towering trees and splashing waterfalls welcome you home to this comfortable post and beam 3 bedroom. An additional 1,225 sq. ft. has been framed & dried in & ready for your special touches. Call Janet 214-695-9079.



805 Mr. Haney - Midlothian \$110,900
Maintained like new!! This beautifully landscaped three bedroom home offers ceramic tile, spacious kitchen, and terrific master suite. Call Janet 214-695-9079.



RED OAK ISDI - RED OAK \$142,500
1943sf home, 3/2/2 with 2 dining or study. Spacious and immaculate! Master suite is huge with private living area. Call Christie 469-569-8810.



ROCKETT FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS! \$137,000
1,635sf house on just over half an acre, 3/2/2 with split bdrm arrangement, Kitchen w/ island & lots of cabinets. Call Christie 469-569-8810.



Lot 2 Willow Bend Dr. - Oak Leaf \$119,900
Just reduced! 4.308 acres on the cul-de-sac, beautiful trees line the back of the property. Call Sharon 972-921-6448.



SWIMMING POOL! - MIDLOTHIAN \$268,000
4/3/3 with 2 living & 2 dining on 1.47 acres. 3100+sf. Large deck overlooks inground gunite pool & sand volleyball court. Call Christie 469-569-8810.



LANCASTER \$99,000
2.5+ ACRES on Beltline Rd! 140 ft of road frontage. Great commercial site. Utilities available. Near Houston School Rd. Call Christie 469-569-8810.



4 ACRES on Hwy 287 & Airport Dr! 800+ ft. of road frontage on Hwy 287 Bypass. Great commercial site. Call Christie ENNIS \$395,000

Who's Your Realtor?

Residential • Commercial • Land • Farm & Ranch • Investment Property



Beautiful Outdoor Area!

POOL W/ OUTDOOR KITCHEN!
2300+sf house, 3 bdms, 2 baths & detached garage in mature neighborhood. 2 living, 2 dining. Inground Pool, Gazebo & Outdoor Kitchen!
Call Christie or Cy
WAXAHACHIE \$225,000



Cy Bellamy
214-796-4165

cybellamy@yahoo.com



Christie Tatum
469-569-8810

christatum@yahoo.com

Call Us!



ON THE GOLF COURSE! 4/3/2 with 2 living areas and great view of the golf course & pond. Recent paint, carpet & updates. Call Christie or Cy
WAXAHACHIE \$275,000



OFFICE BUILDING ON MAIN ST!
Two-story office bldg on corner lot with great parking. Upstairs can also be used for living quarters. Call Cy
DUNCANVILLE \$215,000



HORSE READY with 20 Acres!
3452sf, 5/3.1/2 house with great custom features! 3 living + study. Fully fenced perimeter. Call Christie
WAXAHACHIE \$475,000



10+ ACRES with EQUIPMENT BARN! Charming 3 bdrm, 2 bath house Outside city limits. Call Cy
WAXAHACHIE \$215,000



HOUSE, GUEST HOUSE, POOL & SPA!

3678sf Main house with 3 bdms, 3.1 baths & 3 car garage in Cumberland Forest. Has 2 living & 2 dining. Inground Pool with Waterfall and Spa. Guest house has 812sf with bedroom, full bath, kitchen & living. Call Christie or Cy
OVILLA \$599,000



5+ ACRES with creek & trees!
Approx 3400sf, 5 bdms, 2.1 baths, 2 living & 2 dining. Inground Pool & 5 car detached garage. Call Christie
GLENN HEIGHTS \$239,000



GREAT DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY! 50+ platted acres for residential subdivision. Call Cy for details.
MIDLOTHIAN \$15,000 per Acre



7+ ACRE EXECUTIVE RETREAT! 4378sf home with 5 bdms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 living, 2 dining plus study. Huge deck overlooking inground pool and fabulous gardens. Would make great Bed & Breakfast or Wedding Site. Call Christie.
MIDLOTHIAN \$699,000

Sports
NOW

Team Spirit

— By Betty Tryon

Early in the summer months, Bryce Petty was busy traveling. In the space of two weeks, he visited numerous college campuses at the request of their athletic departments. On his list of states to visit were Oklahoma, Tennessee, Nebraska and Arkansas. The trips were not necessarily to showcase his football skills. "If they are interested in you, they already know you can play. Most of them want to see how you interact with people, to see if they like working with you and if you like working with them. It's a big deal," he explained. His trips to the various camps resulted in the honor of being accepted at the University of Tennessee Volunteers football program.

This fall marks Bryce's last year as quarterback on the Midlothian High School football team.

Head coach Robby Clark remarked that Bryce is heavily recruited. Our Midlothian quarterback, however, is taking it all in stride, preferring to heap praise on his teammates rather than himself. "I depend on every one of our team members," he stated emphatically. "People say it is a team sport, and it is all a team sport. No one person can do everything."

Bryce hesitated to mention specific names because of his



respect for everyone on the team, stating that "all of the kids on the team have heart." He did have special praise for the offensive line. "The offensive line is a big deal. Without

"I depend on every one of our team members. People say it is a team sport, and it is all a team sport. No one person can do everything."

them, nothing can get going. You can have [NFL New England Patriot's] Tom Brady as

quarterback, but

without an offensive line, there is nothing. There are also the receivers that run the routes and the running backs. I don't like mentioning names because I know I will leave someone out. If I could mention the whole team I would," he added.

Bryce's journey with the Midlothian football team began when his family moved here from Cabot, Arkansas, the second semester of his freshman year. "We moved here because of

Sports NOW



my dad's job," he shared. "My mom was looking around town and ran into Randy Bullock [who was the athletic director] and they talked a long time. He must have sold Midlothian to her so we moved here. Cabot was all about groups. If you weren't in football or a skateboarding kid, you had a hard time of it. Here, you have cliques but they are open. It is like everyone wants you."

Even though it was a huge adjustment, Bryce was gratified by the smooth transition. "It wasn't hard to do. Yeah, the first couple of days were weird, but after the first week, everything was fine," he recalled. "[The move] was during baseball tryouts so I made instant friendships. It was pretty cool. I didn't expect it at all. Everyone was real nice and welcoming. Caleb McEachern was in my first class so that was nice. My sophomore year was my first opportunity to play football. I have always played quarterback. I came from a run-base offense from Cabot. All we did was run stuff. I came here about the same time as Coach Clark. That was good in that there were no ties to the staff. It was every man for himself to get playing time."

Summer Kills Trees

Let Arborculture keep your trees healthy

Call Today for our special

Summer RE-LEAF

10% OFF

Professional Tree Services

Protect your trees from Texas drought and severe storms.

Offer expires 9-30-08.

ARBORCULTURE

Bill Pinson, Arborist

972.723.2476

Calls answered from 8 am to 9 pm

Trimming & Pruning • New Trees Planted & Guaranteed • Insured for Your Protection
Diagnostic Consultation • Tree/Stump Removal • Disease & Insect Control
Injections / Feedings • Commercial • Residential

**RELIABLE
POOL SERVICE**

Reliable Service Begins with Reliable People

Pool Services

Cleaning
Polaris Repairs
Re-Plumbing
Mastic Repairs
Equipment Repair
Acid Wash

(214) 577-4843
Bob Bauer
bbauer@aircanopy.net

Aesthetic & Implant Dentistry

- Restorative Dentistry
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Dental Implants
- Sedation Dentistry

Davis W. Morgan, DDS
972.723.5544
www.dfwsmileddesign.com

**Fruit designed like flowers?
What a juicy idea!**

 **Edible[®]
ARRANGEMENTS**

*Opening Early
September!*

**Delicious
Fruit Design
Half Dipped[™]**

Save \$3
when you pick-up your order.*
*Valid for pick-up orders only. Offer valid on select products. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Offer ends 9/30/08. Code: GOCB009

To order, please call or visit:
972-293-2848
617 Uptown Blvd, Suite 105
Cedar Hill, TX 75104

EdibleArrangements.com

Copyright © 2008 Edible Arrangements, LLC Franchise Available. Call 1-888-727-4238

**New Items
Arriving
Daily!**

Monday-Friday 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

216 WEST AVENUE E.
972-775-8600
DOWNTOWN MIDLOTHIAN

Serendipity
HOME DÉCOR & GIFTS

Got Kids?

Ready to serve you in two Mansfield locations. Providing unconditional care to the children & their families of Mansfield & surrounding areas. Some day appointments are **available** when your child is ill. Early morning & after hour appointments available. Monday thru Thursday. Regular office hours offered on Friday.

Access to all Pediatric Services • 24 hour Emergency Care

 **Robert M. Jones, MD**
2001 Westwood Drive, Suite 400
Mansfield, TX 76063-4000

 **Chris G. Daniels, MD**
2001 Westwood Drive, Suite 400
Mansfield, TX 76063-4000

 **Mark T. Jones, MD**
2001 Westwood Drive, Suite 400
Mansfield, TX 76063-4000

Cook Children's
Plus we have a new location!
Come join our family!

Sports **NOW**

Bryce, like many other new players to the team, was pleasantly surprised by the camaraderie and cohesiveness found on the squad. He initially noted it during spring ball. "We worked really well together. Last year, we were so together with the care and the love that it can only get better. The coaching staff is unbelievable. They are all good Christian men. It is all positive," he expressed.

Bryce explained that some of the new guys on the team were as surprised by Midlothian's program as he had been at first. "They didn't have the type of chemistry that we have [at their previous schools], the chemistry that holds us together. During off-season, their [old] school may or may not dress out and they may lift one set. With us, we work out every day. You give it all you've got," he said. "Our workouts are hard and strenuous. It is understood that you will do your best. You know that your teammates will do whatever it takes to help you out, and it is understood that you'll do the same for him. It takes a team effort to achieve a win or first down or touchdown. It has to be everybody wanting the same thing."

Quarterback seems to be the position Bryce was born to play. Although he has participated in other sports, football is the one he enjoys the most. "I started playing when I was 5 years old, as early as I could. I was a pretty big kid when I was younger so my parents let me do it," he shared. "My dad started coaching me when I was in the third grade because the coaches I had earlier were teaching things wrong. It was awesome. I loved my dad coaching. When he started coaching me, he asked me what position I wanted to play and I said quarterback so that was the beginning."

Bryce's journey continues this fall, as our football team takes to the field again. With Bryce as quarterback, it is sure to be a fantastic season. **NOW**

**Fax Service
Copies**

U.S. DRUG MART

310 W. Ave. F • 972-775-1180

Your Hometown Pharmacy Since 1991

**Fast, Friendly
Service**



We Would Love To:

- Transfer your RX to our store
Just call us
- Deliver your RX to your door
(8 mile radius) fee may apply
- Compound your special formula RX

**Check out our Beanie Babies,
Greeting Cards & Burt's Bees Products**

**Law
Offices
of
Todd
Phillippi**

"All Your Legal Needs"

**200 E. Main • Midlothian
972-723-9090**

**2nd FLOOR
MAIN PLACE**
A Professional Office Complex

717 W. Main

- One metro-line professionally answered
- Voicemail with 24 hour remote access
- Business address for package & mail delivery
- \$125.00 per month

972-723-0017
www.mainplacemidlothian.com

SIMPLY SKIN
Medical Spa

121 W DEBBIE LN SUITE 115
MANSFIELD 817.477.9191
SIMPLYSKINMANSFIELD.COM

**Laser Hair Removal
and IPL Photofacial
Special**

**Buy 1 area, get the
second area 1/2 off!**

September Special 10% off Chemical Peels

Experience this revolutionary safe and effective pro-exfoliating peel
and at home products formulated for the treatment and correction of hyperpigmentation
(brown spots, age spots), fine lines and skin imperfections.

Visit us today for your exclusive, personalized consultation
and discover if the BIOMEDIC LHA-PEEL is right for you!

BIOMEDIC
LHA-PEEL
with exclusive LHA technology




A Good Cool Feeling

— By Betty Tryon



The temperature outside is sizzling hot and your thermostat keeps going up and up. Your cooling system no longer works. You need help, and Matthew Koehler Heating and Air Conditioning can bring relief. "It is a good feeling to go into a home that's hot from this Texas heat and leave with the unit working. It gives me a lot of satisfaction to help and to see the gratification on their face, or vice versa in the winter," Matthew explained, referring to the heating unit.



Matthew learned the business of heating and air conditioning through everyday experiences. "I had a cousin that had been doing this type of work for 30 years, and I wanted to do it because I wanted a good trade. I like to do mechanical stuff, and I like working with and helping people, so I started doing this 13 years ago," he said. Matthew worked for a well-respected local heating and air conditioning company and received valuable training during his time there. "I started

out working on a truck. In eight months, I was driving the truck. I got EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] certified and became the lead technician," he shared.

After becoming proficient in his chosen field, Matthew felt more comfortable being in business for himself and started Matthew Koehler Heating and Air Conditioning two years ago. He explained, "It was just easier to go into business for myself. I don't have the overhead the larger companies have, so I can

give reasonable prices. You can get the same or better quality service less expensively. I get to the people who are broken down with 24-hour service. I will come out anytime. ... I make sure everything is taken care of and treat everyone fairly." His territory is wherever he is needed, and some of his destinations have been Fort Worth, Stephenville and Denton.

Matthew will repair the air conditioner if warranted. He offers the same service for heating units. He states that it is,

Business NOW

"all part of the package." His qualifications extend to replacing and installing new units if necessary, and he offers service contracts for his customers. He said, "Having a spring checkup for the unit is preventative maintenance. For the heating unit, especially if it is a gas furnace, a checkup is very important. It's important to have the gas furnace checked every fall before you use it, especially the older units. The heat exchanger in them can get cracked and give off carbon monoxide. You can have headaches, nausea and it can be deadly."



For being a native New Yorker, Matthew Koehler speaks Texas twang just fine. Laughing, he said, "I am told all the time that I would never be pegged for a Yankee. I have spent the last 20 years in Texas." Attracted to Midlothian, he and his family moved here five years ago and plan to build Matthew Koehler Heating and Air Conditioning into a family business. "We love it here in Midlothian. It's a great little town. I am trying to build a company that my kids can work in when they grow up. I love what I do. It's like artwork. It is just like that saying that if you enjoy what you do, you never work a day in your life," he stated.

As Matthew continues to work and grow his business, you can benefit from his expertise by calling him at (972) 268-4763 or by faxing him at (972) 723-1255. **NOW**

History Lives Here!
Renfro Healthcare Center
 1413 W. Main - Waxahachie • 972-937-2298
 Call me to make Renfro your home.
 Pamela Cowan, Admissions Director • 817-501-5012

Chris the King
 A Place of GRACE
 Christ the King Lutheran Church
 The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Ellis County

*Troubled? Need support?
 Want more for your children?*

**Come join us at
 Sunday School!**
 Sundays at 8:00 a.m. (traditional)
 or 10:30 a.m. (contemporary)
 Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

301 Hwy 287 Bypass West
 Waxahachie • 972-938-1633
www.christthekingwax.org

Back to School Sale
 Supplying all Your
 Scrapbooking Needs

**20% off
 School
 Related Items**
 With this ad

**Custom Paper
 for all MISD
 schools**

**Memory Creations
 Scrapbooking**
 404 W. F Street • Midlothian • 972-775-7599

Classes Available!
 Beginner,
 Advanced,
 Open Crops

*Bringing together
 the women
 of the community
 to celebrate
 family*

Education NOW

Full Speed Ahead

— By Betty Tryon

It is here, and Midlothian has it. Now there is no longer a need to leave this community to receive a four-year degree. Since Navarro Community College arrived in our town, it continues to move forward with more innovative programs to service the citizens here and in the surrounding area. Navarro Community College, in partnership with Texas A&M — Commerce, will give students the opportunity to earn their bachelor's or master's degree without traveling to the Texas A&M campus. Shepherding this new program is Stephen Garretson, Coordinator of Academic Programs and Services.

Explaining the new service, Stephen said, "We are part of the Texas A&M — Commerce system. Our actual main campus for this program is in Commerce, Texas. When we started this program, we were, at that time, unique in the state." It is not uncommon for universities to have partnerships with community colleges, but with most of those partnerships the students must travel to the university campus. The curriculum offered at Navarro eliminates that need.

"A lot of students cannot afford to travel where a college is because of family or job," Stephen stated. "We wanted to provide them with a way to get an education without having to travel so far. We looked at how to best

serve the students."

The curriculum of Texas A&M — Commerce is particularly beneficial for students who work during the day, because all of the courses are offered at night. Stephen added, "Our classes are Monday through Thursday and the students take two classes a night. We have students who are working as educational aides to the teachers and can't take off during the day but can pick up classes in the evening."

As with any new program, much time is required for it to become established. However, the launch of this program proved to be a great success. "I was told not to get my hopes up the first semester. The expectation was for about 15 students. The semester started with 42. In the two years we have been in Midlothian, the students have grown from 42 to 147 students. We started with education and that has been our biggest draw," Stephen said. Along with education, the school offers Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degrees relating to business, marketing, accounting, information sciences, computer technology, fire academy, police, criminal justice and health



occupations such as nursing.

"The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences is a total online program. It allows students to pick up 88 hours at the community level and the remaining 42 hours with A&M — Commerce. We will continue to add programs as we get larger," Stephen explained. "This fall we are adding two master's degrees. Students can get a master's in education with 18 hours of curriculum instruction and 18 hours in reading or early childhood classes to become master teachers."

There will also be a master's degree in special education for the diagnostician certification. The diagnosticians conduct testing in the schools for psychological services and special education services. There are 22 students in the program to date. There is also an integrated science program for teachers. "This is a combination of a little bit of physics, chemistry and life sciences to prepare teachers to understand how subjects are

Education **NOW**

taught in a classroom setting," he said.

For student teaching, the college offers a field-based program, which is one of the first in the state. "They get a full year of experience before getting a job," Stephen pointed out. "They know what to expect because they know what happens in the classroom from beginning, middle and in the end. They are better prepared because of this."

Stephen understands the art of teaching because it is something he has wanted to do since the fourth or fifth grade. "There were only two things I wanted to do: either teach or become a pediatrician," he recalled. "I chose teaching because when I got to an age to understand what teaching was all about, I felt I could affect people more. I love working [with] and being around kids. I love presenting them ideas and problems to work out."

Stephen attended East Texas State University, in Commerce, and earned his bachelor's degree in education. He received his master's in early childhood education from Texas A&M — Commerce and is currently working on his doctorate in child development at Texas Woman's University, in Denton. He is certified for K-eighth grade, with actual experience teaching every grade but first grade. His experience in the classroom gives him special insight into the world of education. "In a program like this, I am their advisor and problem solver. I help them with admissions and get them registered for their classes. At times, I am their instructor. They see me as someone who cares about them and wants them to be successful," he said.

"We recently graduated our first class. What really summed everything up for me was as they walked across the stage, some would stop to come over and shake my hand or hug my neck and say, 'Thank you,'" he added. "That's all the payment in the world to see them successful. It makes it all worth it." **NOW**



Working With Parents To Help Children Succeed In Life

Our Vision - To impart knowledge to children for their future, by means of Play, Formal Learning, and Social Exposure, so that they pass on their family legacy with excellence.

Accepting Enrollment for Ages Six Weeks - Twelve Years • Transportation to & from Midlothian ID
We Happily Accept ECE

1/2 OFF
First Week's Tuition
Discount Rates For Multi-Child Families

Discovery Children's Academy

111 Roundabout Drive • Midlothian • 972-775-5600

HighReach



Life begins with change!

Midlothian Chiropractic
Creating Wellness

DR. BRAD W. COLLINS

Midlothian Chiropractic
306 West Avenue F • Midlothian
972-723-1155 www.midlothianchiropractic.com



Hyde's Landscapes for Texas

Native Landscapes & Top Quality Plants Adaptable to North Texas

Perennial Gardens

972.775.5824
Dhyde6307@aol.com
Lic.#12046

Decks • Flagstone Walks & Paths • Irrigation/Repair

Ask us about our "Do it Yourself with Help" programs! Save\$\$\$

Around Town NOW



Several people, top left, took a guided tour through the new PepWear facility. Ribbon cuttings were held at the following: PepWear, top right; ACI Learning Center, second row center; Hawkeye Discount Siding, third row center; and Kegs & Corks, bottom right. Cynthia Arnott and Amanda Miller of the ABWA Great Visions Chapter, third row left, were the ABWA Women of the Year for 2007. Tyler, second row right, was one of seven students presented with a \$100 savings bond from the Midlothian Education Foundation.



TOTAL IMAGE

"Simply The Best"

972-723-8267

Offering the latest in haircuts, colors, styles, make-up, hair extensions and waxing in a fun and relaxed family environment!

Summer Special

\$5.00 off a haircut w/any chemical service w/select styles Exp. 9/30/08

Walk-ins welcome - Appointments available

Alicia Johnnie Jamie Hillary

Brandi Kristi Carolyn Megan

Owner Brandi Roland

totalimagesalon.net • 300 N. Bryant St Suite 104 • Midlothian • myspace/total image

Midlothian Conference Center Arts Council

ART SHOW

Fri. & Sat., Sept. 26-27 - 10a-4p
Sun., Sept. 28 - 1p-3p

Entry form deadline is Sept. 19, 2008
 Submit to P.O. Box 1910 - Midlothian, TX 76065
 Hand deliver paintings to Midlothian Conference Center
 Sept. 18 from 1-8pm

Exhibitor Divisions:
 Amateur (painting for pleasure) Advanced (sell or teach your work)

Cash Awards in each division
 Ribbons for Honorable Mention &
 People's Choice

Open to the public

Contact Mary Rustin at the Center (East of corner of Mt. Zion & South 14th)
www.midlothiancenter.com • 972-723-7919 or email: midconfcntr@aol.com



Complimentary Wine Tasting
 Every Wednesday 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Complimentary Beer Tasting
 Every Saturday 4pm - 6 pm

Mon./Thurs. 10am-10pm
 Fri. & Sat. 10am-11pm
 Sun. Noon-7pm

Kege & Corks

www.kegeandcorks.com
 Located 1/2 way between Midlothian and Waxahachie on 287
 4470 E. Hwy 287 • Midlothian
 (972) 723-KEGS(5347)

Steve Burnett	Garry D. Brown
ATTORNEY AT LAW	ATTORNEY AT LAW

Principal Office
 423 Main Street,
 Suite 1
 Midlothian
 972.723.0522
sburnett@airmail.net



Office
 423 Main Street,
 Suite 1
 Midlothian
 Principal Office:
 Waxahachie
 972-775-8372
 972-938-2555

<p>Steve Burnett Criminal Law: DWI Drug Possession • Jail Release Assault • Juvenile Offenses Criminal Appeals • Family Law; Adoptions • Divorces • Child Support • Civil Law; Collections Life Documents: Basic Wills, Power of Attorney, Medical Power, DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)- \$100 per document</p>	<p>Garry D. Brown Asset Preservation Estate Planning Business Entities & Transactions Guardianship & Elder Law Real Estate • Tax law Medicaid Planning</p>
--	---

Each Office is Independently Owned...Not a Partnership

Around Town **NOW**



Sarah Tanguma, top left, completed a sculpture of a creature she created during an art class at the Midlothian Bible Church vacation Bible school event. A ribbon cutting, top center, was held at Adler's Car Wash. Josh Sonnen, second row center, enjoyed pole vaulting success. Members of Midlothian's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America group, top right, posed for a photo during the leadership meeting held in Orlando, Florida. Mandi Adams, bottom left, learned some new tennis skills at vacation Bible school. A ribbon cutting, second row right, was held at County Concrete. Peter Curran, bottom right, made a reception over coverage by Will Austin in the football skills camp at vacation Bible school.



BRIDGESTONE
GOODYEAR
Firestone
Continental
TOYO

Sardis

Tires & Wheels

Best Prices In Texas

No Hidden Charges EVER

In & Out

Within 20 Minutes.
Most Sizes In Stock

All Brands Available

Services

- ROTATE & BALANCE
- FLATS FIXED
- CUSTOM WHEELS
- TIRES
- COMPUTER SPIN
- BALANCING

631 Sardis Road

Just 5 Minutes West of I-35 on Hwy 287.
Between Waxahachie and Midlothian

Mon - Fri 8:30-6 Sat 8:30-5 Sun 9-5

Open 7 Days A Week

972-937-4177 Metro 972-935-9795

Reserve Online Today.

- Pre-arranged door-to-door service
- Sick child pick up
- Shuttle to activities service
- One-way services
- Daily/weekly scheduled services
- Special request pick-up/deliveries
- Hourly group rate/mileage
- Out-of-area rides
- Summertime programs
- Weekend trips



Lollipop Kid Shuttle

877-GoKidShuttle • www.lollipopkidshuttle.com



John D. Abdulian, M.D.
Board Certified in Gastroenterology

- heartburn
- indigestion
- chronic diarrhea
- constipation
- abdominal pain
- colon cancer screening
- swallowing disorders
- liver disorders
- rectal bleeding
- poor appetite/weight loss
- anemia

*For an appointment,
please call our office at*
(972) 875-1800
Most insurance plans accepted

Now in 3 Locations!
Now Accepting Patients In Our New Offices

1441 Midlothian Pkwy., Ste. 110
Midlothian, TX.

2800 E Broadstreet Ste., 318
Mansfield, TX.

Southwestern Digestive Health Physicians
601 South Clay Street, Ste. 108 (at Lampasas), Ennis



**Waxahachie's
Sports Bar & Grill**

Just a short drive to
200 S. Rogers Street
SW Corner of the Square
972-923-3738
www.courtsidebar.com

GREAT FOOD!
Everything from
Fried Pickles to Grilled Salmon!

GREAT SERVICE!

Football Season
Is Right Around
the Corner!

Courtside
is THE place to be!

Havin' a
GREAT time!

Wi-Fi & BIG SCREEN HD TVs

Pick 2 Combo
Choose Two
Soup, Salad, Pasta
or Sandwich
Only \$5.99

Daily Specials

See Ya Courtside!

OPENS AT 11AM DAILY
SUNDAY-FRIDAY CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT
SATURDAY CLOSES AT 1AM

FREE
"World Famous" Burger
Buy one Get One of equal or
lesser value FREE with coupon.

Expires 9/30/08



25 Years of Excellence

WALNUT CREEK AUTO CLINIC



Maintenance Services & Repairs We Do It All!

Alignments • Tune-ups • Oil Changes • Wipers • Shocks & Struts • Brakes • Air Filter • Fuel Filter • Water Pumps
Fuel Pumps • Timing Belts • Driving Belts • Radiator/Heater Hoses • Clutches • Fuel Injectors • Air Conditioning
Computers & Sensors • Engine Repairs • Starters • Alternators • Lights • Diagnostics • Factory Schedule Maintenance



Walnut Creek Auto CLINIC



**FREE
Brake
Inspection**

Expires 10/08

**FREE
A/C
Check**

Expires 10/08

**FREE
Health
Check**

Expires 10/08

**Oil Change
Special
\$29.99 +Tax**

Expires 10/08

12 Months 12000 Miles Nationwide Warranty

743 US Hwy 287 • Mansfield • 817-473-6901 • www.walnutcreekautoclinic.com



**Serving Ellis County Residents
For Nearly A Decade.**

*Bunions - Diabetic Foot Care
Hammertoes - Heel Pain
Nail Problems - Sports Injuries
Sprains/Fractures - Wound Care*

**Now Seeing Patients
At All 3 Locations**



Dr. David A. Gardner

Please call 972-723-5400

1441 S. Midlothian Parkway, Suite 120
Midlothian, TX 76065

2203 West Lampasas, Suite 102
Ennis, TX 75119

505 N. Hwy 77, Suite 200
Waxahachie, TX 75165



Thinking Outside the Box

Custom Gift Baskets

Conrad Creative is a locally owned and operated company specializing in gift baskets, corporate gift programs and centerpieces. Our goal is to help you make a lasting impression and create unique and special gifts on-time with outstanding customer service. We think "outside the box" to bring you a gift that will stand out above the crowd. Contact us today for a free quote.



**Birthday, Thank You, Baby,
Weddings, Corporate Gifts
and more!**

Phone Orders:

972-822-6777

Email Orders:

jenny@conradcreative.com
www.conradcreative.com

**Mention Now Magazine
for 10% Off!**

10% off applies to initial orders only and may not be combined with any other offer. This offer may be canceled or changed without notice. Call for details.



We Appreciate Your Business!

All Clothes Done On-site

624 E. Main • Midlothian • 972-723-2100

Mon. - Fri. 6:30-7:00 Sat. 8:00 - 3:00

Savage Tan Your First
Tan is
FREE!

*Come check out
our Beds!*

Summer is the **Best** time to Tan!

M-Th 8 am - 9 pm • Fri 8 am - 7 pm • Sat 10 am - 7 pm • Sun 12 pm - 6 pm

1000 E. Main St. (Hwy. 287) 972-775-8979

Look Who's Cooking

— By Faith Browning

IN THE KITCHEN WITH NICK WALTON AND CHILDREN, AUBREY, 8 AND ARYN, 5

Family time is top priority in Nick's family. In between their busy schedules of work, dance, soccer and gymnastics, it is difficult to share meals together. Nick stays very active coaching children's soccer, volunteering with the children's ministry at their church, helping his wife, Andrea, at her State Farm Insurance Agency and playing basketball and fantasy football, when he can fit it in.

You can usually find Nick at the grill and Andrea in the kitchen making casseroles, but on Saturday mornings, you can find all the Waltons in the kitchen. The tradition of Saturday morning pancakes is a Walton family favorite. "They love to read the recipes, crack the eggs and stir the batter," Nick expressed. "It creates good memories and keeps us connected." **NOW**

To view more of your neighbors' recipes, visit our archives at www.nowmagazines.com.

SATURDAY MORNING EASY PANCAKES

2 eggs
2 cups Bisquick
1 tsp. baking soda
(Add fruit if your children want it.)

Whisk together eggs; add Bisquick, baking soda and fruit; stir together well. Pour desired size in a skillet or on a griddle; flip when lots of bubbles appear.

**Must make Mickey Mouse-shaped pancakes. Children love them!*

CATALINA CHICKEN

1 dozen chicken tenders
(frozen, from freezer)
1/2 bottle of light Catalina salad dressing

In a casserole dish, place a dozen chicken tenders; add Catalina dressing. Cook at 350 F for 20 minutes. Add salad and green beans for a full meal children love.

SALMON

1 large salmon filet (skinless)
lemon pepper seasoning to taste
1 Tbsp. butter

Season salmon by lightly covering with butter and lemon pepper. Place in oven at 350 F for 20 minutes.

BREAKFAST PIE

1 16-oz. package cubed ham
2 eggs

1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1 cup Swiss cheese, shredded
1 14-oz. can PET evaporated milk
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
1 9-inch pie crust

Cook cubed ham in a pan until lightly browned. In a bowl, whisk together eggs; add ham and remaining ingredients. Stir all ingredients together; pour into piecrust. Cook at 350 F for 35 minutes or until golden. This warms well throughout the week.

KOOL-AID KUBES

1 pkg. Kool-Aid (any flavor)
fruit of choice — cut into small enough pieces to fit into an ice tray

Appliance Repair Repairs on most residential equipment

Ray's
RR Residential
RR Repairs
30 Years Experience

washers
dryers
refrigerators

stovetops
ovens
and more...

Give us a call. Ray Appleton
972-775-3063

Honest

Reliable

Respected

Senior Citizen
Discounts

Who's Cooking **NOW**

In ice tray, add Kool-Aid and a piece of fruit to each compartment. Freeze and use in a glass of water or Kool-Aid. Children love it!

FROZEN GRAPES

one bag of grapes
(red or green; your choice)

Put washed grapes in freezer. Good snack while outside or watching TV. Favorite for children, as well as adults.

LEMON PIE

2 14-oz. cans Eagle Brand milk
lemon juice to taste
1 graham cracker crust

Combine Eagle Brand milk and lemon juice; pour into graham cracker crust. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Makes for a yummy dessert any time of year.



**Call for Private Evaluations
for Competitive Cheer.**

**Home of The 2008
National Champions.**

Spots Still Available!

*Liberty Cheer
ALL-STARS*

**Congratulations to another of LCA's Cheerleaders, Samantha Brewer
for being awarded NCA All American at cheer camp!**

2100 Hwy 67 • Suite 2102 & 2104 • Midlothian, TX 76065
www.libertycheerallstars.com • 972-775-5323

Ivey
PHOTOGRAPHY
Families Seniors
Children Weddings



**Pumpkin Patch
Photos!**

Saturday,
October 4, 2008

Call For Appointment!

Package Pricing
No Session Charge

402 E. Ave. - Midlothian, TX 76065 - 972.723.2464 - www.iveystudio.com

*Experience Luxury Living
in your backyard*



Specialize in creative outdoor living at an affordable price

**PATIO
scapes**

Organic Landscaping & Landscape Design • Custom Patios
Outdoor Structures • Stonework • Outdoor Kitchens • Decks • Fireplaces
Putting Greens & Waterless Grass • Water Features • Outdoor Lighting

972-938-0407 972-938-1787 fax www.patioscapesusa.com

THE HOME DEPOT
Certified Outdoor Living Partner



Finance **NOW**

Home-Based Businesses Need Business Insurance

— By Tim Tobey

The dream of owning a business is becoming a reality for thousands of people each year. For many of these would-be captains of industry, that means starting the operation at home. However, your enterprise may be in jeopardy if you don't have business insurance.

You need business insurance because most homeowners' policies place limits on business-related exposures. For instance, a copier or fax machine used for business and damaged in a fire may not be fully covered because it is considered business property.

Also, the homeowners' policy does not cover business liability, loss of income, exterior signs and many other important items. If a client were injured at your home while conducting business, your homeowners' policy would not apply. Anyone who operates a home-based enterprise and does not have the proper insurance coverage is putting his or her business and personal assets at risk.

Business insurance may provide many or all of the coverages listed below:

IN THE MIDDLE of a major life change WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE?

If you're between jobs, in school, or starting your own business, don't sweat it. I have plans from Assurant Health designed with your needs in mind. To find out more about short term, student or individual medical coverage, call me today.



Tim Tobey, Agent
423 East Main Street
Midlothian, TX 76065
Bus: 972-723-8880
tim.tobey.h50@statefarm.com

See a local State Farm agent for more details on coverage, costs, restrictions, and renewability. Assurant Health products are underwritten and issued by Time Insurance Company, Milwaukee, WI, which is financially responsible for these products. No member of the State Farm family of companies is financially responsible for these products. Assurant, Assurant Health and Time Insurance Company are not affiliates of State Farm.



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company • Bloomington, IL • statefarm.com®
(705-8001) 42106

statefarm.com®

Finance **NOW**

- » Accidental direct physical loss coverage for business personal property.
- » Broader off-premises property coverage
- » Loss of income coverage
- » Extra expense coverage
- » Contractual liability coverage
- » Liability of employees while acting within the scope of their employment.

Many entrepreneurs start their businesses on shoestring budgets and try to cut corners by keeping expenses at a minimum, but when you consider what you get, business insurance becomes a tool you can't afford to work without. **ADAM**

Tim Tobey is a State Farm agent based in Midlothian.



Michael Williams, DO
Board Certified in Family Practice

X-Rays
Outpatient Infusions
Pain Management
Surgical Procedures
Gentle Laser Hair Removal

513 Straus Road, Suite A • Cedar Hill, Texas 75104
972-299-6045

Now enrolling for fall classes



Classes offered for ages 2 & up:
Ballet,
Tap, Jazz,
Hip Hop,
Floor
Gymnastics

Classes offered for adults:
Ballroom,
Country
Western,
Salsa,
East Coast

Instructor holds a bachelor's degree in theatre arts & dance

Stage Door Est. 1987
School of Dance

Downtown Midlothian
972-775-8199 • stagedance@airmail.net
www.stagedoorschoolofdance.com

Whispers Boutique



118 N. 8th Street • Downtown Midlothian 972-775-5210
Tuesday • Friday 10 - 6 • Saturday 10 - 4

New Fall Arrivals

Jeanette's
Alterations & Embroidery
Large or Small Orders

LETTER JACKETS, SHIRTS, CAPS, CROWN PATCHES,
DECORATED T-SHIRTS, COMPANY SHIRTS, PROMOTIONAL
PRODUCTS & MUCH MORE!
From Your Artwork To Embroidery

WE DO IT ALL!
1832 FM 66, Waxahachie
972-938-8778



HAWKEYE DISCOUNT
Siding, Windows & Solar Screens



Local Midlothian Company With 20 Years Experience

Quality At An Affordable Price!
972-754-0515
www.hawkeyediscountsidings.com

Health
NOW

Cholesterol Can be Good

— By Betty Tryon

Tim Russert, the successful moderator of the political talk show *Meet the Press*, died suddenly from cardiac arrest with a history of high cholesterol. Mr. Russert's death rang a serious wake-up call for many. High cholesterol gets its bad reputation with good reason. However, it may surprise many to discover that cholesterol is not all bad and it is in fact, necessary. It is so necessary for some of our bodily functions that not only do we receive this product from some food sources, our bodies naturally produce it.

Cholesterol, a fat-like substance and waxy in its texture, is found in all parts of the body. It is essential in producing certain hormones such as testosterone and progesterone. The use of Vitamin D and the production of bile acid to digest fats depends on cholesterol. It also assists in the production of cell membranes. Our body only needs a small amount of cholesterol to meet these needs. The excess cholesterol results in fatty deposits in the blood vessels and begins to build up and narrow the passageway of the arteries. When it starts to build up, it can harden and form plaque which can be a precursor to cardiovascular disease.

There are two types of cholesterol: LDL (low-density lipoprotein), commonly called the bad cholesterol and HDL (high-density lipoprotein), commonly called the good cholesterol. LDL cholesterol is the form that causes the

clogging of the arteries. HDL earns its sterling reputation because unlike LDL, it does not build up in the arteries and helps usher the bad cholesterol out of the blood vessels.

There are several factors to examine when determining risk factors. The most obvious is the diet. Foods that are high in cholesterol and saturated fats should be limited or avoided to lower your blood cholesterol levels. Exercise can increase your HDL which can help lower the bad cholesterol in the blood. An unhealthy weight can lead to increased LDL levels. The good news is that losing weight, moderate exercise and watching your diet can lower your blood cholesterol.

Some of the risk factors cannot be controlled. There is some evidence that some persons may be predisposed to higher levels because of genetics. If high cholesterol levels run in your family, have yourself tested in order to know your levels. Increased age can lead to higher cholesterol levels, particularly in women who have reached menopause.

The key to prevention is knowledge. Forearmed is forewarned. If you know you have high cholesterol, you can now work with your physician for the health care plan best for you. Whether it is a lifestyle change or medication, help is available. **NOW**

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



Fall into Creekside for All New Seasonal Decor

New Fall Decor Arriving Now
Get the Hard-to-find Decorations Before They're Gone


Home Decor
Lamps • Pictures • Accessories • Custom Florals by Inspirations

Gift Needs
Candles by Fleur de Liz • Baby Gifts • Designer Jewelry • Vera Bradley
Willow Tree Angels • Mark Roberts Fairies • Arthur Court Designs
Brighton Accessories • Feed on the Word Tableware

CREEKSIDE COLLECTIONS

IN-HOME CONSULTATIONS
126 W. Dublin Lane • Ste. 334 • Mansfield • 817-473-2266
In the Target Center • Hours: Mon-Fri: 10-6 • Sat: 10-5

*It's never too early
for an eye exam.*



Dr. Danielle Gardner
Therapeutic Optometrist

10% off Eye Exam
with mention of this ad

Adjacent to the Midlothian Walmart Vision Center

972-775-5300

T-Th 9-6 • Fri 9-5
Sat 10-3 • Sun, Mon closed

Pediatric Trained

Audiological Services of Ellis County
The Hearing Center

Welcoming Dr. Justin Langran!



Alice C. Wilson,
Au.D., CCC/A
Doctor of Audiology

- State of the Art Technology
- One Week Free Trial!
- Finest Brands Available
- Hearing Evaluation
- Seniors' Discount
- Hearing Aid Repairs
- Batteries & Clubs
- Ear Wax Removal
- Financing Available
- 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed

Try Before You Buy.
Call Now to Schedule
Your Free Hearing
Aid Evaluation



Justin Langran,
Au.D., CCC/A
Doctor of Audiology

Patient Recommended, Physician Referred
www.hearingcenterofec.com

1000 E. Main Street, Suite 303 • Midlothian, TX 76065
(Between Caroline's Cafe & Physical Therapy)

972-723-6181 or 888-251-6615



TRUSTED RENTAL PROPERTY
LEASING & MANAGEMENT
SINCE 1979

JUSTISS & JUSTISS

"Give Us Your Headache!"

1-214-946-3333
www.BestManager.com
Midlothian Resident

**Discounts
up to**

40%

I'M THERE




Clay Myers DISCOUNT Agent
and Loan Officer
Midlothian, TX 76065
Phone: 972-723-1417
Fax: 972-723-1417
claymyers@ta4u.org


With discounts for great drivers, multiple vehicles and combining home and auto policies, a great auto rate is closer than you think. Let a good neighbor, Clay Myers, help you. CALL MY OFFICE FOR A QUOTE TODAY!




Training Academy 4 U, LLC



Massage



Medical



Dental

Now Enrolling • Day and Evening Classes

Busy Weekdays? Ask about Saturday-only classes for Dental Assistants.

Scholarship \$\$\$ Available. Call for more info!

213 West 6th St. • Ferris, Tx 75125
972-842-2999 • www.ta4u.org
Grants Available Through TRC, WIA, GI Bill & VA

Approved & Regulated by TWC Career Schools & Colleges & Texas Department of Health.

Saturday, September 20

OKTOBERFEST



Live Auction
Featuring: A ride aboard a Russian MIG jet and an Acoustic Guitar signed by Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard and many other great items to bid on!

- Kinderfest (Kid Games)
- Food
- Biergarten
- Vendor Booths
- Washer Tournament
- Silent Auction
- Karaoke Tournament (Kids & Adult contests)
- Live and DJ Entertainment throughout the day
- Elvis Impersonator
- Raffle Drawings

Sponsored by:



Midlothian Family Medicine Clinic, Dr. Kelly Felty
Dr. Mark Morgan Dentistry and Dr. Laura Morgan Orthodontics

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School in Waxahachie.
Sponsorships available - all donations are tax deductible.
www.oktoberfestwaxahachie.com for more information and contacts.

Ellis County Youth Expo Center
Hwy 287, Waxahachie
Free Admission, Free Parking.
Doors open at 10:30 am - 8pm



Back To School Is Here Is Your Child Ready?

**2 Private Lessons
& Official Uniform
\$29⁹⁹**

Learn the ABC's of success at
our Martial Arts School:
ATTITUDE • BEHAVIOR • CONCENTRATION

**Buie's
SUPERKICKS
KARATE**
ADDING VALUE TO LIVES

517 N. Ninth St. Midlothian
972-723-2949
buiesuperkicks.com

Award Winning Member Of
**BLACK BELT SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL**



YOU CAN BE THE HIT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD
WITH ONE OF OUR OUTDOOR KITCHENS.



Stone Age
Manufacturing

SEE US FOR ALL YOUR MASONRY NEEDS



SUNBELT BRICK
BRICK & STONE

972-878-8000

www.sunbeltbrick.com

See Our Displays At
706 S. I-45 • Ennis

September Exclusive

The Dynamic Duo

Back by Popular Demand

**Vitamin Therapy Facial
with Reflexology**

\$120

New Clients - Mention this ad for
\$10 off any service of \$50 or more!

New clients only. Not valid with any other discount or special.
Offer good for services rendered in September and October 2008.

NOW OFFERING SUGARING
Gentle Hair Removal using 100% Natural Ingredients

Scared of your swimsuit? We can help!



M'lis Contour Wraps
Inch Loss & Skin Smoothing
without Dehydration

Sun-Free Tan Treatment
Fastest Way to get a Fantastic Tan
NO Harmful UV Rays Needed

Microcurrent Facial Toning
A more Youthful, Rejuvenated
Appearance without Surgery

Remède Spa & Wellness Center

100 S. Main St., Suite 104 • 972-572-1772
Main Station in Duncanville

Instant Gift Certificates & More at www.remedespa.net

September 2008

Community Calendar

Every Tuesday

Midlothian Rotary Club meeting, noon, Midlothian Civic Center, 224 South 11th St. (972) 775-7118.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

Midlothian City Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 104 West Avenue E.

First and Third Thursday

Midlothian Lions Club meeting, 7:00 p.m., Midlothian Civic Center, 224 S. 11th St. (972) 775-7118.

Every Saturday in September

Waxahachie Downtown Farmer's Market: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Franklin St. between Rogers and College. (972) 938-2101, ext. 198.

Third Thursday

ABWA – Empowering Women Express Network will meet at 5:45 p.m. at the Midlothian Conference Center, located at 1 Community Circle. Please RSVP to Daphne Brewer at (972) 723-6551 or visit www.abwa-empoweringwomen.org for more information.

September 2

ABWA Great Visions Charter Chapter – Midlothian meeting, 6:30 p.m., location TBA. \$10 for dinner. Visit www.midlothianabwa.com. RSVP to Kit Montgomery at (214) 333-5209 or kit@dbu.edu.

September 5 - 6

Ellis County BBQ Cook-Off at the Midlothian Civic Center. Lone Star BBQ Society Sanctioned Event. Call Robert Cunningham at (972) 824-1387.

September 6 - 7

Waxahachie Trade Days' "Tribute to Ellis County Armed Service Members." Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Visit www.waxtradedays.com. For vendor information, contact Dean at (903) 286-0183 or waxtradedays@yahoo.com.

September 11

21st Annual Golf Benefit at Hidden Creek Golf Course in Burleson. Contact Amy Jackson with Meals on Wheels of Johnson and Ellis Counties at (817) 558-2840 or amy@mowjec.org.

September 13

Mystery on the Nile. Chamber Dinner and Auction, 6:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center. \$35.00 RSVP required or \$40.00 at the door. (972) 723-8600. Midlothian Park and Recreation Department's Movie in the Park featuring *The Wizard of Oz*. (214) 596-1434.

September 19

Midlothian Education Foundation Golf Tournament: 12:30 p.m. Tee Time, Mansfield National Golf Club, 3750 National Parkway. Call Jana Hathorne at (972) 775-8296

or Randy Denton at (972) 723-5522.

Midlothian Conference Center Arts Council Art Show entry deadline. www.MidlothianCenter.com.

September 22

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County meeting, 7:00 p.m., Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N. Grand Avenue across from SAGU, Waxahachie. www.cqguild.org.

September 25

Leads to Success Group meeting, 8:00 a.m., Chamber offices.

September 26 - 28

Art Show. Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle Dr. (972) 723-7919. www.MidlothianCenter.com.

September 27

Midlothian Park and Recreation Department's Movie in the Park. Walt Disney presents *Grease* starring John Travolta & Olivia Newton John. Bring your chairs and blankets. Concessions will be available. (214) 596-1434.

For more community events, visit our online calendar at www.nowmagazines.com.



Family Dentist

Full Service Family Dental



FREE Braces Consultation • Low Monthly Payments

Friendly • Motivated Staff

Preferred Providers:

- Aetna PPO • Delta Dental • Metlife PPO
- Guardian PPO • Cigna PPO • Fortis DHA
- QCD • United Health Care PPO
- Any Traditional Insurance

Walk - Ins Welcome



GM Family Dental

972-988-3333

2507 Medical Row #104
Grand Prairie, TX 75051



Rose Park Dental

817-473-1159

217 N. Walnut Creek
Mansfield, TX 76063



M - F 9 am - 6 pm • or by appt.
Se Habla Español • Vietnamese Spoken
"Under Same Ownership"







PIEPER LANDSCAPING

Installation • Design • Maintenance

*Serving all of your landscaping
& lawn maintenance needs.*

LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION

- Trees & Shrubs
- Flowers
- Sod Installation
- Stone Borders
- Mulch
- Irrigation (Lic# 5740)



LAWN MAINTENANCE

- Commercial
& Residential

TREE SERVICE

- Installation
- Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Replacement Trees

Thomas Pieper • Cell 972-880-2001 • Office 972-435-2060 • pieperlandscaping@aircanopy.net

Register To



Are you a new Ellis County resident?

Please be sure to Register to

**If you have moved within Ellis County,
you need to update your voter record.**



October 6th is the deadline to register for the upcoming 2008 Presidential election.

Applications to register or update your information can be obtained at:

**www.sos.state.tx.us, any City Hall in Ellis County, any County Tax Office, or at the Ellis County Elections
Office located at 106 S. Monroe, Waxahachie, TX • Call (972) 923-5195 for information**



Joe W. Potter, DDS, PA

Brandon K Florence, DDS



207 W. BELTLINE ROAD • CEDAR HILL, TX 75104 • (972) 291-1501



- General & Cosmetic Dentistry
- Experienced Friendly Staff
- Digital Radiography
- Whitening
- Diagnodent (early decay detection)
- ViziLite (oral cancer screening)
- Appliances (snore guard, headaches)
- Conscious Sedation
- Most insurances accepted

972-291-1501

www.joewpotterdds.com





Holcim

Strength. Performance. Passion.

Midlothian Cement Plant

PRESIDENTIAL PLAZA

NOW LEASING! 972-723-1845



**SUCCESS! THE MOST CUSTOMERS
AND THE BEST LEASE IN MIDLOTHIAN.**

Midlothian Fall FESTIVAL

**Saturday
October 18**

9 AM to 4 PM

**Corner of 14th St
& Hwy 287 Bypass**

FREE Admission!

Live Entertainment!

Car Show!



Call 972-723-8600

for more information
or to reserve booth space

Delicious Food • Arts & Crafts Booths • Train & Pony Rides

4 PM to 9 PM

Live Entertainment

provided by the City of Midlothian

Check Web site for more information

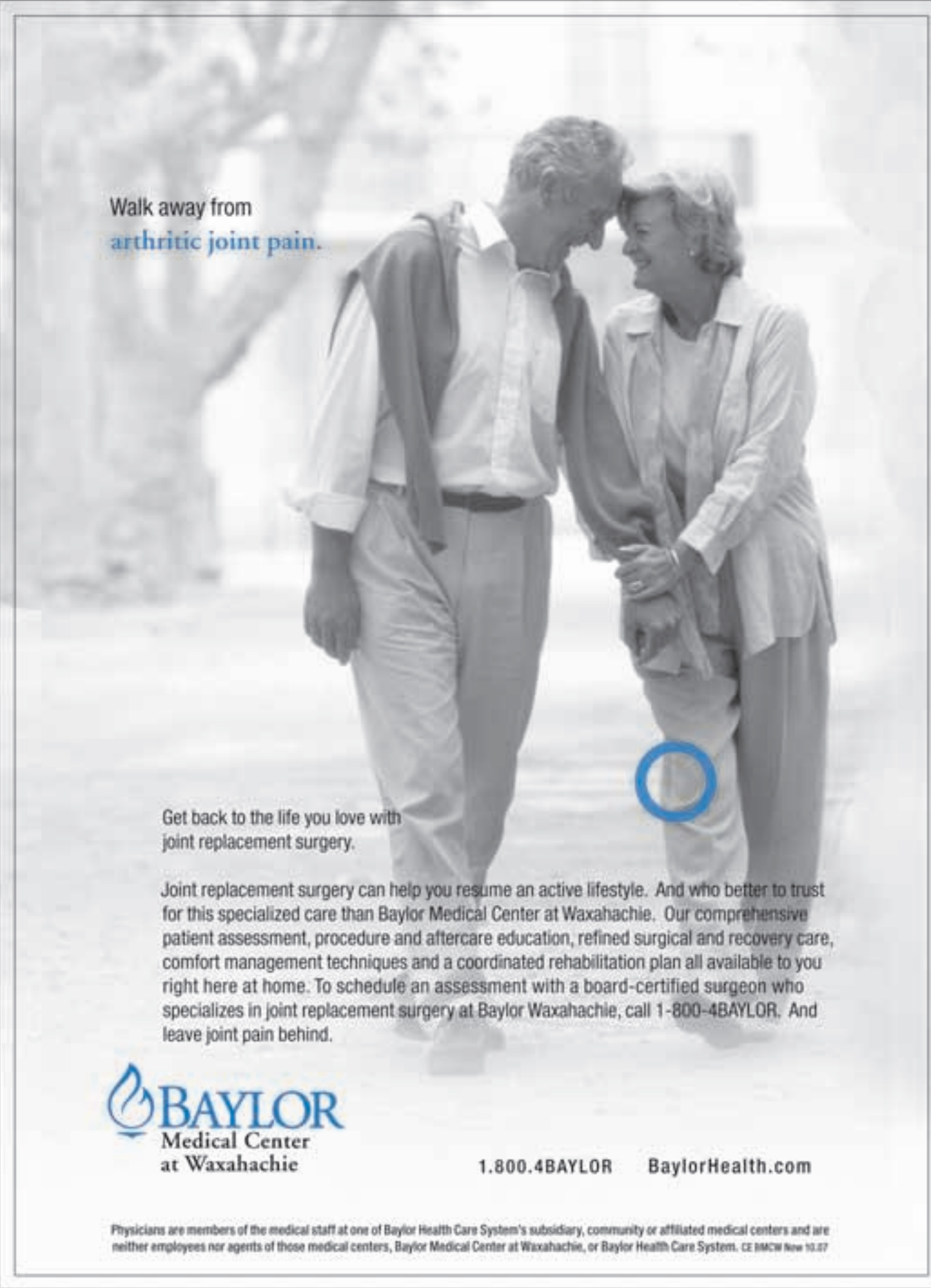
www.midlothianchamber.org



5K Check-in 7 am

5K Start Time 8 am

Registration forms are
available now. Sign up early.



Walk away from
arthritic joint pain.

Get back to the life you love with
joint replacement surgery.

Joint replacement surgery can help you resume an active lifestyle. And who better to trust for this specialized care than Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie. Our comprehensive patient assessment, procedure and aftercare education, refined surgical and recovery care, comfort management techniques and a coordinated rehabilitation plan all available to you right here at home. To schedule an assessment with a board-certified surgeon who specializes in joint replacement surgery at Baylor Waxahachie, call 1-800-4BAYLOR. And leave joint pain behind.

 **BAYLOR**
Medical Center
at Waxahachie

1.800.4BAYLOR BaylorHealth.com

Physicians are members of the medical staff at one of Baylor Health Care System's subsidiary, community or affiliated medical centers and are neither employees nor agents of those medical centers, Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie, or Baylor Health Care System. CE IMCW Nov 10.07