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Hello, Midlothian!

If you are receiving this on April 1st, and you have had your fill of April Fools jokes, you can breathe a sigh of relief. However, if you're still up for a bit of fun, April 1st is also International Fun at Work Day, but only if you can convince your boss of all the entertaining things that can be done at work other than actual work. If you get away with that one, on April 3rd, you can celebrate Don't Go to Work Unless It's Fun Day. That way everyone can build on the fun you started two days ago! If you need extra ammunition for persuasion, April 3rd is also World Party Day. Who knew there was the opportunity for so much gaiety in the month of April? These are actual holidays I found when researching wacky holidays in April just for the, wait for it, fun of it!

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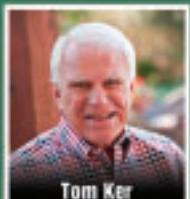
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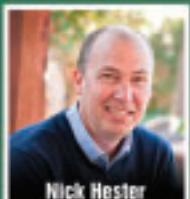
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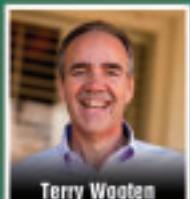
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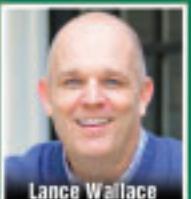
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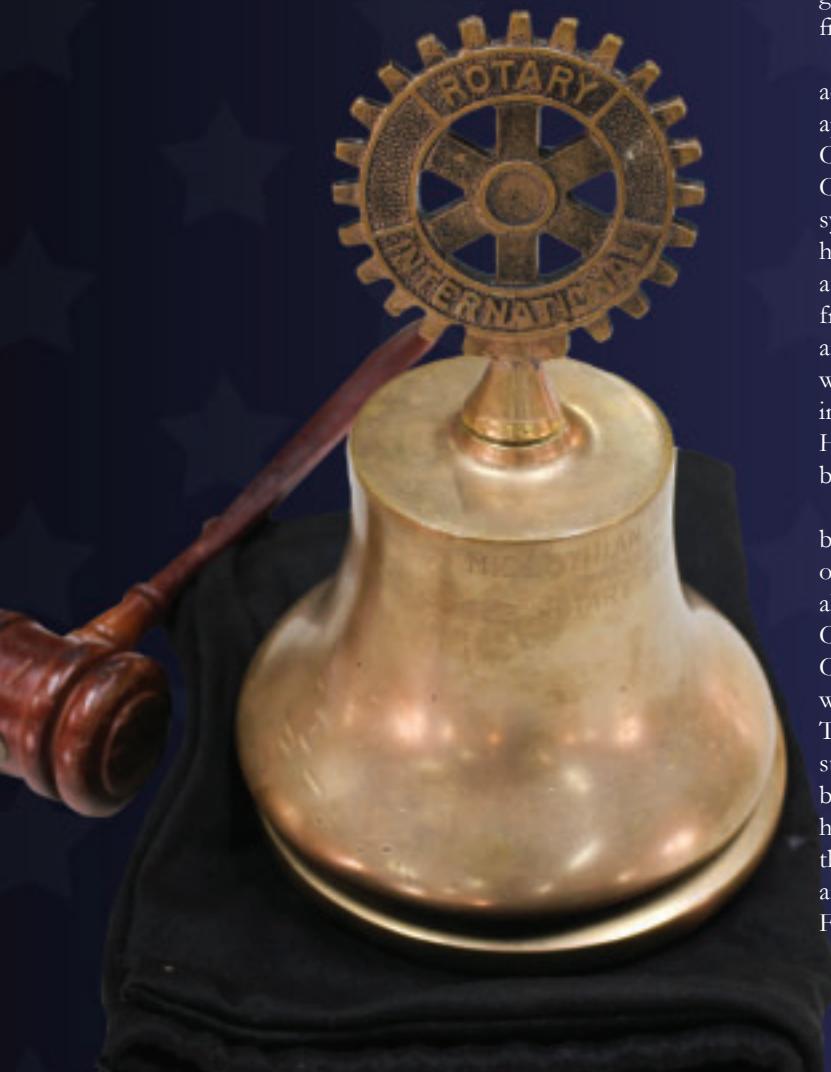
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A. Noble

"Our good works are like stones cast into the pool of time; though the stones themselves may disappear, their ripples extend to eternity." The author of this quote is unknown. However, the sentiments are familiar and in abundant supply in Midlothian. All over this community there are volunteers ready, waiting to make life better in some way for someone in need. Kristin Foyal DeLoach, president-elect of the Midlothian Rotary Club, is just one of them.



Born in Renton, Washington, Kristin earned her bachelor's degree at Washington State University. Most of her courses were in social work and in drug and alcohol studies. She began her chain of volunteering while in school. "I'm a nurturer and project driven," she noted. After graduation she became a registered counselor in the state of Washington.

It was when she was a case manager for CASA that she saw the desperateness of some of the situations. "I remember going into the home of a young girl, whom I was assisting for CASA, and feeling the hopelessness of the situation," Kristin shared. "I realized I can't change the world. It was overwhelming for me. I wondered if it was the right industry for me, but after I grew personally, I realized that I could assist without being the first responder."

After graduation and moving to Texas, Kristin added a two-year associate degree in micro computer application from Grayson County Community College, and she also went to Texas A&M University-Commerce and earned a master's degree in information system and learning technologies. She was able to use her degree at Collin County Community College and at Mesorah High School For Girls. Her career went from computers to the cellular industry after she met and married Gordon DeLoach and became co-owner with him in his business, CommCentral, Inc. They lived in Grand Prairie before moving to Cedar Hill. In Cedar Hill, the family made their connection to Midlothian by being in the Midlothian school district.

While living in Grand Prairie, Kristin joined the board of directors for Brighter Tomorrows, a nonprofit organization for battered and abused women. She also joined the board of directors of Grand Prairie's Chamber of Commerce and was the president of the Civic Committee. Her first volunteer action in Midlothian was to become one of the charter mentors of Movement Toward a Future, an organization that mentors high-risk students at Midlothian's high schools. "At their first annual banquet, I organized and donated to the event and my husband ran the sound," she recalled. Kristin is also on the board of directors for Meals-on-Wheels of Johnson and Ellis Counties and on the Midlothian Education Foundation board.

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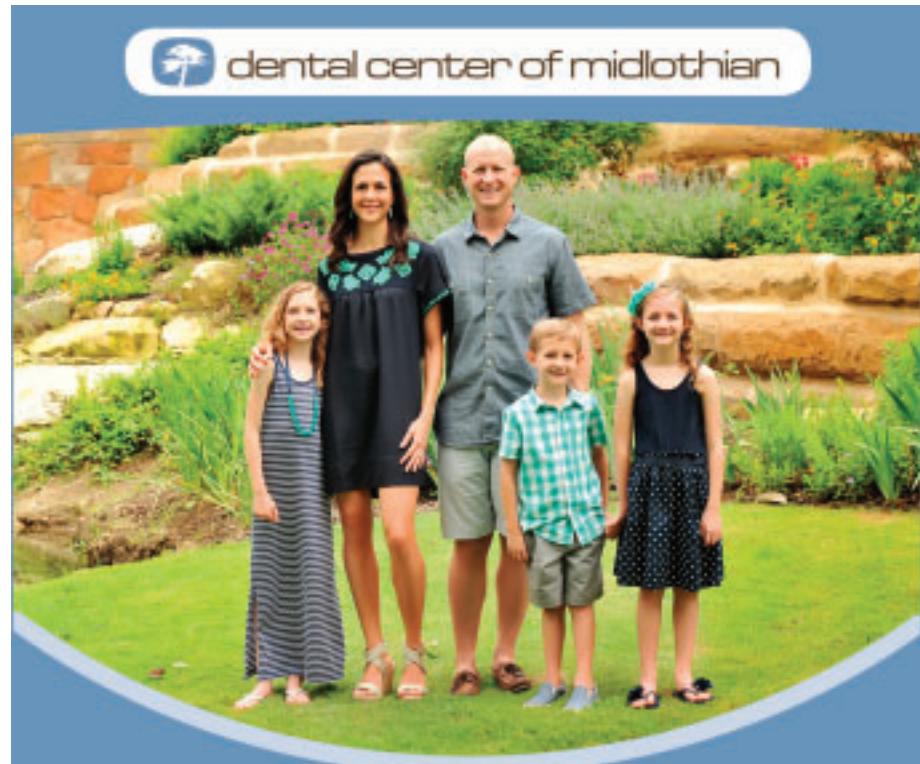


One of Kristin's biggest impacts for the community has been made through the Midlothian Rotary Club, whose main ideal is service. "I have a legacy in Rotary. My in-laws have been members for over 35 years, and my husband for 23 years with perfect attendance," she said. "I found my place in the Midlothian Rotary Club with the youth. We chartered the Midlothian High School Interact Club in 2010, which is a service leadership group. They have their independent service projects, in addition to working alongside Rotarians."



"Kids learn the value of service when they help others. When you serve others you get back more than you give."

"Rotary, for me, is a clearinghouse of community activities," Kristin described. "Because of our membership, we are able to keep up with what is happening in the community in which we live and around the world. Rotary can have members who live in a community different from the one they represent. For example, you could have a member who works in Dallas but lives in Louisiana where they spend their weekends." Some of the services Rotary has supplied to the Midlothian community are their literacy program, where books are provided weekly to the library system; their



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Kristin's proudest accomplishment with the organization was being appointed to a district position with the club, as district 5810 Rotary Interact chairman. As a district Interact chair, she has five select youth, who are leaders within their district, and they help govern the Interactors. "When I was asked to be district chair, it opened up the number of youth I could reach," Kristin shared. "A leadership seminar we put together at Booker T. Washington High School was a milestone in my experience in Rotary," she exclaimed. "That was the pinnacle of me giving back to the youth." Another fun time was their luncheon at the Sheraton in Park Cities where Kristin was able to meet the Rotary International president.

"Kids learn the value of service when they help others," Kristin explained. "When you serve others you get back more than you give. Once they've had the opportunity to make a difference, they will continue serving for the rest of their lives. They begin to see a need and try to meet it. They begin to actualize (represent or portray) themselves in the world they're in."

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Kristin described a situation in which one of the students in the Interact Club independently did a kind deed. "The student went across the street to the senior citizens facility during Christmas to take cookies and play bingo. She didn't receive any community service hours, she just wanted to go and serve. The senior citizens just loved it!"

Kristin's fulfillment in volunteering comes from a place of personal pain. When she moved to Texas all those years ago, she found herself in a divorce and facing the daunting prospect of being a single mother to her daughter, Julia. "The term 'single mother' suggests that there is brokenness," Kristin shared. But she is inspired to help others because of her own experiences as a single mother needing assistance. From the time her daughter was in the fifth grade at Vitovsky, Kristin has been investing in Midlothian, which has a culture of people who serve one another. "What I bring to the table with all of these nonprofits and past experiences is acceptance, awareness, involvement and being approachable," she said. All of those non-tangible characteristics of servanthood are reflected in her work at the Midlothian Rotary Club. "I'm a Rotarian," Kristin declared, "and we serve." **NOW**

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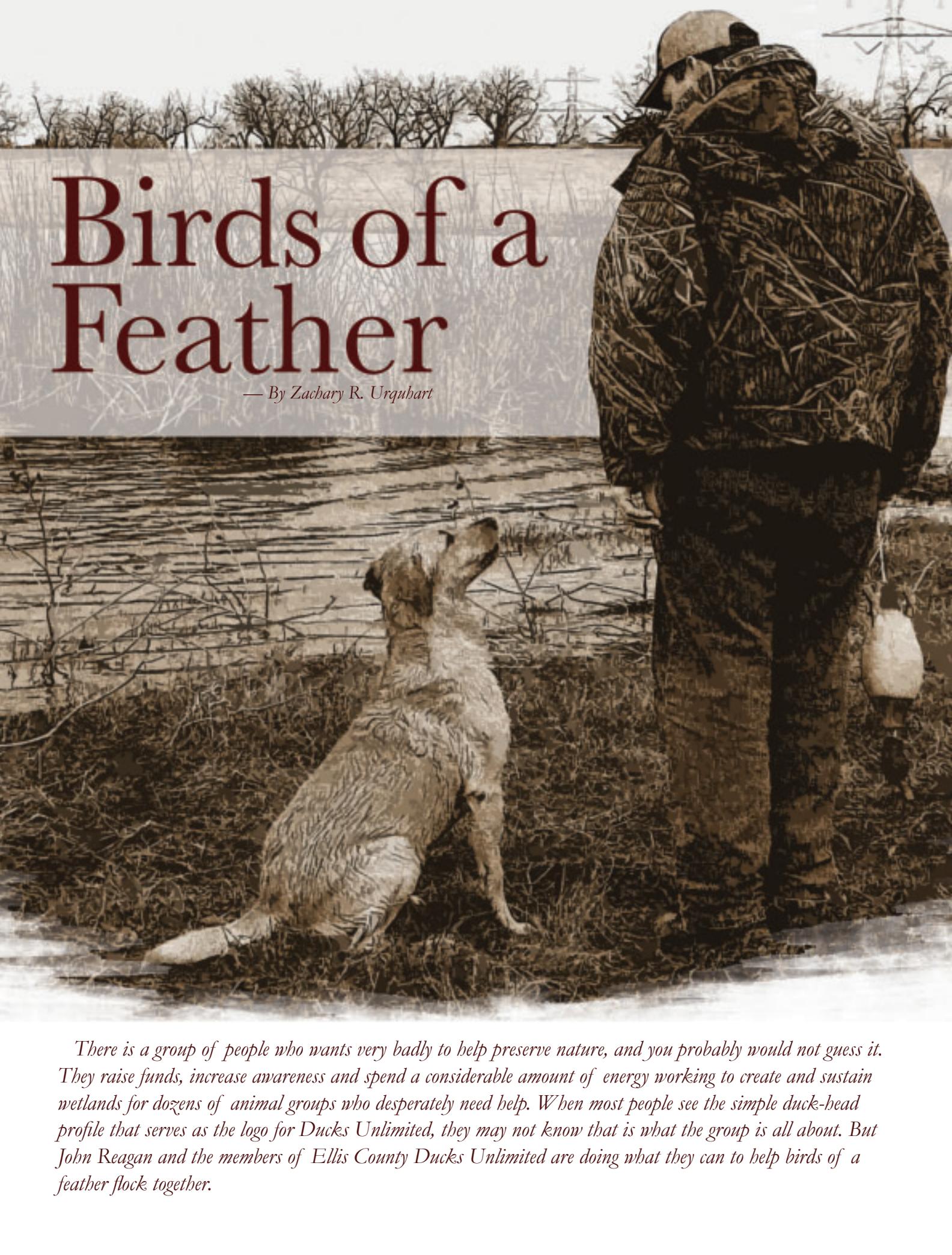
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— By Zachary R. Urquhart

There is a group of people who wants very badly to help preserve nature, and you probably would not guess it. They raise funds, increase awareness and spend a considerable amount of energy working to create and sustain wetlands for dozens of animal groups who desperately need help. When most people see the simple duck-head profile that serves as the logo for Ducks Unlimited, they may not know that is what the group is all about. But John Reagan and the members of Ellis County Ducks Unlimited are doing what they can to help birds of a feather flock together.



John grew up in Waxahachie and, after high school, went to Abilene Christian University. He met Holly in sixth grade, and they dated throughout high school and college. "We went to Brown Street Church of Christ together, and then went to ACU together," he explained. John and Holly were married in 1999, and they have two children, Jackson and Madelyn. "Jackson really likes getting out to hunt with me," John said. "Holly and Madelyn enjoy going, but they aren't crazy about it." John is a financial advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors, and Holly teaches at Dallas Christian School in Mesquite, where their kids attend school.

John and his family moved to Midlothian almost 15 years ago, so other than his college years, he has lived somewhere in Ellis County most of his life. He has been involved in many things throughout the area, and that involvement includes serving as the chairman of the Ellis County chapter of Ducks Unlimited for over a decade. "There's no crazy story about it," he recounted. "I have been an avid hunter and fisherman all my life, so I knew about DU even as a kid. Fifteen years ago, I went to an event with a friend, and I started helping out." Helping out quickly turned into taking a leadership role with the organization. "About a year after my first event, the current chairman told me I should take over, and I've been the Chairman of Ellis County Ducks Unlimited ever since," he added.

Though it was his hunting background that originally got him involved, John is quick to point out that Ducks Unlimited is not just an organization for hunters.

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While part of Ducks Unlimited's work is keeping people from destroying wetlands, they also have to react to natural wetland destruction. "Rising water levels and other geographic factors have destroyed a lot of wetlands in the Gulf Coast, especially in Louisiana," he detailed. "That is where we will have engineers figure out ways to pump water in and out of areas during different seasons to increase land for ducks and other water fowl."

The end result of the organization's massive fundraising and conservation effort is seen in their raw numbers. In the last 75 years, Ducks Unlimited has conserved well over 13 million acres of land across North America and influenced another 118 million acres on the continent. One of their major works is protecting breeding areas, especially in the Northern United States and Canada. "The money we raise in Ellis County goes to the central office in Memphis, Tennessee, and they send it where it's needed," John explained. "A lot of the



funds go where the ducks are breeding, because if they don't have somewhere to breed, nothing else will matter."

Many people think of Ducks Unlimited as a hunting organization. Though that is not quite accurate, John admits that hunters and outdoorsmen do typically support the organization. "By preserving wetlands, you increase habitats for ducks, but you are really increasing lands for birds, deer and other wildlife, as well as people," he described. One effect is an increase in animals for hunting, so it is not surprising that hunters are key supporters of Ducks Unlimited, and that's why John and the Ellis County group raise funds in the ways they do.

The committee's goal is to raise as much money as possible to send to Memphis each year. "We have two annual fundraisers," he said. "We sell a calendar every fall, and for 50 bucks, you become



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“We may or may not raise the most money, but the Ellis County event is the biggest by attendance across the state of Texas,” he boasted. When John took over more than a decade ago, their yearly banquet was hosting a couple hundred people. Thanks to his work and that of the rest of the committee, though, Ellis County Ducks Unlimited ranks near the top in the state and across the nation. “There are over 2,600 chapters nationwide, with 145 in Texas,” he explained. “Ellis County was number eight in the state and in the top 20 for the nation in funds raised last year.” They have routinely filled the largest local venue over the past few years with their annual banquet. “We couldn’t have a bigger event unless we left Ellis County, but then we would lose some of the hometown feel,” he added.



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The banquet is typically the last Friday in April, and it has become a social event that joins family, friends and co-workers together to support a great cause. In addition to a meal catered by a chef that comes in from Louisiana, the evening is full of fun. "We do a 50-gun raffle, which everyone loves," he detailed. "We have dozens of packages from duck calls to a Heli Hunt package that will be offered in the live and silent auctions, as well as many other raffle games and door prizes."

While the yearly banquet largely attracts a crowd of hunters and outdoorsmen, the cause is about so much more. John and Ellis County Ducks Unlimited are creating and preserving wetlands, one banquet at a time. **NOW**

Editor's Note: This year's banquet will be held at the Waxahachie Civic Center, Friday, April 29. For more information, email elliscountydu@earthlink.net or visit www.ducks.org/texas/events/40887/ellis-county-dinner-waxahachie-tx.

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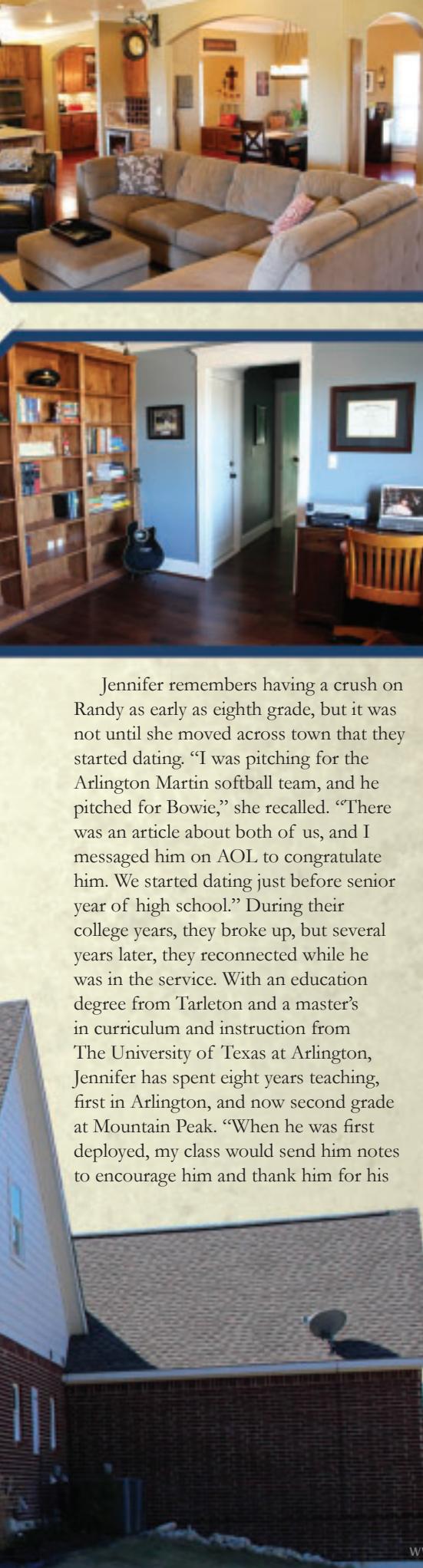
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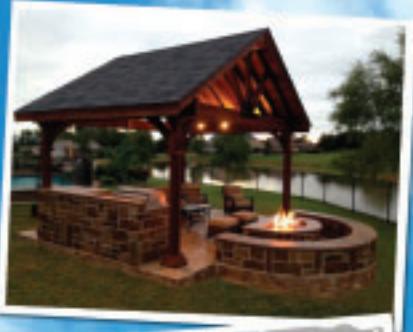
Randy and Jennifer grew up in Arlington and have known each other since junior high. Randy graduated from Arlington Bowie High School before getting an economics degree and MBA at Tarleton State University. Along the way, he served in the Army, doing one tour in Iraq in 2008. “I started school thinking I would go into the business world, but I came back from Iraq during the down economy,” he explained. “I was intrigued by law enforcement, so when I came back I got on board with Highland Park DPS.”





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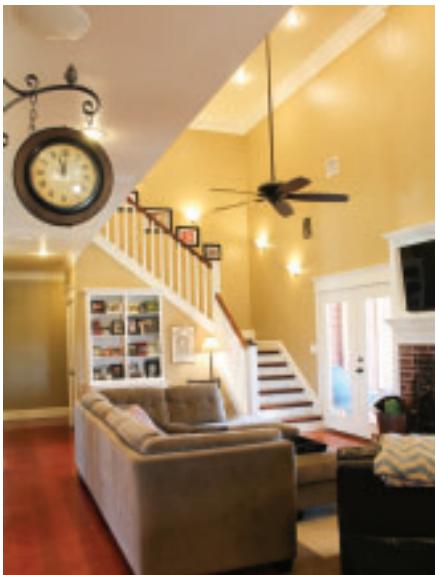


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When they got married, Jennifer had a house in Arlington. They lived there for a while, but they soon decided to move to this area. “My parents had moved to Midlothian a few years ago, and we really liked it,” Randy said. “We started looking for land, and we found this spot that was the last undeveloped lot in the neighborhood.” They bought a corner lot



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“We actually were closing at the same time I was in the hospital with our daughter, Allyson,” Jennifer laughed. “It was a crazy time, but we moved in a few weeks after she was born.” Allyson is a playful 3-year-old who loves *Frozen* and already enjoys playing baseball. “With a mom and dad who both played, it was inevitable that she was going to play, too,” Jennifer added. Randy and Jennifer expect their second child, a son, at the end of this month. “With his name, Nolan, he is destined to also play ball.”

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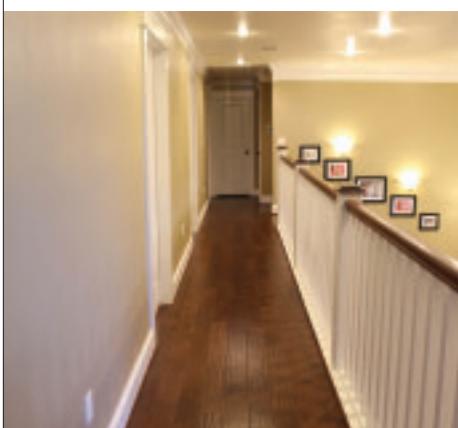
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From the kitchen, the downstairs living room sits centrally in the house, and offers plush seating, a warm fireplace and access to the stairs. One of the touches Randy and Jennifer added was extra trim and crown molding, especially in the living areas. "We went pretty heavy with it throughout the house," Randy mentioned. A partially hidden hallway leads from the living room to a spacious master bedroom adorned with rich wood furnishings. A wall of windows gives a view of the backyard and neighboring land, and the master bath is completed with slightly rustic wood, a step-up soaking tub and a hall leading to the closets.

The real beauty of the layout is on the second floor. As guests climb the staircase, they are met with a view reminiscent of an old inn, with a long hallway of rooms whose doors all face the balcony. On one end of the house, the media room is in the works. "We both work, and Randy is in law school, so





we still have some projects to complete around the house," Jennifer explained. Allie's room is light turquoise, blue and pink, with plenty of girly frills in every corner. She has a Jack-and-Jill bathroom that she will eventually share with Nolan. On either side of the bedrooms, Randy and Jennifer finished out what was going to be attic space to create two bonus rooms. "One is mainly just storage, but the other is my craft room," she beamed.

In addition to the bedrooms and bonus rooms, Randy has a study upstairs decked out with blue walls and a sophisticated bookshelf and matching desk. Where the upstairs turns into a bit of a maze is walking through the office to an above-garage playroom. "When we were digging for the garage, we realized we were going to have a lot of space, so we figured we could use it," he detailed. A long room is plenty big for several large play things, and the room includes a door back down to the garage area. "We spend a lot of time in here just chasing Allie around," Randy said with a smile.

The house is completed with a great backyard, perfect for their dogs, Sangria and Jake. "We each had a dog before we got married, so now we are one big happy dog family," Jennifer remarked. The backyard has a playhouse for Allie, a patio for grilling and plenty of space for running around. Along with the home, they love the neighborhood. "It's quiet, but there are also so many great families back here," Jennifer said. On the perfect lot, in the perfect neighborhood, Randy and Jennifer Riddle have built their perfect house. **NOW**



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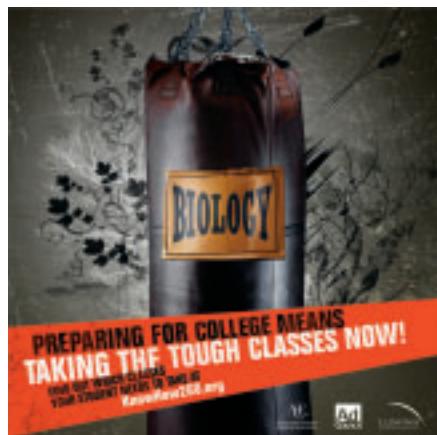
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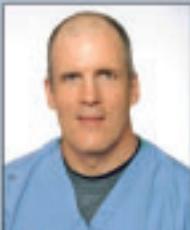
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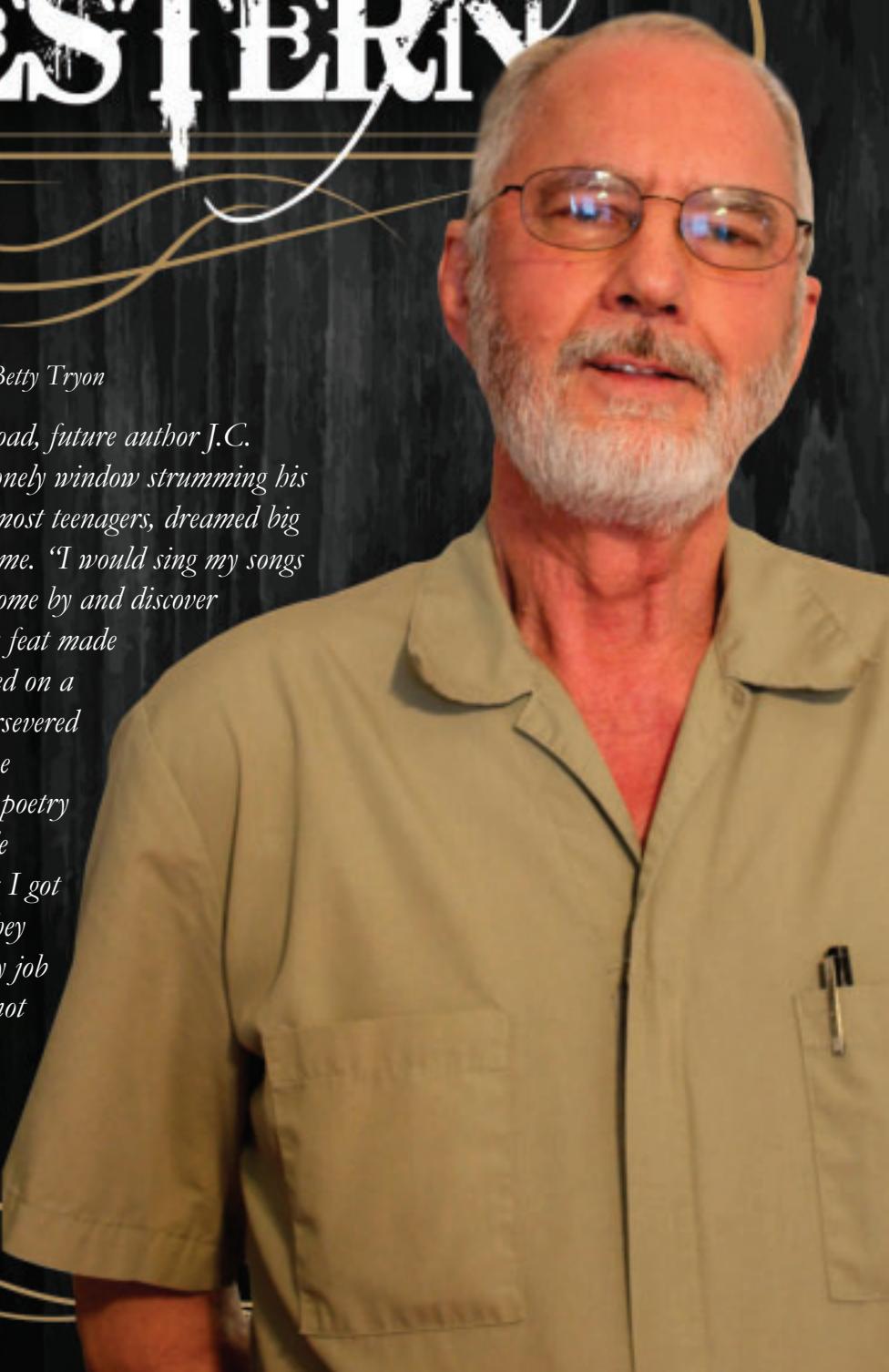
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ALL THINGS WESTERN

— By Betty Tryon

At the end of a dusty road, future author J.C. Hulsey sat in front of a lonely window strumming his guitar. The teenager, like most teenagers, dreamed big dreams of stardom and fame. “I would sing my songs and wish someone would come by and discover me,” J.C. shared. It was a feat made doubly harder, since he lived on a dead end road. But, he persevered because it was something he enjoyed. “I’ve been writing poetry and singing songs my whole life,” he said. “In the ‘60s I got a recording contract, but they told me I’d have to quit my job and leave my family. I’m not a gambler. I just couldn’t take that chance.”





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Opting for security, J.C. entered the workforce and eventually finished his employment career at Bell Helicopter, where he worked for 33 years. During that time, J.C. indulged his creative side by writing poetry. "When the poetry bug hits me, I can't even talk without making my sentences rhyme," J.C. said. "I worked in the maintenance department, and the guys would come up to me and ask me to write poems for them." He had so many poems that he decided to put them in book form and publish them. He ended up self-publishing seven poetry books but admits they didn't sell.

When he retired from work, J.C. discovered that although he didn't exactly miss the job, he missed punching the clock. "After about three years of retirement, I decided I needed to do something with my life. I think that what I'm doing now saved my life," he surmised. And what he is doing now

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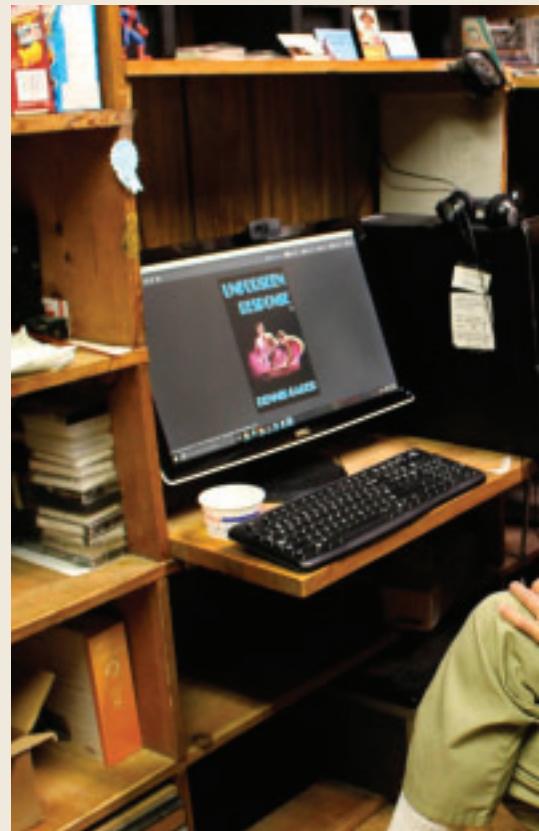
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has everything to do with books and the Western genre.

Being a lover of everything Western, he decided to write. Notwithstanding his age of 74, he wrote his first novel in 2014. "I wanted to write a story that no one else had written — a Christian gunfighter," he stated. "Folks ask me how you can be a Christian and a gunfighter. The character doesn't want to be a gunfighter but feels ordained by God. I named him Jedidiah Isaiah Jenkins. If I'd known I was going to write more than one book about him, I would've named him Joe or Sam or something like that!" he joked. He turned that one book into a series of seven with the first one titled *Angel Falls Texas*. The character, Jedidiah, travels around and cleans out towns no other person wants to. J.C. entered it into a contest with Texas Association of Authors, and it won first prize for the best Western series.

J.C.'s style of writing keeps the number of pages in his books short. His longest book is 160 pages. Describing the great Western author, Louis L'Amour's, writing style, J.C. mused, "His writing reminds me of a movie scene where the guy gets on his horse at his house and starts riding. You see the green grass and the big rocks on the side and the wind

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blowing the flowers. He rides that horse for 20 minutes. That's 20 minutes gone where something could've happened. But that's Louis L'Amour. He wrote long stories with a lot of description. What I think I've learned in the little time I've been doing this is people want action more than description."

J.C. describes himself as a stenographer, not a writer. "I write what the characters tell me to write," he shared. "It surprises me so much. I just hang onto their shrtails and hope they don't lose me!" J.C. admits to having many characters in his head that are waiting to be developed. These characters or ideas for stories can come from anywhere. Phrases such as "smoky gray eyes" or "the vastness of creation" inspire him. One particular phrase, "Give me hope," prompted him to make up a story in his mind almost instantly. "This is what I got out of that for a story," J.C. enthused. "He (the cowboy) was sitting astride a horse, feeling tired and worn out from the long ride from Branson, Colorado. He turned his eyes skyward and uttered some words, 'Lord, give me a reason to go on and find hope.' As he looked up he saw a rider on a paint horse come toward him. When the rider got closer, he could see it was a female and a pretty one at that. She

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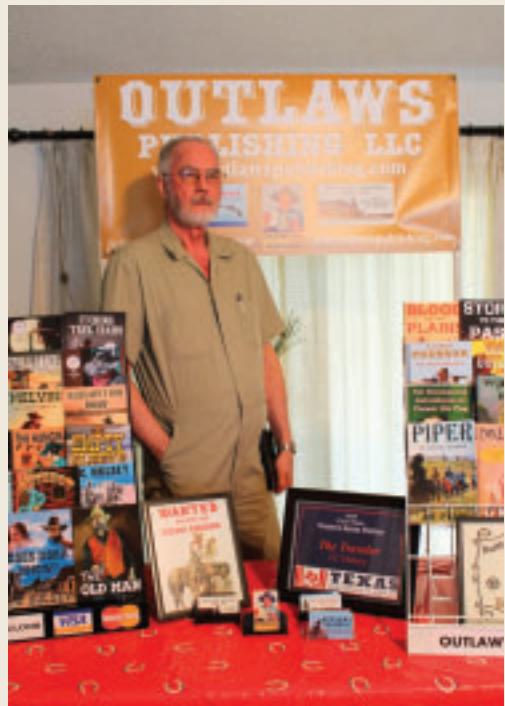
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rode up to him and said, ‘Hi, my name is Hope!’ The cowboy said, ‘This isn’t exactly the hope I was asking for, but then and again, maybe it is.’”

J.C. enjoys writing and finds it exciting. For a time, however, he stopped writing because he was discouraged by the remarks of other authors and publishing companies. So, he started his own publishing company, Outlaws Publishing, LLC. Another reason he started his company was to help others. “It is a passion of mine to see other authors realize their dream,” he said. “If I can help someone do that, then I’m helping myself,” he clarified. “Then, I’m being successful. It’s a special thing to hold your book in your hand.” J.C. has some advice for those who want to have their works published. “Don’t edit your own book, and don’t let family and friends edit it. They don’t want to hurt your feelings, but a professional editor won’t care about hurting your feelings. They will tell you what they think.”

J.C. thinks everyone could be a writer. “Every person has a story inside of them,” he declared. “You feel it when you start thinking about it, and you won’t be satisfied until that story comes out. Larry the Cable Guy has a good saying, ‘Git-R-Done! You’re never too old or too young to write.’”

His love for all things Western led J.C. to not only write books and start a publishing company but to also launch

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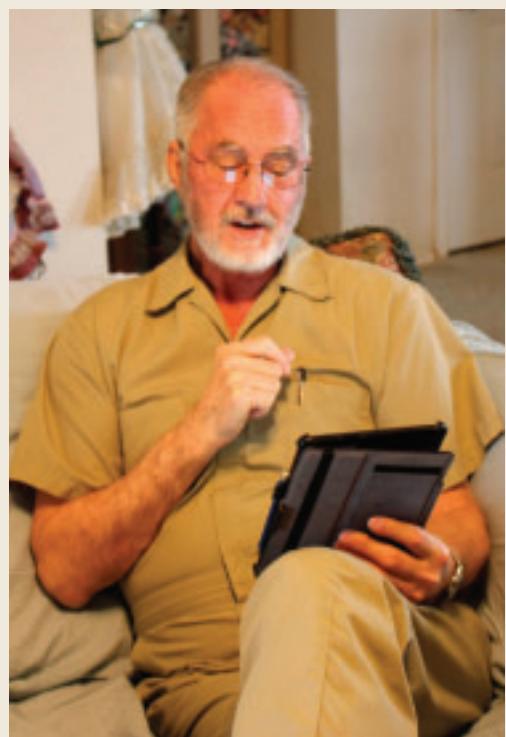
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Added Appeal

— By Carolyn Wills

How cool is it to add a pergola to a home? Potentially, very cool. With the right design, this time-tested outdoor structure can increase a home's curb appeal and useable living space, and when the time comes to sell, it might be the one "extra" that wins a buyer's heart.



The love affair between homebodies and pergolas began long ago. Earliest evidence traces back to a garden plan belonging to an Egyptian high court official around 1400 B.C. Initially, pergolas were perceived as elite structures reserved for the wealthy. In the mid-1600s, they were seen at European villas and majestic estates while, at the same time, in Eastern Asia, they were being treated to curved beams to match magnificent arched pagodas. During the Italian Renaissance, architects and garden designers upped the artistic aspect by using enormous and dramatic stone pillars.¹

Today, these structures are in reach of most homeowners thanks to modern technology and materials. Although, for the most part, not as elaborate as their forerunners, present-day pergolas offer function and affordability at a time when "at-home" outdoor living is high on the list for homeowners and buyers.

A recent preference survey by the National Association of Home Builders and *Better Homes and Gardens* shows that, in 2016, homebuyers of all ages want storage, energy efficiency and outdoor space. What's more, emerging homebuyers



known as Millennials especially want outdoor living places to entertain family and friends.²

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who consider outdoor amenities as major factors in home buying and who are also very engaged in making those amenities comfortable.³

Across all ages, then, home ownership is sparking a desire for outdoor living spaces, be it a pergola, deck, patio, porch, pool, outdoor kitchen, garden, stand-alone fountain, fire pit or barbecue. On the simplest level, pergolas are practical and relatively affordable. On a grander scale, they can tie together multiple outdoor structures, lend definition to landscaping and upgrade a home's aesthetics.

If popularity inspires options, it's understandable that pergola styles, sizes and materials seem endless these days. As with any home addition, though, preplanning is the difference between loving or regretting a finished project. The following are essential "preplanning pergola" considerations:

Purpose

First, consider how the pergola will be used. Is it to shade a garden or passageway, cover a patio, extend entertainment space, tie together existing structures or, maybe, add a quiet spot for meditation or yoga? Will it need features like lighting and electricity?

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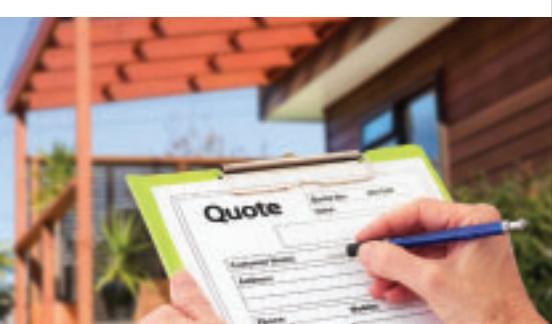
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Genevieve Schmidt, said, "Installation of a small open-roof pergola made of inexpensive wood can be as little as \$3,000 while more elaborate pergolas with solid cedar or redwood beams and a solid roof can run \$15,000 or more, particularly if engineering and permits are involved." She adds that Dan Berger of LandPlan's Landscaping, Inc. in Pleasanton, California, cites costs ranging from \$3,000-30,000 with the higher end reflecting large structures with a solid roof.⁴



Design

Typically, pergolas are square or rectangular with a slatted, latticed or solid roof supported by two or four beams. They require weather-resistant materials which are, most commonly, painted or stained cedar or redwood, and they can be free-standing or attached to a structure like a house or garage.

Optimum pergola size and design is best dictated by budget, anticipated use, sun patterns, landscaping, style and size of the home, property and any other outdoor structures. For example, a pergola that is 10 feet by 10 feet with at least an 8-foot ceiling height will comfortably accommodate two chairs and a small table. If the intention, then, is to entertain large gatherings and/or accommodate an outdoor kitchen, the project definitely calls for a bigger structure. Pergolas are adaptable to any width as long as they include the proper number of beams to support the roof.

Accessories are also important considerations. A simple garden or garage pergola is quite different from an elaborate dining/entertaining space with needs for lighting, electricity and climate control.

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complex as a mix of general, task, overhead and accent lighting. For safety's sake, all lighting or other electrical fittings in or near a pergola should be waterproofed to a rating of IP67 or better and, importantly, all electrical installations should be performed by a licensed electrician.⁵

Other possible pergola accessories include solar panels, misters, ceiling fans and heaters. Solar panels lend energy efficiency, while misters and ceiling fans (especially in Texas) provide comfort on hot days and nights. Free-standing or wall-mounted heaters serve warmth in colder times.⁶

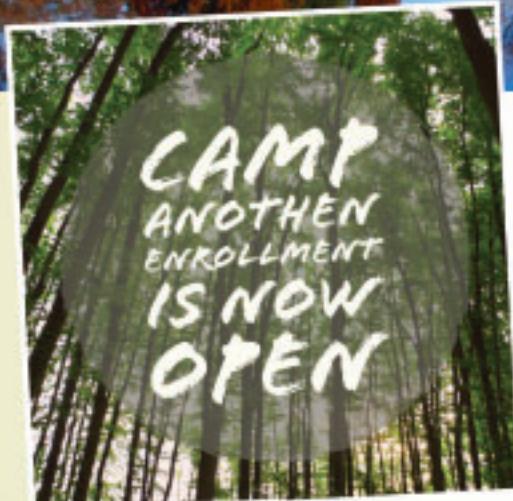
When incorporating any accessory, it's important to hire experienced installers and licensed electricians. As an afterthought, accessories can be costly and time-consuming, so preplanning is critical. Pergolas are the answer to outdoor fun with the comforts of home. **NOW**

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TRADITIONAL WITH FLAIR

Pistols & Pearls offers its customers western wear and a lot more. — By Betty Tryon

With a name like Pistols & Pearls, one would expect to find exactly that in this store, but you will only find beautiful jewelry and the latest in western wear. “We sell western clothing with a bohemian flavor,” Sage Vasquez, manager of Pistols & Pearls, said. “We offer items true to the western spirit and also those with Native American and bohemian touches. These influences are intertwined in today’s western wear, and we enjoy providing this to our customers.”

Pistols & Pearls, which sells western-inspired clothing, was opened by Ali Sharaf in 2008. Sage became manager of the store in June 2015 when they reopened after having been closed for a short period of time. The store has been in Midlothian since 2008, selling clothing with a western flavor. In addition to clothing, handcrafted, Texas-made jewelry and decor are

available. “I strive to offer items handcrafted by Texas artisans,” Sage acknowledged. “Many of the artists creating our jewelry live in the Dallas area. We offer handcrafted pallet art pieces that are one of a kind. Each pallet is deconstructed and then reconstructed with the artist’s hand applying images making each piece unique.”

Most people think of typical western clothing as snap-front shirts and starched jeans, but Sage tries to bring in clothing that may have something extra, such as interesting trim or stunning hand embroidery. Everything is still western flavored but enhanced to be eye-catching with women’s sizes ranging from XS to 2X. “We are more of a boutique,” she stated. “We carry traditional western wear as well as options for those who want a bit of romance in their clothing from flowing lace dresses to

fringe and sparkly crystal necklaces. We offer ladies' basics as well as special lines, such as the Roja Collection. Roja has a Spanish influence showcased by gorgeous serape prints, intricate beadwork and vibrant embroidery. It offers interesting pieces with high impact. Every time I wear a Roja piece, I am stopped and asked about it."

Although the business had suspended the men's line for a short time, it is now back. The store sells traditional western shirts and some that are a little more urban. They carry men's sizes up to 3X. There are men's western jeans brands Cinch and Rock & Roll denim, men's boots, belts, cowboy hats, caps, cologne and Texas-made handcrafted wallets. "We brought men's items back to the store because our male customers wanted to be able to shop for themselves," Sage shared.

"I strive to offer items handcrafted by Texas artisans."

"They enjoy shopping for their wives, girlfriends and daughters but would also like to purchase items tailored for them."

Pistols & Pearls hasn't forgotten the kids. The children's clothing has an old-fashioned vintage line with crocheted lace, brocades and pom-pom trim. There are also cowboy boots for little boys and little girls. Moccasins are available for infants to 2-year-olds. "They are true moccasins with whip-stitching and leather soles. They are made from high quality leather and suede," Sage added. "Many people do not think moccasins will wear well, however they will when made with quality material." Another unique item the business carries is a collection of handbags that are designed to carry concealed handguns. They have a pocket on the outside that is easily accessible.

There are many interesting and unique items for your shopping pleasure at Pistols & Pearls. "We are excited to be reopened and offering something special for everyone!" Sage said. **NOW**

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Lawn care season is back, and homeowners need to protect their feet and the feet of those around them when using rotary-blade lawn mowers. Each year, some 25,000 Americans sustain injuries from power mowers, according to reports issued by the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission. The blades whirl at 3,000 revolutions per minute and produce three times the kinetic energy of a .357 handgun. Yet, each year, foot and ankle surgeons continue to see patients who have been hurt while operating a lawn mower barefoot. Children under the age of 14 and adults over the age of 44 are more likely to be injured from mowers than others. Anyone who operates a power mower should take a few simple precautions:

- Don't mow a wet lawn. Losing control from slipping on rain-soaked grass is the leading cause of foot injuries caused by power mowers.
- Wear heavy shoes or work boots when mowing — no sneakers or sandals.
- Don't allow small children to ride on the lap of an adult on a lawn tractor. Children can be severely injured by the blades when getting on or off the machine.
- Mow across slopes. Never go up or down.
- Never pull a running lawn mower backwards.
- Keep children away from the lawn when mowing.
- Keep the clip bag attached when operating a power mower to prevent projectile injuries.



- Use a mower with a release mechanism on the handle that automatically shuts it off when the hands let go.

If a mower accident occurs, immediate treatment is necessary to flush the wound thoroughly and apply antibiotics to prevent infection. Superficial wounds can be treated on an outpatient basis, but more serious injuries usually require surgical intervention to repair tendon damage, deep clean the wound and suture it. Tendons severed in lawn mower accidents generally can be surgically reattached unless toes have been amputated. **NOW**

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How to Fall Asleep Fast & Sleep Through the Night: 2:00-3:30 p.m., A.H. Meadows Public Library, 923 S. 9th St. During this session, Tom Vick, founder and CEO of Natural Health Advisory Institute, will address five key strategies. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (972) 775-3417.

April 9

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April 9, 10

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April 29, 30

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In the Kitchen With Patricia Wagner

— By Betty Tryon

Even as a young girl, Patricia Wagner enjoyed putting her baking skills to good use. However, there is one incident with baking she'll never forget. "When I was very young, I entered a 4-H cooking competition," she recalled. "I made chocolate cupcakes, and instead of putting in 1/6 teaspoon salt, I put in six teaspoons! It was too late to make more, so into the competition they went. The judge must have liked salt and a very moist cake, as I got first place!"

One of the tasty treats from Patricia's kitchen is her sugar cookie. Sharing the recipe has become a family tradition for the last 45 years. She generously shares her recipe here. **NOW**

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3. Top with Hollandaise Sauce. This has to be done quickly so everything is hot!

Hollandaise Sauce

2 egg yolks

3 Tbsp. lemon juice

1/2 cup very cold butter (divided use)

- 1.** In a small saucepan stir egg yolks and lemon juice with a wooden spoon.
- 2.** Add half of the butter. Stir over low heat until butter is melted. Add the rest of butter. Continue stirring until butter is melted and sauce is thickened. Be sure butter melts slowly as this gives eggs time to cook and the sauce to thicken without curdling. Serve hot or room temperature.
- 3.** Two rules for smooth, creamy sauce: First, keep the heat low. Second, constantly stir briskly. And remember, if the sauce separates, add 1 tsp. of water and heat while stirring it in slowly.

Grandma's Sugar Cookies

Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Cookies:

1/4 cup shortening

1/2 cup butter

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp. vanilla

2 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Icing:

1 box powdered sugar
1 stick butter or margarine, softened
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 to 1/2 cup milk, depending on desired consistency (regular or can milk can be used)
Sprinkles, for garnish

- 1.** For cookies: Mix well the shortening, butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla.
- 2.** Measure flour by dip-level-pour method or by sifting.
- 3.** Blend flour, baking powder and salt; stir into shortening mixture. Chill dough at least one hour.
- 4.** Heat oven to 400 F. Roll dough to 1/8-inch thick on floured board. Cut with 3-inch cookie cutter. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Cool completely.
- 5.** For icing: In a bowl, add first 4 ingredients. Add milk slowly until the mixture is the right consistency to spread on cooled cookies; add sprinkles on top as garnish.

Fish and Chips

2 12-oz. pkgs. frozen fish fillets
2 eggs, separated
2/3 cup beer or ale
1 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. paprika
2 Tbsp. melted butter

- 1.** Cut fish into strips that are 3 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide. Dry fish and place on a paper towel.
- 2.** Beat egg yolks until lemon in color and thickened. Gradually stir in beer or ale.
- 3.** Add flour, salt, paprika and butter. Stir until smooth.
- 4.** Just before frying, beat egg whites and fold into the batter. Dip fish into the batter and place in frying oil. (Oil temperature should be about 370 F.) Cook until golden brown.

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