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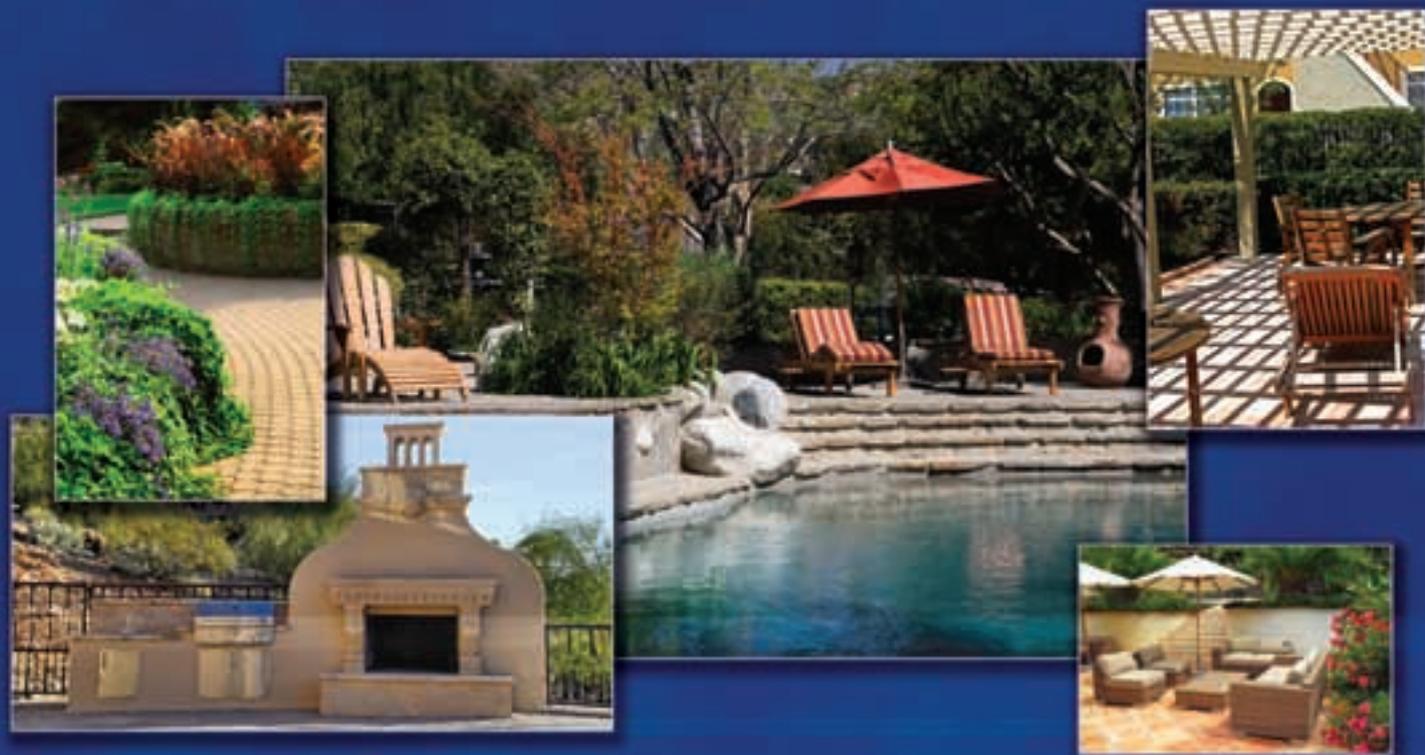
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Editor's Note

Hello Waxahachie,

April showers certainly brought a vast amount of May flowers as evidenced by the English gardens in full bloom at the featured home of Michael and Lois Yarborough. Children at Kindermusik are gearing up for another summer filled with educational camps that promise to include music, as well as laughter and lots of learning. Jana Jennings, our featured artist, is taking time to dabble in her oil paints, while Walter Justice continues to talk to Max, his Moluccan cockatoo, and nurse a large menagerie of abandoned birds back to health.

May is also the month where we, as Americans, honor our fallen heroes for fighting to protect our freedom and sing heartfelt praises to the mothers who have nurtured us, disciplined us and laughed with us for no reason at all.

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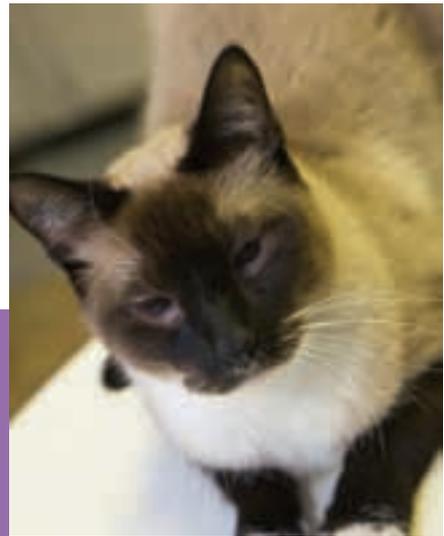
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Justice is for the Birds

— By Jaime Ruark

Sammy the cat seems to rule the roost at Walter Justice’s house. He is the resident door greeter and accompanies guests to their seats, where he then does his best to satisfy his innate curiosity by jumping on cabinets and sniffing fingers before he finally stretches himself lazily across his owner’s lap. Absentmindedly, Walter pets the white feline as he surveys his home, which has become a haven for animals in need of a second chance.

The Justice household has indeed been a home away from home to countless animals over the years, from dogs to cats to various birds. Gayle Justice, Walter’s wife of over 30 years, is a specialist in off-leash training, running her successful business, Maximum K-9, from their residence. Walter’s adoption program, A Friend For Life Animal Rescue, is just as successful, which means their house may sometimes be mistaken for a zoo.

Walter truly is an animal lover. He adopts, boards and trains dogs; even pet-sitting when the need arises. “I boarded a dog for 14 months for a lady who was stationed in Iraq,” Walter recalled. “With some of these animals you don’t know how long they’re going

to be here, so you try not to get attached. I was glad for him to go back with her when she returned, because that’s the life he knows.”

Sammy is not the only feline in the house, despite attempts to act as though he is. Socks, Shadow and Sylvie also wander in and out of rooms at will. The dynamic of the household is made even more interesting when Walter begins speaking of his birds and how his bulldogs, German shepherds, cockatoos, macaws, lovebirds and parrots all seem to live in harmony with one another. “We’ve been rescuing birds now for about 10 years. Years back, my son was looking for an African grey parrot,” Walter said, explaining that his son was unable to pick up the bird once he had located it, so he and Gayle gave it a home for two months. “We just fell in love with it and just went from there.” Soon after, the chairman of the Dallas Bird Society became ill and asked Walter to take her place.



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Walter has been a bird man ever since.

Max, a Moluccan cockatoo, who had entered the loving Justice home badly injured, is a beautiful bird with white and apricot feathers. Walter guesses Max to be over 25 years old. "He was mistreated, kept in a dog crate in a garage with no windows and no attention and barely fed. He only has one eye," Walter revealed. "He can break cage wires just by biting them, so that's probably how he lost his eye, by biting through the wires, because a



dog cage doesn't have strong enough wires to keep a bird."

Now thriving, it is hard to picture Max in such a circumstance and even more difficult to imagine why anyone would mistreat him. "Max is a talker, but a lot of it is just gibberish. He'll get to rattling off sentences and you can't distinguish any words," Walter smiled. The bird room, with many windows to give the birds light, is filled with cages of chattering beaks surround Max with many conversational friends. "The blue and gold Macaws are side by side; they don't talk to each other, but they talk to me. They'll say hello to me and just keep saying it over and over 'til I say it back," he said, with a wry look.

Many people seem to leap before they look when it comes to owning a pet, an unfortunate fact Walter wishes



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would change. “Animals can get sick and it can be expensive. Owners can be allergic. Birds can live to be 80 or 90 and they put out a dander. Some people don’t know that and end up just trying to get rid of them,” he frowned. “Or they don’t know how much work the animal is going to be. Birds can be



Walter with Marta, his African grey parrot.



loud. When Max starts screaming, you can hear him from two doors away!” Max is, of course, simply expressing himself, wanting attention or perhaps needing food or water, unless Walter’s other friends are ruffling his feathers. “He starts screaming any time I’m taking a small, fuzzy dog by him out to the yard. He just does not like fuzzy dogs for some reason,” Walter explained, with a shrug.

Besides being quite vocal, Max is also an escape artist. On occasion, Walter has accidentally left the latch to his cage unsecured, and the result has led him to keep a chain on it. “He got out one time, got behind the cage and chewed up the woodwork on the window. They love to chew wood. He made a real mess of it,” Walter remembered. “He doesn’t like to be

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forced out of his cage, but he will come out on his own," Walter continued. The process of coaxing a bird onto a hand or finger is called "stepping up," and he explained that when a bird "takes hold of your finger with their beak, they're not trying to hurt you. They're just checking to make sure it's sturdy and will hold them."

Marta, an African grey parrot with gradations of white, gray and black feathers and a bright red tail, is another of Walter's conversation companions.

"She's a good talker. She has a 200-word vocabulary, but she'll only talk when she wants to."

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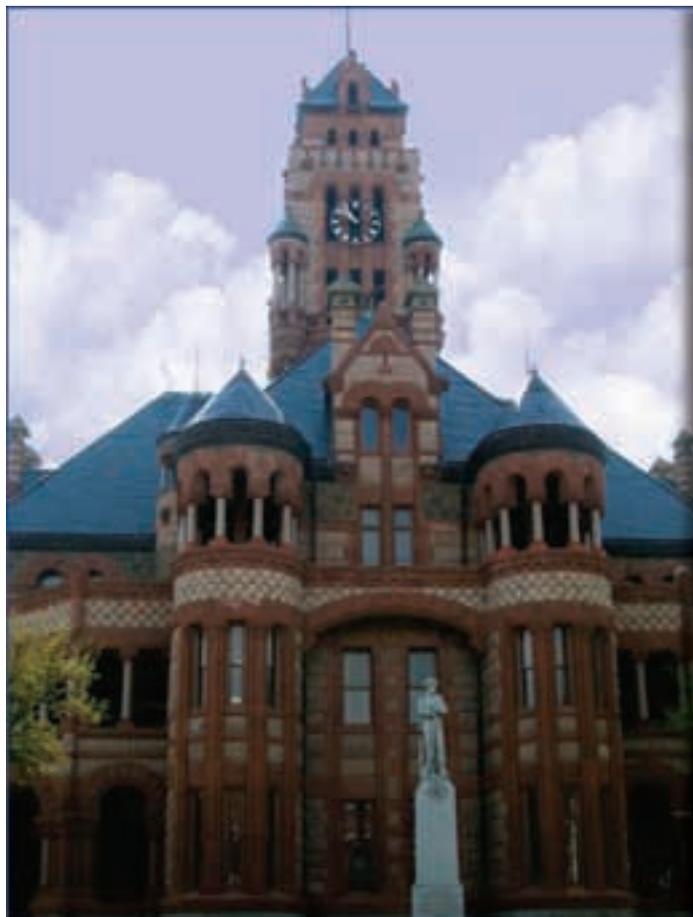
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"She's a good talker. She has a 200-word vocabulary, but she'll only talk when she wants to," he said. "She'll always say 'Night, night' though. And she's gotten into this habit of calling the dogs." Walter has an 8-month-old male German Shepherd puppy named Lars Von Tal Der Schatten, Lars for short, who tends to lag behind when he is allowed outside. Walter used to have to call for him, but Marta has now taken over that responsibility, chirping, "C'mon, Lars. C'mon, Lars."

Walter taught himself how to care for his flock, reading books to learn the needs of different birds. "Some are messier when they eat because they dip their food in their water. Marta drinks from a water bottle like a rabbit, so she's not as messy, but she does like to throw her seeds out of the cage onto the floor," he said.

"It's an interesting life," Walter admitted. Like some of the animals he cares for, Walter has some scars, but he speaks very matter-of-factly about his magic touch. "You have to be able to read animals and know how to handle them. My wife can do it better than I can — my voice is not as soft as hers," he said with a smile. **NOW**



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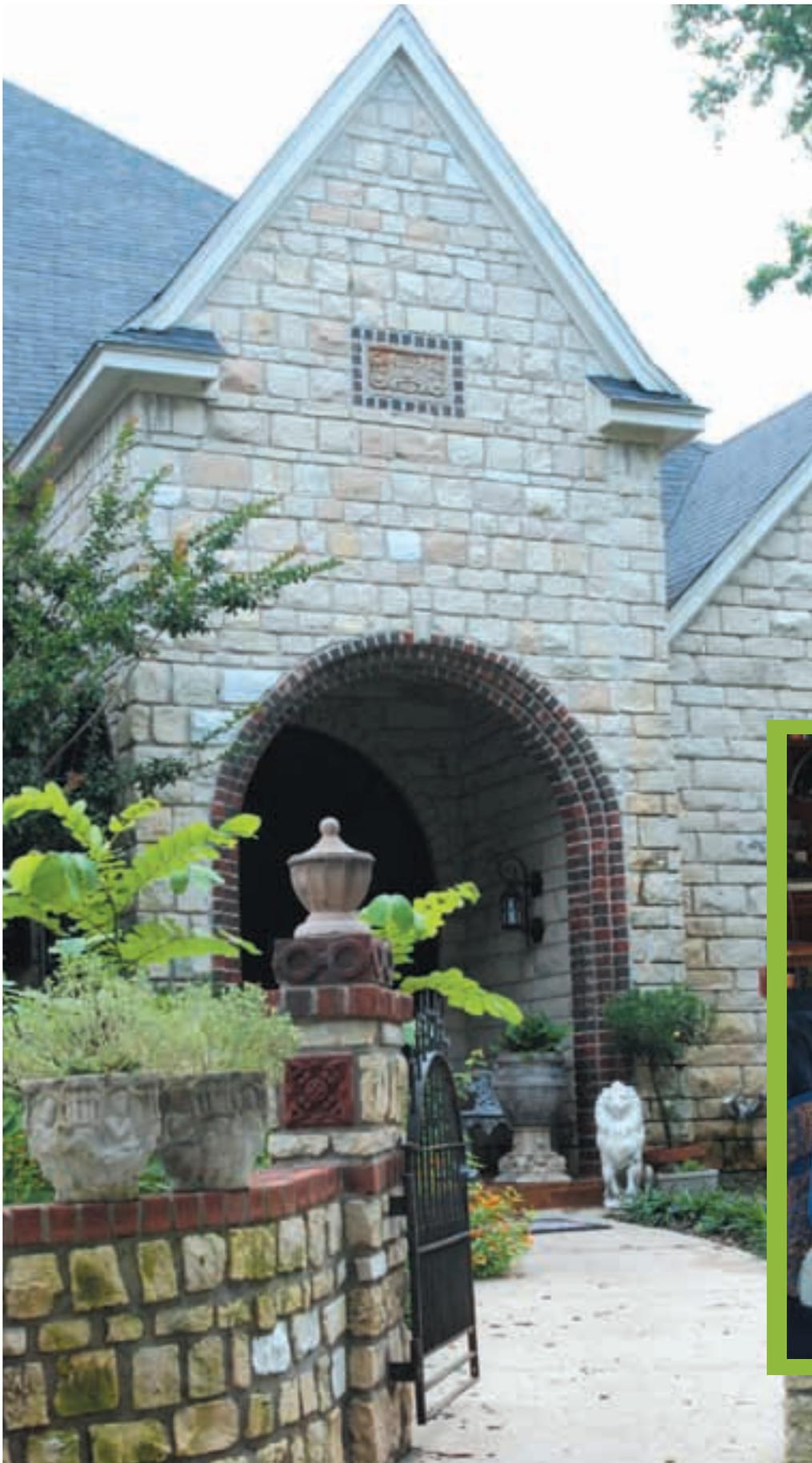
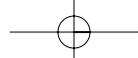


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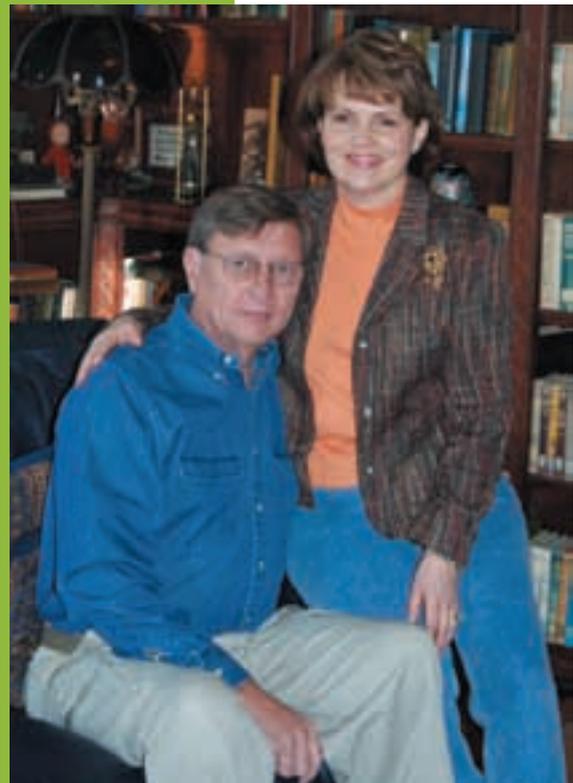
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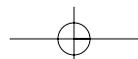
Michael and Lois Yarborough lived in Palmer for 18 years before moving into their new two-story, four-bedroom, five-bath home in the Brookbend Grove edition a little over nine years ago. They have been able to create a haven from the outside world with art, memorabilia and English gardens that grow natural, wild and free. “We admit, we’re not your conventional,



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standard couple,” Michael said, as Lois just smiled in agreement.

Until three years ago, Michael was a homebuilder. As life happened, he made the decision to put his love for outdoor projects to work in a new business he calls Natural Water Works. Phenomenal things have been accomplished beginning with





the water feature he surprised Lois with years ago. "All we had in the backyard was a grassy knoll when I left on a trip to Ireland," Lois said. "I came home 14 days later and saw what you see now." To say she was surprised by the transformation would be an understatement. "I wanted a water feature," she added. "Michael gave me that and so much more." Not only did he provide the relaxing sound of running water, Michael also built the pond to look as if it had been in the backyard landscape forever, adding live plants and koi in all shapes and colors.



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Lois has worked at Parkland Hospital for the past 21 years as a neonatal nurse practitioner. Her days are filled with beepers, code calls and one emergency situation after another, so coming home to a backyard of endless possibilities is very special to her. "It's something I look forward to," she said, referring not only to the gardens, but to the backyard garden house, where she goes to unwind and rejuvenate her soul after a long 12-hour shift. "This is

my private space. I find peace here." The garden house is similar to a large tea room, with salvaged stained-glass windows, an antique ceiling fan and dragonfly decor that ties it all together.

Since Lois is a Master Gardener, a working greenhouse was built next door to the garden house. Spring Creek serves as the natural property line, with several unique vignettes in between. The back patio is called the blue room, while the covered gazebo,



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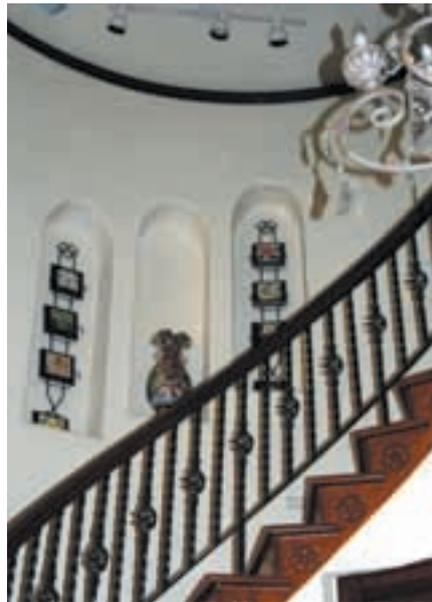
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said, as he disappeared into the corner of the green house, only to return with a lighter in his hand. "The kids love to roast marshmallows from the flame."

Their home's interior is a smorgasbord of items that delight the senses. The Tiffany mosaic lamp, with its dragonfly base and shade, resting atop an antique table in the living room, was the find which ignited the passion for lamp collecting for the couple over 20 years ago. Another one-of-a-kind find is the

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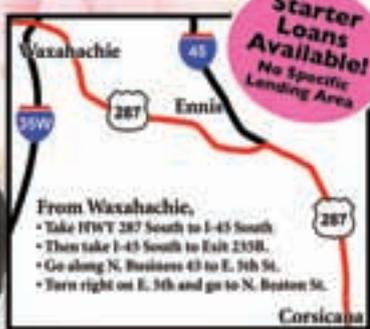
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Tiffany calla lily lamp displayed on the fireplace mantle. "It's so detailed," Lois said, as Michael added, "The quality in the older lamps is remarkable. The glass in the old days was made with a blend of arsenic. That's what makes the colors so brilliant."

Regardless of what room you venture into, each piece of furniture and decor has its own specific input. The antique dentist cabinet in the master bedroom now serves as a jewelry case; the Burl Rosewood bedroom suite dates back to 1840 and the English vanity goes back to the early 1820s. One of the downstairs bedrooms is home to a standing oscillating fan from 1906, which is fully operational. The bed was built in Austin, Texas, during the Civil War period.



An antique cedar cabinet contains a large collection of quilts. "She collects them," Michael said, "I just find them and bring them home."

Collecting is the fun part for the couple. The history within



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the items they collect is what they find to be most interesting. While some homes boast of one collectible, the Yarborough home is a showcase not only for lamps and quilts, but for china, silver, pottery, clocks, hats and handbags. Their goal is to find quality, whether it is something old or something brand new. "We love the hunt," Lois said. "It's all about finding the



treasure." One such find is the roll-top desk in the living room. "It was solid black when I bought it," Michael explained. "It had been sitting by a coal fireplace. The soot made it black." Needless to say, he got it home and quickly refurbished it to the beautiful piece it is today. Another piece worth mentioning is the carved bone and ebony mirror hanging

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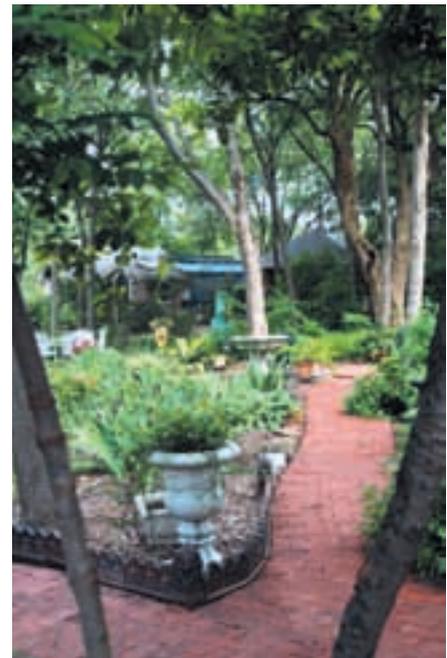
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beside the desk. "We found it in an antique store," Lois remembered, "buried in an array of other things."

The one thing that Michael wishes he had more of is time with his wife. "After 32 years of marriage," he said,



"we still enjoy one another's company." While he maintains a more leisurely work schedule that allows him to pack Lois a lunch every day, Lois works long hours and then comes home to fulfill community and family obligations. They are constantly busy, so whatever time they can steal away to be with one another is considered a gift. Occasionally, Lois will come home on Friday and have a weekend getaway



planned, but the annual “big trips” are left to Michael. “Those are the trips where I have her all to myself,” he said. “We leave the rest of the world behind.” Last year they visited Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong



Kong and China. This year, they plan on experiencing Ecuador, with New Zealand and Australia soon to follow. “We call it our decompression time,” Lois said. “I want to do everything, but it’s hard to fit it all in because I stay so busy.”

The pitterpatter of little feet is also common throughout the Yarborough home. In fact, family is by far their most precious “find.” The grandsons, ranging in age from 1 to 12, spend quality time on the weekends with their grandparents, too. Michael said the two youngest are “ring-tail tooters” who love their grandma very much. “She reads to them. She skips rocks and rides bikes with them,” he said, the love and pride for his wife always at the forefront. “We’d all be lost without her.” **NOW**

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Coming Full Circle

— By Michelle Powe



Jana Jennings always knew she wanted to be an artist. From the age of 6, when she began painting with oils and all through school when she took art classes every Wednesday after school for two hours, her determination never wavered.

“Most people don’t know what they want to do when they are young,” she said. “I knew. I just wanted to be able to do art to make a living.”

So when Jana was awarded scholarships to attend the Fashion and Art Institute of Dallas, she never looked back. She earned her associate’s degree in graphic design, worked as a graphic designer or art director for three companies over the next nine years and then started her own business, The Graphics Source. She also kept painting. Her home reflects her love and commitment to her art. Rich, warm oils of scenic landscapes and pastures with animals grazing adorn walls in nearly every room.

Painting had to take a backseat, however, after she married and started taking care of her husband and three

children. “I stopped painting for a while because we did what the kids did,” she said. She also helped care for her niece, now 12, who lives across the street, while Jana’s sister was sick with Parkinson’s disease. Sadly, Jana’s sister passed away just last year.

Jana now paints on a weekly basis, visiting the art gallery of one of her mentors, La Juan Schlegel, a famous local bluebonnet artist, on Mondays to paint. “Right now I paint for pleasure,” Jana said. “But I’m really leaning toward painting full time once my kids are out of school. I’d like to be

able to have an art gallery someday.”

For now, however, with all three of her children in college, that will have to wait. All three will be done in a year. Her



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daughter will graduate from Oklahoma University with a degree in elementary education. Her youngest son will graduate from Texas A&M University with a degree in mechanical engineering and her oldest son will graduate from a technical institute in San Antonio with a degree in computer programming. He and his wife are also expecting their first child in June. In the meantime, Jana works, she paints and she is active in the Ellis County Art Association (ECAA), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. In fact, Jana was one of the first recipients of the ECAA scholarship program 26 years ago.

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Now she has come full circle as an active member of the association and editor of its monthly newsletter. She participates in the ECAA's annual Paint Historic Waxahachie, which takes place this year from May 30 to June 8.

Such interaction with the public and giving back to the community appeals



to Jana. In particular, she is interested in encouraging young artists, just as the ECAA encouraged her. "Twenty-six years later, and I'm still painting. The ECAA encouraged me to believe I was good enough," Jana said. Now she wants to help young artists believe enough in themselves to pursue art as their careers. "A lot of people think you can't make money doing art," she said. "I want to show them they can."

Having benefited herself from years of art instruction, she recently began teaching art to children. "It's a lot of work," she smiled, "but the excitement in their faces is worth it." Having taken full advantage from not one, but two years of scholarships from the ECAA, she has returned as an active member, looking forward to furthering the careers of future artists. With a son at Texas A&M and having never left

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Ellis County, Jana also is a member of the Ellis County Aggie Moms, which raises money for scholarships for Ellis County students. She is donating a painting for this year's raffle. The 24 x 36-inch oil painting is of a barn with "Gig 'em Aggies" painted on the roof, a field of maroon bluebonnets and Reveille, the school's Collie mascot, lying under a tree.

Jana's art reveals where her heart lies.

"When I paint, I enjoy other people seeing it; I enjoy other people's reactions to it."

"I like to paint Texas," she said. "I paint what is around me — landscapes, cows, children." Ultimately, it is to art that Jana is committed, and not just her own art. She has big ideas for the gallery she plans to own one day. "I think I'll feature a lot of young artists. I'd like to feature children," she said. "When I paint, I enjoy other people seeing it; I enjoy other people's reactions to it. I'd love children to be able to experience that pride."

Coming full circle, Jana is committed to helping young people find their own voices through art, and she is excited about the talent she sees in this community. Through the ECAA's scholarship fund to which the community may donate, through the summer art camps which teach children to draw, paint and sculpt, through the youth shows and the Paint Out event, Jana and her fellow artists at the association nurture youngsters who love art. They nurture youngsters with artistic talent, eager and hopeful about Ellis County's contributions to the future of art. **ARTS NOW**

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The Strength of a Purple Heart

— By Alex Allred

In September 1943, Keith Murray's attitude toward health and athleticism played a huge role in his survival. His plane was hit by enemy fire at 25,000 feet and he was forced to bail. "My navigator jumped right away," Keith said, "but our engineer was so scared we had to throw him out." Keith was next. One by one, all 10 of the U.S. airmen jumped, free-falling for about nine minutes before they could pull the rip cord.

It was during World War II when German fighter pilots shot Keith and his fellow crew members down over Belgium. It was also the last time he saw any of the men he served with. As he crashed to the ground, his initial focus was on the parachute, making sure to roll it up and hide it out of sight from the enemy, but as he landed, Keith jammed his legs. By the time he had successfully rolled up the parachute, everyone was gone. He was left to navigate his way through a foreign land, injured, alone and in excruciating pain. In the weeks and months that followed, it was truly a testament to his physical conditioning and fortitude in that he kept himself alive.

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In high school, he had been an all-around athlete in excellent condition, but nothing could have prepared him for his trek through Belgium. For days, he wandered the countryside in hope of finding water, food and any form of communication to the outside world. He stayed under enemy radar by sleeping in haystacks and moving under the shade of dark. American sympathizers

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rationed out bread, cheese, wine and cognac. "There was no water anywhere," Keith joked of the hospitality. Truly, all he wanted was water, but was always offered wine instead. "All I wanted was water."

However, someone else was offered water: a German soldier who had come to the very village where Keith was hiding. "Someone told me that the Germans were coming so I hid under some vines." Not two feet from where the American hid, a German soldier sat down to enjoy a cup of water. Keith did not dare move a muscle for fear of being caught. "I stayed there until the next morning."

Through the kindness of others, Keith was introduced to another American soldier; together, they traveled to Paris. Briefly, the American soldiers were safely hidden, but when the Germans learned of the Americans' whereabouts, their host was tortured



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until she gave up vital information. Keith and his partner were back on the run. "We moved five times that night," Keith remembered.

During the night, they escaped to southern France and, once again, were connected with more lost American soldiers. Together, 21 soldiers began their arduous three-day trek across the Pyrenees Mountains; when it was over, only three men survived.

Against all odds, Keith made it home to the United States in December



1943 and became the recipient of the prestigious Purple Heart award. More importantly, he came home to his young bride, Dorothy.

On an amusing note, as soon as he had survived the climb through the Pyrenees Mountains and made his way back into the fold of the U.S. Armed Forces, he was sent to a school. "It was a school to teach us [soldiers] how to escape," he laughed. "I said, 'I just did!'"

Stateside, he and Dorothy began their new life together. They had four children and became what Keith termed "a transient family," moving around the



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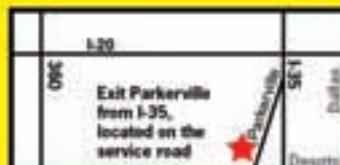
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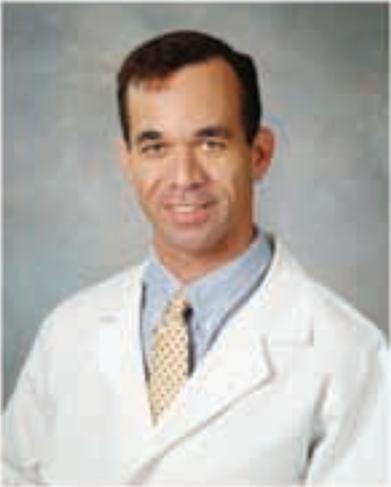
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United States until Dorothy developed health issues. Initially, they moved to Tucson, Arizona, for the better climate until Keith landed a job as the manager of a fencing company in Italy, Texas, and they made their move to Texas. From there, the family would eventually settle in Waxahachie, where three of his four children still reside today.

Besides Dorothy and the children, the one constant in Keith's life has always been athletics. "It's just the way

"Keith made it home to the United States in December 1943 and became the recipient of the prestigious Purple Heart award."

I'm built," said Keith, of his constant need to stay active. Even in the face of adversity, Keith always prevailed. In a horrible accident with a 120-pound steel punch press, most of his fingers on both hands were crushed and ultimately detached. Then, seven years ago, Dorothy passed away. Yet Keith remains an incredibly vibrant, active member of the YMCA, working out three times a week and playing 18-holes of golf at the Waxahachie Country Club four times a week. With bicep muscles that would make a "20-something" envious, this 89-year-old resident of Waxahachie is an incredible role model to all those he comes in contact with.

"My days are centered on sports and a well-regimented workout," he answered, when asked about his daily exercise routine. It is these workouts that keep him active in the community, as well as exceedingly strong in mind, body and spirit. You can ask him about his Purple Heart or those harrowing days of escape from the Germans. He is open and honest, eager to talk about the importance of patriotism, diligence and strength, but most definitely, you should ask to feel his biceps as he "pumps iron." Be prepared to be impressed! **NOW**

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understood they were in the final stages.” She is learning that long-term care and rehabilitation is a bit more uncertain. “Every patient is different,” Pamela explained, “so the level of care they receive is different.”

Looking back, Pamela does not waste time answering the question of why she made the change in careers. “I didn’t want this to be just another job. I wanted to be able to treat the residents like close friends and family members,” she said, further explaining the importance of being able to sing, dance and pray with the residents. “I

just wanted to love on them.” She has been allowed, and even encouraged, to do all this and so much more, thus confirming what she and the rest of the staff at Renfro Healthcare Center already knew. “This is a calling,” Pamela said, as the staff in the rehabilitation center agreed in unison. “What we accomplish here pulls at the old heartstrings, but it’s worth it.”

Residents who visit rehab are making measurable progress on a daily basis. Medical Director Dr. Alex Hollub, Family Nurse Practitioner Christy Bentley and the rehab staff (Brian Yount, Shannon Rindahl and Tracy Prince) are making sure of it. Some individuals regain strength and mobility as they diligently work toward returning home, while another individual keeps fit by regularly exercising his legs. “Our goal is to get each resident back to the greatest level of independence we can,” rehabilitation director and speech therapist Sara Brianas said. “It may be walking for one or helping another get in and out of bed by themselves.” When individualized care plans are formulated, several things are taken into account. “Everyone’s prior level of functioning before entering the facility is looked at,” Sara added. “This alone makes everyone’s long-term goals different.”

Pamela quickly asked Sara to talk a bit about the swallowing treatment that is currently in place at Renfro Healthcare Center. “It’s called the Vital Stim treatment,” Sara said. “Electrodes are placed on and around a patient’s throat to stimulate muscle usage. It’s FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approved; it’s the first of its kind. It’s for all ages and it dramatically improves their swallowing function.” This new treatment, when merged with the newest, state-of-the-art equipment, a spacious area in which to work and an upbeat staff that is second-to-none, makes the rehabilitation center a pretty popular place. “Our motto is simple,”

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Pamela interjected. "If you want to get happy, come down to rehab."

On average, 115 residents currently call Renfro Healthcare Center, located at 1413 W. Main Street, home. They range in age from 40 to upward of 100 years old. There are times when Pamela feels tired and a bit stressed, but she never fails to remember her calling and



"I didn't want this to be just another job. I wanted to be able to treat the residents like close friends and family members."

the compassion that just seems to come naturally to her. "I have 115 people with 115 different needs every hour of every day. They all think their need is the only need," she said, as tears began to well up in her eyes. "Even though I'm being pulled in several different directions, I work really hard to meet each and every need." Call (972) 937-2298 to find out more about what Renfro Healthcare Center has to offer. **NOW**

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Children begin learning at a very young age by repetition and through movement. Amy Miller, using curriculum provided by Kindermusik, is preparing some of today's smallest students for prekindergarten, kindergarten and beyond.

"The program is geared for the development of the whole child," Amy said, referring to the classes she teaches at First United Methodist Church, offered to children ranging in age from newborn to 7. "Each activity is researched, tried out and tested to make sure it fits perfectly with the Kindermusik plan."

Before Amy's twin sons were born, she was an elementary level music teacher in the public school system. When the boys were 2 1/2, she

remembers attending one semester of the same class she now teaches. It only took that one semester for Amy to realize she no longer wanted to return to the long hours of teaching at the public school level. "I took the necessary Internet classes to earn the certification required to pass on my love of music and education to others. I get to make my own schedule," she said, "and keep my classes the size I need them to be so the students can find success."

Although Amy oversees all class levels, she has found a kinship with the group she calls "Our Time." These children start the class as young as 18 months and continue to progress through the age of 3 1/2 before moving up to the "Imagine That" group. The key to "Our Time" is the inclusion of parents and grandparents, as well as, in some rare cases, older siblings and other caregivers. "Parents want this special time with their younger child," Amy explained. "It's great one-on-one, bonding time!" Each age-level class is broken down into two semesters — fall and spring. Each semester consists of 15 lessons that deal with several aspects of a child's growth using music. This includes physical, emotional and social growth, as well as language and cognitive development. "The music used has been handed down for generations," she said, citing



"I've Been Working on the Railroad" as a prime example. "Each and every activity is geared to at least one part of the child's development, and in many cases, more than one at a time."

The children in the 45-minute session that Amy facilitates once a week are similar

Musical Memory

— By Sandra McIntosh

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to the class' kangaroo mascot which bounds away, only to quickly return. "Children are very much like the baby kangaroo," Amy explained. "They want to explore and be on their own, but they have to know that mom and dad are close by." Amy begins and ends each class with the same "hello" and "goodbye" songs. The activities that fall between the two are dictated by the curriculum, but it has everything to do with the use of music, dancing and specific guidelines. "It's a proven fact

"It's a proven fact that music stimulates development in every part of the brain."

that music stimulates development in every part of the brain," she said. "A steady beat is so important at this particular stage of development." Amy went on to say that each child very quickly comes up with their very own beat. "It's so important for children to have this steady beat and/or bounce," she added.

Parents imitate the child throughout the class and all movements are exaggerated. If the child taps the floor, the parents are instructed to do the same. Then they are asked to "scaffold" what they have just mimicked and also

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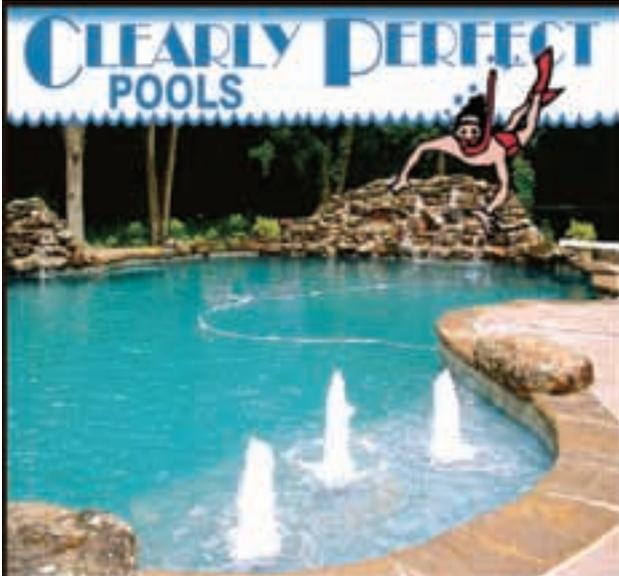
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give it a name. "Scaffolding means to stretch what they've been doing," Amy interjected. "The parents are reaffirming the child by imitating them. They are stretching the child's imagination by labeling the activity. It's the parents who initiate the process of learning." Through music, repetition and specific curriculum, students learn about predictability, the art of sharing and rhythm, as well as fine-tuning their motor skills and hand-eye coordination abilities. "My favorite part of the class is toward the end, during rocking time," Amy said, explaining that relaxation is a learned skill. "It forces both the parent and the child to slow down. It's a very magical time. I've been brought to tears more than once during this special bonding time."

One more very amazing aspect of the class is found in the home kit parents receive when they sign up for the class. Every song, storybook and activity is made available to them at this time. "It keeps the learning ongoing," Amy said. "It reinforces and encourages the parents to take learning a step further, while also allowing them to continue the bonding process in the privacy of their homes."

Tests and research have proven children learn by watching and copying what they see. Before long, they begin to listen and learn. Amy loves seeing the families work together with one another. "I love the interaction," she said. "I get to see the light bulb going off in these young minds. It's wonderful when parents see and understand the educational value of the classes, too." Once again Amy emphasizes that music is the key to early learning. "It's much easier to learn and retain because we are typed to music emotionally," she said, mentioning how a song can make you laugh or cry and bring up memories. "Just look back to the time when you were a teenager. Doesn't the music evoke so many memories?" **NOW**

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Ribbon cuttings were held at dippin' dots, top left; the new wing at Navarro College, bottom left and Beautifully Bare Lingerie, second row center. The Most Creative Booth at the Lawn and Garden Expo, top center, went to the Texas Bluebird Society. The children's workshops held during the expo, top right, allowed the smallest green thumbs to get in the dirt. Students at Northside Elementary, second row right, prepared for Celebration 2008 by dressing up in characters from the '60s and '70s. The Texas Best Music Award, bottom right, went to Kyle Hunt. Kyle is pictured with Skippy Helton.

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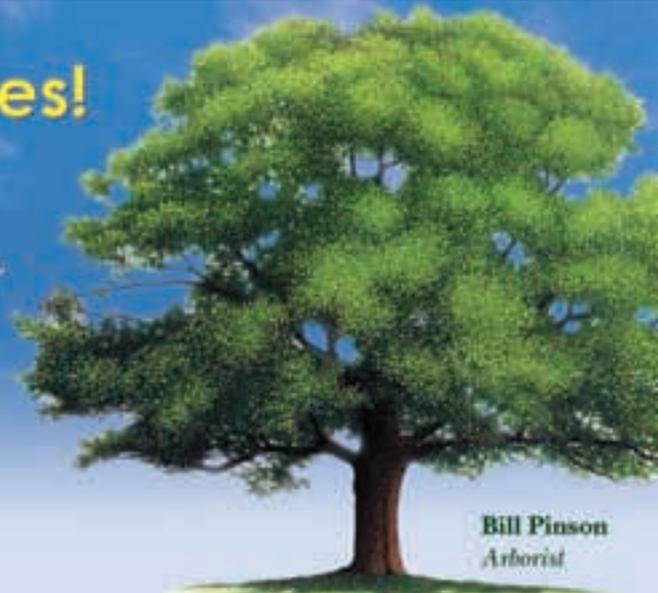
A very large group of volunteers, at top, gathered to participate in the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off. Ribbon cuttings were held from second row left to bottom row left: North Texas GMAC Real Estate, the Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center and Scrubs to You. The Master Gardener Lawn and Garden Expo, second row center, was a huge success as evidenced by the large crowd in attendance. The Greenery, bottom right, won the Most Outstanding Booth award at this year's expo event. Brandon Dickinson of the UPS Store, second row right, was the recipient of the March Friendliest Employee of the Month Award. Laurie McPike Mosley, WCVB director, presented the award to Brandon.

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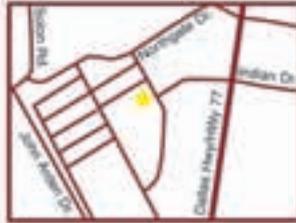
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— By Stephanie Brewer

Gary Bishop is a native of Waxahachie. He is a devoted husband to Sandra, his lovely wife of 43 years, father of two and grandfather to six. His love of cooking began at the wise old age of 5. "I learned to cook from watching my mom," he said, smiling.

Gary has fond memories of plain old home-style cooking. Some of his favorite recollections are of making candy, corn bread from scratch and banana pudding with his mom. His most requested meal from visiting out of town relatives is his famous biscuits and gravy with sausage. "Cooking is relaxing," Gary enthused. "It relieves tension, and serving my family and friends every Sunday after church simply creates more memories of plain old home-style cooking." **NOW**

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH GARY BISHOP

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- 3 to 4 lbs. round steak
- 2 Tbsp. cooking oil
- 1 Tbsp. dry chopped onions
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. paprika
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 cups ketchup
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp. corn starch (optional thickening agent)
- 1/4 cup water

Cut round steak into 2-inch pieces. In large skillet, brown steak in oil. Add onion to skillet when nearly browned and stir fry. In large bowl mix remaining ingredients. Pour into steak mixture, blend well and place in Crock Pot.

Cook on low 4 to 5 hours. If sauce needs to be thickened, add 1 teaspoon corn starch mixed with water. This can also be done in a microwave oven cooking for 30 to 45 minutes on medium.

BROCCOLI AND RICE CASSEROLE

- 2 12-oz. boxes frozen broccoli
- 1/2 onion (chopped)
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 10 3/4-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 10 3/4-oz. can cream of chicken soup
- 1 15-oz. jar cheese whiz
- 2 cups cooked rice

Place broccoli and 1/4 cup water in large pan; cook until soft. Cook onion in skillet with margarine for approximately 5 minutes. Pour onion and margarine in pan with broccoli. Stir.

Add soups, cheese whiz and cooked rice. Pour in baking dish; bake 30 minutes at 350 F.

GARY'S BANANA PUDDING

- 1 box vanilla wafer miniatures
- 3 bananas
- 1 4-oz. box vanilla instant pudding (6 1/2-cup serving size)
- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream (softened)
- 1 12-oz. carton Cool Whip, thawed

Layer the bottom of a 9 x13-inch pan with vanilla wafers. Slice bananas on top of wafers. In large bowl mix softened vanilla ice cream and dry vanilla instant pudding. Stir until mixed well; add 2 Tbsp. Cool Whip into mixture. Pour over bananas and wafers. Place remaining Cool Whip on top. Put in refrigerator at least 2 hours.

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CROCK-POT CABBAGE

- 1 head cabbage (chopped)
- 6 to 8 new potatoes quartered
- 4 to 6 carrots sliced
- 1 16-oz. package skinless Eckeridge sausage
- 1 cup water

Place potatoes and sliced carrots in bottom of Crock-Pot. Add cabbage, sliced sausage and 1 cup water. Cook 4 to 5 hours on low. This can also be cooked in a vegetable steamer. Corn bread and a sliced purple onion make a nice side addition when served.

GB'S COFFEE CAKE

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/8 cup melted margarine

TOPPING:

- 1/4 cup margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 cup flour

Preheat oven to 350 F. Cream shortening and sugar; add egg. Blend in flour, baking powder and salt, adding milk a little at a time. Add vanilla. Pour the thick mixture into greased 8 x 8-inch baking pan. Spread 1/8 cup melted margarine onto top of dough. After creaming margarine and sugar together, add cinnamon and flour. Crumble over top of dough and bake 40 minutes.

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Five Questions to Ask Yourself When You Near Retirement

— By Jeff Trojacek

Whenever you see people enjoying a comfortable retirement — traveling, volunteering, pursuing hobbies, taking up a new career — you can be pretty sure it all didn't happen by accident. In fact, success at retirement is similar to success in just about any endeavor — you have to plan for it.

Of course, your planning could take many different forms. But, as you get close to retirement, you might find it easier to organize your efforts if you ask yourself these five key questions:

I. Where am I today?

Shortly before you retire, make a detailed list of your financial assets, such as your bank accounts, investments, IRA, 401(k), etc. You may want to consider consolidating as many of these accounts as you can with just one company. This consolidation will help you get a clearer picture of your overall

situation, and it may even help you to reduce maintenance fees and make it easier to calculate required minimum distributions (RMDs) you might have to take once you reach 70 1/2. On the “flip side,” you'll want to list out all your obligations — mortgages, home equity credit lines, car loans and other debts.

II. How much will I need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle I've envisioned?

You will probably need between 80 percent and 100 percent of your pre-retirement income to maintain your standard of living in retirement. But this is a general rule; your actual needs will depend on what you want to do during retirement. So, if you want to travel extensively, you might need more income than if you chose to stay close to home, volunteering and

pursuing hobbies. In any case, try to estimate your annual expenses during retirement, knowing that your plans may change later.

III. How much can I withdraw each year?

Your investment portfolio is likely to account for a good percentage of your retirement income. Consequently, you will want to work with your financial advisor to determine how much you can take out each year without running out of money. The percentage you withdraw each year will depend on several factors, including your portfolio's rate of return, the age at which you start taking Social Security and the size of the distributions from your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

IV. What portfolio and lifestyle adjustments do I need to make?

Once you have determined how much you can realistically withdraw each year, you may need to rebalance your investments to get the right proportion of equities and fixed income. You also might need to look beyond your portfolio to see what lifestyle changes

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you may need to make. For example, you may decide that you wouldn't mind working for an additional year or so to take some of the pressure off your investments as an income source.

V. How can I stay on course?

Over time, your goals, health or income needs may change, so you might have to update your withdrawal and investment strategies. At this stage of your life, you'll want to review your situation with your financial advisor at least once a year.

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Allergies

— By Betty Tryon

The allergy season plagues many sufferers with the all too familiar symptoms — red eyes, runny nose, postnasal drip, sneezing and itchy throat — complicating their daily lives. Allergies are responses, which the body's immune system has to foreign substances in the air. The body acts out of self-defense, but the misguided allergic responses to harmless substances do damage.

Consider some of the substances that can trigger an allergic response: dander, dust mites, some food items and pollen. These substances are called allergens. The initial allergic response usually manifests itself at the first place the allergen touches the body. If

an allergen, such as pollen, is in the air, then the nose and respiratory system will respond. Ingestion of an allergen, such as peanuts, fish and wheat, will cause a reaction in the digestive system. Some people are very sensitive to the scent of household cleaners or even perfumes. Sometimes the allergic reaction will be systemic, resulting in hives, or in anaphylaxis, an extreme reaction which can be life threatening.

Avoiding the trigger or allergen provides the best cure for allergies. In order to do that, determining which allergen is causing the problem calls for an accurate assessment of many factors. Your physician can make a clinical diagnosis from your physical

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exam and by evaluating a detailed history of your symptoms. The doctor will want to know when and where your symptoms started, what they are, what brings them on, how long is the duration and what medication you are taking. Diagnostic tests are helpful in confirmation of the diagnosis.

Sensitivity to specific allergens needs to be identified by the most common diagnostic tool — the allergy skin test. A small amount of the substance you may be allergic to is

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injected under the skin to test for a reaction. Blood tests are available to determine allergens, but those tests are more expensive and the results take longer. Some treatment plans include medications such as antihistamines, nasal sprays and allergy shots. Elimination of allergy triggers in the home such as plants; dust, which harbors dust mites; pet dander and mold can be useful in controlling symptoms.

Another tool which is useful to determine if one is allergic to certain foods is the food elimination diet. Under a physician's supervision, the diet starts with a limited number of foods that usually do not cause an allergic reaction. Foods added back to the diet one at a time will reveal which one causes the allergy symptoms. Awareness and avoidance of that food remains the best treatment. Allergic symptoms, and the suffering they cause, can be alleviated with proper help. **NOW**

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DO Not Grow There!

— By Nancy Fenton

gradually rob the plant of the nourishment it needs to survive. To do this, sever the vines at ground level or below, bag it and trash it (Do not burn it!) every time you see even one leaf coming up. You will be cutting off the factory that makes the food (the leaves) and slowly starving the plant. If there are areas in or around your yard that are kept natural, you may never rid yourself completely of poison ivy because birds bring in and drop the berries, but you can keep it under control.

If you know you are allergic to poison ivy/oak, do not fool around with it without wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, gloves, etc. Chris Russo, at Russo's Apothecary on Ferris Avenue in Waxahachie, makes a product called

Poison Ivy/Oak Preventive that helps the body build up natural antibodies to ward off the dreaded rashes.

It requires a weekly dose of 15 drops in water but seems to be very effective on those of us who have used it. We can even work around it without the onset of the awful rash! It is literally an ounce of prevention and much less costly in time and money than the shots and lost time from the reactions to the plant's poison!

Once again, a weed is just a plant in the wrong place. Along the roadside, even poison ivy can be beautiful — just not in my backyard! **NOW**

Nancy Fenton is a Master Gardener in Ellis County.

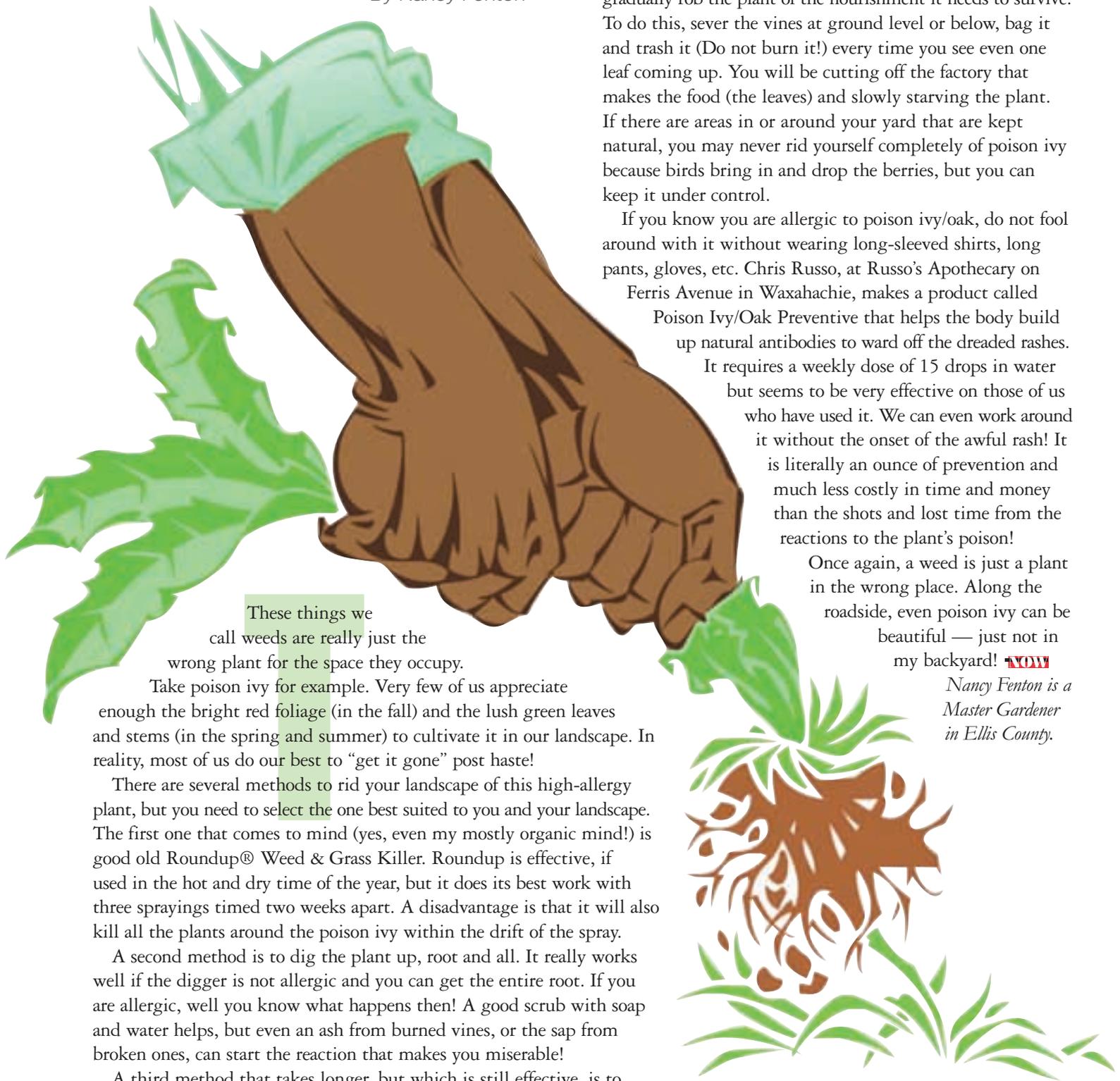
These things we call weeds are really just the wrong plant for the space they occupy.

Take poison ivy for example. Very few of us appreciate enough the bright red foliage (in the fall) and the lush green leaves and stems (in the spring and summer) to cultivate it in our landscape. In reality, most of us do our best to “get it gone” post haste!

There are several methods to rid your landscape of this high-allergy plant, but you need to select the one best suited to you and your landscape. The first one that comes to mind (yes, even my mostly organic mind!) is good old Roundup® Weed & Grass Killer. Roundup is effective, if used in the hot and dry time of the year, but it does its best work with three sprayings timed two weeks apart. A disadvantage is that it will also kill all the plants around the poison ivy within the drift of the spray.

A second method is to dig the plant up, root and all. It really works well if the digger is not allergic and you can get the entire root. If you are allergic, well you know what happens then! A good scrub with soap and water helps, but even an ash from burned vines, or the sap from broken ones, can start the reaction that makes you miserable!

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May is Better Hearing Month. Since more than 31 million Americans have some type of hearing problem, Advanced Technology Hearing Center is offering FREE hearing evaluations to determine the type and degree of hearing loss. Call Joan at (972) 935-0327 to schedule an appointment.

Every Friday and Saturday

The Red Moon Café will host live bands. Visit www.theredmooncafe.com for all upcoming events.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

Waxahachie Business Interchange Networking is held from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Network with other professionals and promote your business. Bring \$1 entry fee and plenty of business cards. Coffee and pastries will be furnished. Call (972) 937-2390 for location of the next meeting.

May 7

Red Moon Café, located at 3701 N. IH 45 in Ennis, will host an evening of karaoke from 8:30 p.m. - midnight.

May 8

Dutch Treat Out to Supper with the Senior Citizens of Waxahachie at 5:30 p.m. at local eateries. Call the center at (972) 937-8271 for upcoming location.

Celebration 2008!, the first district-wide student showcase, will be held from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Waxahachie Civic Center. The event will feature projects and exhibits designed by students from grades K-12, with student performances every 20 minutes. The theme for this year's showcase is "A Look at the 1950s and 1960s." Admission is free.

May 10

Senior citizen garage sale/building fund campaign fundraiser.

Girls and Boys on a Mission will meet at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. for children ages 5 through 18 for a donation of \$5 per child. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. and performances will be held from 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Instruction includes: dance, cheer, drama, fitness/nutrition, music and art. A light morning snack and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Kalaynda Patterson at (214) 586-4243 or Darice Anderson at (903) 526-0430.

May 10 and 11

Waxahachie Trade Days will be open Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Ellis County Expo Center, located next door to the Cowboy Church of Ellis County. For more information, call Les Clemons at (972) 617-8156, Gerald Huckabee at (903) 865-1385 or Dean Worley at (903) 286-0183.

May 15

American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Express Network monthly meeting at 5:45 p.m. at the Waxahachie Civic Center. Price for dinner is \$25. Please RSVP to Stephanie Kinnison at (972) 938-0703. Members are encouraged to bring co-workers and friends. Guests are welcome! For membership information, please go to www.abwa-empoweringwomen.org or call Daphne at (972) 723-6551.

May 21

Ellis County Christian Women's Connection monthly luncheon from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Waxahachie Country Club, 1920 W. Hwy. 287 at I-35 South. Cost is \$13 inclusive. Vouchers for nursery child care are available. To make reservations, call Kay at (972) 937-2807 or Mary at (972) 937-9984 no later than the Sunday prior to the luncheon.

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at Knights of Columbus Hall. Hall admission is \$7 on Friday, \$11 on Saturday and \$8 on Sunday. For event schedule see www.nationalpolkafestival.com. For more information contact (972) 878-4748.

June 6

The Gingerbread Classic Florida Scramble, sponsored by the Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce & Convention and Visitors Bureau, will begin with lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. The shotgun start at the Waxahachie Country Club will begin at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call the Chamber at (972) 937-2390 or e-mail Ineedham@waxahachiechamber.com.

June 7

The annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-In from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Mid-Way Regional Airport. Breakfast tickets are \$6. One child under 8 eats free with a paid adult ticket. The event and parking for the event are free. The public is invited. For more information, call Tammy at (972) 923-0080.

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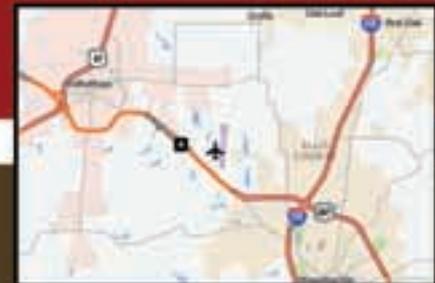
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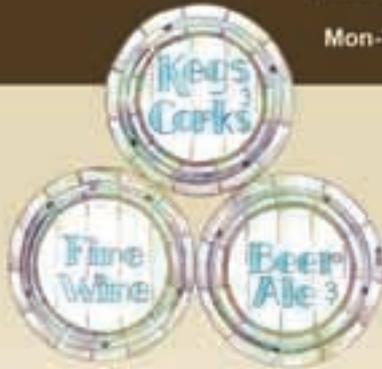


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