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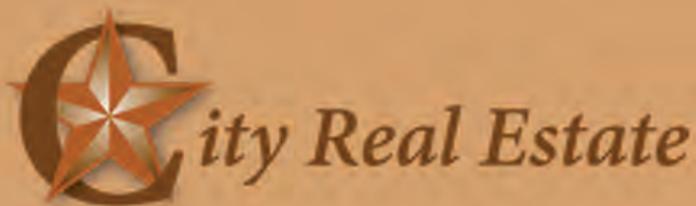


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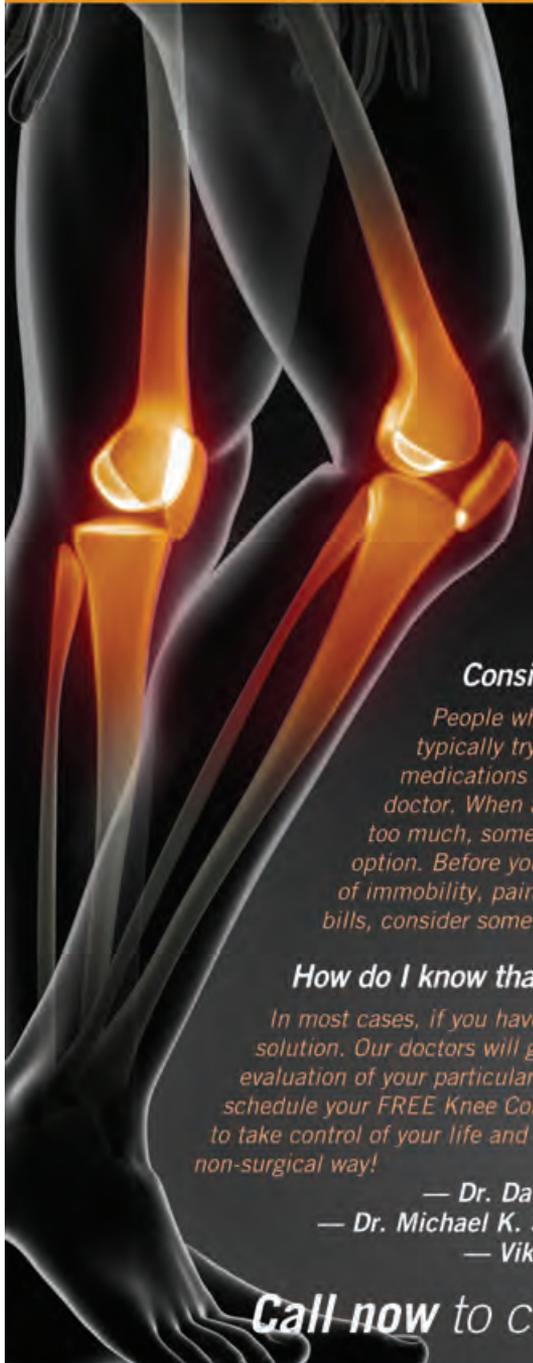
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Editor's Note

Feel that summer breeze ...

Or, I hope to if temperatures get as hot as Texas weather is so often prone. But at least we have a few more weeks to enjoy this last little bit of spring.

June is an exciting and busy month, what with the kids out of school for summer break, vacations being planned, the inevitable weddings to attend — or avoid! I don't know about you, but June signals an excuse to laze around with a book in the shady part of the garden. It always seems such a great time to catch up on my reading. Of course, the truth

is once I'm comfortable, I usually just fall asleep and the book has to wait for another day's attempt!

On a more solemn note, a destructive storm struck Ennis last month, and many homes and businesses were affected. Our prayers go out to our neighbors as they rebuild.

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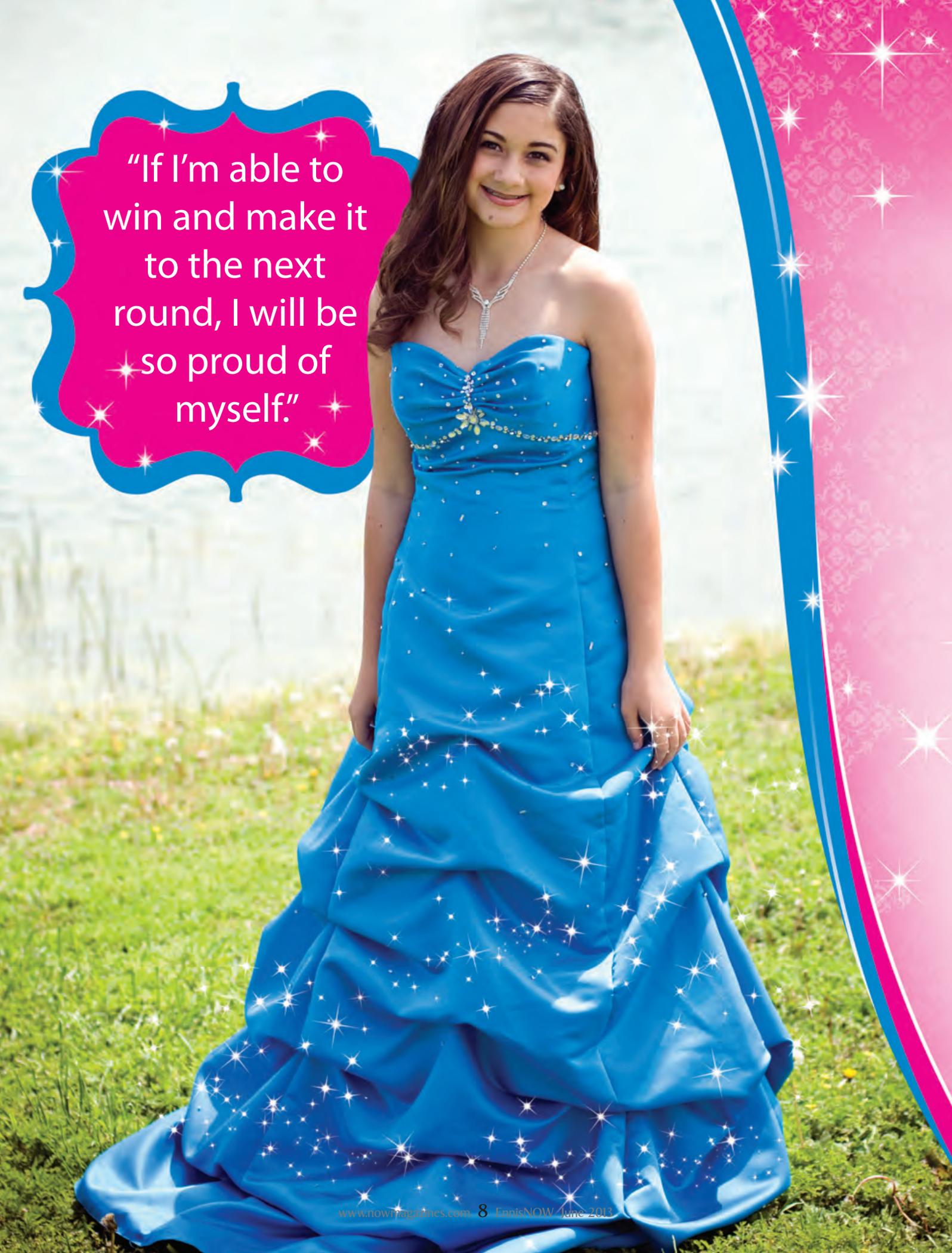
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BRAVE

@ Beautiful

— By Dianne Reaux

Texas is full of teenagers who dream of posing in front of wind fans that blow their professionally styled hair as a photographer captures the perfect image. Others have visions of strolling down a runway wearing a tiara and a custom-fitted gown, across which a big ribbon proclaims the latest pageant winner. Young Makenzie Nelson of Ennis dreamed of both, but initially her confidence didn't match her aspirations.

Makenzie attends Ennis Junior High School where she's an active, fully engaged student. She participates in the Friends of Rachel program and Recycling and Energy Savers clubs, as well as serving on the student council. Makenzie made straight A's in her pre-AP classes and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She loves swimming and spending time with friends, and in quieter moments, she reads fiction, preferring books with mystery-filled plotlines. She also dotes on her puppy, a Yorkie Terrier named Diamond. School activities and personal downtime are enjoyable, yet her dreams are filled with fashion modeling and competing in youth pageants.

Cascading dark hair, brown eyes and long eyelashes set off the face of the pretty eighth-grader, who readily admitted that being a model and pageant winner are interests she has always wanted to pursue. "I've had friends whose parents took them

to modeling shoots and pageant tryouts," Makenzie explained. "They would come back from their events and tell me about them. I always wanted to do those types of things, but I was really shy, and I didn't think I would get picked."

Makenzie's mother, Marie Nelson, agreed. "She was such a shy little girl," Marie recalled. "At home, she was energetic, but in public she was extremely reserved. Her father and I could see she had the desire, but until she overcame her shyness, modeling and contests weren't activities that would have been feasible for her."

The Nelsons are a supportive family who wanted Makenzie to have the opportunity to live her dreams. Makenzie's older sister, Megan, is a college junior who will attend Baylor University this fall, majoring in criminal justice. Her younger brother, Cody, is a fifth-grader at Dorie Miller Intermediate. After mulling over their options, Marie and Makenzie's father, Chad, decided to enroll her in the Ennis Youth Cheerleading Association. "But she was still shy and reserved," Marie stated. "Makenzie would attend practices, learn the routines and then come home and practice. In front of family, her routines would be full of enthusiasm. But when it was time to perform on the sidelines, her routines didn't look like the ones she practiced at home."

Marie spoke with her daughter, and was surprised by what she learned. "I really like cheerleading," Makenzie admitted, "but I don't feel comfortable cheering during the games."

Her mother discovered the source of her discomfort. "Makenzie thought when spectators in the stands were laughing, they were laughing at *her*," Marie said. "I tried to tell her they



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were not laughing to be mean. They were all laughing because they enjoyed the routines and thought the energy the cheerleaders put into their routines was cute!" Her mother's explanation was valid, but Makenzie wasn't convinced.

Her parents' next decision was to sign Makenzie up for dance classes. It was as if a light switch had been flipped. "We enrolled her at a local dance studio for hip-hop and jazz classes," Marie shared. "We could tell she enjoyed dance, especially the Jazz I class. But when she took part in the Holiday Troop, we knew she had found one of her passions, because she just blossomed."

Perhaps it was the concentration it took to make sure her choreography stayed on beat with the songs. Or maybe it was the sheer joy of being lost in the reverie of her movements with the music. Whatever the reason, the reservations, which had held Makenzie back, melted away. And her timid nature was replaced with a new sense of self-worth and confidence.

Makenzie's parents noticed the change, as did her cheerleading coach. "Makenzie had tried out for the school's cheerleading squad previously, but wasn't selected," Marie remembered. "Her coach said



Makenzie would execute the routines in the gym, but during tryouts, she would get quiet.” Makenzie kept practicing and didn’t give up, and this past year she auditioned for the squad again and made it. “The coach told us how proud she was of Makenzie,” Marie related, “and we were bursting with pride, because we knew the challenges she had faced.”

The proudest moment so far has been when Makenzie received a letter in the mail, notifying her parents she was invited to attend an open call for the National American Miss Pageant. The American Miss Pageant is nationally recognized and seeks to instill assurance, poise and communication skills in its participants. It was as if fate had stepped in to reward Makenzie for her determination.

Makenzie attended the open call last March at the Hyatt North Dallas, which consisted of a personal interview and a photo shoot. “We were afraid she was going to go back into her shell,” Marie shared. “But she didn’t.” In fact, Makenzie handled herself like the pro she was becoming. She conversed easily during her interview and equally enjoyed the photo shoot. One week later, Makenzie’s parents received a call,

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"I was so happy and proud!" Makenzie beamed. She had a lot to be proud of. Over 2,000 young girls attended the preliminary interviews, but only 250 were chosen to compete.

In July, Makenzie will enter the Junior Teen level of the pageant, taking the stage in the talent, most photogenic, casual wear and top model categories. The upper five winners in each category will advance in the competition, and Makenzie is very optimistic. "If I'm able to win and make it to the next round, I will be so proud of myself," she confessed, "but even if I don't win, I'm still proud, and I will just keep trying until I do make it!"

The city of Ennis will cheer on this brave teen, who chose not to give in to self-doubt. She worked hard to rise above her shortcomings and never stopped believing in herself. In the end, regardless who is crowned National American Miss, Makenzie will still be the biggest winner of all. **NOW**

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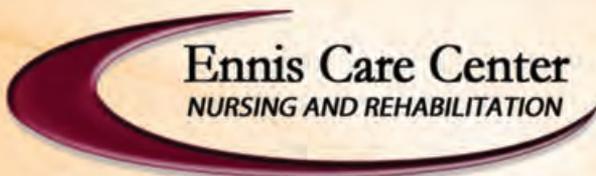
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A DREAM COME *True*

By Donnielle Tynner

Alex and Melissa Murray met when least expected. A chance encounter in Irving the day before Christmas Eve 2010 brought them together. They clicked instantly and went on their first date two days later. They've been together ever since. However, Melissa warned him, "If you really like me, you must be willing to move to Ennis."

"I'll move wherever you need me to be," he quickly replied. On September 10, 2011 (9-10-11), the two were married in a backyard ceremony at his parents' house. They moved into their home in June 2011; Melissa knew it was "the one." Both of them loved the big backyard, hot tub and swimming pool. "Being in this neighborhood is so nice because you feel like you're in the country," Melissa explained. "There's nothing behind us, and you can't really see the neighbors. You're in town, but you feel like you're in the country."

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AT HOME WITH *Alex*
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large amount of parking on the side of the house. The couple felt the house was made just for them. The Murrays run their own business, Lone Star Power Wash and Concrete Floors, Inc., out of their home, and the extra parking space is handy for the trucks and trailers needed for their work. Previously, Alex was sole owner, but when he married Melissa they incorporated the business. Melissa handles the office duties, as well as managing her Mary Kay franchise. But according to Melissa, her first job is that of stay-at-home mom.

Melissa has two daughters from a previous marriage. She describes her oldest daughter, Madilyn, 9, as a tender-hearted social butterfly always wanting friends around, while her sister, Trinity, 7, is hilarious and outgoing, even somewhat of a goof-ball. Alex and Melissa welcomed the newest member of their family in August 2012 — Jackson, or Jack as most people call him, a family name on Alex's side. Jack is a sweet baby who loves his older sisters.

The first thing people notice about the Murrays' home is the bright turquoise front door. "I was very nervous when I did it because it's a really pretty door," Melissa said. "So I went for it, and I love it. It makes it easy to give directions. I tell people to just look for the turquoise door."

Melissa describes her style as cowboy chic, and it shows as soon as guests walk in the door. Her office, originally the dining room, features a large desk, painted turquoise by Melissa, which dominates the wall and is accented by



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a large mirror that Melissa purchased locally. The mirror was originally gold, but she painted over it and distressed the piece to give it a rustic look. Tucked into the corner is an antique office chair, previously owned by Melissa's grandfather. He worked for the Texas & Pacific Railroad Station in Abilene for 30 years, and when he retired, they allowed him to keep his chair. Later, her father cleaned it up and refinished it, and Melissa saved it as a family keepsake. "I love keeping little family things like that," she remarked.

Madilyn's room was formerly an office. Melissa wanted to capture her daughter's personality in the decor. Her oldest daughter is very dainty and loves pink. She wanted to incorporate a bit of her own rustic style, but without the room looking "cowboyish." So Melissa's favored rustic elements are cleverly hidden in the bright pink and black room.

The sisters have a little vanity area



stocked with beauty supplies. "Both girls are into makeup, and I can't blame them

because they've grown up with me and Mary Kay," Melissa laughed. The only thing Madilyn doesn't like is the lack of a door, but plans are in the works to install custom curtains for the room's entrance. Trinity's room, much like her sister's, is bright and fun. This, according to Melissa, captures her middle child's high-spirited personality. The room is turquoise with other bold and bright

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The Murrays' kitchen decor can't be described as anything but country.



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Melissa integrated red and gold with plaid curtains and roosters. On one wall, she proudly displays a hunting trophy — the head of a deer she shot herself. The kitchen table, where the family gathers

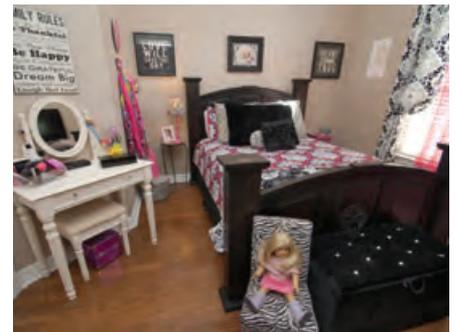


to play games, sits atop of a cowhide rug which ties the room together.

Alex and Melissa's bedroom boasts a mixture of bold rustic and contemporary patterns. Behind their bed, the wall features large portraits of her children as the only wall decorations. "I like looking at their little faces," she bragged. "They're just so sweet." Melissa calls the master bathroom her boudoir. It features many crosses from her collection, more of which are displayed elsewhere throughout the home. Her vision for this room is elegance and relaxation.

"I love the backyard," she declared. "This is the best part, because we wanted plenty of room for the kids to play." Alex built a swing set for the girls who also enjoy jumping on their trampoline.

The coziest room in the house by far is the living room. Melissa's coveted



turquoise accents dot the living room, while the cowhide rug and fringe pillows on the couch bring out the rustic feel she likes. Pictures adorn most of the



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table space in this room. "Obviously, I love pictures," she admitted. "They're everywhere. I try to capture all the favorite moments of our lives."

An antique Singer sewing machine has been in her family for as long as she remembers. The machine came from her paternal grandmother. "I'm not really an antiques person, but I like to keep mementos of my family."

Melissa's favorite room in the house is their son's room. She got the idea for the log cabin-style wall behind his crib from the Internet, and had a friend install it for her. The crib's bedding is custom made from fabric she chose. "I just knew I wanted a cowboy room for him," she smiled. "I could go fully cowboy

in here, and it would be okay." Many decorations came from his baby shower.



The mirror was handmade by her best friend. "They scraped the cedar, built the frame, had the glass cut and applied the cowhide. It was a labor of love."

The thought Melissa has put into decorating her home expresses her love of design, but most of all the love she has for her family. "Our house is the house everybody comes to," Melissa declared. And it's easy to see why. Every room has been created for style and comfort, resulting in an environment that just asks for guests to sit down, kick back and stay awhile. **NOW**

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By Randy Bigham

A community leader combines the grace of religion and the might of the law in her dual role as a private practice attorney in Dallas and pastor of Ennis' First Christian Church. Reverend Rosemary Redmond, a doctor of jurisprudence, has spent 43 years in the legal profession, 30 of them devoted to elder law, defending the rights of senior citizens. Her dedication to aiding the elderly is unabated. "Senior adults are taken advantage of in medical situations and in many other ways," Rosemary explained, "but they deserve respect and compassion wherever they are." As important as her advocacy for the elderly is, Rosemary has lately extended her scope of caring to the pulpit. Assuming the pastorate of First Christian while completing her Master of Divinity degree at Texas Christian University, she admits to being a late bloomer in this

second calling. "I did my best serving others over the years," Rosemary reflected, "but more and more I had the desire to be of service as a minister."

A 1970 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Rosemary always felt a spiritual tie to the work she undertook. But it wasn't until after she moved to Ennis in 2000 to help care for her ailing parents, the late Dr. Harold and Velma Redmond, that the lawyer became a preacher. "God constantly invites us to a closer relationship of love and service no matter our circumstances or our age," Rosemary observed. Neither has gender prevented her from pursuing her quest to touch lives as a minister. Not least among her supporters were her parents, who backed her all the way. "There's a

"We are called to see life with a grateful heart."

long line of independent women in my family," she said with pride. "My mother was a businesswoman, working for years as a Realtor, and my grandmother and great-grandmother also worked. So my family believed in me from the start."

Rosemary also received encouragement from members of First Christian, who initially asked her to worship with them about five years ago. Up to that time, the future pastor had delivered sermons at a small country church in the area and led the Sunday lesson at the IOOF Nursing Center. One day, while having lunch at a local cafe, a member of First Christian stopped by her table and invited her to attend its services. "My life changed when, after several weeks, I walked into the First Christian Church," Rosemary

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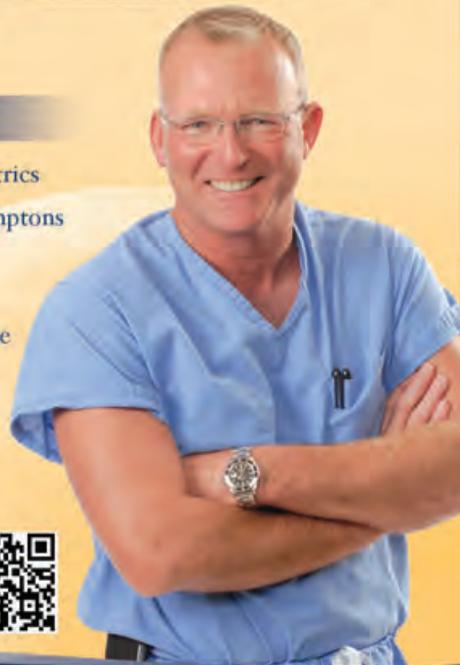
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enthused. "I was met with so much love and acceptance and was invited back to deliver the sermon the following week. That sermon was God's ticket to enhance my life by calling me to be of even greater service to others."

It was only up from there. When her gentle personality and gentler words impressed the following week's guest minister, Dr. Steve Sprinkle of TCU's Brite Divinity School, he asked for a copy of her sermon. Knowing Rosemary's hopes, Dr. Sprinkle sent it to the seminary's director of admissions, with the result that in January 2010 Rosemary began her education there. Now entering her fourth year at TCU, she will graduate with her Master of Divinity degree in spring 2014. Rosemary sees the recent journey she's embarked on as confirmation of God's purpose for her. The congregants of First Christian agree. Originally concerned their pastor might be assigned another church by Brite's professors, members were happy she was permitted to remain at First Christian. And Brite is more than proud of Rosemary too, presenting her with 2011 Ministry Award for Service.

Rosemary so proficiently melds her work as pastor with that of lawyer that she doesn't stop to notice how busy she is: "God makes the time available for all of it!" Periodically roles overlap, such as when an ailing elderly member of First Christian required Rosemary's spiritual counsel and legal help. "As her pastor," Rosemary shared, "I was of course there for her, but also — although she wasn't

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In return, church members stand by their minister, Reverend Rosemary, as she’s familiarly known. They respond to her quiet dignity, serene presence and sincere interest in each of their lives. “The members of First Christian have embraced me, and I’m grateful for that,” she said.

Gratitude is an integral lesson in Rosemary’s view of people and how their lives can interlace more productively. “We are called to see life with a grateful heart,” she insisted. “No matter what has happened to us in our lives, and no matter how bad things seem, it could always be worse!”

For Rosemary, biblical teachings combine with the self-help philosophy of the late Debbie Ford, a prominent motivational speaker under whom she

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trained. Dr. Ford was the author of *Dark Side of the Light Chasers*, a *New York Times* bestseller, and founder of the Collective Heart Foundation, an international children's outreach that has helped build schools in Uganda. Rosemary was invited to Ford's memorial service in California in February, joining the likes of Dr. Deepak Chopra and other famous friends of the beloved life coach. "Oprah Winfrey was a close friend of Debbie's," Rosemary mentioned. "Debbie appeared on her show many times. Oprah wasn't able to attend but she kindly sent a DVD of episodes featuring Debbie for all of us to have."

Rosemary imparts to members of First Christian the calming, inclusive attitude she has learned at Brite and through Debbie Ford. "I'm no fire and brimstone preacher," she confessed. "I just want people to know they are loved by God and that they matter in the world."

Her church family is dear to Rosemary because in them she sees the spirit of community giving. "God uses us to gift one another," she pointed out, adding that no program supported by First Christian underscores that fact more than its Treats for Troops campaign. Started in 2004, the drive to supply care packages to U.S. soldiers serving overseas is a year-round activity spearheaded by church member Harriett Adams. "Our Treats for Troops initiative is one we're very proud of," Rosemary maintained, "and it brings us closer as a church and as a community." Another successful charitable enterprise at First Christian is its Beans and Rice ministry.

When evaluating what's important in life, Rosemary believes it always comes back to gratitude. "Fear, anger and hatred cannot live in the presence of gratitude," she said. "Our natural stance before God is love and gratitude. Our faith is a gift. Our very breath of life is a gift. What if we begin each day by taking a few moments to remember our blessings and our gifts from God?" **NOW**




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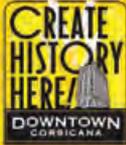




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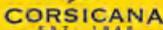
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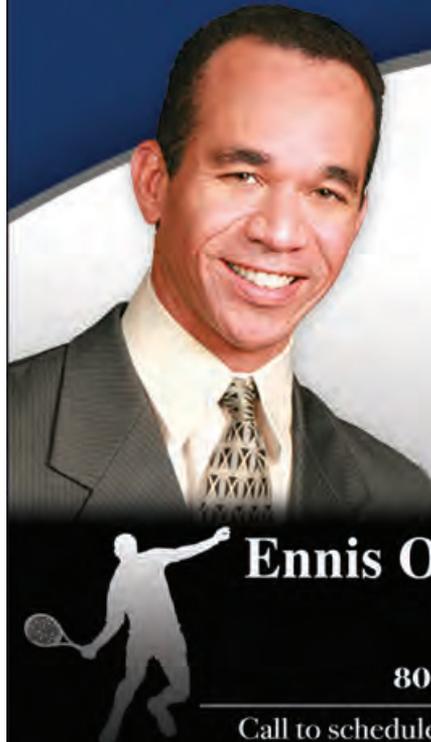
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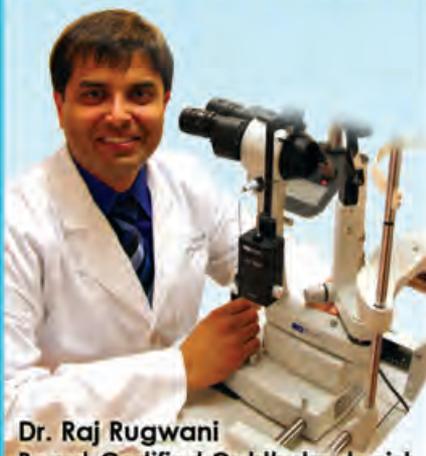
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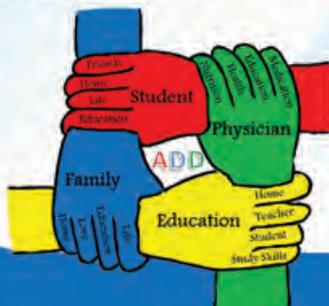
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Passion by the Piece

— By Donnielle Tyner

When Kourtney Curry looks at old furniture, she doesn't see junk. She sees potential. This artist, whose skill produces one-of-a-kind interior accents, has family and friends waiting in line for her to "make over" their furniture. After shopping at Canton's famous First Monday Trade Days, where she admired some beautiful, but expensive furniture, Kourtney was inspired to repurpose pieces of her own by applying original decorative



details. "I love making furniture pretty and rustic," Kourtney said, "giving each piece character."

Kourtney, 25, is encouraged in her work by her husband, Clay. They are Ennis natives and have known each other since kindergarten. "I remember signing his cast in kindergarten when he broke his leg," Kourtney smiled.

In high school, the pair was on opposite ends of the social spectrum; he was one of the popular kids, she a self-described "tennis geek." At the end of their freshman year, Clay asked her to

"It's just me and my work. I can spend hours creating."

dance at the Polka Festival, and they've been together ever since. Today the couple has a 2-year-old daughter, Nova (which is Kourtney's father's middle name spelled backwards).

Kourtney's first project was an antique hutch she purchased locally. The piece had been in storage and was covered with dust and spider webs, but Kourtney sensed potential. She knew exactly what to do with it. "I had the color picked out in my head, as well as the idea to line the shelves with scrapbook pages," she explained. Clay didn't understand what she saw in the aged hutch, but supported her anyway.

The hutch proved difficult for Kourtney to finish. "When you start something new, you don't know if it's going to turn out right or wrong," she admitted. "I had to start over a few times

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before I got it right.” After making quite a few mistakes and having to repaint more than once, she proudly placed her finished product in her dining room. Soon guests were gushing over it. “I probably love the hutch so much because it kicked my butt,” Kourtney confessed. “I thought I would never do a project like this again, but when people came over and saw it, they loved it!”



After her first experience revamping furniture, she acquired a more laid-back approach to her craft. “You might mess it up, but you can always start over,” Kourtney said. She’s also learned that what she considers less than perfect becomes something very special to others.

A case in point occurred when a close friend asked her to refurbish a toy chest. When the work was nearly completed, Kourtney noticed a small chip in the paint. After pulling on it, the entire layer peeled completely off. “I was crying and thinking, *How am I ever going to fix this?*” Her husband calmed her, encouraging her to start over while giving her suggestions on how to correct the problem. The result was not what the artist originally intended, but it was exactly what her friend wanted.

Kourtney’s artistic prowess comes naturally. Her father is a singer/



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songwriter, and her paternal grandfather is a carpenter. Before repurposing furniture became her passion, drawing was Kourtney's hobby, and for his part, Clay never ceased encouraging his talented wife. Working with her hands and her imagination, she now operates Logically Nova, the small home business born out of her vision and persistence.

Logically Nova represents three important aspects of her life — her father, husband and daughter. "Logically" is a song her father wrote shortly after Kourtney and her husband started dating. It became a favorite with her, and Clay loved it too. It's even their official song since Kourtney's father performed it at their wedding. "I've always lived by the words of that song," she maintained. "When we disagree, I always go back to that song."

Kourtney enjoys finding pieces to redesign, but lately most of her work comes to her from people requesting she refinish their furniture. She chooses her own pieces at garage sales, at secondhand stores such as Souls Harbor and Momma's Junk or from listings on Facebook. When she shops for furniture for herself, the pieces she selects have to be irresistible. "They need to speak to me," she clarified. Kourtney puts all her creativity into every piece and applies a variety of touches to make each of them unique. Instead of using her electric sander, she will smooth some by hand, for instance. "I like to play with them," she admitted. "The more colors and scuffs, the more character they have. I play with them until I really like what I see." Kourtney has worked with just about every type of furniture there is, but

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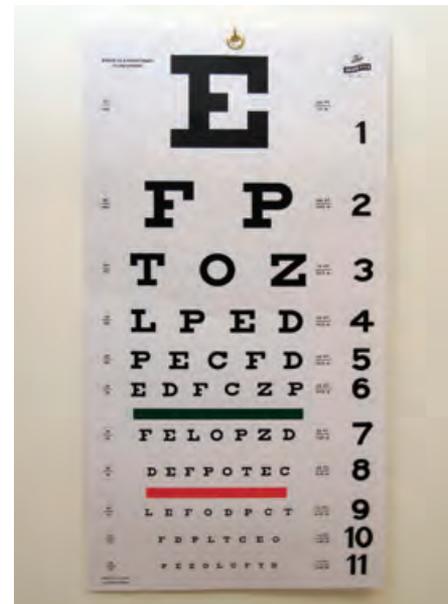


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At Ennis Family Medicine, Dr. Thomas Tran and his nurse, Holly Melkovitz, welcome their patients with smiles.

The Doctor is In

Ennis Family Medicine is committed to serving one satisfied patient at a time.

— By Randy Bigham

As a family practice physician new to Ennis, Dr. Thomas Tran realizes it takes time to build a patient base. But he insists a large clientele does not ensure success, at least not in his estimation of providing excellent care. “This is not a volume-driven office,” Thomas points out. “It’s quality-driven. I don’t envision myself treating 30 patients a day. You can’t possibly deliver good care when you see that many patients.”

Although Thomas only opened his practice, Ennis Family Medicine, in February of last year, he’s already on the medical fast track, drawing patients through his enthusiasm, passion and commitment to the personal touch. Thomas doesn’t seem old enough, but he has 20 years of experience as a

family doctor. “I may look younger than I am,” he laughed, “because I wasn’t out in the sun having a good time but inside studying!” Thomas’ knowledge rivals his bedside manner so the education has paid off.

Born in Saigon, Thomas immigrated with his family from Vietnam to the United States in 1975. “It was just at the end of the war,” Thomas recalled. “There was a huge exodus of Vietnamese people to this county and churches all over were sponsoring families. We were sponsored by a Lutheran Church in Brainerd, Minnesota.” After six years, motivated by the recession during the Carter administration, Thomas moved with his parents to Texas. “The economy was bad, but Texas,

because of the oil in this state, seemed more thriving than elsewhere,” Thomas said.

The doctor-to-be was soon thriving himself, graduating from the University of North Texas in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry. He afterwards earned his Master of Science in pharmacology from the same school, with his training and research conducted at the facility now known as the University of North Texas Health Science Center. Thomas completed his medical degree in 1993 at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Following two years of residency, Thomas worked as a primary care provider in the Dallas area, looking after his disabled sister and cancer-stricken father. His father’s passing motivated him to complete his residency. “I promised my dad I would do that,” he recalled. “And I did.” Thomas completed his residency in Corpus Christi at the county hospital, Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital, affiliated with the University of Texas at San Antonio.

He spent the next 10 years in Corpus Christi where he started a family with his wife, Jeannette. To be nearer to his mother and sister in Arlington, Thomas moved with Jeannette to the Bluebonnet City. Jeannette, who grew up in Hearne, was accustomed to small-town life and welcomed the transition. The Trans’ three children, ages 13, 11 and 5, have also enjoyed the change and already consider Ennis home.

For Thomas, Ennis Family Medicine is the practice he always envisioned. “We have a down-to-earth atmosphere,” he pointed out. “And we take the time to get to know our patients. I want to understand their lives and their problems so I can find the best way to solve them.” By not concentrating on a high-volume stream of patients, Thomas has more time to spend with each client. “This way I don’t cut anyone short,” he observed. “And it allows patients to ask questions and me to answer them. Patients come to me because they’re hurting, and I want to help them.” **NOW**

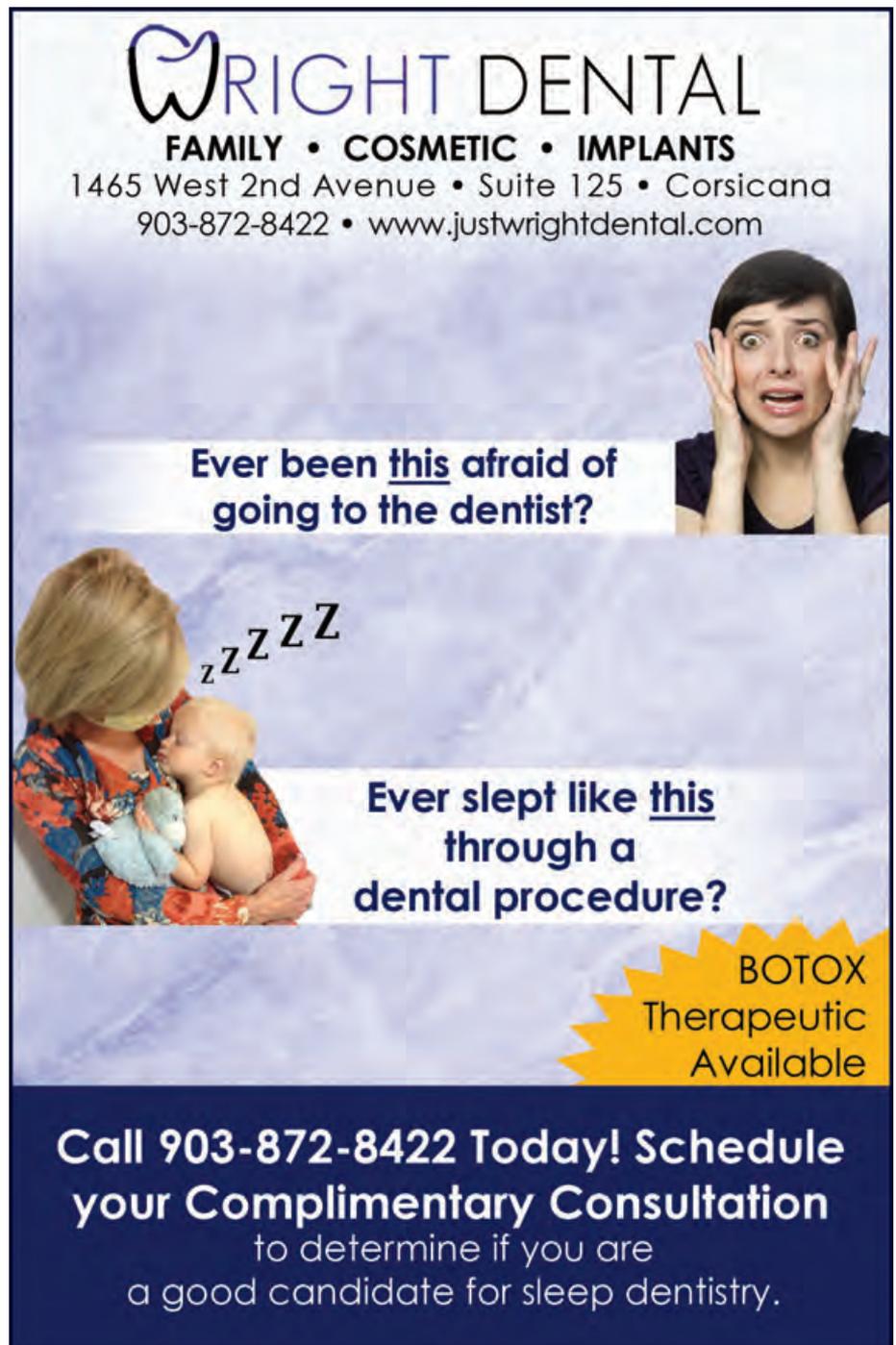


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Spring is in the air. And if you're like many people, you may be looking forward to doing some spring cleaning around your house and yard. But this year, why not go beyond your physical environment and do some sprucing up of your financial situation?

Here are a few possibilities to consider:

- *Clean your portfolio of clutter.* When you go through your house, you may find some clutter in closets, storage areas, on top of desks, under beds or just about any other place. Your investment portfolio may also contain clutter, in the form of investments that no longer meet your needs. Consequently, it's a good idea to de-clutter your portfolio periodically by selling those extraneous investments and using the proceeds to help purchase others that may be more effective in helping you make progress toward your financial goals.

- *Consolidate your investments in one place.* As you clean your house, you may find that you have many common items, such as brooms, hammers, duct tape and so on, scattered among various rooms. It might be more efficient to keep all such objects in one central location; this can help prevent you from needlessly replacing or duplicating them. As an investor, you may have an IRA with one financial services provider, an old 401(k) with a different one, and some other investments with yet another institution. If you consolidated all these investment vehicles with one provider, you might be able to save some fees and expenses. Perhaps even more importantly, by uniting all your investments in one place, you may find it easier to follow a central, unified investment strategy.

- *Check for gaps in your financial strategy.* Every spring, it's a good idea to check your gutters for leaks, your sidewalks for cracks and your paint for chips. By doing so, you'll help protect your

home and surroundings. To help protect your family's future, it's important to have adequate life and disability insurance.

- *Plant seeds for growth.* When spring arrives, it's time to plant the seeds for your flowers and vegetables. As an investor, you also have to be concerned about growth. Specifically, you'll want to consider investments that have the potential to grow enough to help provide the financial resources to meet your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Consequently, you should review your portfolio to determine if it contains an appropriate amount of growth-oriented vehicles for your individual objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance.

- *Seek professional assistance.* When you're tidying up for spring, you may find some jobs that you can't do alone, such as cleaning a heavily stained carpet, unclogging a blocked drain or trimming the highest branches on a tree. For these tasks, you might need to call in trained professionals. It's the same with investing: You can do some things on your own, but for complex tasks such as creating and maintaining an appropriate investment strategy, you may need to work with a financial professional.

Consider putting these spring-cleaning tips to work soon. They may just help put some sparkle and shine into your financial "house." **NOW**

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West Nile in Texas

By Betty Tryon, BSN

Some of the peskiest pests during the summer are mosquitoes. Anyone who spends any time outdoors in a mosquito-inhabited area must deal with their presence. Today, we are aware that a mosquito bite has the potential to represent more than an itchy and irritating bump on the skin. The West Nile Virus (WNV) is now a part of the language of summer — thanks to the mosquito. WNV has been proven to be a deadly virus, causing havoc during the summer of 2012. In a four-county area of North Texas, there were 36 deaths and more than 1,000 reported cases of the virus. A health emergency was declared and aerial spraying was enacted due to the devastation. The last time there was a call for such drastic action was in 1966.

One should not count on luck to avoid this virus. WNV is a mosquito-borne illness, which is transmitted after the mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then bite humans. To avoid being bitten by a mosquito:

- Use a bug repellent on your skin and clothing, particularly at sundown and at dawn when mosquitoes are more active.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “recommends that a solution of 30-50 percent DEET be reapplied every three hours for maximum safety.”
- Cover your skin as much as possible by wearing long sleeves and pants.

- Get rid of any stagnant water. That is where mosquitoes breed. After a rain, do a check around your property for standing water in trash cans, flower pots, children’s toys, bird baths, the seat of outdoor chairs, etc.

The incubation period for WNV in humans is two to 15 days. That is the time from when you become infected to the onset of symptoms of the disease. Infection with WNV can be asymptomatic, mild or severe. The mild type is called West Nile Fever. Symptoms resemble the flu and may persist for weeks. You may have muscle aches, fever, headache, gastrointestinal disturbances, sore throat or sometimes even a rash.

The more severe form of WNV is called a neuroinvasive disease. Those symptoms may manifest as convulsions, disorientation, stiffness, tremors, muscle weakness and possible paralysis and coma. The majority of people with WNV probably will not even know they have been infected. A very small percentage will develop the severe form, and their life will change drastically — perhaps forever. Some will die. This summer as you go about your day-to-day business and send your children out to play, take precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones. **NOW**

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June 6 — 8

The Miracle Worker by William Gibson: 7:30 pm, Ennis Public Theatre, 2705-C North Kauffman. Directed by Bill Rhoten, this classic play tells the true story of Annie Sullivan and her blind and mute student, Helen Keller. For tickets and more information on dates and times, call (972) 878-7529 or visit www.ennispublictheatre.com.

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Ennis Opry & Dance: 7:00-9:30 p.m., Ennis VFW Post 7106, 3100 N. I-45. The event features the Gatlin Band, playing classic country, bluegrass, polka and gospel. Admission \$5 for ages 16 and up. Proceeds benefit the VFW. Doors open

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June 22

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In The Kitchen With Kevin Graves

— *By Randy Bigham*

As a gourmet cook, Kevin Graves is a late bloomer – he didn’t actively embrace cooking until he was 29. But it’s been deliciously uphill ever since for this lifelong Ennisite.

Kevin especially enjoys creating his own dishes. “Like my mom, I really don’t need a recipe,” he admitted. “And I can recreate a dish after one to three tries.” But he also loves making old family favorites handed down from his parents — like Yorkshire pudding and Irish soda bread. He’s even inherited a handwritten recipe from his great-grandmother.

Although now long proficient at haute cuisine, Kevin admits to starting off his cooking career on a sour note: “I made dressing for Thanksgiving, and accidentally used chicken fat instead of broth! Everyone was sick as dogs! Oh, well!” **NOW**

Orzo Alfredo

- 1 lb. Orzo Pasta**
- 1 Tbsp. salt**
- 1/2 Tbsp. pepper**
- 2 Tbsp. garlic, minced**
- 1 Tbsp. Tony’s Cajun Seasoning**
- 2 Tbsp. Classico Sundried Tomato Pesto**
- 1 medium onion, diced**
- 1 red pepper, diced**
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil**
- 1 can creamy onion soup**
- 2 16 oz. bottles Alfredo Sauce (one plain, one sundried tomato)**
- 1 to 2 32-oz. cartons chicken stock (as needed to make creamy)**
- 1 cup grated Parmesan**
- 1 pkg. (5-6 links) Cajun sausage, cooked**

- 1.** Put large pasta pot with water on to boil; add spices and pesto.
- 2.** Sauté onion and peppers in olive oil until tender.
- 3.** Add garlic, just for a moment.
- 4.** Add Alfredo sauces, soup, seasonings.
- 5.** Keep on low simmer; stir well.
- 6.** Add pasta, bring to boil again, cook for 9 minutes, drain well.
- 7.** Add to liquid mixture. Stir well, add cheese and broth.
- 8.** Stir; add stock as needed until creamy.
- 9.** Heat sausage and mixture until warm enough to serve.

Sweet Donna’s Potatoes

- 1 large sweet potato**
- 1 Tbsp. butter**
- 1 can crabmeat**

- 2 Tbsp. onion, grated**
- 1 tsp. garlic, finely minced**
- 2 Tbsp. fresh chives, chopped**
- 1 tsp. sugar**
- 1 tsp. each cayenne, salt and pepper**
- 1/2 cup heavy cream**
- 1 slice Swiss cheese**

- 1.** Bake a large sweet potato in the microwave until tender.
- 2.** Scoop out potato, leaving thin shell. Place potato in bowl; add butter, crabmeat, onion, garlic, chives, cayenne, sugar, salt and pepper. Add enough heavy cream to moisten well.
- 3.** Place potato mixture back in sweet potato shell.
- 4.** Place in a 350 F oven for 15 minutes. Remove; top with cheese. Return to oven; heat until bubbly.

Parmesan-baked Chicken Thighs

- 1 1.5 lb. pkg. boneless chicken thighs (6 pieces)**
- 1 Tbsp. fresh Parmesan cheese**
- 1 Tbsp. flat leaf parsley**
- 1 Tbsp. basil leaves**
- 1 Tbsp. thyme leaves**
- 1 tsp. kosher salt**
- 1 Tbsp. garlic, minced**
- 1 tsp. Tony’s Cajun Seasoning**
- 1 Tbsp. Panko bread crumbs**
- 3 Tbsp. flour**
- 2 eggs, beaten**

- 1.** Place Parmesan cheese in food processor with metal blade until cheese is size of coarse meal. Add each herb, garlic, salt, seasoning and bread crumbs. Pulse all ingredients about 4 times; pour into pie plate.
- 2.** Into another pie plate, add beaten eggs.
- 3.** Spray a baking dish; preheat oven to 350 F.
- 4.** Dip chicken in egg mixture, roll in cheese/Panko mixture, coating well; place in baking dish.
- 5.** Bake at 350 F for 45-60 minutes.

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