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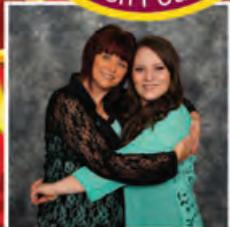
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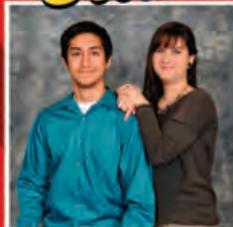




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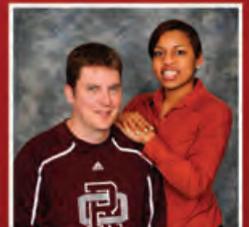
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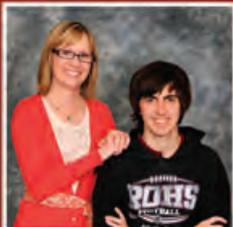
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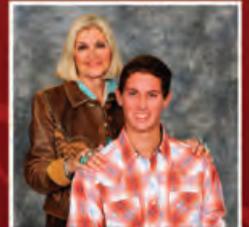
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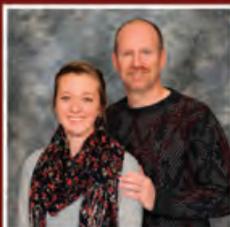
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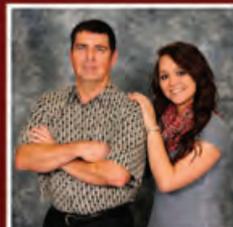
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Editor's Note

I swoon for June ...

Author L. M. Montgomery — of *Anne of Green Gables* fame — penned, “I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June,” making me ponder the possibilities of an endless month. Although I love learning, there’s no denying the relief of the closing of schoolhouse doors — not just for children but for parents, too.

While routines of August through May keep things orderly, there is something joyous in the freedom of June: Watching my little one sleep in without early wakeups or schedules to keep. No homework or tests, just long stretches of day to learn only what you will from the wonder of play.

I appreciate each season too much to desire an endless summer. But I do wish for us all a month of enjoying June and its relaxing possibilities!

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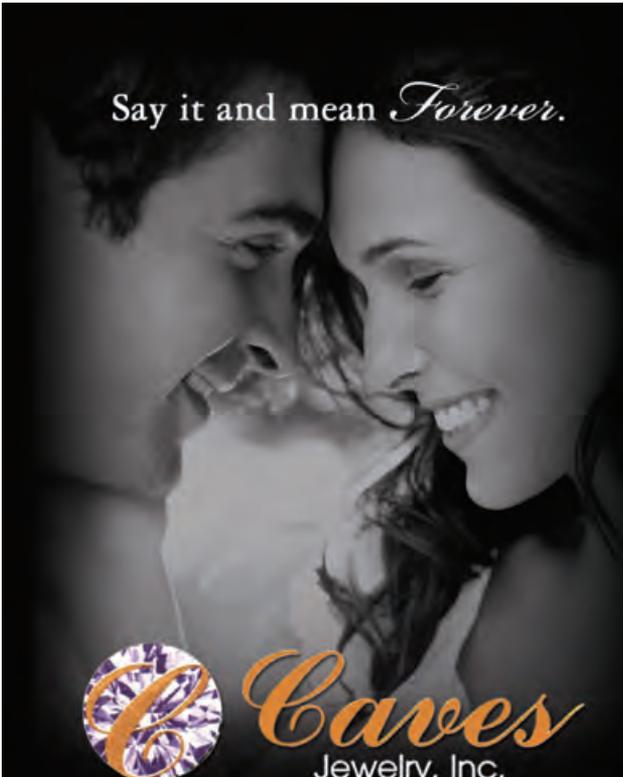
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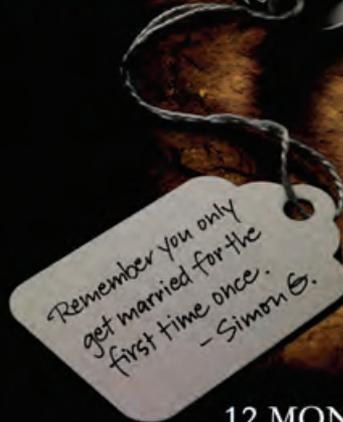
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American Cancer Society representative, Kyle Shelton, and Fawn Martwick are proud to help put an end to cancer — one step at a time.

Purple POWER

By Angel Morris

What started with one man running around a track for one day has come to be known as Relay for Life — today inspiring more than 4 million people in over 20 countries to raise funds for cancer research. Last month, on May 10, a group of local volunteers, including Fawn Martwick of Red Oak, saw their

efforts come to fruition with this year's Central Ellis County Relay for Life around Waxahachie's town square. Fawn and her fellow Relay committee members were each inspired to take part in this global fundraising phenomenon after knowing someone who battled cancer.

"Most everyone has a relative, friend, or even a co-worker that cancer has affected. Cancer impacts so many of our loved ones' lives, and I wanted to honor them through Relay for Life," Fawn explained. "Personally, my paternal grandmother has cancer. I've also watched a co-worker, as well as family friends, battle the disease. Skin cancer has also impacted my family members."

One of Fawn's best friends lost her grandmother to cancer, strengthening Fawn's resolve to do something to help. "My friend's grandmother was very dear to me, and it was difficult to stand by and see how little could be done for her situation," Fawn said.

In high school and college, Fawn participated in events to raise money for the American Cancer Society. From 2008-2010, she was in the Student Government Association, at Navarro College, assisting with Relay for Life fundraising activities. Continuing her education through Texas A&M University-Commerce, Fawn joined a Relay for Life team with co-workers.

"I have been a member of the Faith, Hope and Love team for the past three years. For the past two, I've been team captain. This was my first year to be on the Central Ellis County Committee, and I took on the role of marketing chair," Fawn said.



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Before Relay for Life, Fawn was no stranger to community service. At Red Oak High School, she was involved in various philanthropic organizations and charitable events. “I loved the sense of making a difference in someone’s life,” she said.

Today, Fawn continues to touch lives as a faculty support clerk at the Waxahachie Campus of Navarro College,



where she and a co-clerk assist some 160 instructors, as well as the dean of academic services. Fawn earned her bachelor’s degree while working full time and is currently in graduate school. Still, she enjoys making time for Relay for Life.

“Over the past three years, I would have to say that my involvement has grown, and I gained a greater appreciation for Relay and all of the volunteers that put in countless hours to benefit this great cause. I went from being someone who made donations and attended a few events when I started out to being a full participant holding leadership roles,” Fawn said.

For those who may not know, Relay for Life is an organized, overnight fundraising event in which teams of people take turns walking a designated track. Food, games and activities provide a lively atmosphere around the common goal of raising funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. While team members do not have to stay after their turn to walk ends, most remain

to share in the entire experience. A Fight Back Ceremony and the Survivors' Lap are two important event highlights. Each walk also features a Luminaria Ceremony, during which people lost to cancer are remembered, and people who have fought or are fighting cancer are honored.

"The moment at the walk when all the luminaries are lit is very, very special. Seeing and meeting the survivors and

hearing the stories of what they went through and were able to overcome is very emotional," Fawn said. "And then we think about how many are not able to overcome this disease. The luminaries are very significant in that sense, too."

To participate, teams must raise a certain amount of money toward the cause. Participants host traditional yard or bake sales or get more creative with events like covering the community with purple bows purchased for a minimum

fee. Perhaps the most unique fundraising idea is the Purple Toilet. This fundraiser involves a team placing a purple toilet sponsored by someone in

the community in the yard of their choice to "flush" cancer.

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fun while raising funds," Fawn said, "a little at a time.

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And for those interested in helping a truly local cause, Fawn noted that the funds for each individual Relay are earmarked for their specific communities.



“I feel best about the fact that the money we raise goes directly toward helping people in our area,” she said.

The event’s local impact is significant to the other Central Ellis County Relay Committee members, including co-chairs Jessica Gentry and Donna Daniell; survivor chair, JoAnn Smith; and American Cancer Society representative, Kyle Shelton.

“Whether it’s Relay for Life or other similar events, it is always that much more special to know you are making a difference in your very own community — even sometimes in your very own neighborhood. In Relay for Life you form your own team, but then you become part of a bigger team at the actual event,” Fawn explained. “And then to think all of those teams are fighting together for the same cause and helping put a stop to cancer in your very own city. It’s really an amazing thing, and you will cherish the time you spend at whatever level of participation you can offer.” **NOW**

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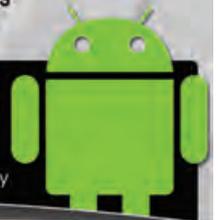
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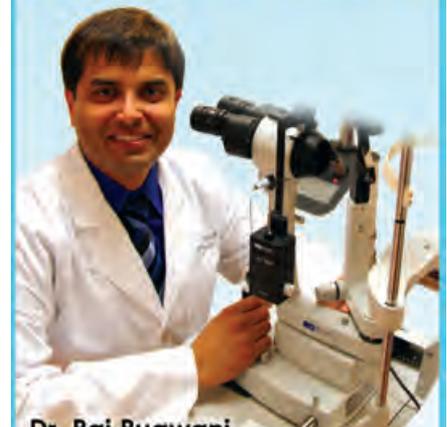
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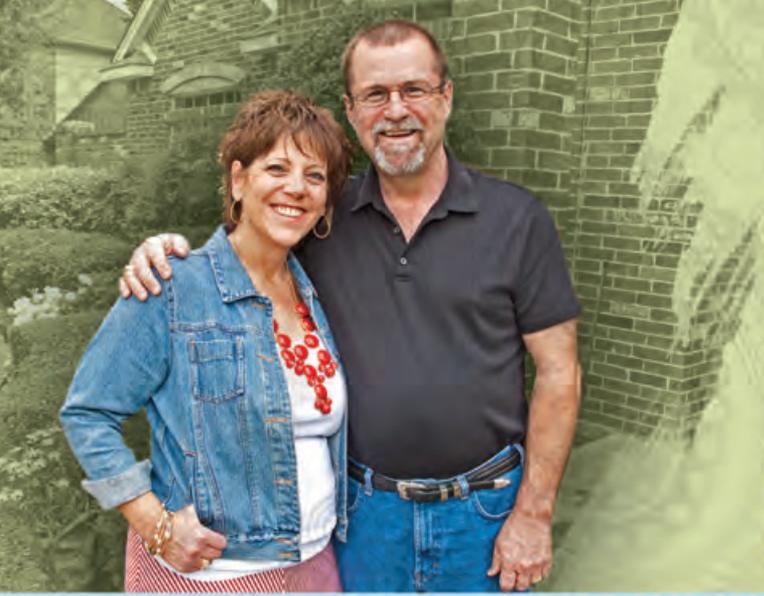
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By Dianne Reaux

Tom and Lezlie Rozier emanate a wonderful blend of warmth, laughter and humility. Married for 33 years, they have been together long enough to know life doesn't always follow the plans that have been carefully considered and thoughtfully laid out. They've discovered if you relax the firm grip on your expectations, things often have a way of working themselves out all on their own. And that is the wonderful life lesson they saw in action as they made a giant move they hadn't fully planned on making.





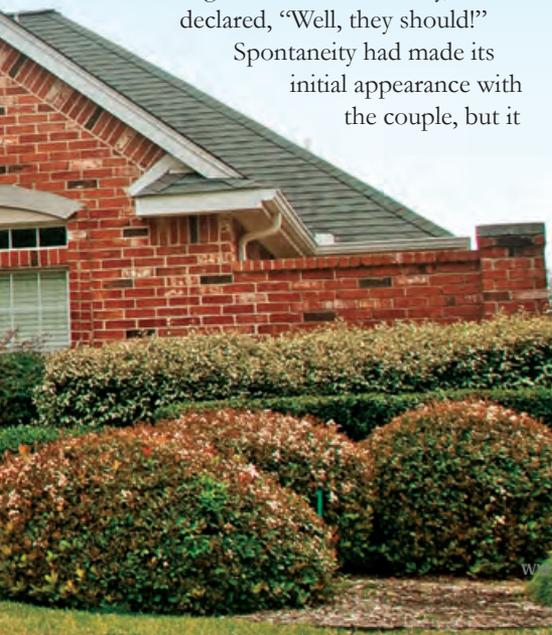
Tom and Lezlie met as high school students, and if there is one characteristic that has appeared repeatedly throughout their relationship, it would be spontaneity. “We first met as teenagers when we attended Calvary Baptist Church in DeSoto,” Lezlie shared. She couldn’t recall which of them noticed the other first, but Tom sure could.

“Oh, I’ve been noticing her for years,” he said slyly as they both burst into laughter.

After high school, they remained friends even as life pulled them in different directions. She went off to college, and he stayed behind and began working in the construction industry. “We had both been dating other people, but when I came home to visit for the summer, we just started running around together,” Lezlie said. “My aunt asked my mother, ‘Are those two dating?’ And my mom said, ‘Well, I don’t think so.’”

But Lezlie’s aunt, who had been watching the two rather closely, declared, “Well, they should!”

Spontaneity had made its initial appearance with the couple, but it



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would soon re-appear in grand fashion.

Sure enough, Tom and Lezlie were dating, but they didn't date very long. Lezlie's eyes twinkled as she recalled their brief courtship. "Tom hadn't really planned on saying the words — they just sort of popped out. I remember him saying, 'I think I'm ready to get married.'"

Tom laughed and added, "Best off-the-cuff remark I've ever made!"

After getting married, Lezlie received her bachelor's degree in elementary education, a field she has worked in for 30 years. Tom began a successful career working in the electric utility industry. He has been with Oncor for 32 years, where he currently works as a transmission grid controller.

The Roziers first lived in DeSoto, and then moved to Duncanville for 10 years. By then, they had three children, Sarah, Rebekah and Samuel, and eventually, more room for their family became a priority. They decided to move back to DeSoto where they built a larger house. The house was ideal for the purpose they intended, and they lived

in DeSoto for 20 years.

The Roziers have been fortunate. They have had success and longevity in their respective careers, and last fall marked 10 years until their retirement. "Our house was too big," Lezlie explained. "It had an upstairs that was wasted space because all of our children had grown up and moved out."

"We'd thought about retiring, moving further out to Ellis County and finding a house with a few acres," Tom added. "We wanted a smaller house with lots of land so our grandchildren could ride around on four-wheelers."

In November 2012, spontaneity would again take center stage in the Rozier household. "Tom and I hadn't really made any firm plans to move, but one Tuesday afternoon, I casually mentioned our long-term retirement goals to Dawana Quintana, one of my student's parents, who also happened to be a Realtor," Lezlie said. "She scheduled an appointment to come and visit with us on a Thursday, and before we knew it, a contract had been drawn up to place our house on the market."

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Tom and Lezlie hadn't actually planned on placing the house on the market so quickly, but they both assumed they would have time to look for a property with which they would both be satisfied. But they were wrong. Their house sold in five days, and as the sale on the house started to close, they thought, *We are in trouble!* The Roziers started packing and house-hunting all at the same time.

"Tom had just had bariatric surgery," Lezlie said. Over the years, Tom's weight had gradually crept upward, and his health had started to suffer from the effects of the extra weight.

"I had diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol," Tom admitted. "Last summer we found out we were going to be grandparents, and I decided I was going to have to make some changes if I wanted to be around to actively enjoy my grandkids and not just sit around on the couch." While Tom recuperated from surgery, fellow church members helped the couple pack and move. Since November, Tom has lost 65 pounds and no longer takes any medications.

"We looked at properties in Waxahachie, Red Oak and Ferris," Lezlie stated.

"But we realized that we had to be realistic — we really didn't know when our kids would be ready to move back to Texas, and we had to make a decision on where we were going to live," Tom added.

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Visitors to the Rozier home are greeted by a spacious and open floor plan. The entryway features a dining room on the right and a cozy sitting area on the left. Beautiful calligraphy over the doorway



leading into the family room features the words, "The Roziers Est. 1980," representing the year they were married. They decided to remodel the kitchen, which now features cherry cabinets. The light and dark shades of the brand new tile and glass backsplash mingle together to provide a beautiful contrast to the new dark granite countertops. One of the most beautiful accents in their home is a tree that was hand-painted on a wall in the family room by Linda De Los Santos, the art teacher at Ovilla Christian School where Lezlie works. The wall art features framed photos of four generations of the Rozier family — including daughter-in-law, JoAnna, and their first grandson, Levi Jayson.

There is much to be said for making plans in life, but life doesn't ask for permission before making plans of its own. The Roziers have learned that, while not always convenient, the best made plans are the plans that can be changed. **NOW**

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— By Jeremy Agor

For many people, fishing is a thread of Americana woven through their lives. The mere mention of the sport brings back childhood memories or kindles a desire to be sitting on a riverbank or boat deck, casting and waiting, relaxing and enjoying the outdoors.

Johnny Mooring is one of those people. He learned to fish as a young child, drifted away from it as a young adult, and has regained his passion in recent years. "I decided it was OK to have some 'me' time and shut my brain down," Johnny explained. "A lot of people don't see the value of going to your 'nothing box' to unwind, but fishing does that for me."

Johnny began fishing at 5 or 6 years of age, when his parents sent him to his grandparents' ranches for a couple weeks each summer. Both ranches had stock ponds with fish in them, and his grandfathers spent time helping him fish. He, like the fish he was catching, was hooked. "I fished blind off the bank, just throwing a lure in and hoping it would attract something. When a fish hit that lure, my adrenaline was off the chart. It doesn't matter if the fish is 6 inches or 2 feet long, when you're a kid and you're fighting and it's fighting, and you finally reel



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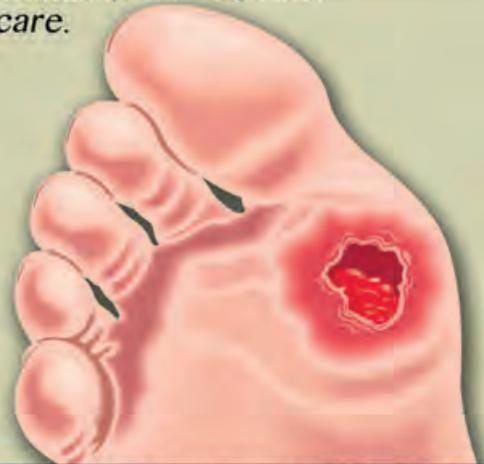
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it in and pull it out of the water, you've done something, and it builds your confidence," Johnny explained.

After a few years, his grandfathers would let him fish alone, something he credits for teaching him independence and conquering his fear of being alone. "When you start out in a stock tank, it's easier to catch a fish. It's a challenge to get a child to pay attention while being quiet and waiting when there's not any immediate action. If you can keep their attention for a short time in that environment, then they can tolerate the longer periods of patience required to catch a fish as they get older," he explained.

As Johnny got older, friends started accompanying him on his trips to the ranch. He kept fishing through high school, but his time on the water lessened as the distractions of high school won out over fishing. After he got married, he pretty much stopped fishing, because he got caught up in playing golf, coaching his children's sports teams and being a family man.

"I was busy being a husband and father, plus I was running a business, so my private time went away," Johnny said. "Then, on Good Friday a couple years ago, another local businessman came into my shop and asked why I was working on such a perfect day for fishing. It didn't take much effort to convince me to close up, and we went to Clark Lake in Ennis and had a great day and caught big fish."

From there, Johnny started talking fishing with other business owners and his customers. That's when he met David Butler, who was running the Working Man's Bass Tournament. David needed window graphics for his vehicle, which

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Johnny provided. As payment, David took Johnny to fish in the tournament, which is at Clark Lake on Tuesdays and at Lake Waxahachie on Thursdays each week from March to November. "We fish as partners. Early in the season, we'll have 12 to 15 boats show up. When it gets hot or cold, it may drop down to about six. It's a different kind of fishing. You're standing on the deck casting hundreds of times, and each cast has the potential for a winning catch," Johnny said. "My goal is to find the fish no one else can. I need to use the water, air and barometric conditions. I have to decide what bait to use and how — fast, slow, shallow, deep — and there are 20 other guys doing the same thing."

Like most other serious fishermen, Johnny doesn't fish every day, but he has the desire to do so. When he doesn't have a rod in his hand, he's thinking about fishing. If he is at a park with his family and he sees kids fishing, he often goes and spends time with them, teaching and talking. "It's fun to put a fishing rod in a kid's hands and watch that kid successfully cast and then pull in a fish. It's almost as exciting as doing it myself," he said.

Johnny's renewed passion for fishing has given him more time to himself, but it also has helped him spend more time with his family. "My family knows I'm passionate about it," he explained. "None of them are as passionate as I am, but because we're close knit, they'll come with me just to spend time with me. When we go out together, my goal is to get a photo of them with their catch. When I fish for bass, I usually practice CPR — Catch, Photo, Release. I have a

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lot of photos of friends catching fish, and they're always smiling ear to ear."

Johnny said his wife likes it when she can catch more fish than he does, and one of their highlights as a family came last summer when they went deep-sea fishing in Destin, Florida. Everyone caught fish, and they made great memories. The time spent with his children is important to Johnny.

"You'll have your kids' attention for a very short period, and you have to try to teach them as much as you can. When that attention span is gone, you lose that influence. My daughter will fish more with me now than when she was little. Back then, she was really girly, but now it is daddy time. It's getting harder to find that time, because she's getting ready to graduate from college. My son is involved in soccer, track, cross country, basketball and motocross, so he doesn't ask to go very often, but maybe someday that'll change," he said.

Fishing is a sport you can do at any age, share your photos and enjoy the time on the water, and you can invest as much or as little in your equipment as you want. Some young people even earn scholarships to college for bass fishing. Regardless of the setting, fishing forms important bonds and creates memories, and that is the most important thing for Johnny.

"I enjoy seeing kids fishing at the Red Oak Lake, and I think it's great. I don't remember my schoolwork, but I can remember my fishing trips when I was 6 or 8 years old," Johnny said. "That's what life is about, isn't it? Making memories that last." **NOW**

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Ben Little moved to Texas in 1961, to define and follow his dreams. Ultimately, he decided his dream was to teach people about financial investing. Founder and chief executive officer of ABS Companies, he had no way of knowing how that dream would impact Red Oak.

Before founding ABS, Ben studied psychology and economics and served in the Texas Air National Guard. Studying ways to grow one's financial wealth led to his interest in insurance and risk management, and he has sold millions of dollars in insurance and annuity products to cover his client's identified risks.

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“My Chamber service taught me so much about the community and really impacted my role as mayor. It also helped define my business goals even further in that I wanted to help my clients and the city build a solid future,” Todd said.

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Red Oak Health Science and Technology teacher Dawn Little and sons, sophomore Tanner and freshman Houston, enjoy Copper Mountain, Colorado, during a family trip.



Catcher Mickhayla Nunez is all business during a team Dynasty practice in Ferris.



New firefighter Grant Bruce keeps Red Oak Fire Department equipment sparkling.



Ovilla United Methodist Church Youth Group members Ben Bryant, Margaret Moran, Jamie Green, Loey Parker, Patrick Turkett and Trace Dickey raise funds at a recent rummage sale.



Nell Fulton, Candice Garcia and Carol Wright enjoy dinner at Javier's restaurant in Ferris.

Officer Jennifer Smith with DART participates in the Red Oak Denny's Tip A Cop day, raising \$2,000 for Special Olympics.



Red Oak Police and Red Oak ISD Police, including Chief Craig Rudolph, present awards at ROISD's Special Olympics.



Sky Ranch Day Camp opens for children of Red Oak and surrounding communities in June. Visit skyranch.org to register for the camp.



CeCe Pettigrew and Willie Pettigrew prepare a customer's special order at Uncle Willie's Pies on Methodist Street in Red Oak.



ROHS junior Kalob Bishop receives the Scottish Rite JROTC Leadership and Academic Excellence Award and senior Austin Bishop receives the Sojourner's JROTC Award for Excellence in Leadership.



Ellis County's Paws for Reflection prepares for summer animal camps.

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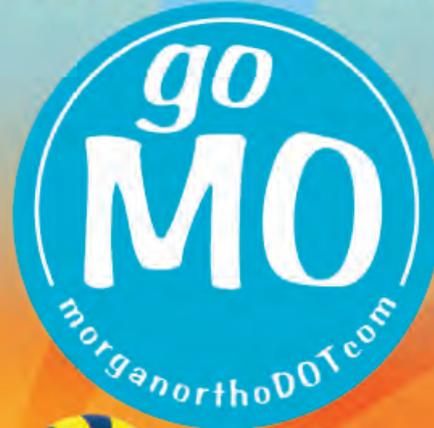


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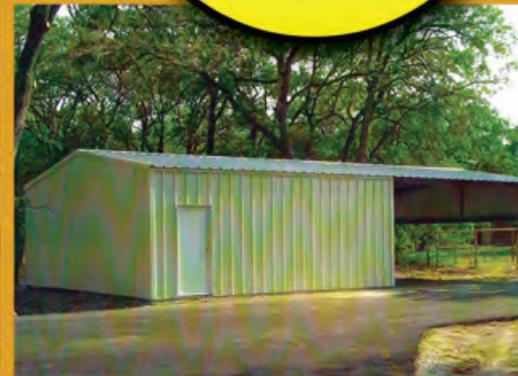
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June 3 — 7, 10 — 14

Sky Ranch Day Camp: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with before and after camp care available. Canterbury Episcopal School, 1708 N. Westmoreland Rd., DeSoto. Register at skyranch.org/launch-camp or call (972) 572-7200, ext. 107.

June 10 — 13

Annual Tennis Camp: 9:00-11:00 a.m., Red Oak High School courts, 122 Hwy. 342. For first through eighth grade. Cost \$65. dainta.calhoun@redoakisd.org.

June 11

Summer Reading Club Kickoff: 7:00-8:00 p.m., Red Oak Library, 200 Lakeview Pkwy. Free. (469) 218-1230 or librarian@redoaktx.org.

June 17

Red Oak Book Club: 7:00-8:30 p.m., Red Oak Library, 200 Lakeview Pkwy. Free

and open to all adults in Red Oak area. Refreshments served.

June 17 — 21, 24 — 28

Animal Fun Camps: Paws for Reflection Ranch, 5431 Montgomery Rd., Midlothian. Horsin' Around camp **June 17-21** (ages 8-15); Paws for Fun **June 24-28** (ages 7-11). Volunteer counselors needed. (972) 775-8966 or www.pawsforreflectionranch.org.

June 18

Texas Tails: 7:00-8:00 p.m., Red Oak Library, 200 Lakeview Pkwy. An interactive introduction to native critters who have played an integral role in Texas History. Live animals present.

June 21

Music Under the Son — Third Annual Black Music Fest: 7:00-11:00 p.m., Ennis Veterans Park, 2301 Ennis Pkwy. Attendees encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

June 24

Indian Trail Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting: 6:00-8:00 p.m., Red Oak Library Ronald Reagan Room, 200 Lakeview Pkwy. Indian Trail Chapter serves Ellis and Navarro counties.

June 24 — 28

Vacation Bible School: Nightly for ages 3-11, Ovilla United Methodist Church, 1403 Red Oak Creek Rd. Dinner, games, songs, crafts and Bible lessons. Free. Register at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/ovillaumc>.

June 26

Chamber Luncheon: Noon -1:00 p.m., 200 Lakeview Pkwy. Networking opportunity for local businesses. Members with reservations \$12; members without reservations \$15; non-members \$20. RSVP: katherine@redoakareachamber.org.

June 29

Red Oak White and Blue: Day of activities at Red Oak's Pearson Park, 200 Lakeview Pkwy. Day begins with 5K walk/run and ends in fireworks display at nightfall. Visit redoaktx.org for more details.

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In the Kitchen With Dolye Mohundro

— *By Angel Morris*

While Mom did the weekly laundry, 12-year-old Dolye handled cooking — usually fried chicken, fried potatoes and pinto beans or “something equally simple,” she said. “I learned more after I married, but with no one to guide me, I made a lot of mistakes,” Dolye admitted.

Two sons and 70 years of marriage later, mealtime mistakes for this Ferris resident are few. “My husband seems to enjoy my cooking after all these years, especially desserts!” Dolye, who favors baking, said. She loves to share her creations with friends and neighbors, taking recipes from her large cookbook collection, newspapers, magazines and other good cooks. She’s also crafty with a needle and enjoys sewing, quilting and crocheting, as well as gardening. **NOW**

Chicken Salad

Keeps for 2-3 days.

- 4 cups chicken, cooked (about 5 chicken breasts)**
- 1 Tbsp. salt**
- 1 Tbsp. dried onion flakes**
- 1 Tbsp. dried sweet basil**
- 2 cups celery, chopped**
- 2 cups green grapes, sliced**
- 2 cups red apples, chopped (unpeeled)**
- 1 cup pecans, chopped**
- 1 Tbsp. sweet onion, finely chopped**
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice**
- 1/4 tsp. curry powder**
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise (not salad dressing)**

- 1.** Cook chicken breasts in enough water to cover with salt, onion flakes and basil. Remove to cutting board to cool.
- 2.** Cut into 1/2-inch cubes and mix with remaining ingredients. Chill.

Dolye’s Meatloaf

- 1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes, mild or hot (divided use)**
- 1 to 1 1/2 lbs. ground sirloin**
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped**
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped**
- 1 egg, slightly beaten**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper**
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups bread crumbs**
- Ketchup**

- 1.** Pour half can of Ro-Tel into bowl, setting second half aside.
- 2.** Add meat and remaining ingredients, except for ketchup. Mix well.
- 3.** Shape into loaf and place in baking dish.
- 4.** Add enough ketchup to fill the can of remaining Ro-Tel. Mix well and pour atop the meat.
- 5.** Bake at 375 F for 1 hour or until meat is done when tested.

Onion Dip

Makes 2 cups. Best made one day early!

- 4 Tbsp. unsalted butter**
- 1/4 cup olive oil**
- 3 cups yellow onion, chopped**
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper**
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper**
- 1/2 tsp. kosher salt**
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened**
- 1/2 cup sour cream**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise**

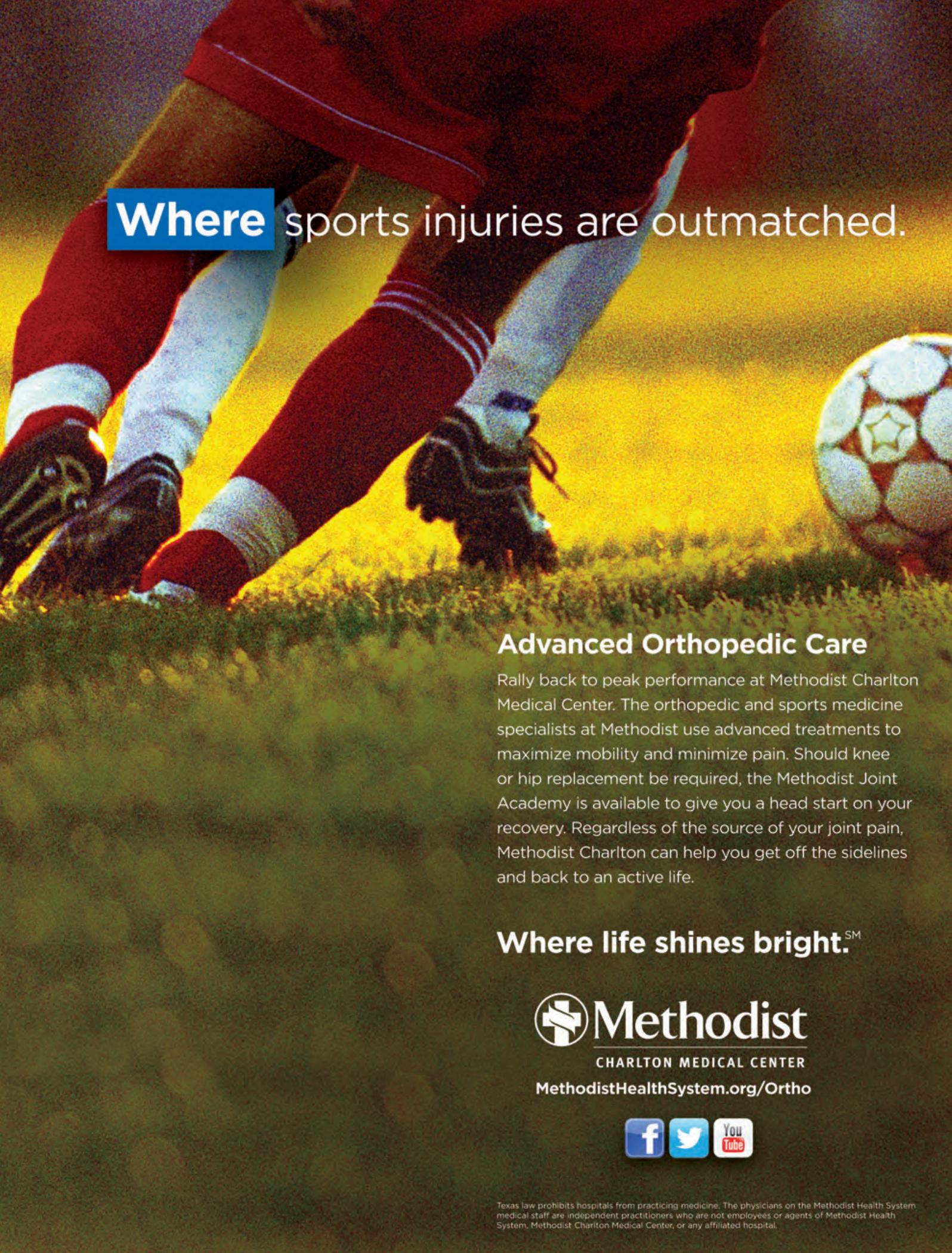
- 1.** Heat butter and oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and seasonings. Sauté 10 minutes.
- 2.** Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are brown and caramelized.
- 3.** Beat cream cheese, sour cream and mayonnaise until smooth; add onion and mix well.
- 4.** Adjust seasonings to taste and serve at room temperature, or heat if refrigerated.

Coconut Raspberry Bars

- 1 cup butter**
- 4 cups white chocolate chips (divided use)**
- 4 eggs**
- 1 cup sugar**
- 2 tsp. almond extract**
- 2 cups flour**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 2 cups coconut, flaked**
- 1 cup raspberry jam, seedless**
- 1/2 cup pecans or almonds, chopped**

- 1.** Melt butter in saucepan and remove from heat. Add 2 cups chocolate chips, but do not stir. Set aside.
- 2.** In bowl, beat eggs until foamy, gradually adding sugar. Stir in chip mixture and almond extract.
- 3.** Combine flour and salt. Stir into egg mixture until just combined.
- 4.** Spread half of mixture in a greased 9x13-inch pan; bake at 350 F for 15-20 minutes, or until lightly browned.
- 5.** Sprinkle coconut atop bars and spread melted jam atop coconut.
- 6.** Stir remaining chocolate chips into remaining batter and drop by spoonfuls over jam. Sprinkle with nuts.
- 7.** Bake at 350 F for 30-35 minutes longer or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- 8.** Cool on wire rack and cut into bars.

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