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**News From Your Neighborhood**

**Community Fun at Parker Square**

Parker Chiropractic Wellness Center will host a community appreciation event on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9am to 3pm at their new office in Flower Mound's Parker Square. The Halloween themed celebration will include a kid-friendly haunted house, festive games, a pet costume contest, an appearance by Radio Disney, prizes, food, vendor booths, local high school dance clubs, health talks, and more. For more information, call 972-438-9355.

**Suicide Awareness Fundraising Walk**

The TouchedBySuicide Group will hold its 4th annual fundraising walk on Nov. 6 at Bartonsville Town Center to support local residents who have experienced tragic losses in their families due to suicide. The event brings together people who walk in memory of a loved one, want to raise awareness about suicide or seek information and support. Register at [www.TouchedBySuicide.org](http://www.TouchedBySuicide.org).

**Haunts and Hounds at The Shops at Highland Village**

The Shops at Highland Village will host a costume contest for dogs and children at its Haunts and Hounds Halloween celebration on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 3 to 6pm benefitting Southern Denton County Neighbor to Neighbor. The event is free and open to everyone. Judges will award prizes for the best, scariest, most creative and funniest costumes for dogs, owner-dog combos, children, and family costume themes. More information and a printable entry form for the costume contest is at [www.theshopsathighlandvillage.com](http://www.theshopsathighlandvillage.com).

**Hoop it up at the Y**

The Cross Timbers Family YMCA, in partnership with the Town of Flower Mound Recreation Department, is holding youth basketball signups through November 14. Co-ed Pre-K through 8th grade participants can register at the YMCA on Cross Timbers Road in Flower Mound or online at [www.crosstimbersymca.org](http://www.crosstimbersymca.org). Call the YMCA at 972-539-9622 for more information.

**Friends of Library Book Sale**

Book it on over to a gently used book sale fundraiser at the Flower Mound Library, Oct. 22 to 24. With hardbacks for \$3 and children's hardbacks at \$1, along with paperbacks, books on tape, VHS tapes and DVD's, you can fill your library. Hours are Friday, 10/22, from 5 to 8pm; Saturday 10/23, from 10am to 5pm; and Sunday 10/24, from 1 to 4pm. Drop off your gently used books for the sale at the library anytime during regular business hours.

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## A Clean Sweep for Those in Need

By Michelle Draper, Contributing Writer

Debbie Sardone, a Flower Mound resident who has owned a house-cleaning service for 29 years, is the perfect example of a small company doing very big things.

The month of October is known to many as *Pinktober* in recognition of national breast cancer awareness month, but Sardone is aware of cancer every month as she has found a way to help over 4,000 women with that diagnosis get their homes cleaned absolutely free.

*Pinktober* holds special significance for her this year as Sardone says sometime during the month, the scales will tip to a total of one million donated dollars in free cleanings.

Sardone, owner of Buckets &

Bows Maid Service in Lewisville, started helping local women with cancer over 15 years ago, and she ended up taking her efforts nationwide when Cleaning For A Reason became a national non-profit a little less than five years ago. Now, instead of only helping women in southern Denton County who are going through cancer treatment, her organization helps women in all 50 states and four provinces in Canada as Sardone has recruited housecleaning firms who, like her, are willing to give their services away for free.

"It was a perfect fit for us to help women with cancer who can't afford the service," said Sardone. "We help

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Debbie Sardone in front of the WFAA-TV studios at Victory Park next to the American Airlines Center.

## First Annual Earth Day Planned for Community



Jim VanVickle

By Lyn Pry, Contributing Writer

The Highland Village All-Stars and Flower Mound's Seniors In Motion (SIM) senior programs both got their starts in 2005. Each group was created by seniors gathering in someone's kitchen to share ideas about social activities for fellow residents aged 55 and older.

"We moved here to be closer to our family and there were always active senior programs in the communities we'd lived," said All-Star co-founder Calvin Clark. "My wife Millie has always been involved in things and starting a seniors' group was something we felt needed to happen."



Ribbon Cutting for The Robert & Lee Duvall Center on Sept. 21 in Highland Village.

Five years later, the All-Stars new permanent home, in the Robert & Lee DuVall Center, held its ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Highland Village voters approved a bond

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## Representative Sees Better Times Ahead

By John LaVine, Contributing Writer

If you could see passion, you'd see heat waves coming off State Representative Tan Parker when he talks about America and what it could be. His angst transmits like a tightly coiled spring as he dissects what the people of our country want and where he feels that our government is leading us off course, via exit signs that promise quick fix solutions to economic woes, but which will really steer us into swampland.

Parker sees this November's elections as an opportunity to straighten our path back towards the express lanes and long term success destinations.

Approaching an expected third term representing House District 63, which covers most of Denton County, Parker balances his own political career with running a business back here at home, and family.

Parker is not a sideline talk show host, or critic, who sits back in the comfortable seats and picks

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**News from Town Hall**

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shop on Monday, September 27th at town hall. This workshop and all future workshops will be posted on our bulletin board in the town hall parking lot and also on our town website. The postings are always done 72 hours before the meetings and workshops.

**Town Council adopts 2010-2011 Budget with No Tax Rate Increase**

The council adopted the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget and tax rate at its meeting on September 10th. The new fiscal year begins on October 1st. As stated in an earlier news release, the town council voted to keep the tax rate on assessed property values the current rate of 0.0224810 per \$100. The council, staff and Double Oak citizens did an outstanding job this year developing the approved budget.

**Double Oak Public Works Projects**

**Simmons Road – Denton County Trip 08 Bond Project:** A total of 10 sealed bids were received for this project. The bids ranged from \$1,664,489.00 to \$2,278,617.00. The apparent low bidder is Quality Excavation, whose bid came in at \$1,664,489.00. The engineering firm of Halff and Associates will review all bids and confirm all qualifications. Further, the firm will report the bids to Denton County for approval to proceed. Once approval is given, the firm will meet with the town and a project

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**Williams withdraws Specific Use Permit Application**

The Williams Company notified the town and its leaseholders in early September that due to the rapid decline in natural gas prices to below \$4.00 market average, it is not economically feasible to move forward with the Simmons Road pad site development at this time. The company further stated that they would allow current lease agreements to expire.

**Town Council Approves Moratorium**

At the first council meeting in September, the town council approved a moratorium related to natural gas drilling and production and also to pipeline applications to allow the town time to review its current ordinances. The moratorium will expire on November 16th. The Planning and Zoning Commission held its first work-

**ARGYLE Police blotter**

*The following is a summary of incident reports recently made to the Argyle Police Department as compiled by the staff of the CTG:*

Someone vandalized a vehicle with yellow paint in the Argyle High School parking lot.

A man at the Creekside at Northlake Apartments complained that his upstairs neighbors fight all the time and there is a lot of banging, yelling and screaming going on. He said that he has contacted the apartment manager several times about this issue.

While on the phone with police taking a report about a disturbance between neighbors in the 300 block of Oak Drive, a dispatcher overheard a female referring to the caller as a "meth whore" and challenging her to a fight in the street.

A woman in the 14000 block of Corral City Dr. noticed that her Xbox 360 disappeared about the same time that she kicked her boyfriend out.

Police investigated a suspicious vehicle at the corner of Hwy 377 and FM 407 and determined that both the driver and passenger had been drinking. The men were released to family members.

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**Community College Coming to Parker Square**

North Central Texas College will expand its service to southern Denton County with the opening of a new extension campus at Parker Square in Flower Mound this month.

Now serving nearly 6,000 students at its Corinth Campus, open since 1999, NCTC had already been offering credit courses at various temporary Denton County locations since the early 1970's.

The Parker Square location is intended to better meet the needs of residents in the southern portion of the county; a region that NCTC President Eddie Hadlock said has been underserved by NCTC up to now.

The college's governing board, in a recently called special meeting, formally approved the 10-year lease agreement with a group of private investors on a 32,000-square-foot, building at Parker Square. The contract includes an option to buy the building at the end of the term.

On October 18, NCTC will open a temporary office in Suite 908 in Parker Square to provide prospective students with enrollment information, academic advising, assistance with financial aid applications and even computer stations for submitting admission applications and registering for classes online.

When finish-out work on the building is completed, it will have 10 conventional classrooms, a lecture hall, two computer labs, science lab, library/learning resources center, bookstore, student lounge/study areas and faculty/staff offices.

Initially, about 118 individual course sections will be offered starting in January, primarily in traditional university transfer subjects like English, math, government, history and biology.

Students will be able to take advantage of public transportation to the new campus, as the Denton County Transit Authority will extend bus service to Parker Square starting early next year.

Opening of the new NCTC extension campus is expected to significantly improve the economic vitality of Parker Square, which has for some time been struggling with vacancies due to a shortage of daytime customer traffic to its retail shops, restaurants and other businesses.

With NCTC daytime enrollment expected eventually to reach 1,000 students and beyond, that should change dramatically.

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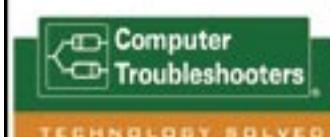
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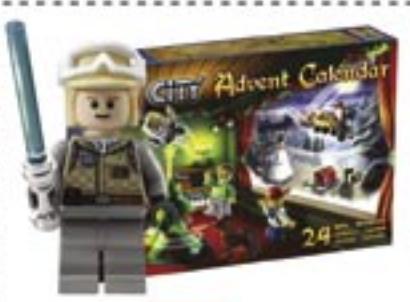


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## Twin Threat Has Backfield in Motion

By John English, Contributing Writer

One is called "thunder," the other is called "lightning," and when Rufus Mason and Dagan Newsome are both on top of their game, they appear to create the perfect storm.

Mason and Newsome have made the Marcus football team's backfield a force to be reckoned with, combining for more than 1,360 yards and 14 touchdowns through the first five games of the season, while leading the Marauders to a 4-1 record.

Coach Bryan Erwin said he has always believed in playing to his teams' strengths and said, this season, the running game is firing on all cylinders.

"It's a huge luxury," Erwin said. "These are two of the best running backs that we have ever coached, and we are very fortunate."

While Erwin describes both players as excellent teammates, great competitors and very



Photo by Bill Castleman  
Rufus Mason and Dagan Newsome

coachable, he said the similarities pretty much end there.

"They are completely different," Erwin said. "Rufus we call 'thunder,' and Dagan we call 'lightning.' Rufus is a very powerful and physical back. He's like a bull. Dagan's got really great vision and quickness. He's very balanced

and elusive, and has great speed.

"Neither one of them are true sprinters, but both of them have very good football speed."

The interesting thing for the Marcus football team is that Mason and Erwin are platooned, and what's more is that neither seems to mind.

"We don't call either of them the starter," Erwin said. "One will start one game, the other will start the next. We rotate them by series. It seems that every game, one is a little hotter than the other. We're going to go with the hotter guy on that particular night."

"In the first four games though, both of them have been hot twice, so maybe one of these nights, both of them will be really hot, and then look out."

Mason, who had rushed for nearly 700 yards with eight touchdowns through the first four games, said it is great for him to play on the same team with the caliber of running back as

Newsome.

"Playing on the same team with Dagan is exciting, because there is always that one-two punch," Mason said. "It takes a lot of pressure off of both of us. Team's don't just have to stop me or him; they have to stop both of us, so it makes the job a little bit easier for us."

Mason said he and Newsome do have a friendly rivalry, but added that they are both supportive of

each other, as well.

"Me and Dagan definitely push each other," Mason said. "But we also help each other on and off the field. That's just the type of relationship we have. Dagan is just a cool person to be around, on and off the field, and we definitely push each other to strive to be better."

Mason said that he and Newsome both understand and accept the responsibility of being such a big part of the teams' offense, and said they both put pressure on themselves as a duo to perform week in and week out.

Newsome, who had rushed for nearly 400 yards with three touchdowns through the first four games, said having Mason as a teammate has helped his game immensely.

"He really helps me a lot, because he is the one that sort of wears down the players, and I am the one that is trying to avoid them," Newsome said. "He helps me a lot. Rufus and I have known each other for so long, and while there is competition, we both just really want to see the other one do the best that we can do."

"We don't really try to start over each other, because we both know that we are going to get to play. We help each other out, and that makes us better as a team."

Newsome, who describes himself as the more laid back of the two backs, and Mason as the team's joker, said the thing that impresses him most about Mason is his determination to win.

"He just never gives up," Newsome said. "He has some of the best endurance that I have ever seen. He'll go hard every play, and never takes a play off. He's a bruiser."

Erwin said he is going to rely heavily on Mason and Newsome to continue to help the team win football games and said the thing he probably admires most about both student athletes, is their willingness to work together to make the Marcus football team the best it can be.

"There is a natural competition with them, because they are both so good," Erwin said. "That competition breeds excellence, and so they compete against each other, they push each other and encourage each other, and it makes both of them so much better."

"They really do pull for each other, too. They are great teammates, and they want each other to do well. They know that they are going to split time, and that's the way they want it. They are both unselfish...and they are just both great players that, first and foremost, want to win."



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**Blotter**

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A man called police and said that a juvenile "flips him off" every time he drives home from work and he wants it to stop.

An 80-year-old man in the 200 block of Westover Drive said that his granddaughter's boyfriend just fired a gun inside the house. Upon investigation it was determined that the gun was accidentally discharged. No injuries were reported.

Police took a report of a loose Palomino running around behind the post office.

A resident of Country Lakes complained that several people were swimming, fishing and camping out at the neighborhood lake near Meandering Creek Dr. and they were "screaming and yelling like they are intoxicated".

The caretaker of a homeless, pregnant woman told police that the young lady was threatening suicide because her husband left her. It was believed that the 25-year-old was possibly at an Argyle laundromat and that she will lay on the railroad tracks and wait for the train to come.

A caller told police that she could hear her neighbors screaming and cussing outside their double wide trailer in the 4100 block of Thousand Oaks Dr.

The First Baptist Church-Argyle secretary arrived

at the church one morning to discover that someone had broken in, pulled out several drawers and threw items around the church.

A man in the 6600 block of Oakridge Lane called police around 3:00 a.m. and said that a black Ford pickup truck was parked in front of his house occupied by a man and woman. He later determined that the woman in the truck was his wife. He asked her friend to leave but he refused and told him to go ahead and call the cops.

A domestic disturbance was reported by a woman in the 8600 block of Normandy Way who said that it began when her estranged husband tried to take the phone away from his 13-year-old daughter.

Police responded to an argument in the 200 block of Green Oaks Drive where a husband threatened to take the family car and damage it.

A maintenance man from Argyle High School reported that the home team press box at the football field had been broken into.

Someone kicked in an office window and stole a computer at the Argyle Church of Christ in the 100 block of FM 407 E.

A woman called police asking for help after her Hyundai ran out of gas on I-35W because she could not figure out how to remove the gas cap.

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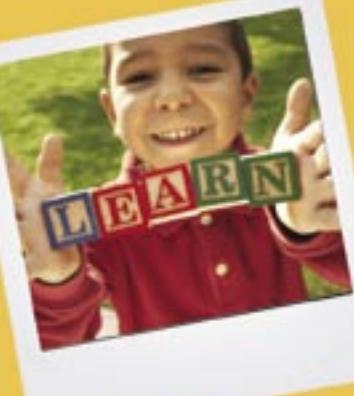
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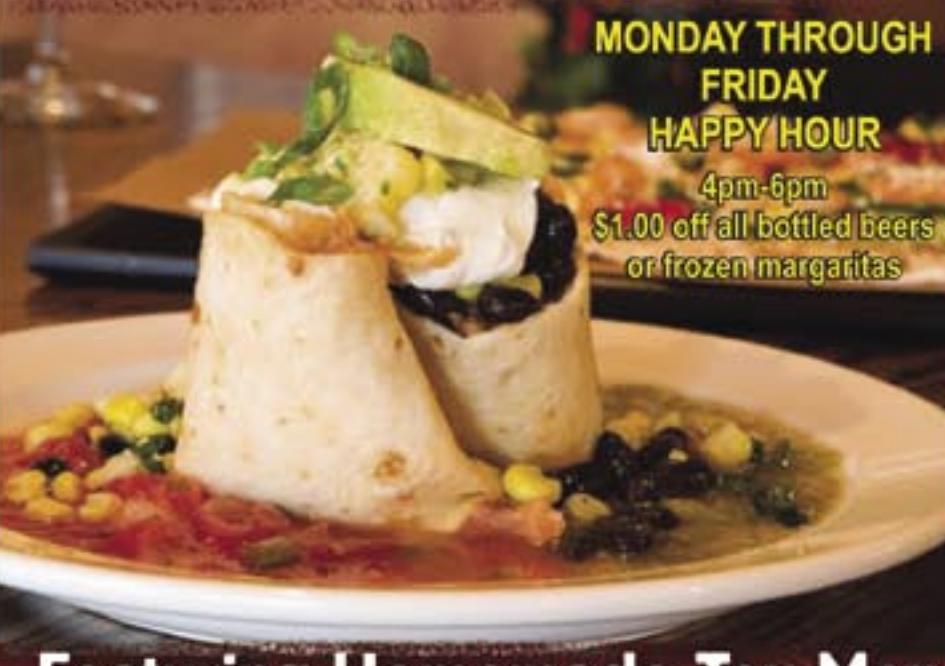
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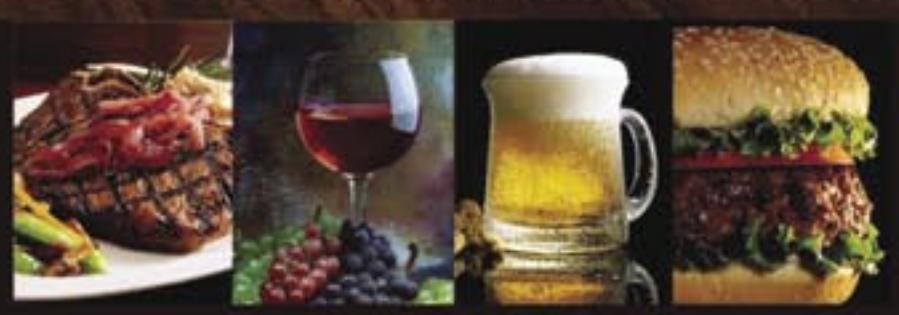
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## What's Happening in Copper Canyon - October 2010... from the desk of Mayor Sue Tejml



**FYI:** This article is posted on the Copper Canyon website at [www.coppercanyon-tx.org](http://www.coppercanyon-tx.org).

**Town's First Clean Up Day on Oct. 2 was a HUGE Success!—Thank you Chairman Marshall Warren!**

Our sincere thanks to long time Town resident of the Woodlands **Marshall Warren** and Town Administrator **Donna Welsh** for organizing this long needed event. Marshall rounded up some fine neighbors as volunteer workers: **Bud Beunier, Al and Pris Johnson, Art and Sheila Morales, Carol Owens, Jim and Louise Stoddart, and Pam Warren.**

Donna had coffee and breakfast snacks for the volunteers, who reported at 6:30 A.M. on a Saturday morning! And thanks to long time Copper Canyon residents **Grace Weir** and **Brenda Adams** for allowing our volunteer workers to park in their field across from Town Hall.

From 8:00 a.m. until noon there was a steady line



Copper Canyon Clean Up Day

of 8-10 cars waiting to unload. Copper Canyon residents presented their driver's license to identify their household as an eligible Copper Canyon residence to participate in the Clean Up. We only had to turn away three persons, who lived in the area – but not in Copper Canyon. I explained that Copper Canyon residents were funding the Clean Up event with their tax dollars, so we could not open it to the public in general.

Fortunately, everyone in the constant vehicle line was very patient and many thanked us for organizing the Town's First Clean Up. Over 100 vehicles went through – and some twice. An estimated one fourth plus of homes in Town took advantage of this chance to dispose of unneeded items. That is a HUGE response. (And I was also able to distribute 126 silver "CC" bumper stickers to be voluntarily placed on residents' vehicles and trailers.)

Unfortunately, the men volunteers were "whipped" after four straight hours of unloading tires, televisions, batteries, 4' x 8' sheets of used plywood, appliances, metal, and an incredible amount of gallon buckets of old paint. Thankfully, **Scott Farrar** responded to our call for more help and came back after unloading his waste and

pitched in to help unload the constant stream of trucks and trailers.

By noon, Chairman Marshall Warren had a trailer of over 30 old Televisions that he was hauling to the dump for disposal. Some of these "old timers" weighed over 250 pounds! Thank you again, Marshall for going that extra mile to help our Town.

### Many Thanks to our Well Organized Clean Up Vendors!

Thanks to **Republic Services** for providing gratis two dumpsters for regular household trash – paper, boxes, magazines, lumber, fencing materials, etc. – and even one toilet. Mattresses and furniture were stacked next to the dumpsters, so that they didn't fill up the dumpsters before all the loose trash was tossed.

**Dave Lackie** with **Stubbs Recycling** disposed of metal, vehicle and home batteries, and tires of all kinds - even tractor tires.

**Melissa Stephens** of **Cintas** shredded documents.

**Brad Chism** of **Computer Crusher** of Denton crushed hard drives and disposed of monitors, cell phones, and their connecting cords by giving them to charities.

**Ann Duncan** of **Upper Trinity Regional Water District** handled the "very hard to dispose of safely" hazardous wastes. The hazardous waste crew did yeoman service. They were constantly draining old oil into huge drums and loading all the old paint onto a separate trailer.

Acceptable materials included everything from acids, brake fluid, fertilizers, gasoline, paints/stains/varnishes, pharmaceuticals, pool chemicals and much more.

### Town Clean Up Event Next Year???

This was the Town's maiden attempt at a Clean Up Day. We hope to build on this year's experience and do it again next year. Maybe we can find a vacant field in Town that would allow us to have two lines of vehicles simultaneously. This would speed up the process. And we would definitely hope to recruit three times the men volunteers and maybe limit them to hour and a half shifts. Four hours of heavy lifting was just too much to ask of this year's volunteers.

Marshall, you were incredible as a Chairman this year! Are you game for next year?!?!

### North Star Bank Generously Sponsors Copper Canyon's First Ever Directory

**Northstar Bank**, Copper Canyon's official Depository Bank for its operating accounts, has donated \$1,000 to sponsor the Town's first Telephone Directory. Thanks to **Michele Barber**,

Northstar's Senior Vice President of Marketing, for arranging this generous sponsorship for a very small town in Denton County!

The Directory will be quite user friendly. It will not only list the contact information that each resident has volunteered, but it will have maps of each street and subdivision by lot, street number and residents' last name. Two pages will list current contact information for Former Residents, who would like to be included in the directory. (Adult children, who grew up in Copper Canyon but have since moved away, have specifically asked to be included. What a tribute to the friendly, neighborhood atmosphere Copper Canyon has always had!)

There will also be information on public schools in the area and contact information for commonly used county and state governmental services and Copper Canyon's utility providers.

The unique part is the many photos of Town's people to be included. **Denise Remfert**, our Town Photographer, has worked diligently to get group pictures of our **Neighborhood Watch Block Captains**, members of the **Long Range Planning Taskforce for Roads**, and all our Volunteer Committees for Roads, Trails, Elections, Cookbook, etc.

There will also be special pages dedicated to the airline personnel in Copper Canyon, the equestrians and their horses, residents and their special dogs – be they mutts or breed winners, and historic black and white photos of Copper Canyon in the past. Each year we publish the Town Directory, we will add different specialties to the photo sections. Please feel free to make suggestions of what would be useful information or fun pictures to include in our Town Directory.

### Vendor's Guide to Copper Canyon and Locally Recommended Area Businesses will be Included in the Directory

A Vendor's Guide will list businesses owned or managed by a Copper Canyon resident or an area business recommended by a Town resident. On the Vendor's Guide Form will be a place for the referral person to list personal experience with that business and why they are specifically recommending it to neighbors. The businesses listed are eligible to add their business card or a small add for a minimal fee. However, advertising space will be strictly limited to only a few pages in the Directory. Call or email publisher LaRue Johnson for information (817) 430-4031 or laruesrj@gmail.com or Mayor Tejml (940) 241-2216 or sucoppccanyon@aol.com.

On the Town web site, [www.coppercanyon-tx.org](http://www.coppercanyon-tx.org), are the Forms for the Directory, the Neigh-

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## Paying for Long-Term Care

The average American lifespan is getting longer, and staying healthy is growing more expensive. Rising health care costs will likely continue to be a concern for both retirees and those approaching retirement.

Especially worrisome is the cost of long-term care (LTC). It's estimated that 70% of Americans over age 65 will require some form of LTC, which Medicare typically does not cover. Meanwhile, costs for an array of LTC services, ranging from visits from a home health aide to full-time nursing-home care, have risen at nearly twice the overall rate of inflation during each of the past five years. These statistics can cast a pall over even the most comfortable retirement nest egg. A long-term illness can have a serious impact on retirement income and wealth transfer plans.

Most investors know they should set aside extra

savings to protect their nest egg against the potential impact of illness and aging. How to allocate that money depends on a number of factors, including your age and the condition of your health, as well as your financial circumstances. It's important to put it in the context of your entire portfolio. When preparing for future health care costs, apply the same framework of risk tolerance and personal vision you use for all of your investing decisions. Then consider how these four strategies can help you balance your financial goals with your health care needs.

### Long-Term Care Insurance

Long-term-care insurance, the most familiar option, is designed specifically to help pay for long-term health expenses that aren't covered by Medicare, such as home health aides and nursing-home care. Because these policies are designed to help cover these expenses, they tend to cost the most. The premiums can deter people who are concerned that they may not use the benefits. Still, if you want to help protect your assets from LTC

expenses, a long-term-care policy may make the most sense. Weigh the costs against your risk tolerance and ask yourself how you might otherwise meet these needs. The timing of your purchase also warrants careful thought. The "sweet spot" for buying LTC insurance typically falls somewhere between ages 55 and 70.

### Annuity with an Enhanced Income Benefit

Many people use variable annuities as a source of retirement income. For an additional fee, some variable annuities offer an optional rider that provides an increase in retirement income in certain circumstances, such as a disability or a chronic health condition. Designed to provide extra income in the event your health changes, this rider available through a variable annuity is not meant to replace health insurance or long-term care insurance.

### Life Insurance Policy with an LTC Benefit Rider

Another way to help cover long-term health ex-

penses is through a life insurance policy with an LTC benefit rider. This pays a specific LTC benefit if you need it. Otherwise, the policy can provide your heirs with a guaranteed death benefit.

### Self-Funding Long-Term Care

Paying for LTC costs out of your own assets offers the greatest degree of flexibility, but it also incurs the most risk exposure. You're essentially taking the chance that your health care costs will not exceed your assets. You will pay for only the care you receive.

It's impossible to predict exactly how much money you will need to cover your long-term health care needs. But implementing a strategy now could help safeguard your assets for the future, whatever health issues the future may hold.

*For more information, contact Brooks Bowman at Merrill Lynch - Price Group in Flower Mound and Las Colinas at 972-830-6463 or brooks\_bowman@ml.com.*



### The Real Estate Corner by: Gary Kuhatschek

#### WHAT'S IN A DEED?

There are three types of real estate deeds that are primarily used in Texas, General Warranty Deed, Special Warranty Deed and Quick Claim Deed. Although there are others, I will explain the difference of each of these three.

A General Warranty Deed is the most common type used in normal transactions involving the transfer of ownership in real property. The words "General Warranty" means the seller of the property is guaranteeing the title of the property, not only during the time of ownership, but all the way back to statehood.

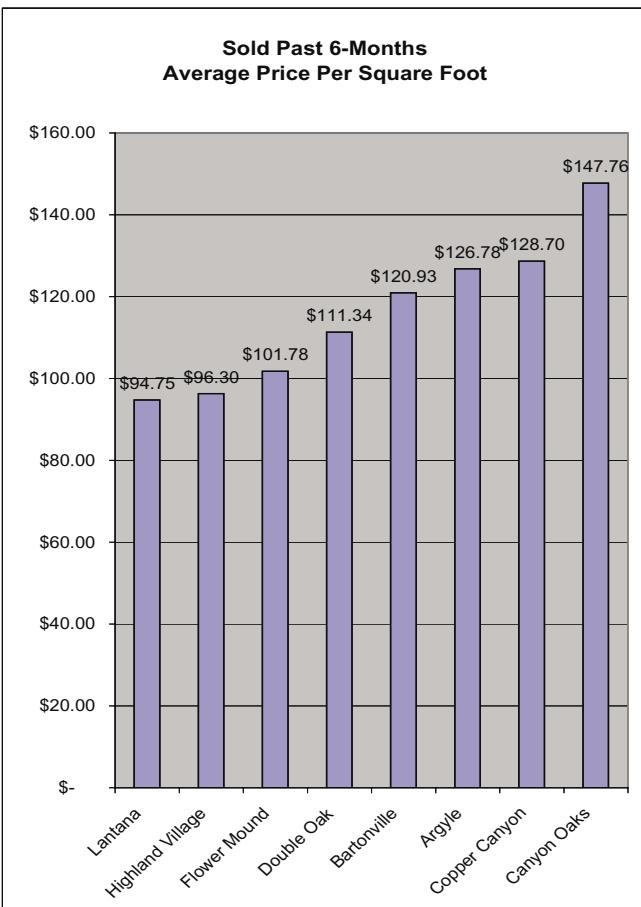
A Special Warranty Deed is most commonly used in the transfer of real property from a bank or lending institution that is only interested in guaranteeing the title to the new owner during the time they owned the property.

A Quick Claim Deed is used mostly in a divorce or when one family member wants to transfer ownership of a property to another family member, but only when there is no financing involved. This type of deed has no warranty to title from the seller.

Each of these deeds can contain restrictions to the use of the property, such as the size of a home to be built, where it can be built or the amount and type of animals allowed, just to name a few. The deed can also contain reservations such as mineral rights, easements or access by someone other than the owner to the property.

In Texas, title insurance issued through a title company is used for General Warranty and Special Warranty Deeds to insure the title is clear from the date of purchase back to statehood. Like restrictions incorporated into the deed, title policies can contain exceptions that a buyer must understand in order to know what protection they are getting and how the title may affect their ownership. In any case, if the buyer has questions they should consult with an attorney familiar with real estate title.

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Average Sales Price Per Square Foot for the last 6 months per MLS. Information from all real estate company sales combined deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

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Call Gary Kuhatschek for further information 972-317-9401.

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| HOMES SOLD                      | 3         | 1           | 0           | 0             | 4          | 81           | 16               | 17        |
| PENDING                         | 5         | 0           | 1           | 1             | 2          | 71           | 21               | 10        |
| HIGH SALE                       | \$600,000 | \$595,000   | N/A         | N/A           | \$690,000  | \$1,110,000  | \$400,000        | \$552,000 |
| LOW SALE                        | \$55,000  | \$595,000   | N/A         | N/A           | \$264,000  | \$85,000     | \$195,000        | \$227,495 |
| MEDIAN                          | \$399,000 | \$595,000   | N/A         | N/A           | \$360,000  | \$271,000    | \$254,950        | \$313,250 |
| AVERAGE                         | \$351,333 | \$595,000   | N/A         | N/A           | \$418,500  | \$323,915    | \$267,031        | \$330,789 |
| AVERAGE PRICE PER SQ. FT.       | \$97.35   | \$158.03    | N/A         | N/A           | \$115.44   | \$104.92     | \$97.21          | \$97.13   |
| AVERAGE DAYS ON MARKET          | 233       | 124         | N/A         | N/A           | 109        | 88           | 90               | 110       |
| AVERAGE % OF LIST TO SALE PRICE | 90%       | 99%         | N/A         | N/A           | 95%        | 97%          | 98%              | 94%       |

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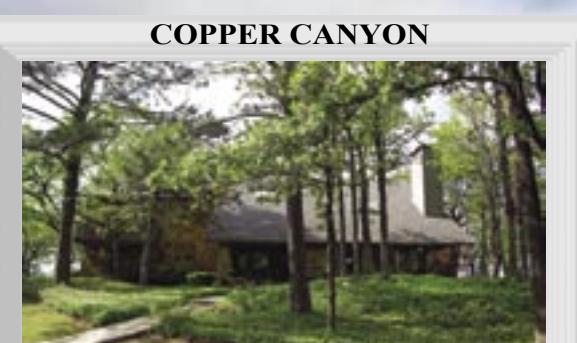
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## LantanaLinks

News From Your Neighborhood

### Running for Research



The first annual Run Lantana 5K run and 1 mile walk was held on Sept. 25th at Blanton Elementary School benefitting the Hydrocephalus Research Fund. The Hydrocephalus Research Fund was created last year by Lantana residents Reina and Corby Bell to raise awareness of the neurological condition that affects two of their three children.

### Ladies Off to Fast Start

By Valerie Mason



The Dashing Divas team took the top spot in the Lantana Ladies League's Amazing Race on Sept. 21. Team members included: Joni Carlton, Stephanie Seay, Cindy Measles, Aubry Talkington, Cheryl Snider, Kathy Black, Candy Tyson, Colleen Preston, Allison Thomas and Lee, the limo driver.

The Lantana Ladies League's new season is in full swing with lots of exciting events on tap.

Learn styling techniques from professional stylist Ramon from Ramon's Hair Design on Tuesday, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at Wine Cat Bistro in Highland Village. He'll offer tips, product information and show you the latest styles for fall and the holiday season.

Check out our Lantana Ladies League models as they strike a pose with one of the latest

hairstyles. Whether it's soft curls, smooth retro, sweeping layers or short and sassy - you'll find one that's right for you! Wine Cat Bistro will have appetizers on hand and wine specials, along with prizes and raffle drawings throughout the evening. Also, Ramon will offer a discount for anyone who makes an appointment that night!

The cost for the event is \$10 per person and space is limited. Payment must be received by October 10th to reserve your seat. For more information, contact Patti at 940-725-3722.

With Christmas right around the corner, the LLL's 4th Annual Vendor's Bazaar is a great place to showcase your merchandise.

The event will be held on November 16th at the Lantana Golf Club from 7-9pm. It's a highly publicized event which attracts a large shopping crowd.

For more information, contact Gloria at [forlogirl@yahoo.com](mailto:forlogirl@yahoo.com) or check out the LLL's website at [www.lantanaladies.org](http://www.lantanaladies.org).

The LLL is also now on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Lantana.Ladies.League](http://www.facebook.com/Lantana.Ladies.League).

### Police Investigate Garage Burglaries

The Denton County Sheriff's Department is on the lookout for a silver Nissan Altima occupied by three white males that is suspected to be involved in several recent Lantana garage burglaries.

One of the suspects is thought to be a Lantana resident who owns a police scanner, according to Bill Featherstone, Crime Watch Coordinator for Lantana.

Other recent incidents include:

September 29 - 9:30 a.m. - Unknown person entered unlocked Hummer parked in the 1200 block of Meadows Ave. (Larkspur) and stole a purse. Debit card was used to make several unauthorized purchases.

September 29 - 3:00 p.m. - Unknown person stole a back door valued at \$165 from a new home under construction in the 8200 block of Bayberry Ave. (Bandera).

September 30 - 12:30 a.m. - Unknown person broke the side window of locked Dodge Durango SUV parked in the 400 block of Marshall Way (Magnolia) and stole a laptop computer and related equipment valued at \$1,600.

September 30 - 1:30 a.m. - Unknown person broke back window of locked Dodge Ram pick-

up parked in the 500 block of Sheldon (Magnolia) and stole a black computer bag containing miscellaneous items valued at \$50.

### Board Passes Budget with Rate Increases

Board members from Lantana's two Fresh Water Supply Districts approved the 2010-2011 budgets at their September meetings with no property tax increase, but voted to raise water, wastewater and trash rates.

Water rates increased from \$2.75 to \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons, while the base rate went from \$20 to \$21.

Wastewater rates moved from \$3.00 to \$3.10 per 1,000 gallons and the base rate increased by .50 cents to \$23.

"Our projected increase in income does not quite cover the increase in the costs from Upper Trinity Regional Water District," said District Controller Richard Harned, referring to the entity that supplies water and wastewater treatment to Lantana.

"The difference between the revenue and the expenses covers our additional maintenance costs, utilities, and personnel that work exclusively in the water and sewer departments."

Trash service will cost an extra dollar a month, primarily due to larger recycling bins from Waste Management that were approved by both boards in September.

The rate changes went into effect on Oct. 1st.

### Lantana Couple Tees up for Orphans



The Spitzer family

A Lantana family is working to make a difference in the lives of orphaned children around the world by organizing a golf tournament to benefit orphanCare International, the humanitarian aid program of Dillon International, which serves children in 10 countries.

Courtney Spitzer and her husband, John, are the parents of two birth children and a 3-year-

old daughter adopted through Dillon International's Korea program.

The couple's international adoption experience gave them a heart to help orphans around the world and they founded The Give Hope Golf Classic, hosted by The Encompass Group, as a way to raise funds to provide food, clothing, education and medical care to children in need.

The golf tournament will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Tribute Golf Club in The Colony. Registration information is available at [www.encompassgiveshope.org](http://www.encompassgiveshope.org).

### Reading is Super



Ivey Carey, librarian for E.P. Raynor Elementary School promotes the school's recent book fair to students.

### District Conducting Parent Survey

School officials with the Denton Independent School District want to hear from parents.

The district is issuing a short survey asking parents/guardians for their opinions on a number of topics concerning the district and its schools. The survey is available online through a link on the district homepage at [www.dentonisd.org](http://www.dentonisd.org) through Oct. 18.

Topics in the survey include teaching and learning, safety and wellness, and facilities and technology.

Results will be released at a Board of Trustees meeting and on the main district website after they are tabulated.

For more information, contact the Communications Office at 940-369-0006 or [scox@dentonisd.org](mailto:scox@dentonisd.org).

### Golf Legend to be featured at Rally for the Cure Tournament

The Lantana Ladies Golf Association will host their fifth annual Rally for the Cure Invitational Golf Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 9,

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## Double Oak Police Beat

Submitted by Chief Derrick Watson

I'd like to use this forum to discuss law enforcement response to one particular aspect of family violence. Spousal abuse is a troubling subject that still remains truly behind closed doors. I've had several victims over the past year who questioned, "What happens after the police arrive?"

Many long suffering abused spouses finally reach a breaking point when the abusers behavior becomes unbearable. In general, a telephone call to 9-1-1 sets the police and justice system's wheels into motion. Your initial phone call displays the address where the call originated. Denton County's Public Safety Answering Points are "Phase II" compliant meaning that even a call from a cell phone will be plotted on a computerized map giving the police a pretty good idea of where your call for help is originating. The dispatcher will attempt to verify your location and then ask questions about weapons, injuries, behaviors, children, locked or unlocked front doors, pets and what happened prior to the call. Stay on the line with the dispatcher, is possible, as it provides a vital link between you and the responding officers and, if need be, paramedics.

Upon arrival the officers are going to conduct an initial investigation. Please try to remember that they don't know who you are or what's truly going on. Their first order of business will be to get both sides calmed down and obtain first aid for injured persons. Once the scene is under control they will pursue an investigation beginning with a verbal interview of both the victim and accused suspect. The responding officers will make an arrest decision based upon the totality of the circumstances including your statement, statements made by the suspect, witnesses, and corroborating physical evidence.

Corroborating physical evidence can include visible bruising, broken bones, damaged household furnishings etc. More than likely the officer will want to obtain photographs of alleged injuries and the crime scene. If you have suffered pain as a result of your spouses actions, and there is enough probable cause, more than likely an arrest will be made by the Peace Officer. Our intent is to remove the cause of the family violence and ensure your safety by plac-

ing them in jail.

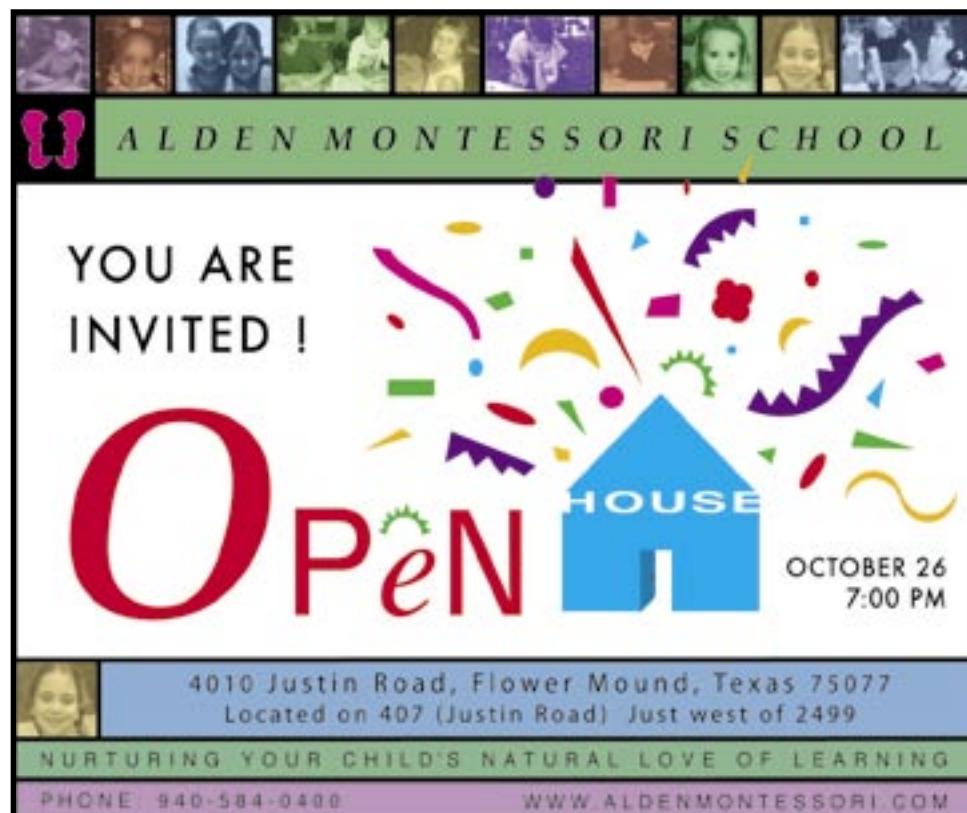
Once an abuser has been removed from the scene of the crime you will be asked to write and sign a statement detailing what occurred prior to and during the assault and what injuries you sustained or what threats were made. During the follow-up investigation the police officer will provide you with information about emergency and medical services (if applicable); crime victim's compensation; payment for required medical exams if a sexual assault has taken place; and referral to available social services. You will also be provided the name, address and phone number of the law enforcement agency's victim assistance liaison (in smaller agencies generally the investigator who will work your case), and the name, address and phone number of the victim assistance coordinator of the office of the attorney representing the state. You can call your law enforcement agency's telephone number for the status of the case and information about victim's rights.

You have the right to ask a police officer to try to obtain a Protective Order against a violent family member. Protective Orders are clear sets of instructions, issued by a magistrate and based upon probable cause, for an accused batterer that specify no approaching, threatening, following to work and other prohibitions that will result in arrest if violated.

Denton County Friends of the Family (940) 387-5131; 24 hr. hotline at 1-800-572-4031; or on the web at [www.dcfot.org](http://www.dcfot.org), provides residential shelter for persons who have decided to make a break with a violent spouse and counseling for persons recovering from abusive situations. In addition, they act as a link to community resources and are available to assist a wide variety of victims through the justice system. Their services do not require prior contact with any law enforcement officer and you can contact them with an expectation of confidentiality. They are genuinely concerned about other's health and well-being and are extremely professional and experienced in providing assistance to those in need.

Breaking away from an abuser can be a very challenging thing to accomplish. Your local police department, district attorney's office, and social services are prepared and eager to help.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Respectfully, Chief Watson.



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borhood Watch, and the Vendor's Guide. Former Residents have their own special Form. These forms can be filled out on the web site and emailed automatically to the Town. Or printed out and mailed. Or the Forms are available at Town Hall.

The Directory will be given free to each home in Copper Canyon and may be purchased by former residents. It will not be sold to the public. But only include contact information that you do not mind being possibly available to the public. The Neighborhood Watch information is confidential and not discoverable by an Open Records request, as it is for safety and security in an emergency situation. That database is only available to the Mayor, Town Administrator, our dedicated law enforcement personnel, and your specific Block Captain for only residents on your street.

### **Block Captains of Neighborhood Watch Complete Training**

Five new Block Captains were welcomed to our Neighborhood Watch: **Nancy Henry** for Lonesome Dove and Jernigan Road; **Lindsey Ortman** for Orchid Hill Lane east of Chinn Chapel Rd, Bishop Lane, and Meadow Lake Drive; **Donna McPherson-Lucido** for Copper Hill Circle and Copper Canyon Road between Post Oak and Ranch Road; **Kathy Olson** for Valley Wood Court and Mayberry Court; and **Ken Seale** for Chinn Chapel Road.

Nineteen Block Captains completed the training September 23rd at the Argyle Fire District's new station on Copper Canyon Road. Fire Chief **Mac Hohenberger** kindly hosted us, when Town Hall's Council Chambers were closed due to ceiling

repairs. Deputy **Leslie Willingham** was our dedicated Watch Trainer from the Denton County Sheriff's Office. Many thanks to Sheriff **Benny Parkey** for considering Neighborhood Watches enough of a deterrent to crime to maintain a dedicated Watch Trainer on his roster.

Interestingly, Deputy Willingham told the Block Captains that Identity Theft is no longer the number one "white collar" crime. It has been replaced by Mortgage Refinancing Fraud. If you are considering refinancing your home mortgage, check Attorney General **Greg Abbott**'s website. He lists various mortgage refinance companies and rates them according to fraud complaints.

### **Block Captains are Canvassing Residents on their Respective Street to Update Town's Database of Homeowners**

The Block Captains have also committed to checking the residents on their respective streets for the accuracy of their contact information. (Each Block Captain is responsible for 5 to 16 homes.) This updated, and hopefully accurate, contact information will be in the Copper Canyon public Telephone Directory and additional contact information per residence in the confidential Neighborhood Watch database. I had tried to personally call all residents to update Copper Canyon's woefully obsolete database of homeowners. After personally calling over a 100 homes, I realized it was a daunting task for one person. My sincere thanks to the Block Captains for undertaking the completion of this task.

### **Gift Certificates for Block Captains**

An anonymous donor has made a more tangible Thank You possible. Block Captains have been divided into two groups: those with 8 or less homes they are responsible for, and those responsible for

more homes. For those Block Captains in each group who first accurately complete the Directory, Neighborhood Watch, Former Resident, and Vendor's Guide Forms for each home they are responsible for and turn the Forms into the Town – there will be a \$100 Gift Certificate for the First to complete all information; a \$75 Gift Certificate for the Second to complete, and \$50 Gift Certificates for the

Third, Fourth and Fifth captains to complete all the forms for their homes.

Getting the Town's Database and the Watch Database up to date and accurate will be a significant achievement. My thanks to the anonymous donor for a small way of thanking our volunteers' efforts. Maybe a Town Party like our 35th Birthday Event would be a suitable occasion to thank all our volunteers?!?!

### **Ribbon cutting on Saturday, October 30th for Opening of four lanes of FM 2499 From FM 407 in Flower Mound to FM 2181 in Corinth**

Denton County Commissioner **Bobbie Mitchell** has worked diligently to relieve the traffic congestion resulting from multiple road construction projects in our area. The official ribbon cutting for the opening of all four lanes of FM 2499 from Flower Mound to Corinth will be at 10 AM on Saturday October 30th. Further details of the Grand Opening will be on Copper Canyon's town web site and on The Cross Timbers Gazette website ([www.CrossTimbersGazette.com](http://www.CrossTimbersGazette.com)).

Thank you so much Commissioner Mitchell and Ed Bell Construction.

### **Cross Timbers Artists Guild Studio Tour in November 13th and 14th**

The Cross Timbers Artists Guild will host a Reception Friday evening November 12th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at their Art Gallery. The Gallery is in **The Shops of Highland Village**. Copper Canyon artist **Marie Klotz** will be demonstrating "live" the making of her silver clay jewelry at the Gallery on Saturday. The clay is fired and it turns into silver!

The annual tour of area artists will be Saturday November 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday November 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Copper Canyon resident **Eddie Charba** will again be hosting visitors to his incredible woodworking workshop behind his home at 904 Meadow Drive in the Woodlands Subdivision. (I still treasure the exotic wooden bowl Eddie "turned". He volunteered it for the silent auction last year at the Gala that benefited our **Denton County Children's Advocacy Center**.)

**Eric Orr**, a well known local ceramics teacher, is again a favorite on the studio tour. Eric has five electric kilns in his studio behind his home at 22 Blackjack Lane, east off of Chinn Chapel Road. He also has a propane fired "raku" kiln in his backyard. Raku is an oriental ceramic firing process from Japan.

Thank you former Council Member **Gene Colley** for these details. I will miss getting to visit your wonderful woodworking studio on the annual tour this year. (Gene has had over 200 people tour his very popular studio in past years.) Gene sponsors first rate instructors from all over the United

States to teach woodworking classes in his studio.

Gene also opens his studio to Boy Scouts to work for special merit badges in woodturning. And the "woodworkers" of Denton County make unique charitable and patriotic gifts. They "turn" simple wooden food bowls for a food bank organization in Denton called "Empty Bowls". And they have sent thousands of handmade "Freedom Pens", with personal notes in each, to our military personnel in the Middle East.

### **Stressed Roof Over Council Chambers being Immediately Repaired**

The elected officials of small towns are always needing to respond to unforeseen events. However, having the roof over our Council Chambers possibly "cave in" was not on the Council's and my Agenda. Perhaps some background on our aging Town Hall would help you understand our dilemma.

Our original Town Hall was built about 30 years ago by Copper Canyon volunteers. They were not experienced "builders" by trade, but they obviously did a serviceable job as the low wooden ranch structure is still actively in use as our Town office. Later a tall fire bay was added to house the engines and ambulance of the Argyle Volunteer Fire District. This tall addition was primarily converted into our Council Chambers six years ago, with one un-air conditioned fire bay remaining at the west end of the structure. The roof of the entire tall structure was supported with two metal posts.

The Town recently received a \$23,000 energy efficiency grant. Town resident and experienced builder **Mark Powell** was fulfilling the grant requirements by supervising the replacement of our old Town Hall air conditioning units and windows with energy efficient ones and adding much needed insulation in the attic.

The Council also decided to renovate the vacant one stall fire bay. Half of it was converted to open space adjacent to the Council Chambers. The other half was converted into a conference room with kitchen facilities on one wall. This freed up the old low ceiling, former conference room for file storage. This meant the Town didn't have to rent air conditioned storage off site for the voluminous records the State requires us to keep.

Thank goodness Mark was up in the attic over the Council Chambers and discovered the structural problems. The old fire bay had been open and un-air conditioned. The renovation to a Council Chamber had included adding heavy insulation in the attic and a suspended ceiling. The old 4" x 8" rafters could not handle the added weight over time. The nailed rafters had pulled totally loose from the joists (cross beams) and were suspended 4" above the joists – absolutely unattached to the cross beams. The weight of the roof ridge was

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| ECON2301                               | Princ/Macroeconomics (Hybrid) | (T)R   | 11:00AM | 12:20PM | T-Online/R-Class        | HIST1301                           | US History to 1865        | TR     | 8:00PM  | 9:20PM  |                         |
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## Frustrated By Anti-Cycling Attitude

I moved to the Cross Timbers area over 30 years ago and our family has enjoyed many thousand miles cycling together in North Texas and neighboring states. Now retired and 76-years-old, I still cover over 6,000 miles a year on the bike.

In a nation plagued with obesity and Texas being high on the list, I feel saddened by the Bartonville anti-cycling attitude. Other towns like Flower Mound, Lewisville, Grapevine and even Dallas are building hike and bike trails to meet the community's interest in cycling and promote health.

The recent press and TV coverage of the Bartonville situation has failed to point out that the problem is mainly the result of widening FM 407 by eliminating much of the shoulder on each side of the road that cyclists previously used. With this change, the 'Bartonville straight' next to Lantana has become a motor speedway with motor bikes performing wheelies at well over 100 mph. I pointed this out to the TxDOT planners but got no response. The outcome is that cyclists' only safe option is to go through Lantana or Bartonville itself.

## YOU SAID IT!

**Excerpts from the CrossTimbersGazette.com Forum**

With road construction and gas wells, I believe in the future FM residents are going to rue the day they did not put their feet down and declared that FM is their town and not a waypoint for commuters and gas speculators.

Obama is the perfect president for this time; he's weak, and it puts all the focus on the burns in congress that have rubber stamped the mess we are currently having to live with. Vote every incumbent out, flush the system and let's see if they get the picture finally.

I've never even considered using the words Bari's and authentic Italian in the same sentence. It's like frozen dinners out, without having to fire up the microwave at home.

My family's health coverage costs increased 76% as of August 1. The Blue Cross rep actually said that in states like Texas, where there is no regulatory process for screening rate increases, they were raising rates as high as they felt the market would bear to 'prepare' for what health care 'reform' was going to cost them.

As a former graduate of the LISD system, the entire district has been full of cronyism, waste on administration, and inability to cut the fat for 40 years. Learn to be lean, LISD, or fade away. Fat Cats.

A church can never be too big if they are expanding due to new followers of Christ coming into the church.

Isn't it written in the constitution somewhere that you HAVE to be a Republican or a Democrat? I mean, come on, what would FOX or CNN do if someone actually had a better idea than what either party can offer?

With so many sickos out there it's hard to find the balance between letting your kid be a kid and trying to keep them safe.

History is just that, it's not dolled up fairy tales, it's ugly, it's beautiful, it's scary, it's comforting, it's full of hate and love. It is what it is and doesn't need to be filtered.

I encourage anyone expecting to rely on Medicare to become familiar with the details of the health care bill. We've gone through it, and there are many staggered changes that negatively affect Medicare.

Were it up to me - you could carry anywhere you wanted...bad guys certainly do.

We live in the Firewheel/Morris neighborhood area and we see a coyote hanging around often - not sure if we're seeing the same one each time though. There's a couple 'free-range' cats in our neighborhood that it could sure snack on....I won't mind.

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The lack of a response from TxDOT is no surprise since Governor Perry recently vetoed a cyclist safety bill. I also subscribe each year to special Texas 'Share the Road' car license plates to promote cooperation between cyclists and other road users but get no response to my inquiries on how the money is being used.

As a final point, I wish to mention that my cycling companions are complying with Bartonville's rules to restrict the number of riders in a group and we never litter. Most of all we would like to see Bartonvillians forsake their SUV's and big-screen TV's and try cycling. World oil reserves are only good for about 50 years using present technology so they'll need to get used to riding a bike sooner than they think.

*Bill Hodgson  
Lantana, TX*

## Yes you CAN help!

Here it is, fall and we had a very hot August. However, maybe it is the recession or some people were a little lax this summer, because I didn't receive the usual amount of

power to your house with these new smart meters, either on purpose or by mistake... and there is the possibility of them being hacked, as with any computerized device.

Republicans are a joke when it comes to healthcare... they want to "repeal and replace", but they can't even agree on a replacement within their own party, and anything they might actually agree on would be pretty worthless anyway.

I still dunno why some folks are so wild about Anamia's - to me they seem rather bland, and I am put off by the noise (acoustics) of the room where you hear every baby shriek, the hooting at the bar, and every conversation in the room.

Take away my reward and you take away my drive. Then what are we left with? A country of followers asking for free stuff. I want no part of it.

Is it too much to ask to install xeriscaped (drought/heat-tolerant) landscaping? I find it a lot more pleasant than the monoculture that FM medians are.

I bet those who are writing against "Obamacare" do not have a chronic medical problem or live with someone who does.

At what age do you think it is no longer acceptable to take my son in the ladies room? He is tall for his age so looks much older. This morning at Wal-Mart he was washing his hands and a lady questioned him as to why he was in the ladies room.

I wonder if the NFL triumvirate realize how hard it is to actually run a largish city such as Flower Mound? I guess they will find out in the next couple of years.

Burgess received \$70,700 in oil contributions during the 110th congress. \$54,000 of those dollars were from industry PACS. In total, Burgess has accepted \$144,096 from oil companies since from 2000 to 2008, which makes him a top recipient of oil money.

Rumor has it that the winner of the Flower Mound NFL Punt, Pass & Kick contest will start for the Cowboys as their kicker.

I've lost my job in the last 3 years (due to the company I was working for going out of business) and I found another job within a month. The people who are unemployed 1 - 2+ years after losing their jobs are unemployed for a reason.... either they were not worth a crap at what they were doing or they just don't want to take a job that "is beneath them".

I just want somebody who will look after the mid-

aluminum cans brought to me as usual.

As you may know, I collect cans and sell them and donate the money to our Double Oak Volunteer Fire Department. I also pull the tabs and sell them. The tab money is given to the Shrine Burn Hospital in Galveston, TX.

There have been times when I received so many bags that I thought I would never get the tabs pulled and the cans crushed. It hasn't been like that this summer. It really can be relaxing at times to sit under my covered patio and watch the birds, and other local residents, and wave at the police as they drive by while I pull and crush and I really enjoy it.

However, it is frustrating when I see people who could be helping the DOVFD take the easy route and just put them in their garbage cans and/or recycling tubs. My email is ebrittain@tx.rr.com and my address is 45 Kings Road in Double Oak. Please let me know if I can come and get the cans, however, for those that bring them to me I am very grateful.

*Freida Brittain  
Double Oak, TX*



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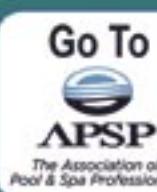
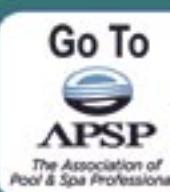
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## Autumn Off To Cool, Wet Start

By Meteorologist  
Brad Barton

September 2010 will be remembered as the month the heat finally broke, as if on cue.

After weeks of uninterrupted heat and drought during August, we reached 96 degrees on September 1, then big storms broke over North Texas with 1.77" of rain recorded at DFW and 1.93" at Denton that evening and another .18" the following day with a high of only 83. The next few days, our weather was quite humid but highs stayed in the 80's and lower 90's with overnight lows finally dropping into the 60's. The change was definitely welcome.

One week later, remnants of a tropical system spread northward from the coast and from Mexico with record-setting rains but not until Labor Day had passed.

DFW recorded an inch of rain on the night of September 7th and a record 5.24" of rain on September 8th. Denton's official rainfall was 1.2" on September 7th and 5.2" on the 8th. We then ended the day's flooding with a tornado outbreak, which was a rare sequence of events. Multiple torna-

does were captured that afternoon on live video from Oak Cliff, Dallas and Seagoville, northward through Lindsay, west of Gainesville in Cooke County.

Denton County was spared the most damaging storms after Labor Day and again at mid-month when strong storms backed into Dallas County from the east. The humid conditions continued until late in the month.

The next significant weather outbreak was on Saturday, September 25th when heavy rains moved across North Texas. Officially, Denton received .41." The pattern of heat and humidity was finally broken by a mid-latitude cold front that brought drier, milder air to North Texas.

For the entire month, Denton recorded an average high of 88, a low of 77 and total rainfall of over 9.3."

With the exception of the tropical weather remnants that caused flooding after Labor Day, our weather generally reflects the deepening La Niña of cooler ocean temperatures in the Pacific. The most common La Niña patterns of fall weather in North Texas favor drier and warmer-than-normal weather which we expect in October. All things considered, September's record rains have a silver lining.

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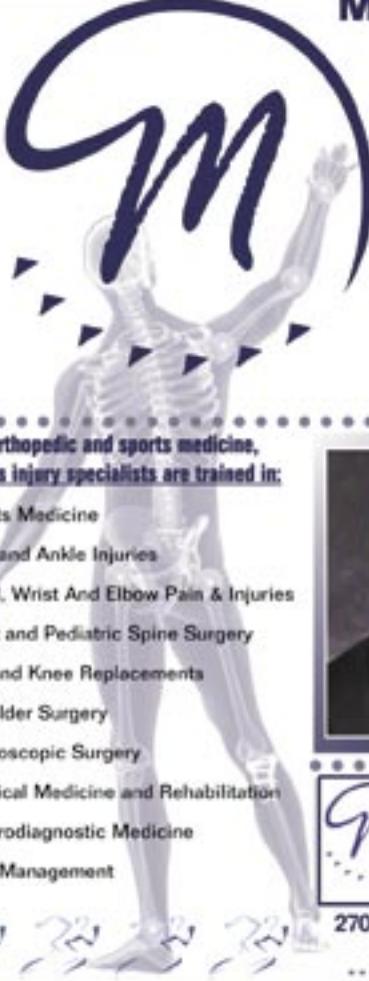
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Dr. Park is an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in surgery of the shoulder and elbow. His practice will focus on shoulder and elbow arthroscopy, including arthroscopic rotator cuff repair. In addition, he will concentrate on shoulder and elbow joint replacement, reconstruction and com-

plex fractures.

Dr. Park will split his practice between the Metrocrest Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine location at 4780 North Josey Lane in Carrollton and their temporary location at Acute Kids Urgent Care Clinic in Flower Mound at 2701 Cross Timbers Rd., Suite 232.

Early next year, the Flower Mound location will move to the new Medical Village Flower Mound complex at Rippy Road and FM 2499.

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## **Mayor Sue**

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pressing down over the Council Chamber ceiling and out on the north and south walls of the Council Chambers. Engineers estimated the weight was approximately 500% more than the existing roof rafter assembly should sustain.

The Staff and I had wondered why the front wall of the Council Chambers seemed to be "leaning out" at ceiling height. A small crack was developing where the wall and ceiling joined. And we had also wondered why the 2' x 4' ceiling tiles in the Council Chambers seemed to be pulling loose and falling away from the suspended grid that held them in place. Well, we had our answer.

Fortunately, we have been conservatively spending "under budget" all year, due to the depressed economy. (In fact, our Town budgets have been reduced each year since 2008.) So, on September 27th the Council approved a "not to exceed \$20,000 expenditure" to immediately correct the structural problems over our Council Chambers. The Town's fiscal year ended September 30th. But fortunately we had the funds in the budget to cover the unexpected roof/ceiling structural expenditure.

Our sincere thanks to Copper Canyon resident **Mark Powell** for not only discovering the structural problem, but having the construction knowledge to correct it. (Mark was a builder with Perry Homes for 15 years.) We look forward to another 15 to 20 years in this Town Hall – and safely so.

### **Fire Chief Mac Hohenberger kindly offers new Argyle Fire District Station for Council Meetings**

In the meantime, Fire Chief **Mac Hohenberger** has kindly allowed us to use the Training Room of the Argyle Fire District's new station on Copper Canyon Road. Our October 11th Council Meeting will be held there. The Block Captains of the Neighborhood Watch also recently trained there. Thank you, Mac.

### **Council Passes Ordinance Prohibiting Bicycles on Detour Routes or Roads under Construction. The ordinance is in effect NOW.**

Understandably, recreational cyclists enjoy riding on Copper Canyon's scenic roads. But with all the arterial Town roads about to be under various stages of construction – or used as alternative Detour Routes, the Council concluded that cyclists were increasing concerns for safety – both for the cyclists and the vehicle driving public. The cyclist ban is in effect **NOW**, with Warning Signs erected at the entrance of all Town roads that are affected. The town's dedicated law enforcement officers have been instructed to begin ticketing any cyclists on a road under construction or designated as a detour route. Notice is also on the Town web site.

### **Recent Flooding delays Halff Associates' Engineers plan to complete intersection at Chinn Chapel Road and Harlington Drive. Completion date is now mid to late October.**

Having Harlington Drive accessible from Chinn Chapel Road will definitely reduce the amount of traffic on the East Jernigan Detour Route. Thank you Town Engineers **Brian Haynes** and **James Gaertner** for expediting that road opening.

### **Denton County Commissioners' Court creates a Gas Well Inspection Team for the unincorporated areas of the county**

Our Commissioner **Andy Eads** has taken the lead to increase inspections on gas well and gas pipeline sites in the unincorporated areas of the county. County Fire Marshal **Jody Gonzalez** will be in charge of an inspection team and standards for Denton County. The inspection will include safety of the sites, environmental concerns, and homeland security issues.

### **Call 911 immediately if you hear a "pop off" valve release on a gas well site or gas pipeline!**

The initial sound of millions of MCFs of natural gas releasing into the air is similar to that of an explosion - and then the noise is like a continuously running jet engine. 911 Emergency response personnel will arrive quickly and will notify the responsible operators. (The responders already have that information in their database.) **Do not go near the site** to try to read the 24 hour emergency response telephone number.

The "pop off" valve is a standard natural gas safety mechanism. And it is doing exactly what it is engineered to do. The valve releases when pressure in the well or the pipeline exceeds a certain predetermined level.

### **Legislator Tan Parker arranged for TCEO to test air quality at Foster Gas Well Site after the "pop off" valve had released at least three times recently.**

The result was TCEQ's **Damon Armstrong** came to the Foster well site Friday, August 27th, to do a standard TCEQ air quality emission test. A canister absorbs the air in the area for a 30 minute span. Then the canister is sent to a testing lab either in Austin or Fort Worth. As of last week, Representative Parker's legislative office in Austin did not have the results from the TCEQ test. I'll keep inquiring. The Foster well site is located on Hickory Hill Rd. just east of Harpool Middle and Blanton Elementary School in Lantana.

### **Son Emil Tejml's home is destroyed by Flood-ing northeast of Austin**

Our son lives on several beautiful pecan-treed acres with 400 feet of frontage on Brushy Creek. An incredibly beautiful setting for a home for him and his twin daughters, 12, and son 10. They all

love the natural beauty and freedom to have pets and animals of every kind.

Brushy Creek is normally a charmingly babbling creek about 30-40 feet wide with 30 feet tall banks on either side, about 60 feet apart. With the torrential rains in the watershed northeast of Austin, Brushy Creek swelled out of its 30 foot tall banks and 1,000 feet onto our son's acreage.

The water came up so swiftly in the night that his neighbor had three vehicles submerged before he awoke and could drive them to higher ground.

Our son awoke sooner and luckily could hurriedly drive his vehicles to higher ground.

But the water in his home office was over his desk. Papers in the business and personal filing cabinets were water logged or destroyed. In his workshop next door, his tools were totally submerged. Outdoor furniture and children's bicycles were swept hundreds of feet away and lodged against the fences that separated his and his neighbors' acreage. Furniture stood in water. The floor was sagging between the floor beams of the raised home. Tractor, riding lawnmower, golf cart, kid's go-cart, hunting four wheelers – all had damage from being submerged partially or entirely in the water.

But no one was hurt – no pet was lost. Our family was incredibly fortunate – and is incredibly grateful.

### **The Clean Up Crew**

I had never personally witnessed the destruction a flood could do to a home. It was a mess! But our family all rendezvoused in Hutto that weekend to help: younger brother John, his wife Krista and 4-month-old baby Rosson; nephew Ben from Rice University in Houston; sister Tamara and 16 year old nephew Dillon from Denton County; and me and his dad. The Scout Master and the scouts of the Troop and their dads also all came to help. (Son Emil is an Assistant Scout Master.) They brought shovels and power washers and power tools and trailers and cases of bottled water. Neighbors had a scrumptious tailgate sandwich and cookie picnic for the 25 plus volunteer hands. And we were all a hot, sweaty, very hungry group in that sunny humidity.

It didn't pour again until the next day. After we had put all the furniture and filing cabinets out in the driveway with drawers open to dry out the papers. All those items had to be hastily carried into the protection of the carport. But that day we got soaked by the rain – as did the furniture and files, again.

At present our son is living – and working – out of his pop up 7' x 10' camping trailer. At least it has AC and electricity. Evidently our government

hasn't learned much from Katrina. FEMA adjusters are still incredibly slow – and not a dollar has been forth coming from the flood insurance yet. Much less any provision for temporary housing for the family.

But son and grandchildren are due here within the hour for a family weekend with Nana and Papa. We are all looking forward to being together, and will probably remember their flooded home in future years with a great deal of humor and laughter. In the meantime, I do not have time to proof, re-read, and double check my facts. So please excuse my typos and I hope no serious misstatements.

### **Mayor Tejml is looking for Temporary Part Time Office Assistant**

I office from my home on Orchid Hill, both as Copper Canyon's Mayor and for my family's personal affairs. However, I am falling behind on filing and keeping my home office organized. I need the time to review files and discard obsolete ones. I also need someone who can type accurately and is familiar with Microsoft Office and Quicken. Experience with the software of AOL and databases Access and Filemaker Pro would also be a huge help. Hours can be flexible. Daytime, evening, weekends. Two to four hours at a time would be fine. This is not a permanent position, and I would be personally paying for the service. If you are interested, please contact me at [stejml@aol.com](mailto:stejml@aol.com).

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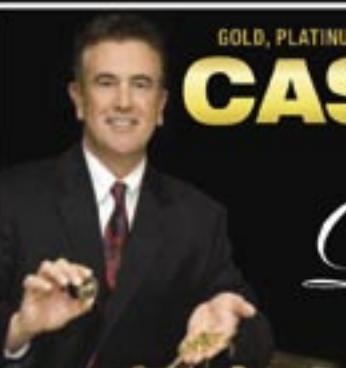
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## Women-Owned Businesses Strong Right Arm of Floundering Economy

By Brandi Chambliss, Contributing Writer

Kirstin Pawl was a fast-track Atlanta-based advertising executive with ten years invested in consumer and retail marketing when the economy tanked and her long-term position with high profile clients like Mack Trucks and John Deere was dissolved. After having spent years effectively integrating branding strategies for her clients, she was forced to take a step back and reevaluate her own skill set while considering going into business on her own.

"After doing some research, I knew that Dallas would be fertile ground to launch a new business. I consulted my brother Dave who owned and managed a concrete company at the time and was also considering a move. I decided to launch 411 Energy Experts, a home inspection service that offers energy efficiency inspections. Though it was a non-traditional service to be managed by a woman, I packed my bags and left behind Atlanta and my identity as "The John Deere Girl", meeting my brother in Coppell where my business began to grow. My life is truly great here, partly because of being a business owner. I have been able to help my clients as they make one of the largest investments they may ever make when they are purchasing a home. I have a real sense of ownership in that and it is very rewarding. It was worth the risk," said Pawl.

In today's economy, Kirstin's story has become commonplace, as the current financial climate is leaving corporate women like herself

with no alternatives but to tap into their own resourcefulness. As a result, women-owned businesses continue to play an integral part in our nation's economic development. According to the Center for Women's Business Research, there are more than 8 million women-owned businesses in the United States that translate to about \$3 trillion in revenue and 23 million jobs annually and comprise about 16% of the U.S. workforce. If U.S.-based women-owned businesses were their own country, they would have the 5th largest GDP in the world, trailing closely behind Germany, and ahead of countries including France, Italy and the United Kingdom.

The data indicate a continuing social and cultural shift for work and for women. Full or part-time entrepreneurship is a well-established trend. From 1997

to 2002, the Census data report that nearly all growth in small businesses came in the non-employer segment and women had the largest growth compared to other groups. The overarching shift at the turn of the century reflects the education, experience, and characteristics of women at different stages of their lives. It also reflects the lack of opportunities and flexibility in major corporations and large businesses for women.

In 1942, when J. Howard Miller unintentionally created the American cultural icon "Rosie The Riveter" with his infamous WWII image of factory worker Geraldine Doyle, women lived in an era that caused them to use their ingenuity to provide for their families and contribute to the war efforts while Dad was away fighting the war, all the while maintaining their femininity. Many had no choice but to succumb to the glamorous appeal of the U.S. Government, a strategy intended to meet the resulting labor shortage

by mobilizing women into the manufacturing workforce and beyond. An unprecedented upheaval of the American household as it had formerly been identified led to an unintentional point of no return after the war ended, as many military men falsely assumed their wives would return to a state of unemployment and household duties. Thus began the Feminist Movement, born more out of the social and cultural shift that resulted from WWII, and festered into a political movement in the following decades that created controversy as to whether attitudes of resourcefulness had been exchanged for attitudes of rebellion.

For today's modern women, the trend of the working wonder woman is one that is ever-progressing and not necessarily unbalanced with traditional domestic duties due to modern technology. The most recent data from The Sloan Center on Aging and Work shows that of the entire work force, 40.7% report that they are able to work from a remote location. Women like Kirstin Pawl and another local female entrepreneur, Samantha Murchek of Highland Village, are showing that they can find a healthy balance of work and home life as they leave behind corporate careers to launch businesses while doing what they love.

"I was with Mary Kay, Inc. for fourteen years and was mainly responsible for planning and facilitating special events, sales education, and sales development for the Latin America region," said Murchek.

"After leaving my corporate job behind, I decided to write a book that would inspire others to reach their goals while living life to the fullest. I am loving life right now as I spend quality time with my family while having the opportunity to travel and speak everywhere about the content of my book entitled "Ginor-

mous, Outrageous, Audacious Living. What's Your Goal?"

Samantha takes pride in her ability to have her foot in both worlds, and as a Christian author and speaker, she is not unlike some of the working women of the Bible, to name a few:

Hagar, Jochebed, Deborah, Esther, Huldah, Lydia, Priscilla, not to mention the virtuous Proverbs 31 woman. More and more modern women are choosing a non-traditional approach to employment coupled with technology. While some enter the workforce by choice,

others enter by necessity, but both are impacting their respective worlds through the marketplace and, like Samantha, would testify that a call to double duty is not for the faint of heart, but one that extends far beyond an economic benefit.

With all the benefits for the woman herself, women are effective contributors to the economy by successfully owning and operating businesses better than any other time in history. "Women-owned businesses are more often self-funded than male owned firms and are therefore less reliant on bank financing at a time when many say small business lending practices are more restricted," said Mark Wolf, Director of Market Research at Guardian Life Small Business Research Institute. Studies by the Academic and Business Research Institute show that their economic activities and total annual spending in the community generate a tremendous level of support for all other business sectors in the region. While concentrated in the service and retail sectors, women-owned businesses span all industries, and clearly affect all industries in terms of spending power (Pordeli, McClung, Martin)."

Both Pawl and Murchek's journeys toward success are reminiscent of, perhaps, one of the most renowned woman business owners who started as a company of one and landed behind the wheel of a custom pink Cadillac with about 500,000 employees and over \$1.2 billion in sales - one who even posthumously inspires women business owners to achieve their personal goals, stimulate their household earnings, and subsequently impact the economy by turning a we can do it attitude into you can do it. Perhaps, Mary Kay Ash was ahead of her time, when she revealed secrets of business and life to women business owners, "We must have a theme, a goal, a purpose in our lives. If you don't know where you're aiming, you don't have a goal. My goal is to live my life in such a way that when I die, someone can say, she cared."



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women every day." The small business owner said she has helped her own cancer stricken employees and customers with free cleanings.

Sardone knows first hand the devastation of cancer. Her father lost his battle with cancer; her mother is a survivor of ovarian cancer. As a business owner, she knew she could provide this practical help beyond Lewisville and Flower Mound, beyond Texas, and further. She quickly learned the job was much bigger than just Buckets & Bows Maid Service. "There are over 20 million women in this country with cancer," she said. "There is no way we will ever meet that demand, but we can help some, and that's who we focus on."

Not one to give up, Sardone began to recruit maid services across the United States that were willing to commit to doing two free cleanings a month for a woman with cancer. Now, each cancer patient accepted into the Cleaning For A Reason program gets four free cleanings during the time they are going through treatment.

Sardone is very involved in the local community and said she believes responsible businesses look for ways to reach out to those around them. "I am committed to being a leader in my industry by doing my part and engaging others," she said. This is one reason she says it's so gratifying to see Buckets & Bows Maid Service do what they do best, cleaning homes, and making life easier for those who need the help.

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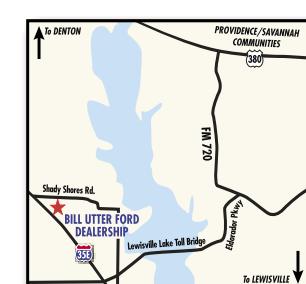
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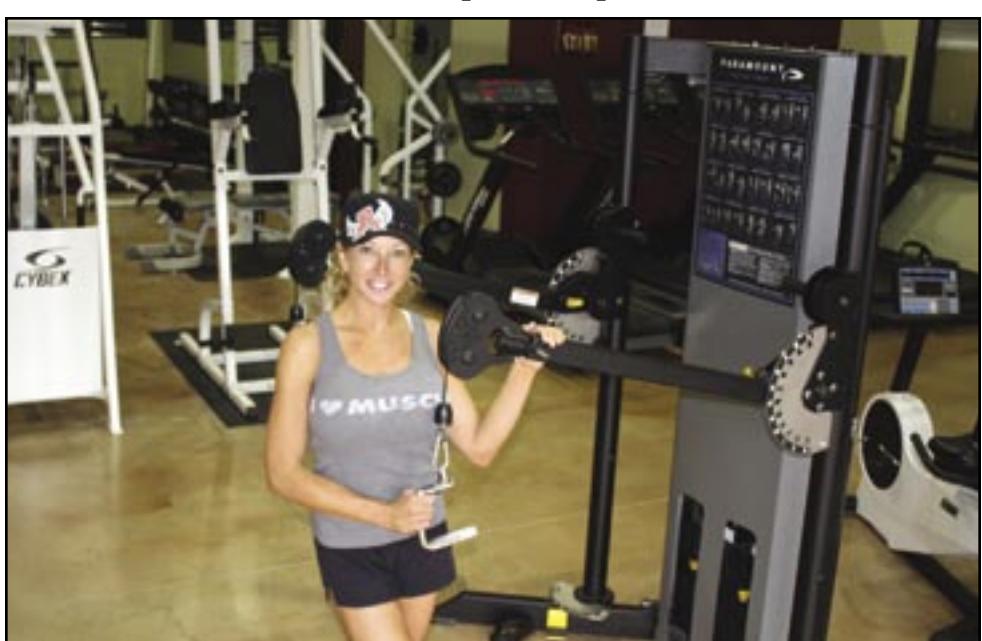


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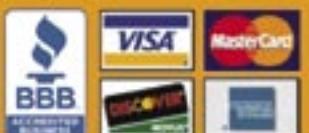
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As you may know, the rules governing Federal Death taxes were changed back in 2001, and the current laws will expire at the end of this year. This year there is no Federal Estate Tax, so no matter how large an estate, people who die in 2010 will have no Federal Death taxes. However, effective Jan 1, 2011 the old rules come back, and any estate over \$1 Million will be subject to Estate taxes, which can be as much as 55-60%. Most estate planning practitioners expected Congress to change the tax rules prior to Dec 31, 2009, but in their dedication to pass health care reform, they didn't get around to addressing the Estate tax.

How will this affect you? If you die with assets over \$1 Million, your estate may owe taxes. That may seem like a large estate, but consider the value of your home, your life insurance, your retirement plan balance, and it is easy to exceed \$1 Million. The tax rates start at 18%, and quickly escalate. So if your taxable estate is over \$2 Million, you will already be at the rate of 45%.

Under the rules in effect since 2001, many people have grown complacent regarding their estate plan. After all, in 2009, the amount you could pass tax free was \$3.5 M. Now however, the picture has changed dramatically.

What this means is that virtually everyone should review their estate plan, because there are several specific strategies that can be utilized to reduce or even eliminate the Federal Estate tax.

So where do you start?

The first step is to determine the size of your estate, which includes: your home, other real estate, jewelry, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts, insurance, retirement plans, business interest, or any property over which you have a general power of appointment. Note how they are owned. Take a similar inventory of your debts and liabilities.

2. Determine your goals regarding your estate. For example, do you want any of your assets to go to charity?

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## The Courage to Survive and the Devotion to Help Others

By Dana Howe

This week I received a reminder to schedule my yearly well woman exam and it recollected flashbacks from last year, when I put it off because I was very busy, or so I thought.

My family and I had plans for vacation and my calendar was full of business travel. When was I expected to squeeze in a mammography

or pap smear? Besides, I had a partial hysterectomy a few years back. Was there anything left to examine?

Two months later something finally urged me to make the call. A few days after that I sat in a paper gown in the doctor's office. We chit chatted about the past year. No changes, no problems, I feel great; hurry up so I can get back to work. He performed the exam and casually commented that I may have a cyst on my ovary, likely benign, but needing further exploration. Okay, I know lots of women who have had ovarian cysts. No biggie and no reason to panic.

Next, I showed up for my mammogram. The sonogram for the cyst occurred a few days later

and I must admit I was a little irritated. I have a full life and all this time in doctor offices and hospitals was messing with my schedule.

The ultrasound technician indicated I did indeed have a cyst and it had vascularity. The cyst would have to be surgically removed. Oh great, how am I going to add a surgery to my agenda? Hopefully it's an outpatient procedure and I'll only have to take one day off work.

Still feeling mostly annoyed but only slightly concerned I waited to hear from my gynecologist. He called advising he would refer me to another surgeon. The following week I was sitting in the office of a gynecological oncologist. Now I am freaking out and my lengthy to-do list has abruptly taken a back seat. I have one focus – my health!

It's running through my mind that I am the healthy one, the one who takes care of herself, who completed a half marathon less than a year earlier, who regularly attends yoga classes and Argyle Adventure Boot Camp. I am a size 4; I am lean and eat well. This can't be happening!

The oncologist confirmed a mass near my right ovary and ordered a CT scan. When I thought the situation could not get any worse – WHAM! – think again. The CT revealed not one but multiple masses throughout my abdomen. One was approximately the size of a grapefruit.

Freaking out has now evolved to sheer panic. That same afternoon I received the mammogram results. A spot was found and I needed further testing - an ultrasound. Sure, why not? I'm hanging out at the hospital anyway. What's another test?

My body had betrayed me. I had no tell-tale symptoms other than feeling drained and bloated. What 42-year-old woman working full time and trying to raise a family wasn't? Isn't that a consequence of a busy life?

My life as I knew it stopped completely. Within days I underwent surgery. The mass near my ovary was removed and the other masses were biopsied. My surgeon met me in the recovery room and told me I had lymphoma, a treatable form of cancer. He handed me off to a hematologist for treatment.

The good news was that if I was going to get

sick, I was in the best shape of my life to successfully fight it. My doctor attributed my fit body to being able to locate the tumor in my abdomen. He said people who carry extra abdominal weight make it more difficult to feel tumors or other abnormalities. My surgeon joked that he had to cut through my six-pack to get to my abdomen. My abs healed very quickly with minimal pain because I was in shape.

My doctor and I agreed to an aggressive treatment plan of chemotherapy every 14 days instead of 21 days because my health was good. I would finish treatment and be in remission sooner. After months of chemotherapy, bone marrow draws, handfuls of pills, and a bout of pneumonia

I was told I was in remission. Thanks to my high level of fitness, my healing was accelerated. I completed chemotherapy in 12 weeks and returned to my normal activities, including exercise within four months.

Returning to Argyle Adventure Boot Camp has been the icing on the cake. I feel better than I have in years. Just weeks earlier a walk to the mailbox was an accomplishment and I now I am scaling stairs, running an obstacle course and re-strengthening my core. Then, when a family member suggested I join Team in

Training to raise money for Leukemia Lymphoma Society I said yes immediately. I did not own a road bike or know the first thing about cycling 109 miles. There is no mountain I cannot climb with the blessings of God, my family, friends, and a strong, healthy body.

A contributor to my decision to do the ride was the morning workouts at boot camp. I push myself harder knowing we as a group of women are all striving to be healthier and stronger. There are other cancer survivors among me in camp too.

Thanks to camp, my energy level throughout the day is increased and I feel like I have accomplished something significant before I even get to work. I am leaner, stronger, and more confident about my ability to complete the ride for all of those suffering. My husband, who was with me every step of the diagnosis, surgery, treatment and recovery, has decided to join me in training

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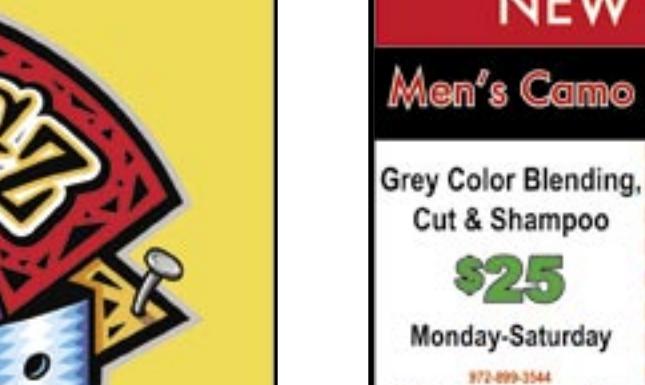
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When I received a reminder postcard in the mail this week, I smiled and reflected upon the many events which have shaped my life over the past year. I then promptly picked up the phone and scheduled my yearly exam. I am pleased and so very blessed to be able to do this.

Ladies, when you receive that reminder in the mail – don't ignore it. Men, ask your wives, girlfriends, sisters, mothers, and daughters to make those appointments. Life is precious and although we may try to convince ourselves otherwise – your health is your greatest wealth!

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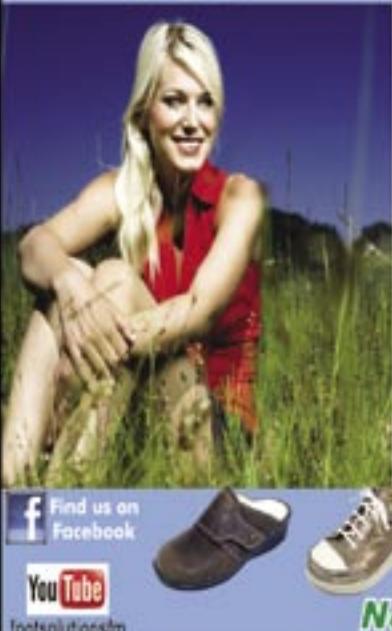
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### Parker

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apart plays. But is an involved public servant who enjoys a running back's view of the line of scrimmage. He sees where the gaps are opening, but thinks President Barack Obama is missing his blocks.

"He's proved himself to be out of touch with Americans, over and over. He's not heard the people's calls for change on the issues," Parker fires.

Is it possible that the President Obama just hears those calls differently?

"He's tone deaf! The president is operating in a very partisan manner. He makes no effort to cross the aisle to work with the other side."

To be bipartisan, here, didn't former Vice President Dick Cheney recently lament that President George W. Bush had weakened in his second term, somewhat losing the hard line conservative vision, by doing just that, by compromising with the other side of the aisle?

Parker explains, "You *have* to work with the other side. You just can't sacrifice your core values and beliefs. Never lose sight of your principles."

How do you assess the value of the Tea Party movement? Is it a leading edge or a threat to divide and conquer the party's November outlook?

"The Tea Party movement is one of patriots. They have a fabulous handle on the fundamentals that created our country.

"The participants understand the importance of *states' rights*, whereas the federal government would run roughshod over our self-government."

How do you see Texas viewed by the rest of America?

"The Texas economic model works. This is the part of America that has done the best in this economy."

Parker's coil begins to spring forward, "The Tea Party leaders and participants believe, as did our forefathers, in limited government. Get and keep government out of the way! We've *got* to let the market succeed on its own. The government has to learn to live within its means the way we all do in our businesses and with our families.

"Americans are sick and tired of seeing the future of our economy misled by the president's agenda, which is putting a noose around the financial future of our children,

our grandchildren, and our grandchildren's children. Right now, we're on a very slippery slope.

"We can just look at the recent financial crisis in Greece. While things aren't as bad here, the models and mis-directions of economies aren't *that* different!"

So how do you see our recent past affecting the upcoming elections in November?

"People are so tired of the overspending, I'm very optimistic that we can shift some of the balance. I saw an interesting stat in a recent Gallup Poll that indicated that the GOP has the largest lead in its polling history. *GOPAC* ([www.gopac.org](http://www.gopac.org)) gave us a 22% lead." (Note: GOPAC is a Republican organization, whereas the Gallup Poll is non-partisan).

Is there a danger that too much positive publicity for the Republicans in the upcoming elections can bring about a tortoise and hare scenario, with Republican voters sitting back, being overconfident?

"Absolutely. I fear that there is the danger of complacency."

Besides stressing the importance of getting out and voting, what other suggestions would you have for constituents?

"People need to get out, to be vocal, to encourage others – to encourage others to participate. Get involved in issues. Exercise your voice!"

"The most important thing we need is job creation in Texas, in Denton County. *Real jobs* come from the private sector, not from tax-supported, government created jobs that don't regenerate income back into our economy."

Parker's passion keeps uncoiling, "I believe in the greatness of America. We need a tidal wave of citizens voting. But *then*, the Republicans elected have to deliver. They have to stay true to the conservative agenda."

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## McDearmont's Message

By Dr. Scott McDearmont,  
Highland Village Mayor

As I write this message today, the cool front has come through north Texas and we finally have a reprieve from the Texas heat. Now is the time we most enjoy walking through our city on our many trails. We have a lot of good things taking place in Highland Village.

The biggest news we have to share is the opening of FM 2499 through Highland Village, across Lake Lewisville and to Denton. On October 30 the City and Denton County will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion and opening of this roadway. Our local businesses have been anxiously awaiting the opening of this road and plan to celebrate on October 30 with all those in attendance. We hope you'll make plans to be there at 10:00 a.m. on October 30.

We've been recognized for the 9th consecutive year as the safest city in north Texas. Our Police Department's Community Policing model, along with the diligent work of our volunteers and residents, are the reason Highland Village remains a safe community. We've been gearing up for the opening of FM 2499 and have had time to work with the increased traffic into our city with the additional shopping centers at FM 407 and FM 2499. Once the roadway is opened, the Highland Village Police Department will continue the fine work it's noted for.

In September we held a grand opening and

ribbon cutting for two new facilities – our new Municipal Service Center and The Robert & Lee DuVall Center. The Municipal Service Center is a state of the art facility housing our utility, streets and drainage departments. This new facility was a long-time coming as these departments have been working out of trailers for many years. The building and the grounds are now up to the standard the City requires from developers. The Robert & Lee DuVall Center is truly the ultimate recycle project – when the voters approved the construction of a new fire station we had the perfect opportunity to expand the uses and programming of good facility. The Robert & Lee DuVall Center meets the current needs of the Senior All Stars as well as provides the opportunity for recreation programming for our residents by maximizing the use of a public facility at a minimal cost.

In early September north Texas experienced a severe rainstorm event that washed out Highland Village Road at the boat docks. The road has to be reconstructed and it will likely be a six-month process – an inconvenience for some folks. However, the good news is the City has the funding available for this reconstruction through the voter approved 2008 TRIP Bond Package that was initiated by Denton County Commissioners Court. While this road is closed, we ask that drivers plan their routes to use Brazos, Garden Ridge or Highland Village Road to FM 407 to avoid the residential areas.

As you can see, we have a lot of good things happening in Highland Village. Fall is here and we've got our Fall Festival, our Fall Clean-Up event as well as our Salute Our Veterans Lunch in November. I hope to see you around our City – it's a good time for some patio dining!

## LantanaLinks

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at the Lantana Golf Club, featuring LPGA Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth as a guest speaker during the tournament luncheon.

Whitworth won 88 tournaments, more than any other professional golfer in his-

tory, male or female. She was inducted into the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame in 1975. She won six majors and was the LPGA Player of the Year seven times. The Associated Press named Whitworth Athlete of the Year in 1965 and 1967.

Kathy Whitworth

Both men and women are invited to play in the tournament that is anticipated to have a full field of 144 players. The event, which benefits the Susan G. Komen Foundation, will include a continental breakfast, luncheon and awards ceremony, as well as various contests and fun events throughout the day, such as Pilates-for-golf warm up, chair massages and hole-in-one prizes.

Lantana residents, especially those who live on the golf course, interested in showing their support can decorate their yards with pink on the day of the tournament.

To support Rally for the Cure, contact Kim Schwimmer at [kimschwimmer@aol.com](mailto:kimschwimmer@aol.com) or 214-405-3507. For additional tournament information, visit [www.facebook.com/LantanaRallyfortheCure](http://www.facebook.com/LantanaRallyfortheCure).

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## Community Calendar

### ARGYLE:

October 16 - Fix My Ride at Cross Timbers Community Church, 1119 S Hwy 377. Bring your car for free diagnostics, minor repairs and maintenance from 8am to 2pm. Registration is required at [www.crosstimberschurch.org](http://www.crosstimberschurch.org).

Ongoing - Argyle Seniors' Activities Center meets at First Baptist Church, 414 North Hwy 377, every Wednesday and Friday from 10am until 12:30pm. Call 940-464-3368.

Ongoing - Al-Anon (Argyle chapter) meets each Thursday at 6pm at Cross Timbers Community Church, 1119 South U.S. 377. Call 940-464-3019.

### BARTONVILLE:

October 16 - Classic Car Show at Bartonville Town Center from 9am to 5pm. Rain Date: Oct. 23. Call 940-241-3200.

November 6 - 4th Annual Suicide Awareness Fund-Raising Walk at Bartonville Town Center benefitting TouchedBySuicide programs, Grant Halliburton Foundation and Lewisville ISD CHOICES Task Force. [www.TouchedBySuicide.org](http://www.TouchedBySuicide.org)

Ongoing - Victory 2010 meeting to support Conservative candidates in the November 2010 election, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Andrews Restaurant in Bartonville Town Center. Call Rose Baird at 817-691-9723.

Ongoing - Bartonville Town Center Farmers Market, 8am to 2pm on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Fresh fruits and vegetables grown by local farmers, also pasta, pasta sauces, herbs, fresh honey. 940-241-3200

### DOUBLE OAK:

October 19 - Double Oak Women's Club meeting at 7pm at Double Oak Town Hall. Christina Vaida and Estelle Brothers from Baylor Health Care will speak about breast cancer.

October 30 - Double Oak Women's Club Children's Halloween Fun Fest from 5-8 pm at Double Oak Town Hall. Costumes, pizza, candy, games.

November 16 - Live Auction at 7:00pm at Double Oak Town Hall to support the Double Oak Volunteer Fire Department sponsored by the Double Oak Women's Club. Contact Claire Garlick at [clairegarlick@hotmail.com](mailto:clairegarlick@hotmail.com).

Ongoing - The National Alliance on Mental Illness Family to Family Support Group meets at 7:00pm on the first and third Monday at Crossroads Bible Church, 8101 FM 407 in Double Oak. [nkilpatrick@grandecom.net](mailto:nkilpatrick@grandecom.net)

Ongoing - CBC Career Networking group meets every Friday from 9am to noon at Crossroads Bible Church. [www.cbccareernetwork.com](http://www.cbccareernetwork.com)

### FLOWER MOUND:

October 7 - Contemporary Christian musician Bebo Norman will be in concert at Lamb of God Lutheran at 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:30. [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com)

October 9 - Around the Mound 5K and Fun Run benefiting Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at 1410 Lakeside Parkway #100 at 8:30am. <http://getmeregistered.com/AroundTheMound>

October 9 - Fire Department Open House from 10am to 2pm at 3838 Forums Drive. 972-874-6270

October 10 - Lamb of God Lutheran Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a combined worship service at 9am, followed by a German lunch, games and activities. 1401 Cross Timbers Rd. [www.log.org](http://www.log.org)

October 10 - 4th Annual Marcus High School Drill Team's Golf Tournament at 1:30pm at Bridlewood Country Club. Registration fee \$135 per player includes greens fee for 18 holes of golf, a cart, and dinner. 214-707-5922 or [www.marcusdrillteam.com](http://www.marcusdrillteam.com)

October 12 - Women of Flower Mound meeting at 6:30pm at Z-Grill, 2321 Cross

Timbers Rd. Jeff McKissack of Defense by Design will speak on crime prevention. [www.womenofflowermound.org](http://www.womenofflowermound.org)

October 13 - Bridlewood Women's Club Fall Into Fashion Luncheon at the Bridlewood Golf Clubhouse from 11:00am-1:00pm. \$20 per person. See the latest fashion trends, get hair and makeup tips and browse local vendors. [www.yourbwa.org](http://www.yourbwa.org)

October 15 - Free mammogram screenings at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital from 5pm to midnight in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Proceeds will benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. [www.phfmftexas.com](http://www.phfmftexas.com)

October 16 - Bridlewood Fall Community Garage Sale from 9am to 2pm. FM 1171 and Bridlewood Blvd.

October 16 - Free Job Search Seminar from 1 to 4:30pm at Flower Mound Public Library. Register at 972-874-6165.

October 16 - Mother/Son Western Hoedown from 6-9pm at the Community Activity Center. 972-874-6276

October 17 - Faith Lutheran Day School Fall Festival from 1 to 5pm at 6000 Morris Road. Silent auction, raffle, games, kids activities, performances. 972-691-5491 or [www.shapingyounghearts.org](http://www.shapingyounghearts.org)

October 18 - Introduction to Genealogy at the Flower Mound Library at 7:00pm. RSVP at 972-874-6165

October 22 - 24 - Friends of the Flower Mound Library used book sale. [www.fmlibrary.net/friends.php](http://www.fmlibrary.net/friends.php)

October 23 - Holiday Vendor Show at Wellington Amenities Center. 1pm to 4pm. Contact Diane Parker at 214 732-9619.

October 23 - Pumpkin Dive at Community Activity Center Indoor Pool at 1pm. \$5/child CAC Members; \$6/child Non CAC Members. 972-874-6283

October 27 - Halloween Blood Drive at Lantana Family Dentistry from 2-6pm in conjunction with Carter BloodCare. 4110 FM 407, Suite 150. 940-455-7004

November 6 - 'Caring for loved ones suffering with Alzheimer's and Dementia' at the Flower Mound Public Library at 2pm. 972-874-6165.

November 7 - Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony from 1 to 3pm at the Flower Mound High School stadium. Family picnic with free hot dogs and lemonade and a Veterans Review.

Ongoing - TouchedbySuicide support group meetings are held every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5500 Morris Road. [touchedbysuicide\\_bc@yahoo.com](mailto:touchedbysuicide_bc@yahoo.com) or [ouvcugmu@aol.com](mailto:ouvcugmu@aol.com)

Ongoing - Seniors In Motion hosts a monthly Benefits Counseling service inside the Golden Lounge at the Community Activity Center on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10am. Free service. No appointments necessary. 972-874-6275

### HIGHLAND VILLAGE:

October 9 - Local Authors Signing Event from 2 to 4pm at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in The Shops at Highland Village. 972-966-0099

October 13 - Shawn Kristopher Salon & Med Spa Grand Opening from 4-8pm. Live Med Spa demos, wine and hors d'oeuvres, raffles, door prizes, special deals. 3090 FM 407, Suite 301, in front of Super Wal Mart. [www.sksalon.com](http://www.sksalon.com)

October 16 - Castlewood HOA Community Garage Sale. 972-317-2457

October 16 - Fall Clean-Up Collection Event from 9am to noon at Copperas Branch Park, I-35E & Highland Village Rd. Hazardous waste, tree & lawn clippings, paper shredding, electronics & batteries, scrap metal. Proof of residency required. 972-317-7430

October 22 - Highland Village Rotary Club's

2nd Annual Formal But Tacky Ball at Royal Affairs Ballroom in Old Town Lewisville. Gourmet food, music and dancing, live and silent auction. Tickets \$62.50. Proceeds benefit local Breast Cancer Awareness charities. [www.rotaryformalbuttacky.com](http://www.rotaryformalbuttacky.com)

October 23 & 24 - Very Potter Weekend at Studio B Performing Arts Center, 2400 FM 407, Suite 1, Highland Village. 972-966-2787 or [www.studiobtheater.info](http://www.studiobtheater.info)

October 30 - Haunts and Hounds Costume Contest at The Shops at Highland Village. Parent, Child and Canine Costume Contest, Trick-or-Treating and Live Entertainment from 3 to 6pm. [www.theshopsathighlandvillage.com](http://www.theshopsathighlandvillage.com)

Ongoing - The Highland Village Women's Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month from September through May. [www.hightandvillagewomensclub.org](http://www.hightandvillagewomensclub.org)

Ongoing - The Highland Village Fire Department conducts monthly CPR and Health Care Provider courses. CPR class is \$25 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Healthcare Provider class is \$35 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. 972-317-0890

#### LANTANA:

October 8 - Blanton Elementary Renaissance Festival from 5-8pm. Rock climbing wall, obstacle course, games, hair, nail and face painting. Carnival food available for purchase. Live and silent auctions to support Blanton Elementary.

October 9 - Lantana Earth Day 2010. Household hazardous waste disposal with voucher, e-waste collection, litter pick up, tree giveaway, food. 940-728-5050

October 9 - 5th Annual Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament at the Lantana Golf Club benifiting the Susan B. Komen foundation. [www.facebook.com/LantanaRallyfortheCure](http://www.facebook.com/LantanaRallyfortheCure)

October 15 - 9th Annual Wolf Fest Carnival and Silent Auction at E.P. Rayzor Elementary School from 6 to 9pm.

October 19 - Lantana Ladies League meeting at 7:00pm at Wine Cat Bistro in Highland Village. Learn styling techniques from professional stylist Ramon from Ramon's Hair Design. \$10 per person by October 10th. 940-725-3722 or [www.lantanaladies.org](http://www.lantanaladies.org)

#### NEARBY AREAS:

October 8 - Coram Deo Academy will play Gainesville State School at 7:00pm at Coppell West Middle School, 1401 Wrangler Circle, Coppell TX 75019.

October 8 - The Benjamin Lyon Chapter of The National Society of The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 1:30pm at Good Samaritan Village, 2500 Hinkle Drive in Denton. Author Dr. Roland Vela will present a program entitled, "Bernardo

de Galvez: Spanish Hero of the American Revolution". 940-387-4741

October 8 - "Rain Gardens: A Cutting Edge Sustainable Landscaping Technique" at Symposium 2010, an environmental education event at Texas Woman's University, 304 Administration Drive, Denton. [www.npsot.org/symposium2010](http://www.npsot.org/symposium2010)

October 8-17 - The Actors Conservatory Theatre presents 'The Prince and The Pauper', 1720 S. Edmonds Lane, Lewisville. [www.getintothetheact.org](http://www.getintothetheact.org)

October 9-10 - "Lullaby: Songs for the Children" by the Lewisville Civic Chorale Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 3pm at The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, 602 N. Old Orchard Lane, Lewisville. Reception will follow both concerts. [www.lewisvillecivicchorale.org](http://www.lewisvillecivicchorale.org)

October 15-31 - The Greater Lewisville Community Theatre presents Jekyll & Hyde. Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 3pm. 160 W Main St. in Old Town. 972-221-7469 or [www.gltc.org](http://www.gltc.org)

October 16 - 28th annual Susan G. Komen Dallas Race for the Cure to support breast cancer research at NorthPark Center, 8687 N Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75225. [www.komen-dallas.org](http://www.komen-dallas.org)

October 26 - Denton Benefit League's 8th Annual Sensational Settings Fall Fundraiser at the Denton Country Club. "Tabletops & Tapas" from noon-2pm and "Tabletops & Tequila" from 6-8pm. Holiday-themed centerpieces, dinnerware, table linens and unique finishing touches along with silent auction. RSVP to 214-794-2026. [www.dentonbenefitleague.org](http://www.dentonbenefitleague.org)

October 30 - Polo on the Midway at Prestonwood Polo Club in Oakpoint, TX from 2:00-7:00pm. Carnival games, bounce houses, pony rides & petting zoo, vendors, Halloween costume contest, classic car show by Rolls-Royce Owners Club, stagecoach rides and 380Guide Community Challenge Cup Finals polo match. [www.cacdc.org](http://www.cacdc.org)

October 30 - 2nd Annual Ride for the Cure. Trail ride in the LBJ/Caddo National Grasslands in Decatur, TX benefitting Susan G. Komen for the Cure. [www.komennorthtx.org/ride2010.html](http://www.komennorthtx.org/ride2010.html)

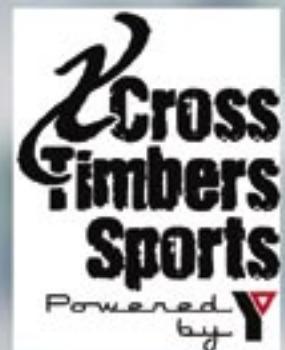
November 12-14 - Cross Timbers Artists' Guild's 9th annual Artists' Studio Tour. [www.crosstimbersarts.com](http://www.crosstimbersarts.com)

November 13 - 8th Annual New York Style Fashion Show at the Hilton Garden Inn Lewisville sponsored by Cloud 9 Charities, Inc. to benefit CASA, Children's Advocacy Center, PediPlace and The Sue Weaver C.A.U.S.E. [www.cloud9salon.com](http://www.cloud9salon.com)

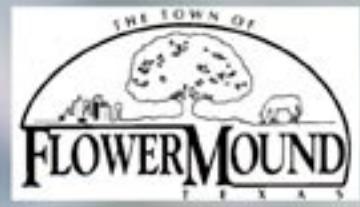
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## Basketball signups start October 1st

The Cross Timbers Family YMCA, in partnership with the Town of Flower Mound Recreation Department, begin youth basketball signups October 1, 2010. Co-ed Pre-K through 8th grade participants can register at the YMCA or on line at [www.crosstimbersymca.org](http://www.crosstimbersymca.org). Registration will run through November 14, 2010.



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## Town of Flower Mound

### Mayor's Message

By Flower Mound Mayor  
Melissa Northern

As summer draws to a close and we begin searching in the back of our closet for our long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts, the Town of Flower Mound is embarking on the beginning of another fiscal year that began on Oct. 1 with a new budget. Despite the dismal economic outlook, we were able to maintain services and continue progress without increasing the ad valorem tax rate. In addition to this good news, I wanted to share a couple of other important news items with you that may be of interest to the entire community.

#### Good News

Flower Mound was one of only four Texas municipalities to be recognized by the Scenic Texas organization with a **Gold Scenic City Award**. The Town received the award based upon evaluations of Flower Mound's Comprehensive Master Plan, Open Space Plan, Median and Right-of-Way Master Plan, SMARTGrowth Plan, Fence

and Sidewalk Replacement Programs, sign code and ordinances, and natural environment, including The Mound. In addition, Flower Mound's "It's Your Call" program which empowers residents and visitors to contribute to the scenic quality of the community was also considered.

From the Economic Development office, we are proud to **welcome several new businesses** to Flower Mound including Owens & Minor, Auto MedX, Einstein Bagels, Mooya Burger & Fries, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Walt Garrison's, Streams Ministries, and most recently the **Learning Express Toy Store**, a Flower Mound resident-owned, educational toy store that is a great fit for our family-friendly community.

The **North Central Texas College**'s new Flower Mound campus began operations this month at Parker Square. The 32,000-square-foot campus will offer a full range of courses, including associate's degrees in arts and science, once full accreditation is received. The school is scheduled to officially begin holding classes next spring with an estimated 1,000 students and staff members.

Flower Mound had the official grand opening for **Fire Station #5** located at 800 Spinks Road this month. This will provide better service and response times for the residents and businesses located in this area of our community. In fact, our EMS unit from this station has already saved their first life.

Flower Mound is hosting the **Denton County Mayor's Roundtable Luncheon** this month. In addition to providing our area mayors with an opportunity to network and discuss regional issues, the meeting will also feature a keynote address by Thomas Diggs, EPA Region 6 Associate Director of Air Programs, speaking about how to improve air quality in Denton County.

#### In Progress

The Town is currently working to expedite the **Flower Mound Road Reconstruction** project and alleviate related traffic congestion. Phasing of the project has been updated, and the contractor will also work extended hours when possible throughout the project to significantly reduce the completion time. The Town produces monthly construction reports that provide updated information regarding a variety of road, intersection, utility, facility, and park projects. Please visit [www.flower-mound.com](http://www.flower-mound.com) to review the latest update.

The recently appointed **Oil and Gas Advisory Board** began meeting in July with the assignment of reviewing the Town's gas drilling regulations. Seven meetings have been conducted to date, including a tour of various gas well production facilities in the area. The board also held a public meeting to solicit citizen feedback and will hold an additional public meeting in the near future to provide recommendations to the Town Council.

The Town is taking strides to significantly enhance our ambient **air monitoring and gas well inspection** activity. The annual inspection fee for gas drilling operators was increased from \$500 to \$4,250 per well. The fee increase will allow the Town to hire an additional full-time staff member, conduct gas well inspections on at least a monthly basis, increase ambient air evaluations from quarterly to monthly, and purchase a photo-ionization detector and toxic vapor analyzer for staff's use. In addition, a new air sampling location will be added adjacent to the Hilliard site for the ongoing monthly evaluations, and Town staff has contacted the EPA and requested that they select Flower Mound as a location to conduct additional environmental sampling.

#### Did You Know?

Last spring, I noticed pink flags in my yard with no company name or contact information on them. After conducting a little research, I discovered that they were in fact placed on my property by workers who were conducting **seismic testing** for a natural gas drilling company. Did you know that unless you have signed a lease and you expressly allow them to do this testing, they do not have the right to conduct these activities on

your property? In addition, the Town's Oil and Gas Drilling and Operations Ordinance contains requirements that regulate seismic survey operations conducted in the Town and prohibits any seismic survey activity within the Town's rights-of-way or on Town property.

The Town is currently considering the creation of an **Environmental Sustainability Committee, or Green Team**, to assist with developing a community-wide sustainability program. Program opportunities discussed include establishing short and long-term sustainability goals for the Town relative to energy efficiency, commercial recycling, household hazardous waste options, green building programs, landscape practices, conducting a greenhouse gas emission inventory, and green purchasing options.

The Town's **landfill access program** was recently updated with a provision that provides residents with unlimited visits at a discounted rate. Flower Mound residents can now dispose of extra waste and items that do not fit in their residential trash carts for the reduced rate of \$6.75 per cubic yard at the Camelot Landfill. For more information regarding the Camelot Landfill, please call 800.333.7301 or 972.539.SERV.

The Town Council approved an ordinance in September banning the sale and possession of **K2**. The ordinance makes the sale or possession of the restricted substance a misdemeanor punishable by fine not to exceed \$500. The substance is sold as incense under the names K2, K-2 Summit, Genie, and Sage and has the same, if not greater, psychological effects of a controlled substance like marijuana.

The Town is hosting two special events this fall that celebrate our country's history and raise funds for a good cause. The **Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony** will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the Flower Mound High School stadium. The event will include a family picnic with free hot dogs and lemonade and a Veterans Review where local scouts and ROTC units parade before the Veterans in uniform. In addition, the **Seventh Annual Dorothy's Dash for MS 5K run/walk and Kid's K** is scheduled for the morning of Nov. 13. Net proceeds will benefit the Lone Star Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please visit [www.flower-mound.com](http://www.flower-mound.com) for more information on both events.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's column. I hope you find the new format helpful and informational. My goal is to provide updated information regarding a variety of Town of Flower Mound topics to ensure we, your Town Council and town staff, are open, transparent, and responsive.

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## Earth Day

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Crushers, household hazardous waste collection, appearance by the Argyle Volunteer Fire Department fire truck and kid-friendly environmental presentations and giveaways sponsored by Waste Management and CoServ.

The event will also give residents the opportunity to meet elected officials from Lantana's two Fresh Water Supply Districts and Lantana Crime Watch volunteers who will be serving free hot dogs and beverages at the pavilion.

The first 100 participating Lantana residents will receive a free tree donated by Gold's Landscaping.

Fresh Water Supply District #6 board member Jim VanVickle is coordinating the event.

"I have taken on this endeavor to further awareness of the importance of recycling and various ways that we as a community can improve the environment for our future generations," said VanVickle.

Denton County is sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection for all county residents from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the North

Amenity Center parking lot, accepting items such as aerosol cans, antifreeze, brake fluid, fertilizer, fungicides, gasoline, herbicides, motor oil, paint and pesticides.

Vouchers must be used in conjunction with the hazardous waste collection and can be obtained for free by Denton County residents at the county's Public Works office, located at 1505 E. McKinney Street, Suite 175, Denton, TX 76209.

"The normal cost of the hazardous waste voucher is approximately \$80, so we are really excited to be working with Denton County in

providing these vouchers free of charge," said VanVickle.

There are a limited number of vouchers available on a first come first serve basis, so residents are encouraged to coordinate with their neighbors to maximize the effectiveness of the program.

For additional information about the event, call the Lantana Fresh Water District office at 940-728-5050.

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## Town Hall

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start date will be determined and that information will be placed on the town website. In the meantime, utility crews have already begun the process of moving underground utilities out of the project work zone. Once the project starts, it is expected to take eight to twelve months to complete. As stated previously, the road widening project will require mailboxes to come down (contractor will put up temporary mailboxes) and all mailboxes will be restored to previous condition. Driveway entry's will be affected and will be restored as the road widening project progresses. Some of you who live on Simmons Road have decorative items on the sides of your driveways at the edge of the street. It would be very helpful if you would go ahead and remove those ahead of time to protect them from being damaged. The engineers have incorporated as much drainage improvements related to the road widening project as they could. There are approximately four to six trees which have been identified for possible removal because they are in the needed right-of-way for drainage improvements. During the course of the project, there will be at times road detours. The contractor and engineer will try their best to keep the town informed of road detours and closures, and the town will place that information on the town website. The town will communicate with public safety departments

and both of our school districts (Denton ISD & Lewisville ISD) to keep them informed for their bus routes. The town appreciates your patience and understanding during this road construction project.

### Hermine Storm Flooding – September 8



Kings Road

The tropical storm event dumped approximately 7 inches of rain on our town in a very short time. Our streets and bar ditches were all overwhelmed. If you watched the news that night, many locations throughout the Metroplex were still underwater. Portions of Kings Road, Cross Timbers and Villa Creek all had to be closed. The town did receive reports from three homeowners that they had storm water inside their houses. During the storm, Double Oak's Police and Fire departments were out helping residents and blocking off flooded roads. Also, town employee Charlie Wright was out in the

rain helping where he could. Once the storm passed and the flood waters had receded, town employees, council members and resident volunteers began to drive the streets to look for any storm damage to our roads and drainage structures. Unfortunately, the town has had some storm water related infrastructure damage. Town staff has submitted our items of damage to Denton County Officials to help them in their efforts to have Denton County included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration. FEMA officials have already visited our town and are aware of our infrastructure damage. Hopefully, the town will receive approval to proceed with repairs in the next 45 days.

### September 11th – Patriot Day Ceremony



Town Secretary Charlotte Allen, along with her outstanding staff, organizes this ceremony each year. It was a beautiful evening with many town residents and friends in attendance. Mayor Pro-Tem Tom

Pidcock did a wonderful job leading the ceremony and was assisted by Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Miller. Assistant Town Secretary Eileen Kennedy created a very nice program that was handed out. The town always tries to involve our terrific youth and was very pleased that members of Boy Scout Troop #262 were present to lead us all in the Pledge of Allegiance. As well, Pastor Mike Messerli from Crossroads Bible Church led us all in prayer. There is always heart warming and beautiful music at this ceremony and we sincerely thank Barry and Becky Forrest, from Crossroads Bible Church, for leading us in song. Double Oak Police Department officers, led by Chief Derrick Watson, handled the lowering and raising of the flags. Thank you to all those who attended and participated and I know Charlotte appreciates all those who helped her this year and she will be calling you again next year – thank you.

### Mayor Donnelly visits with Boy Scout Troop 256 – Hawk Patrol



I always enjoy getting to visit and spend time with our outstanding youth. Recently, I was invited to attend the meeting of Troop 256-Hawk Patrol. They are working on their Citizenship Requirement for their Rank of First Class. These young men asked questions concerning elections and voting, constitutional rights and freedom, and about opportunities to volunteer and to give back to the communities and towns in which they live. I appreciated the opportunity to attend their meeting and these young men are outstanding and will be future leaders. Thank you to David and Cindy Burdine for coordinating the visit.

### Double Oak Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Night

### Double Oak VFD 30 Year Anniversary

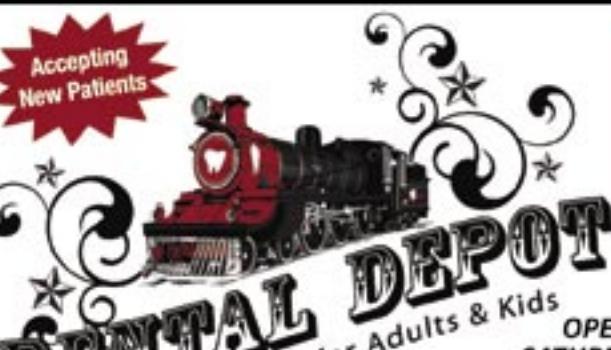
Nan Bowen has taken the lead to organize this volunteer appreciation evening once again. Each year she has done an outstanding job wrangling up support and volunteers to help her. The DOVFD Appreciation Night was held on Tuesday, October 5, at the DOVFD Firehouse & Park Pavilion. For information on next year's event, please contact Nan Bowen at 817-491-8886 or 817-681-5999. Congratulations to the DOVFD on your organization's 30th anniversary! Speaking of fire safety, a reminder for all to please check and change out your smoke alarm batteries this month.

### Double Oak Women's Club Halloween Funfest

The DOWC is once again sponsoring a Halloween Funfest for all the kids. The event will be on Saturday, October 30th, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. at town hall. There will be bounce houses, cakewalks and lots of other fun activities for the children. For more information please contact DOWC Children's Socials Director Patil Minassian at 469-855-1112.

The town council and staff wish everyone a safe and Happy Halloween!

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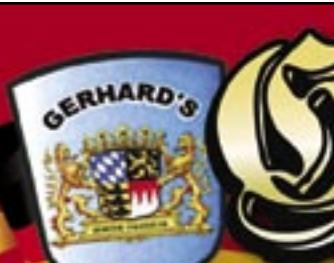


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## Seniors

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election in 2007 to renovate the old fire station – located at 948 Highland Village Road – into a multi-purpose building. The new building is 9,800 sq. ft. total – 1,800 sq. ft. is administrative office with the remaining 8,000 sq. ft. dedicated to public/community center area.

"The city was very supportive and gave us a room and a start-up budget to help us," said Clark.

The All-Stars had a much smaller physical home in the beginning. Initially they met weekly in the Municipal Complex training room, then the city rented the Highland Shores Community Center meeting room as the group grew and needed more space. The All-Stars have been meeting there and once a month at the Municipal Complex in the Council Chambers.

"This facility is the ultimate recycle project," said Mayor Scott McDearmont, "when the voters approved the construction of a new fire station we had the perfect opportunity to expand the uses and programming of a good facility."

The 8,000 sq. ft. public/community center area includes a board room, a pickle ball court area that can also be used as a large assembly/activity room, two activity rooms and a kitchen area.

The grounds have also been updated to safely capture storm water and a masonry wall was built to ensure the facility will be a good neighbor to the adjacent residential areas.

As the new home for the city's Parks and Recreation administrative staff, it will also house the utility, streets and drainage departments. Previously these departments worked out of trailers at this location.

The city provides all the furniture for the facility, including tables and chairs for the assembly, meeting and activity rooms.

"The Robert & Lee DuVall Center meets the current needs of the Senior All-Stars, as well as provides the opportunity for recreation programming for our residents by maximizing the use of a public facility at a minimal cost," said McDearmont.

"Our past attendance for some events has been restricted to only 60 or so people by the fire marshal, but we have three times that number of enrolled members," said Clark.

"Research has proven that seniors who interact with the same people on a regular basis are much healthier than those elderly who don't have a social environment. Last week I played cards with a 101-year-old woman; I won't tell you who won."

The Robert & Lee DuVall Center was named after the first mayor of Highland Village and will

be open to the public on Monday, Oct. 18. The All-Stars will hold its public Open House on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 1-6 p.m. For information on the Senior All-Stars activities, or to rent the facility, call 972-317-7430.

"The Flower Mound SIM group began over five years ago when 10 to 12 people were gathered around [former mayor] Jody Smith's kitchen table to compare ideas about senior activities for Flower Mound," said Doug Brown, SIM co-founder and member of the SIM Advisory Board. "We'd been going to the senior center in Lewisville and felt that Flower Mound had a large enough population to have its own senior program."

The first SIM meetings and activities were held in the Flower Mound Community Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays which the town rented for \$100 a week. After the Flower Mound Community Activities Center (CAC) opening on June 20, 2008, the town moved the senior group to a space which had originally been designed to house other activities.

"We scheduled different activities and introduced social luncheons on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month as a way to include seniors who may not be interested in joining an activity-based activity," said Brown. "Our lunches have been a mix from Metroport meals and various local restaurants, like Salerno's and Fish City Grill, which are served to about 150 people. Although we have more than 600 SIM members, room size has restricted participation for some things."

Although the SIM group is part of the Parks Department, the activities are under the direction of Senior Program Supervisor Jeff White with the CAC. Financial concerns have been the traditional stumbling block to building a senior center in Flower Mound. The original Town Hall building at the intersection of Morris Road and FM 1171 has been earmarked as the interim facility to house senior activities. The building is being renovated using insurance money received following the June 2009 tornado damage it sustained.

"The new building will have 4,200 sq. feet, which is twice the size of the 'Golden Lounge' space," said SIM Advisory Board President Tom Goad. "It will also have a full commercial-grade kitchen."

The Town of Flower Mound has incorporated input from SIM group members into the design of their new facility.

"The SIM board members toured the building and then selected the third of three designs Halff Associates presented recently at the 30-percent stage," explained Gary Sims, Flower Mound executive director of community services, who helped build senior centers in several communi-

ties, including Lancaster and Coppell. "They'll re-visit the drawings at the 70-percent completion point in about two to three months, which will then go to construction bids when finalized."

Seniors In Motion expects to move to its third temporary facility in late May 2011.

"No, it's not everything that we all want, but until the town's budget improves it will give the seniors a space dedicated just for them and it doubles the space they have now," said Sims. "They can still use the CAC facility and with more space to be open there can be additional programming and then their numbers can grow."

The SIM Auxiliary (SIMA) was created in 2009 as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization to raise funds to furnish the inside of a senior center in Flower Mound and support Seniors in Motion. The group has a separate advisory board under the leadership of Mary Kay Walker who volunteered at the initial meeting held by councilman Tom Hayden.

"I created the 501 (c) 3 nonprofit and CoServ gave us a start-up grant for a website, a computer and printing," said Walker. "A fashion show was just held at Belk's and a special contribution day will be on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at IHOP in anticipation of a fundraising event – 'IHOP at the Sock Hop,' a 1950s-themed dinner, dance and raffle – scheduled for Nov. 13."

After SIMA was designated as the nonprofit organization to raise funds supporting SIM, it was proposed that there be a liaison to represent them in a non-voting, advisory ex officio role on each other's board to communicate and coordinate overall goals.

"Having a representative from SIM hasn't happened yet," said Walker. "But I attend all their meetings and give them a full report on what SIMA is doing."

The SIM Auxiliary "IHOP at the Sock Hop" fundraiser is Saturday, Nov. 13, at Pinewood Hills, 3901 Kirkpatrick Lane in Flower Mound. SIM Auxiliary Inc., is seeking businesses to co-sponsor the 1950s-themed dinner, dance and raffle. For more information, please contact Mary Kay Walker at 214-417-8939 or amkwalker@verizon.net. The Golden Lounge is at the Flower Mound Community Activities Center, 1200 Gerault Road. For more information on activities or the Seniors In Motion program, call 972-874-6275.



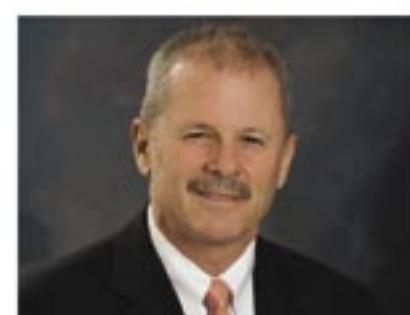
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## Business Spotlight

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"When we finally spoke to each other about it, we began to dream about how we could add a nice supply of our Living Earth products, along with a larger amount of landscape stone, sand, and gravel," said Rose. Their dreams became a reality when they finalized the agreement last December.

With a name like Rose it should be no surprise that Mark Rose began his career in the compost and mulch industry at the age of 13 when he took a job filling bags of mulch and soil in Austin, Texas. Having accepted the position of President of Living Earth in 1995, he has spent 32 years in the industry, and has been with the company since 1991.

"I have done every job in this industry including operating heavy equipment, driving trucks, mechanic, welder, customer service, grinding, screening, marketing, sales, and busi-



ness development," said Rose.

Living Earth is the largest recycler of green-waste (brush, leaves, grass) and producer of compost, mulch, and soil products in Texas. Living Earth products are designed for lawns, flowerbeds, and vegetable gardening.

Manager Shawn Merchant reminds locals that Living Earth is an outlet that provides higher quality products than those pre-packaged and purchased at major retail home improvement chains. "We offer the best customer service in the area, a real one stop shop in landscape materials," he said.

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## The Pastor's Place

### The Veneer of Civility

By Mike Messerli, Lead Pastor,  
Crossroads Bible Church



The veneer of civility. It's a term I've come up with to describe what I see in the lives of almost everyone. We all figure out how to get along as long as our personal needs, hopes and dreams are met,

but when we sense that others are not meeting our needs then the veneer suddenly meets reality and watch out!

I'm amazed at how quickly we change from nice and sweet to angry, mean and cruel in a moment of time. We all know this experience as the victim or the victimizer. This veneer is much thinner than most of us realize. Civilization only works when we maintain the veneer....but be careful...if this unwritten social contract of our culture is broken then watch your back!

But here is a contrast to our "veneer of civility" offered by Jesus. It's so different from what we know and experience that it's hard to imagine what it might look like if we really lived it out. Here is his invitation to a new way to live, a new way to interact....it hints at the kingdom that is even now forming,

"Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If

you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

As I read his words I'm enchanted by the ideas he suggests. It's hard to imagine a culture that would live this out. A community that would be merciful as a first response. A people that wouldn't judge. A group of people whose natural response is forgiveness. A culture where giving to others is such a part of life that we are more concerned for others than we are for ourselves. One day that world will be normal. Today there are glimpses of it around us. Even now people are beginning to live out this new kind of life. We only see it on occasion, only for a moment, but what a wonderful kingdom it will be when this is normal everyday life.

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## From the Sidelines

By Dick Cook

### Gas Drilling in Double Oak:

There will be no drilling this year in Double Oak. We had a surprising end to our negotiations with Williams. As you may recall, Williams had agreed to all the extra terms and conditions requested by Double Oak. All was set for consideration and action at the September 6th regular meeting. Then the surprise: A call from the Williams representative cancelled their zoning request citing a declining price for natural gas. At current and predicted pricing it simply was not in their best interests to develop the wells at this time!

What does that mean for current mineral rights owners? For many of us, that means that our leases have expired. In the group of rights owners put together by former mayor Bill Wilkinson, mineral rights owners were paid \$4,000 by Williams for the lease. The lease has expired with no drilling in the time allowed. Now if Williams or anyone else wants to lease the rights they will have to pay again for the privilege.

Double Oak Council and P&Z members and town staff all spent a lot of time and effort trying to get a good zoning agreement. Was it wasted? I don't think so. We had a good gas drilling ordinance to begin with. Now we have all the items we've learned in this go around to be included in a changed ordinance.

You may have heard that Double Oak declared a moratorium on gas drilling. They did it immediately and with perfect timing. Since no one is eager to drill until the price of gas goes up again, neither drilling company nor mineral rights owners are being delayed. The moratorium will allow ample time to update our ordinance so that we'll be in great shape when the gas "land men" return to start the leasing process again. As long as geologists believe there is a recoverable resource there, they will be back!

Our mayor, Mike Donnelly, always gets nervous when anyone gives him credit for the outstanding job he does. Sorry for the notoriety, Mike, but you, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Pidcock, and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Tracy Miller did outstanding work with this project as did Steve Howard and all the members of the Council and the P&Z. The Planning and Zoning Committee is already at work drafting drilling ordinance changes.

### Property Tax:

In Double Oak as in many cities and towns, our property assessments decreased this year. That dictates less property tax revenue if our tax rate stays the same. Dallas and many other towns and cities raised the rates to offset the decrease. Not Double Oak!

The tax rate this year remains at 22.481 cents per hundred dollar valuation of property. All you have to do to see how we compare with surrounding towns and cities is to

look at tax rates in Denton County. Many increased but Double Oak remains one of the lowest in the county. We can do that because Double Oak has always been a town of volunteers. Look no further than our Volunteer Fire Department and our elected officials, boards and commissions. This is a particularly good time to participate. Because we have so much help by residents, no major decrease in town services is anticipated.

How can you volunteer? Like so many things in Double Oak, just call Town Secretary, Charlotte Allen at 972-539-9464. She'll ask you to fill out a simple form and you're on your way. Don't wait to be asked. Jump in there! Helping direct the future of your town insures that your town continues to provide the services that you need. And it's fun!

### Drainage improvements:

Half Engineering, ably represented by Brian Haynes, James Pruitt and Jim Carter, has been finalizing plans for the reconstruction of Simmons Road. Aside from gaining a reinforced concrete wider surface including a bike and walking lane, the design comes with drainage improvements to protect the road. Roads and Drainage Chairman, Tom Pidcock and the full committee have been reviewing those improvements and noted how much they will help residents in the vicinity of Simmons Road keep their property above water in the heavy rains.

As a general statement, the reconstruction of both Simmons Road starting this year, and Waketon Road next year addresses many of our current drainage problems. One very severe problem remains. Part of Kings Road is submerged in every heavy rain. We must find a way to get that water into Timber Creek in Flower Mound, directly to the south. The current drainage structures simply are too small to carry the volume of water that overflows from the lake in the Twin Lakes subdivision.

Going back upstream from there, homes on Browncliff and Whispering Oaks get too much water and finally homes on Cross Timbers and Oakview flood. Drainage problems can only be fixed by starting at the downstream end, in this case the Kings Road flooding.

Upstream, we're going to need one or more drainage easements. There has been no rush for homeowners to donate required easements so the town will have to purchase the easement or as a last resort, condemn the property and take it. We've never had to resort to condemnation in the past but in order to relieve the severe flooding; we may just have to step up to the plate.

My friend and former Double Oak mayor, Dr. Chuck Bimmerlie, has coped with flooding since the early days of Double Oak. He has done everything he can to protect his property and yet it still floods. Mayor Pam King packed Town Hall trying to identify and resolve flooding problems. Actually we've been making improvements every year but we still have major work to do. Let's get together and resolve to make it happen!

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## Scouts in the News

The Topsanah District, in the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America, is pleased to announce that they have added three new Eagle Scouts to their list. All three young men are from Troop 123 which is chartered by Treitsch Memorial United Methodist Church.

Ryan Bascue earned his Eagle rank on April 20, 2010. He began Scouting as a Tiger Cub Scout in Pack 392, where he earned Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. Ryan graduated to Boy Scouts, where he earned 29

merit badges on his trail to Eagle, as well as becoming a member of Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow.

Ryan's Eagle project was to construct a memorial area for a deceased member of Crossroads Bible Church



Ryan Bascue

in the Outdoor Life Area, complete with a small concrete patio, bench, landscaping, and a memorial plaque. Ryan spent over 30 hours alone on his project, and his volunteers helped him out with almost 80 hours themselves.

Ryan is currently a 17 year old senior at Flower Mound High School. He is on the varsity football and wrestling teams at FMHS, and is an active participant in the Crossroads Bible Church Youth Group. He is the son of Debi Bascue of Flower Mound and Michael Bascue of Lewisville.

Our second Scout, Randall Hall, earned his Eagle Scout rank on May 26, 2010. He began in Cub Scouts as a Tiger with Pack 163, where he also earned the Arrow of Light and has earned 24 merit badges. He comes from a family who is very involved in the Scouting journey. His father, two older brothers, and his maternal grandfather are all Eagle Scouts.

Randall's Eagle project was to renovate the Memorial Garden at Marcus High School. He planned and supervised the weeding and removal of dead and overgrown plants and trees. He had his team plant new shrubbery and flowers, and built a bench that was put into the gardens.

Randall is currently a 17 year old senior at Marcus High School where he is very involved in various extracurricular activities. His love

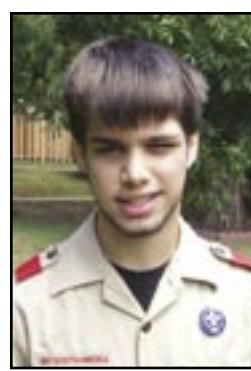
of music has had him performing in the Marcus School Choir for the past four years. He is also in the Interact Club which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Flower Mound. Randall also participates in Mu Alpha Theta which is the math club at Marcus High School. He is the son of Richard and Suzanne Hall of Highland Village.

Dillon Smith, our

third Scout, became an Eagle on July 22, 2010. Dillon's Eagle project was to develop and build a sensory trail for Riding Unlimited, a therapeutic horseback riding center for special needs people. The sensory trail included stations such as an herb garden, birdhouses, wind chimes, a log crossing, mail boxes, etc.

The trail was designed around existing buildings, thus saving valuable land. The planning, fundraising, and building of the trail took over 446 man hours and over \$1200 was raised to fund the project.

Dillon began Scouting as a Wolf Cub Scout in Pack 233 where he too earned the Arrow of Light, as well as the Super Achiever Award and has earned 51 merit badges. Dillon is a 16 year old sophomore at Marcus High School where he is on the Swim and Dive Team and a part of Marcus FFA. Dillon is the son of Kurt and Denise Smith of Flower Mound and a second generation Eagle Scout.



Randall Hall



Dillon Smith

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| CLEARED CASES                          | 4  |
| ADMINISTRATIVE DUTY                    | 8  |
| ALARM                                  | 2  |
| ASSIST OTHER AGENCY                    | 9  |
| CIVIL DISPUTE                          | 2  |
| DOG BITE                               | 1  |
| FAMILY OR DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE         | 1  |
| ILLEGAL BURN                           | 1  |
| INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT                    | 1  |
| OFFENSE REPORTS                        | 6  |
| SUICIDAL PERSON                        | 1  |
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Denton County  
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### Gas well safety

Denton County is approximately 958 square miles with 43 municipalities within its border. There is a current estimated population of over 650,000, making it one of the top ten most populous counties in Texas.

Denton County is also one of three "core" areas of production for the Barnett Shale, the other two counties being Tarrant and Wise County.

The development of the Barnett Shale in Denton County greatly increased beginning in 2000 and peaked in 2005 with approximately 60 percent exploration and 40 percent development/production. Today there are over 2,500 gas wells in Denton County.

This growth period of the Barnett Shale also coincided with a great population increase within Denton County. During that five year period the population grew from approximately 450,000 to 552,000 residents.

Many Denton County officials have become concerned with the vast increase in the population and also the increase in the gas exploration industry. Citizens across the Barnett Shale have also become aware of the industry and the re-

lated impacts involved. These concerns have caused Denton County to move in a positive direction making sure the citizens of the county are safe.

Denton County Emergency Services, as a local government authority, have continued to increase and improve the monitoring of gas well infrastructures, to ensure the gas industry is following all State and Federal Regulations.

A plan has been developed based on life safety and fire prevention standards to identify and inspect all the wells and their related apparatus for compliance. The inspections entail the acquisition of the emergency management plans of all the companies involved with the gas industry and the review of these plans. On-site inspections are also conducted on an annual basis verifying company names and emergency contact numbers. These general inspections also include means of public safety access.

Although Texas State law limits the County's regulatory power over the oil/gas exploration, development and production industry, Denton County Emergency Services is working within our limited jurisdiction to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors.

For more information about this and other Denton County issues, please call me at 940-349-2801 or email me at [andy.eads@dentoncounty.com](mailto:andy.eads@dentoncounty.com).



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## Comin' Back This Way

By Brandi Chambliss

On July 28, 2010 Ruby took one final check of all the drawers in the walnut chest that her husband Everett had given her as a wedding present. As she closed each drawer, she dusted the front panel for one last time. This was a last resort and one that saddened her, but she knew they would be here any minute. She had agreed to trade the chest for cash, only out of desperation, and at any second the knock on the door would be the happy buyer who was set to take the chest away from a bedroom in which it had rested for nearly forty years.

Everett Cross had worked hard throughout his entire life, but to no avail. Though God provided for his family through his efforts, not one of his business ventures had ever really taken off as he had planned. Rather, Ruby was left penniless at the time of his death. She had managed to maintain the family home, still decorated as beautifully as ever with family photos, antiques, heirlooms, and her baby grand piano, but now even the home itself was on the market.

When she opened the final drawer, her spirit embittered from having to let go of such a prized possession, a tear drop rolled from her cheekbone into the drawer and landed on the book inside. Funny. She thought she had emptied the chest and double-checked it several times before. With trembling hands, she reached into the bottom drawer and pulled out a book, *Confessions of a Grieving Christian*, which her daughter Mary had been reading after losing a close friend exactly six years ago to the day. There was something sticking out of the book that resembled a white bookmark, but when Ruby opened the book she found an 8.5 X 11 piece of paper folded over twice.

As she unfolded the paper, she couldn't believe what she saw. It was an email typed to her daughter Mary from Everett, within the very hour he died.

*July 28, 2004  
5:27 AM*

*Dear Mary,*

*Just wanted to give you a quick update on your old Dad. The doc gave me a z-pack and a Tylenol 3. For some reason, my skin has begun to itch. Imagine that!*

*I hope this letter finds you well. Don't worry. I'll be comin' back this way.*

*Love,*

*Dad.*



Everett Cross died of a massive heart attack in less than one hour at 6:30 AM, July 28, 2004. He had been hospitalized for tests that later confirmed Peripheral Arterial Disease. Ruby knew God was speaking to her at this very moment when she held the book containing the email in her hands.

*Comin' back this way* was an old family saying that had been picked up from Ruby's housekeeper years before, meaning, "I'm almost as good as new," or "I'm back to my old self again."

Mary had obviously printed the email and tucked it in the book the morning of her Daddy's death. Ruby was able to gather her strength that morning and let go of the chest, reassured of God's presence in her life, and honored that Everett's wedding gift to her had provided for her needs even six years to the day after his death when she needed it the most.

Ruby wiped the tears from her eyes when she heard the knock at the door. She gathered herself and proudly escorted the new owners of the walnut chest to the bedroom where they wheeled it away and she saw it for the last time. She was thankful for Ev-

erett's wedding gift. She was thankful for Everett. With the book still in her hand, she made her way to the kitchen, put on a pot of tea and began to hum softly.

God's timing in our lives is always sufficient. God's ways are always higher than our ways. Waiting on His perfect timing is a sign of surrender to His will. If the God of the universe holds time itself in His hands, why then should you ever be anxious for anything?

Dear Reader, whenever you find yourself downtrodden, remember the words of the greatest heirloom in all of history, The Bible. A day is coming when there will be no more tears, for we have a hope of a Savior who is comin' back this way.

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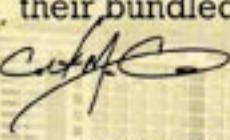
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## There's no Fool Like an Old Fool

By C. Stroup



The other day the garage door opener started acting up. Actually it was on the way down that was causing a problem. I'd hit the close door button in the car and the door would lower just a little. A second press of the button and it would raise all the way up. Third time charm would bring it down. Unfortunately this wasn't just a fluke because it kept misbehaving. It's always a relief when my husband experiences the same problem I'm having because it never fails that whatever I'm showing him won't fail when he's standing there. But he'd had difficulty with it as well.

A broken garage door opener around here is a sore subject. Remembering the last time we had to have one replaced gives me heartburn. Some years back this was the case. A couple of weeks before the opener had begun causing trouble I had done some painting in the garage. I don't know anyone who would give a flip about the springs that raise and lower the door much less the tracks that they roll in. Really. But since I had the brush in my hand and plenty of paint to go around, I ended up slapping paint

on just about everything in my path. This included the coils or as I call them the springs. So when the door wouldn't work my husband had me convinced I had caused the glitch by painting the springs.

"Oh, you should have checked with me before doing that. That causes deionization in the compressed coils and tracks. Eventually both will weaken and then the unit stops working."

Well, that all sounded plausible because I know nothing about these things ~ so I accepted Ken's explanation. He said it with such authority and a true poker face. Besides most of the time he enlightens me on a mechanical malfunction he sounds like Sheldon on *The Big Bang Theory*. So this was no different.

But the more I thought about it the more ridiculous his explanation seemed. He insisted he wasn't making it up so...

I was at work at the time the man came out to install the new opener. The phone rang and it was Ken calling.

"The guy's here and I wanted him to be the one to tell you what happened."

So he puts this installer on the phone and the man repeats the same kind of gibberish Ken had fed me a few days before:

"Yes ma'am. This is Al. You just can't put all that paint on those coils. It does somethin' to the steel and weakens the unit."

I pulled the phone away from my ear and looked at it in total disbelief. Surely Ken had

been pulling my leg. Surely my painting didn't cause us to have to buy a new door opener. I felt terribly guilty and apologized profusely to my husband partially for not believing him but mostly for damaging the damn door.

A patient came in right after I got off the phone (I worked for a dentist) so I asked him if he had ever heard of painting garage door springs being the reason the door wouldn't work. He raised one eyebrow and cocked his head.

"Frankly I've never heard of anyone painting their opener. But, well, er, uh, if that's what your husband and the other guy told you then I guess it's possible, but not likely." There was genuine skepticism in his tone and he was looking at me as though I had a third eye in my forehead. Before I could question him further he was taken to the back for his appointment.

It was the end of my workday and I dreaded going home to see the replacement bill. As my office was only about 10 minutes from our house my reprieve was a short one. The repair guy was still standing in our garage, chatting it up with my husband when I arrived. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. I was cordially greeted which I hated because they were being so nice and I was so embarrassed. The brand new opener worked like a charm and the fellas were quick to demonstrate how smoothly and quietly it ran. Something was wrong, though, not with the new opener but with the guys. They were

almost giddy. I was certain they'd been amusing themselves over my stupidity for having screwed up the opener.

Foolishly I asked how long we could expect this new unit to last. "Probably forever if you don't paint it," one of them said. And on that note they both doubled over with laughter. Immediately realizing that the joke was on me my face turned red from anger, not at them so much, more at myself for being such an easy mark. This is one of those things my husband will never let me live down.

Ken promised he'd take a look at the current opener to see if he can fix it. And he can tell me anything he wants as to why it's not working and I won't believe a word...at least I'll know I wasn't the one to create the problem, no matter what it is.

I should go paint a couple of coils before he tends to it...just to show him there are no hard feelings. But that would only serve as a reminder and why get him started again!?



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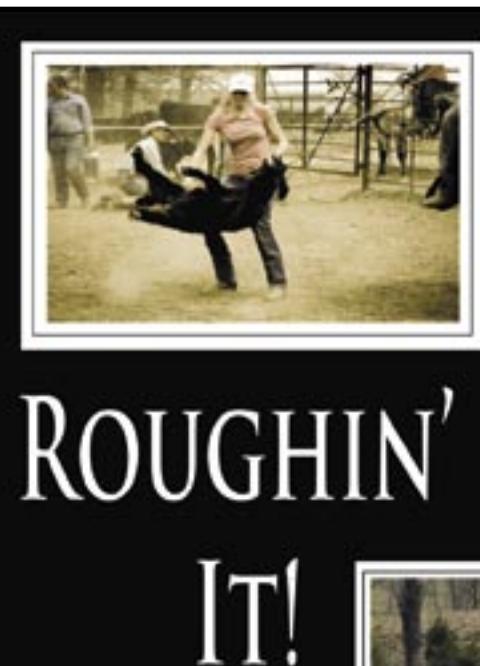
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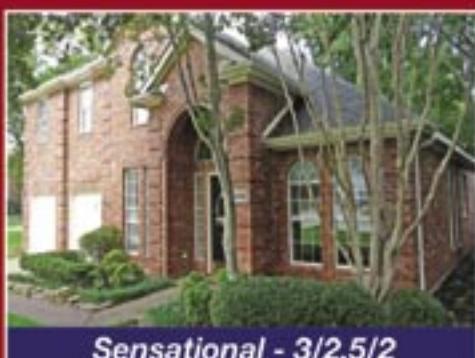
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