



Austin Business Journal Top 50 Residential Nominee; Platinum Top 50 Finalist; Five Star Professional Winner 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014

**MAY 2015** 

For the 5th year in a row, Sherri was chosen for the Five Star Real Estate

Agent Award that includes all of central Texas (see June issue of TEXAS Monthly). This award is based on surveys from recent clients & the results are based on Sherri's service, overall professionalism and whether they would recommend her to a friend. Sherri is especially proud of this award.

The Stars at Night are Big and Bright....

Most people are enjoying the longer days to garden and play. But the stars in Texas really are "Big and Bright" if you know where to go to see them. Mt. Bonnell is known for its beautiful view of the sky and the lights dancing off the water. However, there is a curfew and the darker the sky the better the view of the stars, so 10:00 pm doesn't give you a lot of time. Just a few miles down the road from the bright lights of Austin, Dripping Springs holds on to its natural nights. Did you know "Drippin" (as many call it) has earned a designation As a Dark Sky Community from the International Dark Sky Association (IDA), is first in Texas and one of only seven in the entire world. Residents can gaze at stars no longer visible in most cities.

Memories of My Mom

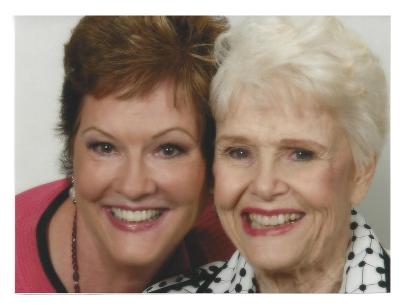
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When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, sure 'tis like a morn in spring.

In the lilt of Irish laughter, you can hear the angels sing.

When Irish hearts are happy, all the world seems bright and gay.

When Irish hearts are happy, all the world seems bright and gay,
And When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, sure, they steal your heart away.



All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

— Abraham Lincoln

## "A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age." — Robert Frost

## PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Take control of your personal information. Pre-approved credit card offers are more than annoying. If a criminal steals your mail, fills out a credit card application that's been pre-approved and sends it in they've just applied for a credit card...in your name. They just have to watch for it to arrive in your mailbox.

You can use optoutprescreen.com to block credit card pre-approvals unless you prefer adding to your growing collection of credit cards.

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Always type in the address (https:/www.optoutprescreen.com) yourself. Don't forget the s in the URL because that insures the encryption of your data when you submit the form. A good rule of thumb is to never, ever click links in emails that request your personal information.

The real <u>www.optoutprescreen.com</u> is not a Phishing scam and it is run by the four major credit rating companies.

## **Stages of Motherhood**

- **4 Years Of Age** My Mommy can do anything;
- **8 Years Of Age -** My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot
- **12 Years Of Age** My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.
- **14 Years Of Age** Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either
- **16 Years Of Age** Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned
- **18 Years Of Age** That old woman? She's way out of date
- **25 Years Of Age** Well, she might know a little bit about it
- 35 Years Of Age Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion
- **45 Years Of Age** Wonder what Mom would have thought about it
- **65 Years Of Age** Wish, I could talk it over with Mom

## **MOSQUITOS TAKING AWAY YOUR FUN?**

Garlic has been a treatment for pests for generations so it's no wonder that it's coming back. A brand I have use is Mosquito Barrier and

it worked. This is an inexpensive remedy to deadly mosquitos, ticks, etc. while does no harm to bees, butterflies, fish children, birds, dogs, cats or other pets. Add canola oil to the water mixture and coat any standing water with "natural" oils to suffocate any larvae.

Are you or anyone you know considering building a new home? My training, experience and knowledge can help you. Did you know builders pay the agent and often appreciate a knowledgeable go between? Most important, you have someone to represent your best interest and it costs you nothing. Call me to find out more.  $I \vee Referrals$ 

