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I love winter! The crisp air, wrapping myself up in blankets, the gorgeous jackets and boots, hot drinks in my giant thermos, holiday parties and delicious stick-to-your-ribs food. Snow days. Nights by the fire and intimate conversations. And at last, a great sense of hope and opportunity takes over as we enter the new year. For me, this time of year is healing and exciting.

Let's just dive right in. Leave your anxiety behind. Worry less, eat more. Enjoy this beautiful season with your loved ones. It's time to fill your cup, not burn yourself out. Head into 2020 ready to take on all your goals and own them.

The stories in this issue inspire us to do whatever it takes to overcome adversity and spark creativity. I encourage you to find a good chair, read this last volume of LGL 2019 and fill your cup! Stay cool, Granbury, see you Spring 2020.

FROM OUR READERS

“ I enjoy reading LGL because it covers a lot of different aspects of Granbury as a town and the people of Granbury that I don't usually hear about.”

-Amber Ward,
GHS Cross Country and Track Coach

“ We are so excited to be part of a great magazine that supports and promotes this great little town we live in and so many come to visit. LGL is a great read and is always on our coffee table for customers.”

- Bucky Wood,
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Just outside the window to my office, I see the leaves falling at a rapid rate. It brings to mind one of my favorite quotes: "A single leaf working alone provides no shade." - Chuck Page

The idea is simple, but speaks volumes to the person who needs to hear it. As a young entrepreneur, I've been running at the speed of light embracing challenges as they come, sometimes seemingly too often. While it's been fun, the constant overwhelming reality of being alone in leadership is always there.

There are many benefits to doing things on your own. You are able to make quick decisions, and have the final say on things, essentially have things done exactly how you want them done.

However, what you don't have is partners to mind the blind spots you can't see. Partners tend to pick up

where you are feeling weak. I have personally taken this to heart lately.

I would like to introduce you, Granbury, the two new co-owners of GreenFox Marketing and Lake Granbury Living Magazine. Meet Zeke Dorr and Tim Justis. Zeke has been my best friend and confidant for years, and Tim has worked with me at GreenFox nearly from the beginning. I hold great respect for both of these men.

Zeke is Chief Operations Officer and Tim is our Chief Financial Officer. They share the same heart that I do for our team and our clients. We want to see our clients succeed beyond their wildest imagination.

I am excited to see where we go from here. Here's to 2020 being another great year!

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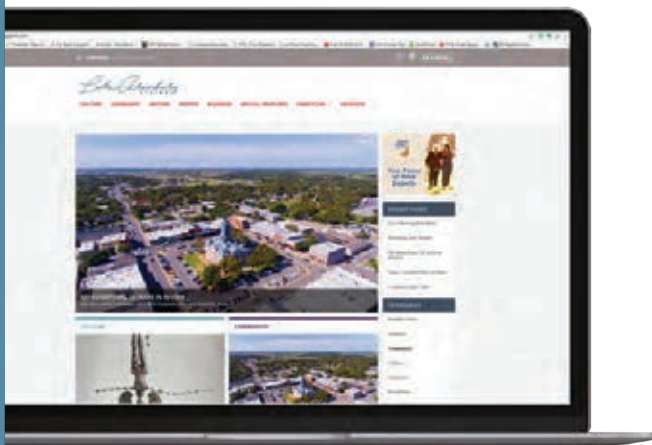
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VINYL REVIVAL

Words by **Rick Mauch**

Photography by **LP Taylor Photography**

As a musician, Dustin Blocker made quite a few records in a recording studio.

Now, the Granbury resident literally creates records as he is co-owner of Hand Drawn Records in Addison. The company presses vinyl records on site, specializing in working with up-and-coming musicians.

"I kept seeing vinyl pop up everywhere. Now, vinyl records is at about 13 percent of the music industry," Dustin said. "There was a huge need, and not many could fill it."

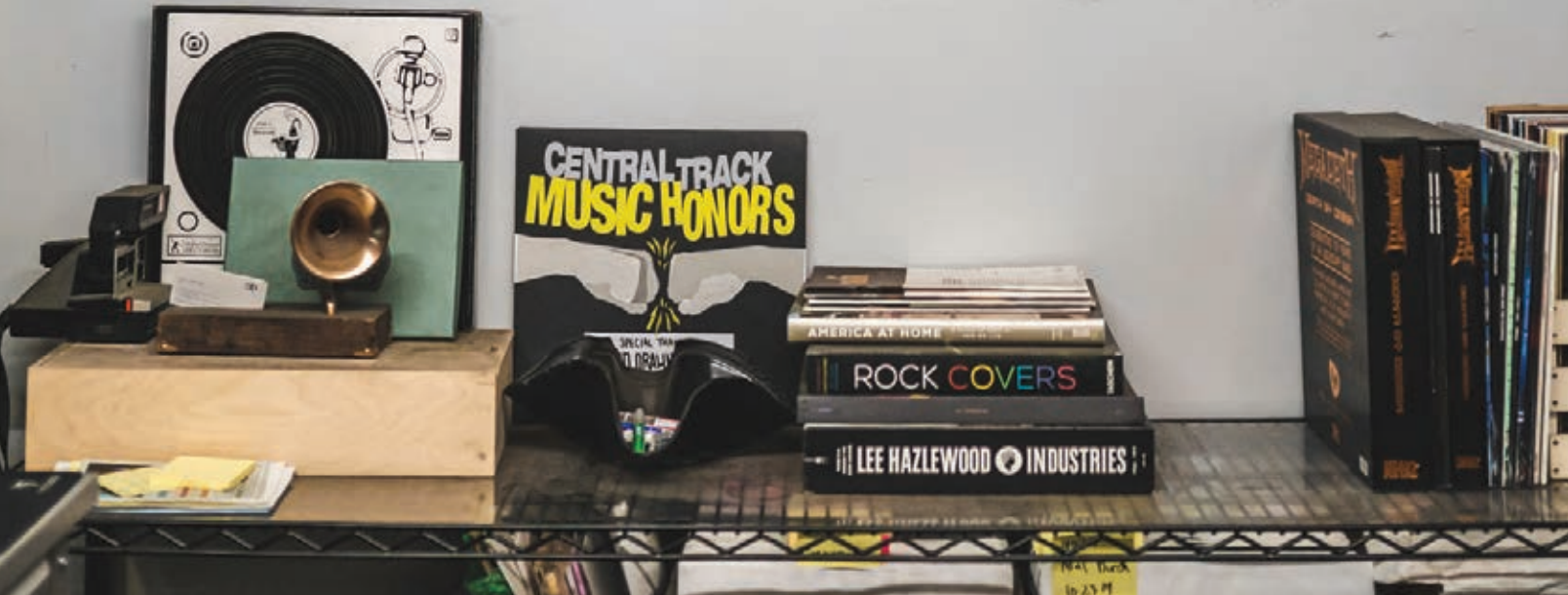
So Dustin joined forces with his good friend Alex Cushing, who he met while working in e-commerce in the fashion industry with the Fossil Group, and Hand Drawn Records was created.







Hand Drawn RECORDS



"He asked me if there was any money in music. I said no, but there could be in vinyl producing," Dustin recalled.

So the two formed a partnership in 2014. Dustin is the chief creative officer and goes into the office a couple days a week, while Alex, who lives in Dallas, handles the day-to-day operations. After working brokerage with other plants to have records pressed, they decided to keep the work in-house and purchase their own presses.

"As of Jan. 1, 2017 they landed on our docks in Addison. The first six months we were learning. It took about

a year to get really good at it," Dustin said. "You're only as good as your name, and your name is your actual product."

And in a business as rare as theirs, that product had better be good, Dustin noted. He said there are only about 30 companies in the entire world that do what they do, about half of those are in the United States.

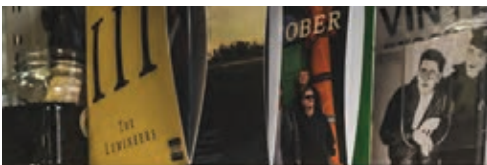
"That might even be overstating it," he said. "So it's important to be good."

Alex said he did not have to think twice about starting a business with Dustin.



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"His combination of creativity, passion, knowledge, authenticity and openness is so unusual to see combined in one person that when you do encounter it it's energizing, infectious and something you want to be part of," Alex said. "Dustin's passion, that he so easily shares, conveys to you his commitment to helping other artists reach and deliver their dreams of getting their sounds out to the world. You can feel and see that this means as much to him as it does to them.

"When that passion is combined with his creativity, he then not only can help the artist meet their goals, but he becomes a collaborator, working with them to extend and develop their vision. This creativity is valuable not only to other artists, but also Hand Drawn Records, pushing us to try new things and to look at things from different angles."

Dustin spent nearly two decades in a band named Exit 380 (half rock-n-roll, half America, as he describes), formed while he was in college at the University of North Texas in Denton. He was the lead singer and played keyboards. He also understood the challenges of trying to break through as an independent music maker.

"That gave me a good look at how the world really works," he said. "We service a lot of people no one's ever heard of. That's my kind of band."

Dustin got married to his wife Emily in 2009 and in 2011 they started a family with their now 8-year-old son Jack, who likes playing drums. They also have a 6-year-old daughter, Charlie, who likes to sing, and daughter Sienna, who is almost 2. Emily also helps with the company growth, handling national sales.

They moved to Granbury in the spring of 2015. Emily is from there, and they wanted to be close to her parents, who were battling health issues.

Dustin still sings in the band at Stonewater Church.

"I'm doing it for the right reasons," he said with a laugh. "Plus, Granbury is a great place to raise a family."

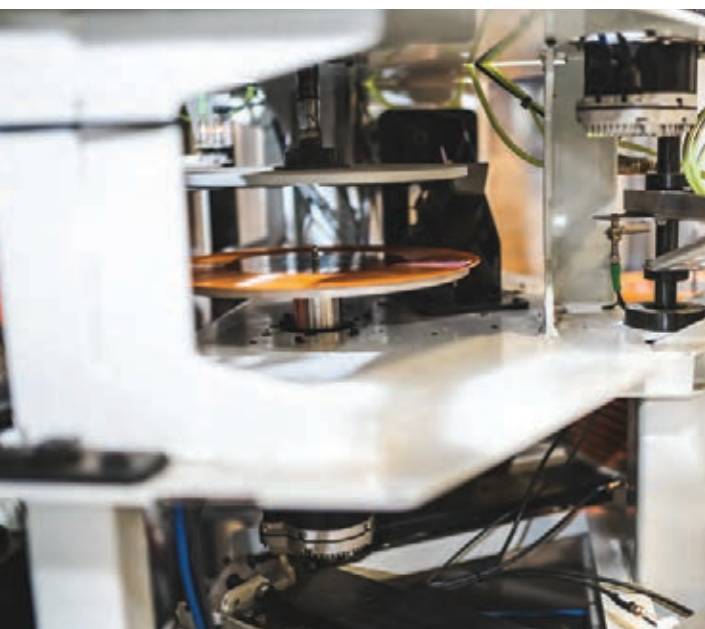
The multi-talented Dustin even designed album covers for Exit 380. That was the inspiration for the name of the company.

"I like designing covers if I could find time. The last time I designed a cover was about two years ago," he said.

Dustin comes from a musical family. His parents were both singers, and his mother also taught music for 30-plus years.

"Someone was always singing around the house," he chuckled. "I've always loved music, but I don't miss being in the band with all the touring. I get my fix at church."





Alex does not come from a music background, though he does love underground, independent music. His father was a plastic manufacturer.

"It's not records, but it's the same idea," Dustin said.

Originally, Dustin and Alex had their sights set on hand presses. Instead, they found two digital presses that allow them to press a record every 30 seconds instead of every two minutes.

"The process is the same, compression molding," he said. "Our presses do the same they did 60 years ago, we just have computer programming instead of a hand."

Dustin noted that manual processing is still being done at some plants.

It was when they came across two automatic presses - the first two in the world, Dustin said - in Canada that he and Alex were able to put the finishing touches on gathering investors for their dream.

"We said, 'We can do this.' We met with the engineers and knew it could work, and it has," he said. "The



first two in the world are sitting in our facility. I guess you could say we were guinea pigs.

"Also, there was a lot of personal debt. We took a risk on ourselves, and now we've proven ourselves in the market."

Dustin said he estimates the company will produce around \$2.5 million in sales for 2019.

At Hand Drawn Records, they take a project from its conception to completion. Along with pressing, they hand pack each album and check individually for any flaws. They also bundle not just records, but T-shirts, CDs, and an assortment of other merchandise.

But pressing is what they do most, on average about 3,000 per day.

"We'll do a million records this year," Dustin said.


Among the artists they've worked with are The Lumineers, Amos Lee, Mt. Joy, Rodney Crowell, John Carter Cash (Johnny's son) and his wife Anna Christina Cash, and more. They've even pressed records of compilations that include the legendary Willie Nelson.

In fact, the two presses are named Willie and Johnny (after Cash). Dustin said they are looking to add up to four more presses as soon as the next year, and are already thinking of names.

"Buddy? Chuck?" he said. "We have to give them names that are worthy. We're tripling our growth. Business is good."

Dustin admits that someone might find a cheaper place to have their records pressed, but quality is essential in the music industry - and Hand Drawn specializes in that, he said.

"We're not the cheapest, but we spend a lot of time on the quality side. Each disc is touched by a human," he said. "Any imperfection is immediately found, discarded, and recycled."

"And we provide huge customer service. I personally talk to a lot of them. We want to be the helpful side. I think that openness is why the company's thrived. Also, it's just the right thing to do." 



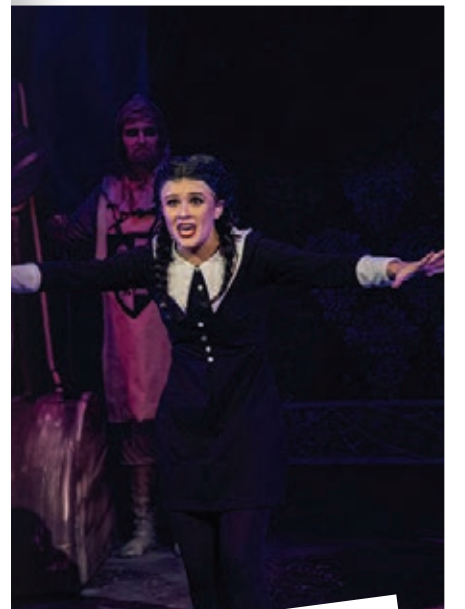
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The creepy, cooky Addams Family came through Granbury! These beloved characters still get into all of the zany situations we've come to know. This hilarious show taught important lessons about family and love while sprinkling in spooky song and dance to entertain all ages. There even was a special Halloween show where the audience was encouraged to wear costumes. To view a list of upcoming shows visit granburytheatrecompany.org







Red on the Square

WHERE HISTORY LIVES

Words by **Connie Lewis Leonard** | Photography by **Shad Ramsey Photography**

Red on the Square, the vibrant, red brick building sitting at the corner of Pearl and South Houston Street facing the historic Granbury Square, abounds with rich history. With its unique Victorian Richardsonian Romanesque architectural style, the Texas Historic Commission has deemed this building the third most important historic building after the Court House and the Granbury Opera House.

Built by John E. Brown in 1904, Red served as the Hood County State Bank until 1914. At one point in time, Doctor T. H. Dabney had a second floor office with a sign reading “Dr. Dabney’s Sanatorium.” Subsequent owners of Red have been Attorneys Jimmy Dixon and Don Neville, Jo Ruth Sandal/Porter Title Company, and current owners Scott and Viki Young.

In 2010, the Youngs breathed new life into the building with a complete restoration. With architect

Bryan Gaffin, they wanted the restoration to be as historically accurate as possible. The two-year project included the installation of all new plumbing and electrical. The staircase was removed and replaced with a small elevator. Plaster from the south wall revealed the beautiful stacked stone that is one-and-one-half feet thick. Beneath the five, yes five, layers of carpet, the original wood floors could not be salvaged. The Young’s son found flooring from an historic home in Dallas that was being torn down. Glossy as glass, the refurbished, variegated wood floor graces the downstairs shop, reflecting the light from the crystal chandelier. When the damaged ceiling was removed, the exposed beams of the joist and flooring of the upstairs added character to the boutique. The original floors upstairs were refinished, and the space roughed in prior to the shop’s opening in 2012.



IN 2019, THE SECOND STORY WAS SELECTED BY THE TV PROGRAM, CASH PAD, CNBC, WITH JOJO FLETCHER AND JORDAN RODGERS, FROM THE BACHELOR/BACHERLORETTE TELEVISION PROGRAM, FOR A COMPLETE RESTORATION.

Viki owns the Red Haute Boutique. She and her staff are as welcoming as the light flooding through the arched windows and the glass transom above and around the front entry. The elegant boutique offers high-end fashions at affordable prices. You will find the Brighton line of handbags, jewelry and accessories, Ali Miles, Truluxe, Umgee, and Clara Son Woo clothing designs along with Mary Frances handmade designer bags. Home accessories and handmade custom hair bows are also available at Red. All items are artfully displayed and easily accessible in the cozy atmosphere. The downstairs restroom is elegant with blue and white plates adorning the cool, blue walls and enclosed in a glass-topped display case. Scented soap, lotions, and a blue and white vase filled with flowers rest on the white period-looking vanity.

Riding in the elevator when the metal cage slides closed is like traveling back in time. In 2019, the second story was selected by the TV program, Cash Pad,







DID YOU KNOW?

Built by John E. Brown in 1904, Red served as the Hood County State Bank until 1914.

CNBC, with Jojo Fletcher and Jordan Rodgers, from the Bachelor/Bachelorette television program, for a complete restoration and finish-out to turn non-revenue producing square footage into an AIRB&B. Red made the first cut out of 1,000 properties across the United States. When it made the cut of eight hundred possibilities, the producers wanted to know why someone would want to come to a sleepy little town. Scott, former President of the Historic Granbury Merchants Association, articulated the many benefits of the Granbury Square. He presented them with research on the Ghost Tour, the Candlelight Tour, the Wine Walk, Ladies' Night Out, the Opera House, Granbury Live, Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts, and the plethora of restaurants and shops.

The design team came in and did prep work one month prior to the remodel, which was actually accomplished in eleven days. The team brought in the table and chairs, beds and mattresses, unique light fixtures, and a few other modern pieces of furniture. Both Scott and Viki's mothers collected antiques which furnish the remainder of the upstairs. A three-tiered round table, and marble topped table belonged to Scott's mother. The fireplace mantle belonged to Viki's mother. A dressing table came from Warren White's mother, who was from the Nutt family (of Warren's backyard). The two bathrooms boast of large, glass-encased walk-in showers. Modern sinks sit in old wooden chests of drawers. The white and black tiled flooring adds to the vintage ambiance.

The wide arches and key hole windows offer stunning views of the Hood County Courthouse and Square. The transoms provide ample light throughout the rooms. Although the bedrooms do not contain closets, one bedroom has an English gentleman's chest, complete with wooden hangers and a tie press. The dark blue and green walls and velvet drapes envelop guests in the warmth of southern hospitality. Stairs on the outside of the building provide the entrance with a security key pad. The B&B has two bedrooms and a large seating area with a hide-a-bed, so it can





THEIR ROLE IN PRESERVING THE LIVING HISTORY AND INTEGRITY OF THE GRANBURY SQUARE WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FUTURE WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

comfortably accommodate six guests.


Extra added decorative touches include a Texas brick and horseshoe on the mantle, with cowhide rugs on the floor. A framed uncut sheet of two-dollar bills, a painting of Red on the Square when the outside of the building contained only accents of red, and a reproduction of an old bank teller's window adorn the walls. Arrows made from old chair spindles, by local artist Elise Techentine, are displayed on one of the bedside tables. Original Granbury Opera House Theater seats exhibit Viki's family's brass name plate. Hands on an antique Grandfather's clock show five minutes after five, so it's always cocktail hour. A retro-turquoise microwave, a wine fridge, and a drink fridge are available for guests.

Completed in eleven days, the remodel project was aired on CNBC National TV August 20, 2019. Scott said he knew they would be featured on TV someday, either as hoarders or in a remodeling program! Red has been inspected by a paranormal group that reported there is paranormal activity in the building. However,

the Youngs have not encountered this activity.

Viki and Scott have a rich heritage in Hood County. Viki's great-grandfather Reverend Caswell Purselley came to the area following the Civil War as a Baptist circuit preacher. He settled in the Mambrino area in 1892. Descendants of Purselley have continued to live on the land for four generations. Even when they lived and worked in Dallas, the ranch served as home to the Youngs and their children because they "came home" for holidays and summer vacations.

Viki and Scott purchased and remodeled Books on the Square in 2000. They purchased and restored the Harris Building next to the Opera House in 2001. When they purchased Red in 2008, they sold the Harris Building. Granbury is their home. Their role in preserving the living history and integrity of the Granbury Square will continue into the future with their children and grandchildren.

If you would like to stay in the charming B&B, you can make reservations for The Granbury on West Pearl on Airbnb. 



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YOLO, TX will be filming and airing on the CW Network our Lake Granbury Goosebump Jump, broadcasting the kickoff to our WinterGuest season across the state of Texas! [See details on opposite page]

For updates on exciting offers and packages for you or for out of town guests, please go to www.visitgranbury.com/winter-guest where you can print and download winter deals in Granbury. Call (817) 573-5548 or come by the Visit Granbury office for more information.

"This has been a year of celebrations for Granbury. Recently voted Best Historic Small Town in America and honored by Texas Travel Industry Association Board of Directors as one of three cities recognized as Best Rural and Small Town in Texas. We have such a great city, city leadership and community who have all come together to make this excitement happen and we are greeting 2020 with even more enthusiasm." – Tammy Dooley, Director Visit Granbury – City of Granbury Convention & Visitors Bureau





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FATHER AND SON BUILD BEAUTIFUL HOMES ONE OPPORTUNITY AT A TIME

Opportunity knocks and you have to take it. However, for the American Dream, there is no fast lane to success. There's bumps, obstacles, sweat, sometimes blood, definitely tears and at the end of the day, few make it big. In most cases, those that have met success do so because the work is real, the jobs are real, the sacrifice is real, the hours are real long, and the sense of fulfillment is not usually what they expected.

In 1983, Al Couto transitioned from concrete work to building houses in the suburbs of Long Island, New York. For years, he'd worked from and studied the blueprints always laying around the jobsite. Having acquired a solid understanding of homebuilding, Al decided to open Couto and Sons Construction. Just a few years later, the economy took a turn and he was motivated to return to concrete.

In 1991, Donny Couto, age 12, was sent to Portugal to live with his grandmother following his parents' divorce. Together they raised pigs and sold them for auction at the fair. This was a pivotal, also humbling time in Donny's life, one that seems to have heavily influenced him. The nearest town to them, Caldas da Rainha, was not unlike our nearby Mineral Wells. Maybe more picturesque, literally translated it is the "Spas of the Queen," named for the natural, unpleasant smelling

water that had healing powers.

Forward type thinking is prevalent in Portuguese culture. Located on the Iberian Peninsula in Southwestern Europe, Portugal has no shortage of brilliant views and natural surroundings that inspire passion, fearlessness, and great minds. As well, much of the art and architecture is influenced by the scenery, particularly agricultural and maritime elements.

Close by Caldas da Rainha, in a parish called Cabreiros, Donny's experience was at times very difficult. For months, he and his grandmother had no running water. They retrieved water in blue buckets from a well and his grandmother boiled it for bathing and drinking. Everyday actions we sometimes take for granted were challenging, just using the restroom was a production. It was during this time in Donny's life that he gained perspective on some of life's beautiful, and sometimes brutal truths. He began to gain a sense of identity here. This experience shaped the man he was going to be.

Al Couto, also raised in Portugal, endured even more hardships than his son. However insurmountable, together and on their own, both men have emerged as successful entrepreneurs in Granbury, Texas.



At age 16, Donny moved back to America, to New York, with a chip on his shoulder. He couldn't seem to find his place or get along with anyone. Wrought with teenage angst and pride that presented as anger, he moved around quite a bit, living with various family members.

With little resolution in sight, an opportunity to start over came to Donny. He had an uncle that married a woman from Dublin, Texas. Just one year back in the States, Donny decided to move to Texas on his own. He enrolled himself in nearby Hico High School and rented a small home. Quickly,

Donny got licensed to install septic systems, and in addition to some side jobs doing dirt work, he supported himself and graduated class of 1998.

Following graduation, Donny tried a year at Tarleton, he also chased work. He frequently traveled back to New York working construction with his Dad. He recalls the experience as awful, he hated it. The work was very hard and he had to answer to builders constantly barking orders. He sold his apartment and his truck and moved back to Texas to start a family with his Hico sweetheart and become a homebuilder.

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With the sale of his belongings and his apartment, he believed he had put together enough money to build his first spec home. Working full time at Somervell Floors making \$80 a day, in 2001 Donny started Four Seasons Homes. For \$12,000 he purchased a property off Knob Hill near Highway 144 and started construction. His first house took him one year to build and in the end he was \$10,000 short. For the first time ever, Donny asked his Dad for financial help. The first check he wrote upon the sale of the home was to Al Couto. Donny still made \$7,000 off the sale and was not discouraged.

His third year in homebuilding he was still working at the tile store, but started to gain momentum, and made a little money. Local resident, Cindy Hammonds, walked one of his houses in Stoney Creek. She admired it so much she contracted Donny to build her home in Pecan Plantation. This home was yet another hard learning moment for Donny. He confidently quoted her at \$220K. The home ended up costing Donny \$260K to finish. \$40,000 in the hole, he was out of options,

out of time and concluded that he may need to stop building for good. He knew he had to honor his bid to Cindy Hammonds, at the same time he refused to claim bankruptcy. He would not go back on his word, and he always paid his debts, a lesson he learned from his father. He went to his mother for help and it took him nearly seven years to pay her back.

Soon after, another opportunity knocked. It was an investor from California. He had heard of Donny's work and was interested in partnering. Four Seasons Homes steadily made its mark over the next five years until 2009 when the recession hit and investors pulled out.

Meanwhile, in 2008, Al Couto made the move to Granbury, the burgeoning community where his son had experienced success in homebuilding. He started ANS Homes and began building in Mallard Point almost immediately.

Facing the 2009 recession and Donny's investors pulling out, the Couto family was once again facing adversity due to the nature of owning a business.



"THE VALUE THE BUILDER BRINGS IS CONNECTING THE PIECES." - DONNY COUTO



Donny's wife, with her degree in education, quickly found work as a teacher with Granbury ISD. Donny reflected on this time in his career and his marriage, "I applied for unemployment for the first time in my life. I walked in embarrassed, hoping not to see anyone I knew. Another builder was there, dressed to the tens, but had the same look of shame. We acknowledged one another, however avoided each other the rest of the day. During the following six months of unemployment and a few side jobs installing tile for cash, my wife and I made it work and it was the strongest our marriage had ever been."

Opportunity knocked again, the developer of Abe's Landing picked up The Island and Catalina Bay. He approached Donny for a partnership. The phone continued to ring and this was a mutually beneficial relationship for years. Al and Donny Couto finally decided to join forces in the Spring of 2010. Al's strength was negotiation and vendor relations. Donny's was creativity, functional design and client interaction. They officed out of Al's home and hired their first full-time employee, Margie, who still works for Donny at the 377 location.

The last ten years have been exciting and challenging for the family. Al and Donny decided it was best to split ways in 2014 as they differed ideologically. Al's sweet spot is spec homes and Donny's is custom builds. It made sense for their business and following a year of adjustment (and Margie as their counselor and confidant), it was healthy for their relationship, too. They made a gentleman's agreement to not compete and to respect one another on price point. They agree that it was the right decision. Family dinners are easier. Al and Donny meet regularly to have a meal together and talk often. Donny smiled and said, "Dad is funny, his humor is infectious."

In 2010, Al and Donny built eight homes. At the close of this year, Al and Donny will have completed 139 homes. Despite times without paychecks and late evenings at the office, they've both succeeded in establishing their businesses together and apart. Al Couto Homes is steady and successful. Al is able to manage his work well and has plenty of time to travel in his RV.

Couto Homes has grown exponentially. They have



taken a stronghold in Fort Worth, Aledo, Benbrook, Burleson, Mansfield, Midlothian and surrounding areas. Donny has made a concerted effort to invest in modern business practices, ways to improve the customer experience and to make the emotional process easier. Couto Homes has been nationally recognized with the “Best in American Living” awarded by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). As well, they’ve received 12 Star Awards from the Texas Association of Builders which showcase the outstanding work of the state’s home builders, remodelers, and architects. Donny has been invited to speak at the NAHB International Builders Show in Las Vegas in January 2020 about his software integration for customizing floorplans.

However, Donny has taken a step back. He explains, “..emotionally, you give your customers everything. Once you’ve hit bottom, you do everything you can to not experience that again.” In 2018, Donny hired Wes Thompson to run Couto Homes. Together with his team, Couto Homes is continuing to fine tune their business processes, they are focused, and working to understand

their own identity better, to shape it and protect it.

Today, including children and spouses, there are more than a dozen Coutos living in Granbury including his brother Ryan, cousins Joey (son of the uncle in Dublin), Jason and Alden. From land acquisition to operations, drafting and engineering, this is a family that is hard-working and talented. And Granbury doesn’t seem too far removed from life in Portugal; the small hometown feel, the naturally beautiful surroundings and even the cow pastures are reminiscent of their roots. Also, the fine detail and architectural features that are the cornerstone of Couto Homes reflect those formative years Donny spent with his grandmother in Portugal.

Becoming who we are going to be rarely goes as we predicted. Even the idea of what success means to us changes. It is the courage to keep going that is the measure of our progress. The Couto family has proven themselves to be masters of their field, and not without sweat, tears, and forgiveness. We’re looking forward to what’s next for this family and their footprint for generations moving forward. ^{LOL}



PARTY ON THE SQUARE
OCTOBER 10, 2019

Historic Granbury Square

Photos by LP Taylor Photography

As a giant thank you to Granbury for voting FNB as the "Best of Hood County" 10 years in a row, the First National Bank of Granbury hosted a live concert with Texas Country favorite Mike Ryan, local food trucks with delicious eats, and various family friendly activities. The evening was a huge success and one where surely many great memories were made. Thanks, FNB! [fnbgranburytx](#)







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BIG LEAGUE BUCKING BULLS

Words by **Blanche Schaefer**

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Much of Beau Mills' life has been dedicated to professional baseball. Son of Cleveland Indians bench coach Brad Mills, Beau was drafted professionally in 2007 and played until 2012. Though baseball is his first love, bucking bulls are his second.

"In 2009 I was home in the offseason and ran across something where you could own a bucking bull but not have to train it or haul it or go to the events yourself—you had trainers who did that, like in the horse world," Beau said. "I had always been interested in bucking bulls from the Professional Bull Riders. A week and a half later, me and my dad bought two bulls. I've been doing it about 10 years, and last year I decided I wanted to move to Texas and buy my own ranch, do this full time and do it myself."



BEAU'S UNIQUE CONNECTIONS IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PROVIDED THE PERFECT NICHE TO LAUNCH HIS BUSINESS AND DRAW HIS FIRST CLIENTELE.

The California native traded in the dirt of the diamond for the dirt of the arena and started his own bucking bull breeding and training operation, Red Laces, in early 2018 on his ranch in Granbury. Beau's unique connections in professional baseball provided the perfect niche to launch his business and draw his first clientele.

"I know how it is during the season—it's eight to nine months you're locked up in baseball. I knew guys would be interested in bucking bulls once they found out they can own a bull and not have to do anything," Beau said. "They just get to enjoy the competition aspect of it—seeing their bull grow up, bucking in competition, and hopefully one day getting to the PBR and seeing them on TV. You don't have to be a professional baseball player to be a part of Red Laces, but that's how I've kept in touch with my friends in professional baseball and kept what I know still in my bloodstream."



Beau pictured with his wife,
Alicia Mills



BUILDING BLOCKS

The cornerstone to Beau's program is exceptional genetics. Similar to the equine industry, bloodlines are crucial to creating animals who will grow into elite athletes capable of competing on the biggest stages of their sport. Beau's focus is on the maternal line especially—breeding top-producing cows to top-performing bulls to create genetic powerhouses.

"I am definitely not holding anything back when it comes to breeding. I've purchased a lot of top-notch cows who have already produced big-time bulls, and I'm doing a lot of [embryo transfer and artificial insemination] to create full siblings to major bucking bulls," Beau said. "If the dam has not produced a winning bucking bull, then her dam better have or I'm not breeding to it. I'm not going out and buying anything and everything. I'm going for quality, and I believe my percentages will be better in doing so."

Bulls develop under Beau's careful watch at the ranch, with a focus on high-quality nutrition, fitness and healthcare to prepare them for training. Potential buyers can purchase bulls of varying ages, depending



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on what level they want to buy in. Beau offers bulls for sale as early as yearlings, and the American Bucking Bull Inc. competition years are tiered similar to futurity events in the equine industry—a 2-year-old bull competes in the futurities and bucks without a rider, a 3-year-old bull competes in derbies and will buck with a rider on its back for the first time, and a 4-year-old competes in classics. Each aged-event division is limited only to bulls of that same age.

“What I suggest to most people is buy a yearling or 2- year-old and learn the game, and if you like it then keep going on with that bull. There are people who own a bull who are partners with 10 different friends, they name their group, they create shirts and have fun doing it,” Beau said. “It’s as simple as getting into contact with me, tell me what you’re looking for, have a conversation

about this game to figure out what suits you best. My place is open to anybody, so you can come watch the bulls buck here live. You’ll watch that bull grow up, mature and be trained and then go off to competition and win money. Some of these you can win anywhere from \$100,000 to \$150,000 at each competition.”

After the bull’s fourth year, the aged events conclude and the bull can move on to the major leagues in the PBR.

“If the bull is good enough, we’ll play at the derby, the classic, and get into the PBR and you’ll get to watch your bull buck on TV,” Beau said. “It’s like watching your kid grow up in tee ball and then get into the Big Leagues. There he is on TV, and you’ve watched that bull grow all the way through.”



ATHLETE'S PERSPECTIVE

Beau's experience as a professional athlete gives him a thorough understanding of the body's daily requirements to perform at the highest level.

"There's lots of similarities with sports in general and the bucking bull athlete," Beau said. "I do have knowledge when it comes to sports and training and understanding competition, and that has definitely carried over into training these athletes and the bulls."

The bulls in his program are given professional-level care from Day One. As the chief caretaker, breeder and trainer at Red Laces, Beau has developed a comprehensive and detailed wellness program for every bull.


"The bucking bull is an athlete just the way a baseball player is," Beau said. "We've got to take care of their bodies, we've got to take care of their nutrition, we've got to train them like you do in professional baseball. The competition side leading up to an event is just like on gameday—you tailor yourself to get ready for the game, just like in the bucking bull world you tailor the bull to get ready to compete that day."

THE FUTURE OF RED LACES

Between building his breeding herd and cultivating a customer-oriented program, Beau has big visions for Red Laces beyond championships in the arena.

"I bought a Championship Bull Riding bull team, which is a rider bull team, and then I'm going to go pursue my PBR card," Beau said. "Our goal at Red Laces is to have a big group of customers who own bulls through us that we are able to go to any competition, from yearling to PBR, and satisfy whatever the customer's goal is. I want to provide a top-notch facility for people to stay at the ranch and get that Western feel. I don't care if you're a city slicker who lives in New York City—you can own a bucking bull and come out and experience this for the weekend, put on some jeans, feel like a cowboy, ride some horses around the ranch, enjoy your bucking bull, watch him buck and then fly back home to your everyday life. It's an escape that Red Laces is trying to provide for the customers."

There's a lot of money to be won in the bucking bull industry. But Beau's got his eyes on the bigger picture.

"Beyond the money, it's a lot of fun. It's addicting. It's a good group of people in this industry," Beau said. "When you come to competitions and watch bulls buck, you're going to be around great people and meet new friends. [At the beginning of November], we're going out to Las Vegas for the [American Bucking Bull Inc.] finals, and I have people who qualified for that on our ranch. The owners get to fly into Vegas, surrounded by a lot of people with the same interests, and have a really good time. It's just a fun deal to be a part of." 



MAKING THE MOVE

Originally from Visalia, California, Beau Mills knew he wanted to launch Red Laces somewhere in Texas. Beau is first and foremost a husband and father and wanted a quaint town with access to a metropolitan area for his four young children and wife, Alicia.

"I had never heard of Granbury, and then my buddy who lived in Stephenville sent me this listing for our ranch. The city and town looked amazing—everything about it, the history, the culture," Beau said. "At 36 weeks pregnant, my wife and I flew out here last spring and when we drove through the square, that was the town we pictured. When we came out to this ranch, it was a no-brainer."

The growing family made the cross-country trek to Granbury in spring 2018 and has felt at home ever since—despite living in a hotel for the first few weeks.

"This city has been unreal since we got here," Beau said. "We painted the inside and outside of our house when we first moved here, so we lived in the Hilton right there on Lake Granbury by the square for six weeks, and our kids felt like we owned the place. We got to see the town, the square, and meet some really neat people. We love Granbury, we love this area, and we love what we're doing."

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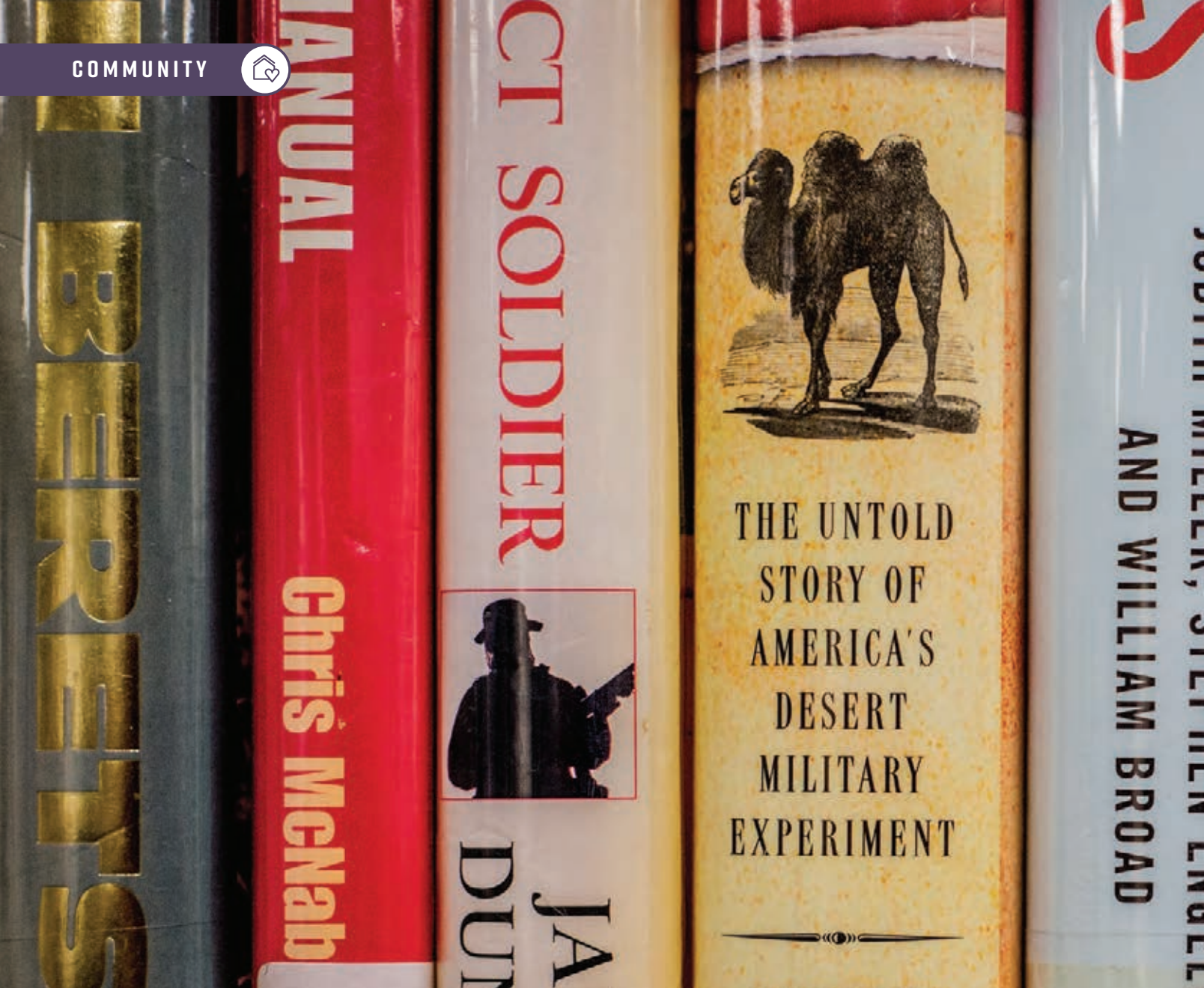
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An Expansion of Knowledge

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THROUGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT, THE HOOD COUNTY LIBRARY HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND SERVICES.

A door opens in front of you. You step through and enter a magical land. You notice children romping and playing with the likes of pirates, dragons, and unicorns. Further on, you stumble onto a group of people consisting of political and historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Julius Caesar, and Joan of Arc. To the right, a row of doors reaching as far as you can see. Do you want to travel to Ireland, China, or Ancient Rome? How about fantastical locations such as Narnia, Hogwarts, or the Shire? You need only walk through the correct door. Is this a dream? Is this a fantasy? No, it's the Hood County Library.



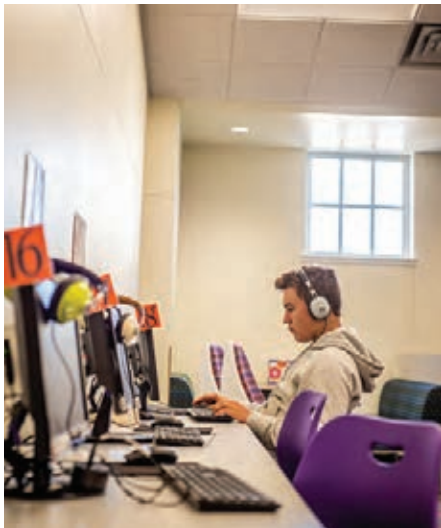
Established in 1965, the Hood County Library serves its citizens with access to free reading material, social and educational programs, and in more recent years, advancing technology such as Internet access and digital books. However, in 2012, they began to realize that they could do more. With members of the Library Foundation instrumental in driving interest in the concept of an expanded library, the Hood County Commissioners voted in favor of the expansion in 2017, with the groundbreaking occurring in late January of 2018. The newly renovated and expanded library officially re-opened to the public on May 1, 2019.

The Hood County Library Expansion Project was a labor of love for countless individuals. Because the library serves the community, the community responded in kind by serving the library. The fourth graders of

Acton Elementary school hosted a pancake breakfast which raised over \$5,000 for the project. Led by the fourth-grade student council, the students played a key role in the planning and implementation of the fundraiser, with assistance from the Granbury Lions Club.

In addition to the civic and educational organizations coming together in support of the project, the Friends of the Library of Hood County initially pledged \$50,000 toward the expansion. However, that generous donation nearly doubled when they readily agreed to also assist with funding for the Children's Area to pay for bookshelves and furniture. An organization that has existed as long as the library itself, the Friends of the Library of Hood County have long been a pillar of support for literacy in the community.







THE PROJECT, WHICH ADDED APPROXIMATELY 10,000 SQUARE FEET AND A SECOND STORY TO THE LIBRARY, WAS NOT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER.

“That is what we do,” said Ann Jalbert, Friends of the Library President. “We help the library pay for children’s summer reading programs and prizes and other wish list items.” In that regard, it was only fitting that they should make their mark by footing the bill for the Children’s Area itself.

The project, which added approximately 10,000 square feet and a second story to the library, was not without difficulty, however.

“One challenge was all the rain that we had during the construction phase,” said Karen Rasco, former Library Director. “It stalled progress, but of course it couldn’t be helped.”

The Friends of the Library were required to close their popular bookstore during the construction and no longer

accept donations of books during that time. The bookstore, which is attached to the library, sells gently used books at low prices to the community to raise funds for their many projects.

“We were all worried that, with the store being closed, how would we get our customers back?” said Jalbert. “Since re-opening in April, our customers are slowly finding us again.”

The Friends of the Library worked hard to keep up the momentum during this interim phase. By staying in touch via social media and their website, along with flyers for the bookstore displayed at the library itself, they were able to ensure that the customer base would still be there when the bookstore returned. When the bookstore did return, volunteers and customers alike received a pleasant surprise.



“Going into the expansion, we were not expecting anything to be done to our bookstore,” said Jalbert. “So, it was a happy surprise when we got the store painted along with new lights and fans. The light color paint and new lighting has improved the store so much. It is so much brighter and more inviting. Our customers are amazed when they come in and comment on how nice the store looks.”

The staff of the Hood County Library were faced with their own challenges, especially when the construction pushed the operational portion of the library into the much smaller American Town Hall next door. Only ten percent of the collection was able to be moved to the temporary location, so the library staff supplemented by offering digital collections through Hoopla and Overdrive/Libby. They also allowed patrons to place holds on items in the collection, which would be waiting for them when they came in.

“We had outstanding support from our volunteers and our patrons in helping us pack and move each time,” said Elizabeth Boyes, Library Circulation Clerk.

“The floor plan that was developed was wonderful for the space that we had. We all get along very well which is also fortunate in smaller places!”

The final result was well worth the wait. Boasting two new conference rooms and four study rooms, large picture windows on both levels that overlook the beautiful park, and an open, welcoming atmosphere, the new library is truly a marvel to behold.

“The availability of these new rooms also means that we can offer more programming to benefit patrons and still have enough meeting space for other community groups,” said Rhiannon Graham, Interim Director and Youth Librarian. “For instance, we now are able to offer more after-school programs on weekdays, like Code Club and monthly LEGO Club, without prohibiting other groups from using the library to meet.”

Perhaps the most popular addition to the library is the new children’s area.

“The enclosed children’s area has allowed the children and their caregivers to interact without noise restrictions,” said Rasco. “The children are able to play and socialize in a safe environment that was designed especially for them.”


Along with the Children’s Area is the new Teen Space. Reserved exclusively for children ages twelve to eighteen, this area provides a safe location for teens to enjoy.

“I want to remind our teen users that, whether or not they have a library card, this space is available to them to read, study, or just hang out for a bit,” Graham said.

The Hood County Library sought a way to better serve the community, and the community responded. Since the re-opening in May, the library has added or reactivated over 1,500 new cards.

“The community has been so complimentary about everything that has been done!” said Rasco. “They were patient and encouraging during the whole project.”

Thanks to the generosity of community and civic organizations, local schools, and individuals, the Hood County Library is now a beacon of literacy for Granbury and its surrounding areas. Whether material is needed for a school project, a resume is needed to be printed for a job opportunity, or someone simply wants that perfect book to drift off into a faraway land of adventure, the Hood County Library truly has something for everyone in the community it serves.

“What we offer now is more than books,” said Graham. “It is a safe and welcoming space for the community to use and share.” 



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A TOWN WHOSE HEART HOLDS THE PEOPLE

Words by Jan Brand | Photography by Killingsworth Photography



People are drawn to Granbury because of the range and reach of interests and the inspiration afforded to its population by resident artists, and those with an ongoing search for knowledge.

GET TO KNOW US

When Mayor Nin Hulett asks newcomers why they chose Granbury, the answer is always the same, “It’s the people.”

A walk down Pearl Street and you have all you need to know that Granbury has become a microcosm of all the things that make America great and it’s because of the people.

What makes a town special? We are more than roadways and drainage systems, jobs and resources. Towns, much like the best people, need a soul—a feeling that gives life to the ordinary.



The Dora Lee Langdon Cultural and Educational Center was created just to take another small Texas town and turn it into a community that attracts talented, intelligent men and women who bring their own special gifts and celebrate the gifts of others.

For reference, I'll introduce now, Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs where he lists the things that make a person whole and healthy, physically and emotionally. After physiological and safety needs, he lists belonging, esteem and self-actualization as essentials. One could apply the same standards to the wellness of a community.

We weren't created to be one-dimensional. Artistic expression adds a dimension of wholeness. That's how the Langdon Center provides opportunities in the last three of Maslow's list: People are invited to be part of the community and culture around them. The Center encourages people to express their gifts and affirms their talent. They are given the opportunity to learn skills and further their education. The result is self-actualization of the town, not just the individual.

Granbury can check off everything on Maslow's list. Civic and religious groups have worked to make sure the basic needs of its citizens are met. As well, the virtuous character of the residents make it a low-crime city, where people generally feel safe.

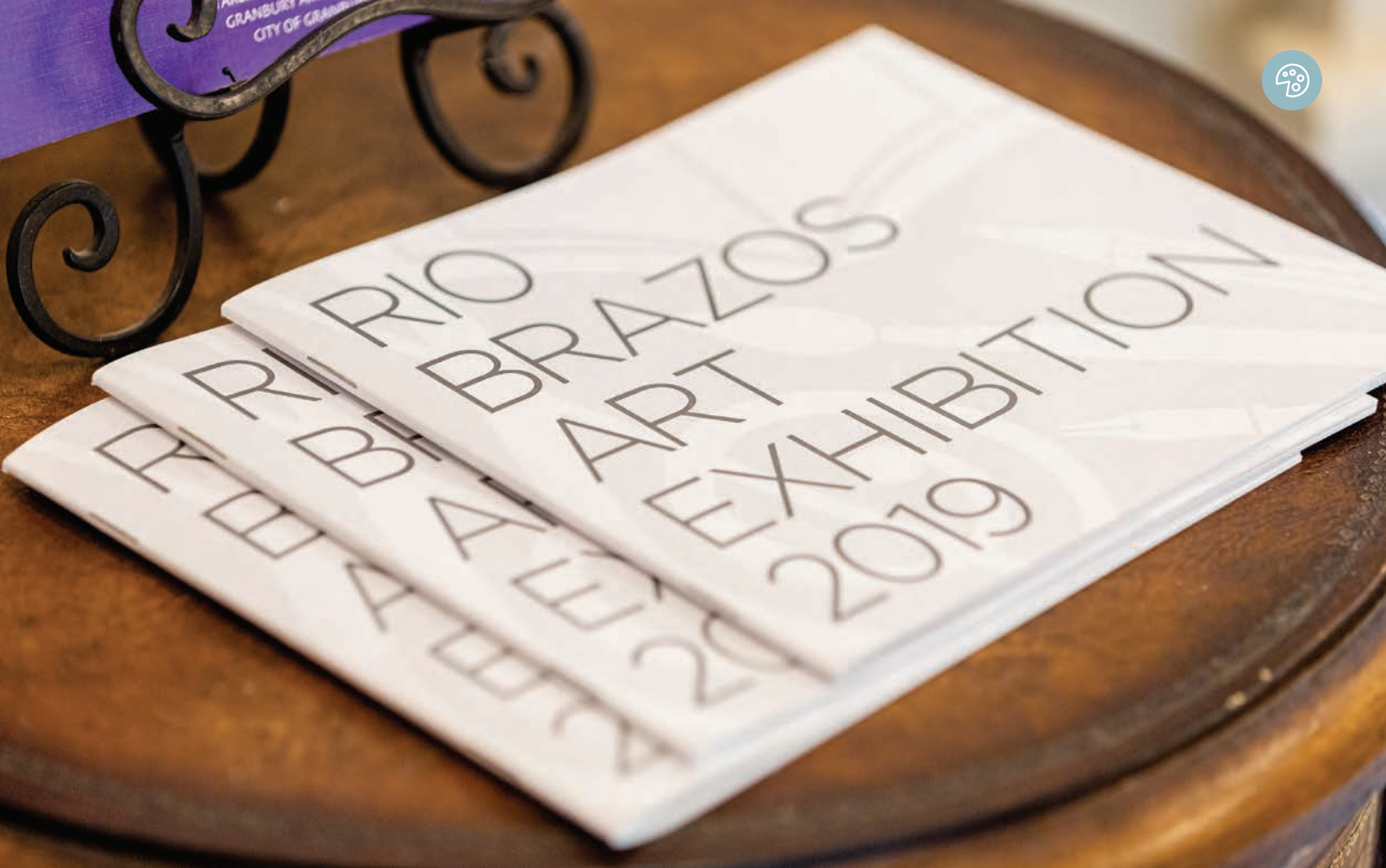
Mayor Hulett is proud to point out that Hood County is the ninth fastest-growing county in the country. People are drawn to Granbury because of the range and reach of interests and the inspiration afforded to its population by resident artists, and those with an ongoing search for knowledge.

GET TO KNOW THE DORA LEE LANGDON CENTER

In 1996, Tarleton State University acquired Dora Lee Langdon's home on Pearl Street and named it the Dora Lee Langdon Cultural and Educational Center. In 2012, the university turned the property over to the City of Granbury, where it became a hub of creativity for the community, attracting artists using many and varied art forms.







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Dr. Koy Floyd had the vision of turning the home into a multi-functional cultural facility with on-site, rotating art exhibits, and graduate classes in administration, criminal justice, and counseling.

Janice Horak, currently the Assistant Vice President for Development at Tarleton State, went to work as the Vice President of Institutional Development at the Langdon Center when it opened.

Floyd and Horak went to work at a dizzying pace to create events that enriched the community and added sparkle to a small town in Texas. The last Saturday of each month was designated Last Saturday Gallery Night. Galleries downtown stay open and pop-ups appear where artists show their work.

In April, the center sponsors a national art show, the Rio Brazos Exhibit, where people mail in up to three entries, or drop their entries by the Langdon. School children are encouraged to visit with a warm introduction to art and Granbury history.

In 2006, Granbury native Joel Back came to work at the Langdon and is the Community Relations Officer. Joel is known for accommodating the visitor and worker alike, helping to make their experience at the Langdon Center a positive one.



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GET TO KNOW THE ART

As the town's reputation grew as an art colony, it became a favorite place for artists like nationally known watercolorist Bob Cook, to settle in. Cook has won awards in nine of the last ten Rio Brazos Exhibits. Much of his fame was achieved as a successful architectural illustrator who did the artwork for such iconic sites as Disney World, the Disney Cruise Line, the Marriott Hotel chain, the 1968 Hemisfair in San Antonio, and Texas Stadium, he was also the first art director of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. His watercolors have racked up too many awards to list.

After he left the corporate world

and moved to Granbury, Cook now paints to raise funds for Happy Hill Farm that captured his heart and the heart of his wife Carol. Known for its rescue of disadvantaged children, the facility is a Dallas Cowboys Courage Home.

Cynthia James was drawn to Granbury by her art and became part of the community of creatives who help inspire the artistic identity of the community. Having just wrapped up another successful Harvest Moon Festival in October as the chairperson, she also has a shop to run, Aréfactz at 118 N, Houston Street, where her unique wall hangings and custom jewelry are on display. Using glass, wood and metal as her medium, each

piece is distinctive and original. As a schoolgirl she gazed out the classroom window and saw art in every-day life. “I always wanted to color outside the lines and draw outside the box,” she said.

This same enthusiasm started Jazz on the Green when a music student at Tarleton wanted to do an event on the lawn of the Langdon Center.

In 2009, David Talmage and Janice Horak created the Granbury Big Band. During the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts in late October, the Langdon Center sponsored Jazz on the Green, with the Langdon Center Big Band leading the afternoon concerts on the park-like grounds of the center.

Under the direction of Andrew Stonerock, bluesy notes ebbed and flowed through the air as the band blew out Stompin’ at the Savoy, made famous by the King of Swing, Benny Goodman. Isaac Duke, male vocalist with the band, elicited cheers and applause when he sang Sway, a song made popular by Michael Bublé.


The Big Band was followed by an exceptionally talented set by the Weatherford College Jazz Band and the Tarleton Jazz Ensemble.

As well, continuing education is an ongoing part of Langdon’s goal. Jon Ball, father of Joel, and the center’s Community Relations Officer, gives computer lessons twice a year, ranging from introduction to computers, Microsoft Office and Advanced Office.

Get out from behind the keyboard and attend one of Ray Raney’s wine making classes by the expertise of a sommelier. In addition, beer making is taught by Greg Ball.

Phil Deluchi gives lessons in calligraphy, from an introduction to the craft, lessons for invitations, and for those seeking professional status.

The Langdon Review for the Art in Texas is an annual publication celebrating the outstanding cultural accomplishments of Texas artist. The subjects range from original poetry, photography, sculptures, paintings, fiction and nonfiction. The Wednesday following Labor Day, a three-day event is held at the Langdon Center. The Poet Laureate of Texas is invited to read from their work.

The Langdon Center is the heartbeat for much of the cultural and civic activity in Granbury. A heart pumps life into every cell of the body to give it life, and art and culture is the heart that pumps life into a community. 





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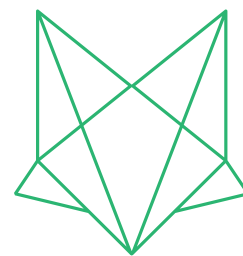


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Winter Recipes

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Photography provided by **Shad Ramsey Photography**

It sometimes feels that winter can't come soon enough, such as the heat we all had to endure this past September, it was brutal! That said, when she arrives, I never seem to have enough thick socks, jeans long enough for my growing boys, or a proper jacket for each member of our family. Nope. I know she's coming, and I am never quite prepared. The only thing I can keep on top of with the change of the season, is how my appetite quickly switches to crave soups and stews, hearty vegetables and sweet holiday cookies. There is nothing like that crisp air you feel when your windows are open at night to kick your comfort-food radar into high gear! I suppose next Fall, when I get a hankering for a chicken pot pie and peppermint anything, I'll know to head to the store and pick up our winter duds...I don't want my boys wearing highwaters again!



Meet Carly Terrell

Born in Nebraska and raised in Arizona, Carly Terrell, now a Granbury resident, has been honing her cooking skills since she was a young child. Given her changes of scenery along the way, she has certainly picked up a thing or two! Carly is also the proud wife of a railroad engineer and mother of two young boys, who keep her quite busy. In her downtime of the hectic railroad life, she has put her foodie efforts into her successful cooking blog of family loved recipes. She has been fortunate enough to have been featured in Taste of Home magazine, Good Housekeeping, Readers Digest and on ABC's The Chew... but always has plans for more!



Chocolate Dipped Peppermint Sugar Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 3/4 cups All Purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup (8oz) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 large egg (room temp)
- 1 large egg yolk (room temp)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4th teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 package each white and regular chocolate bark
- 1/2 cup peppermint bits, optional

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone liners. In a mixing bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt and cream of tartar. Set aside. In your mixer, cream together the sugar and butter until combined. Add in the egg and then the egg yolk, vanilla and peppermint extract.

With your mixer on low, slowly add in the dry ingredients. The dough will be thick, and you may have to finish by hand.

Scoop out 2 Tablespoons of dough and shape into balls, placing 2-inches apart on your prepared baking sheets. *Chill dough balls that aren't currently baking in the refrigerator.

Bake in the preheated oven for 10-11 minutes, they will appear slightly undercooked. Remove from oven and allow to rest, pressing the middle of each cookie down slightly

to flatten. Transfer to wire rack to cool completely. Repeat with remaining chilled dough balls.

Place the two chocolate barks in separate bowls and microwave for 30 seconds, stir and another 20 seconds. Dip half of each cooled cookie into the alternating chocolates and sprinkle on the peppermint bits, if desired. Place onto a sheet of wax paper and allow to set in the refrigerator for 5 minutes. Store in an airtight container at room temperature. *Makes 2 dozen cookies.



Southern Pecan Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 small sweet potatoes
- ½ cup Greek yogurt
- 1 Tablespoon real maple syrup
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- ½ Tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 2 Tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Pierce the sweet potatoes with a fork and place on a baking sheet until softened, about 30-45 minutes.

Cut each softened potato in half lengthwise. Scoop out the baked insides, careful to leave the skins intact like a bowl and place back onto the baking sheet.

Mash the softened sweet potato flesh in a bowl until smooth. Mix in the Greek

yogurt, real maple syrup, brown sugar, pumpkin pie spice and salt. Spoon back into the sweet potato shells.

In a separate bowl, combine the chopped pecans, melted butter and brown sugar. Sprinkle over the filled potato skins and bake again at 400 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Drizzle with extra maple syrup and serve.



Cranberry Fig Brie Bites

INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ cup all purpose flour for dusting the dough and cutting board
- 1 (8oz) tube crescent dough
- ½ cup fig preserves
- 1 (8oz) wheel of brie cheese, cubed
- ½ cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- Fresh rosemary sprigs for garnish, *remove prior to eating

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray a mini muffin tin with nonstick spray. Sprinkle the flour down and roll out the crescent dough while pinching the seams together. With a pizza cutter, cut the crescent roll dough into 24 equal-sized squares. Gently press each piece of dough square into a 2"x2" size and place in the muffin tin.

Spoon a small dollop of fig jam into the center of each crescent square, followed by a cube of brie, another dollop of cranberry sauce and a sprig of rosemary. Bake until they're a light, golden brown (about 12 minutes). Serve warm.

Braised Swiss Steak

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup all purpose flour
- 2 lbs beef top round steak, slice 1" thick and tenderize
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 (14.5oz) can fire-roasted tomatoes, with juice
- 1 bell pepper, cut into rings
- 2 cups baby Bella mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup chicken broth, low sodium
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley, minced

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

In a large oven proof skillet or Dutch oven, cook the bacon till slightly crisp, transfer to a plate (chop up) and reserve the grease in the pot. Meanwhile, dredge your sliced round steaks in the flour (really press well) and season with salt and pepper. With a meat mallet, tenderize until ½-inch thick.

To the bacon grease over medium heat, cook the onions and the floured beef cutlets until a golden brown on each side. This will likely have to be done in two batches.

Return all the meat to the pan, including the cooked, chopped bacon. Pour in the fire-roasted tomatoes, the bell pepper strips, mushrooms and chicken broth. The liquid should come up about ¾ of the way. Add a little water if needed.

Bring to a simmer, cover and place into your preheated oven for 1 ½ hours, basting twice, until tender.

Sprinkle with fresh parsley and serve with egg noodles, rice or mashed potatoes.





Winter Salad with Maple Vinaigrette

INGREDIENTS:

- ¼ cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- ¼ cup real maple syrup
- 1 Tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tablespoon minced shallot
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ¼ cup canola oil
- 10oz Spring mix salad greens
- 1 cup roasted butternut squash, cubed
- 1 tart apple, sliced thin
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 cup dried cherries
- ¼ cup red onion, sliced thin

DIRECTIONS:

In a small mason jar, add in the first six ingredients. Cover and shake well. Refrigerate until ready to use; shake well again.

To serve: Layer the remaining ingredients in a large bowl and drizzle your vinaigrette as desired. This salad is great alongside a roasted chicken or turkey.



WINTERIZED LIVING ROOM WORKOUTS

Words by **Lindsey Powell**

It's difficult to stay motivated and go to the gym during the wintertime. The freezing temps and cloudy days do a good job of bringing on those winter blues.

But don't worry... You're in luck! You can literally exercise anywhere!

Keep focused on those goals because you're going to need to burn off the extra calories from all those holiday parties.

So what can you do?

Yoga is always a great place to start. Create a nice space by temporarily rearranging your furniture around. (Side note: you can burn up to a couple hundred calories moving furniture)

Start slow with sun salutations and progress further when you're ready.





Photo by A+C Photography

ABOUT **LINDSEY**

In short, I am a 32 year old mother of two, a hometown girl, and an absolute fitness junkie with a passion for helping others reach their health and fitness goals.

I am a Nationally Certified Yoga Instructor through Yoga Fit. I have five years of group and individual instruction experience, with a focus on rehabilitation and weight loss. I am also a Nationally Certified Personal Trainer and Group Exercise Instructor through ISSA and the YMCA, with extensive experience in program design, strength training, weight loss, and healthy aging. Professionally, I have trained with multiple gyms and private training studios, and currently train and instruct at the Hood County YMCA.

As stated above, I am the mother of two wonderful children with my high school sweetheart, husband of 13 years, and fellow fitness enthusiast, Michael Powell. We have an 11 year old son and a five year old daughter that keep us very active. I am also a Granbury High School graduate (Class of 2004... Go Pirates!), the former Mrs. Fit Texas, and the current Mrs. Granbury.

Why should you listen to anything that I have to say? Okay, so I know what you're thinking... "Great, another skinny chick that's never had to struggle with diet or weight a day in her life is going to tell me how easy it is to be fit!". Well, before you stop reading, let me tell you about my struggles and my fitness journey.



LIVING ROOM SUN SALUTATIONS

Standing, reach for the sky
Fold forward
Half lift
Fold forward
Plank
Lower to mat
Cobra
Plank
Down dog
Repeat

LIVING ROOM STRENGTH EXERCISES

Body weight exercises do more than you think. Start with a squat, push-up and sit up challenge!

See how many you can do at one time then make a goal to reach a higher goal at the end of one month.

Spice it up!

Grab your baby or maybe your pet dog or cat and use them for extra weight while you're doing your squats. Added weight will help build strength and burn fat.



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS YOU CAN USE INSTEAD OF DUMBBELLS:

- Any canned goods
- Bag of pet food
- Bottles of wine
- Full milk jugs
- Laundry detergent and fabric softener
- Be creative and have fun with it!

LIVING ROOM CARDIO

It's hard to run indoors without a treadmill. You can still accomplish cardio by running in place, doing mountain climbers, burpees and jump roping. Try these instead!

LIVING ROOM GYM

- Step ups on kitchen chairs
- Fireplace "box" jumps
- Speed cleaning
- Speed laundry
- Speed dishes
- Speed mopping

1 Month Challenge

- Day 1: 10 squats, 10 pushups, 10 sit ups
- Add 5 each day for 30 days
- Day 30: 160 squats, pushups and sit-ups

LIVING ROOM BOOTCAMP

- Run in place 1 minute
- 100 jumping jacks
- 50 skaters
- 10 inchworms

Living Room Reps 3x
1 minute of work + 20 seconds rest

- Set 1
Kitchen chair step ups
Kitchen Chair squats

- Set 2
Pushups
Fireplace box jumps

- Set 3
Bicycle crunches
Plank

Don't forget to add in some stretching when you're finished!





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For Healthy Living

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[Programs at Hood County Y: LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, Pedaling for Parkinson's, Diabetes Prevention Program, Group Exercise, Silver Sneakers, Boot Camps, Personal Training, Membership](#)

For Social Responsibility

Giving back and providing support to our neighbors.

[Programs at Hood County Y: Youth and Government, Partnership with Hood County, Partnership with GISD, help coordinate volunteers with advocacy groups and programs.](#)



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Rest in Peace, Romance

Words by **Dena Dyer**

SHARON AND GLENN MORRISON'S ROMANTIC LIFE ("R.L.") PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY IN PALESTINE, TEXAS, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3. IT HAD ONLY BEEN ACTIVE FOR FIVE YEARS.



About Dena

Dena Dyer is a professional writer and speaker, as well as the author of eight books and hundreds of articles. Her most recent book, written with her husband Carey, is *Love at First Fight: 52 Story-Based Meditations for Married Couples*. In her day job, Dena is the Director of Communications and Development at Brazos Pregnancy Center. She and Carey have been married nineteen wonderful years, and a couple more they don't talk about. They live in Granbury with their two sons (Jordan and Jackson) and a spoiled dog, Princess. Dena loves coffee with hazelnut creamer, traveling, reading, shopping at thrift stores, and watching British television.







In Memoriam

Cause of death was listed as the birth of a 9-pound baby girl, Samantha, the couple's second child. Sharon seemed remarkably calm at the news. "I'm actually okay. After the kids go to bed, all I want to do is watch Netflix, anyway."

When asked for his comments, Glenn said he was sorely disappointed. "Of course, I miss R.L.," he related with tears in his eyes. "I thought it might come back after Samantha was born, but I guess I was wrong."

R.L. was born at Sharon's front door, after a concert by a local jazz quintet and a candlelight dinner. Glenn had asked Sharon out after they met through friends. They dated for several months and R.L. grew as they got to know one other.

The couple were married in December, and R.L. enjoyed a full, exciting life until the Morrisons brought home their oldest, a son named Cory. That's when R.L. began to show the first signs of illness. "Of course, R.L. wasn't the same after Cory came," said Sharon. "But I was too distracted with the baby to think about it much."

Glenn explained, "Though we only knew R.L. for a short time, we'll never forget the ways that it drew us together," he said. "It made us creative about our use of time, and often showed up in the strangest

moments. I'll miss that spontaneity."

Sharon described the deceased as "nice."

Glenn said R.L. was one-of-a-kind. "I'll never forget the unique memories R.L. brought us." He added hopefully, "I have faith we'll see it again, someday."

Sharon refused to comment on the future, citing "too many unknowns."

In order to respect the couple's privacy—and to avoid them having to pay a babysitter—there will be no public memorial service. A private service will feature music and literature, including:

- Prelude: "Time to Say Goodbye," by Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman
- Vocal solo: "Wish You Were Here," by Pink Floyd
- Eulogy: written by Glenn and read by Sharon
- Reading: "A Time for Everything" from Ecclesiastes (King James version)
- Instrumental solo: "Goodbye My Lover," by James Blunt
- Poetry: "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night" by Dylan Thomas

In lieu of flowers or donations, please send hobby suggestions to Glenn (bereft@bewilderedbyfatherhood.com).



A photograph of a room with dark blue walls. In the center is a white rocking chair with a tufted back and a vibrant magenta fur pillow. To the left is a fireplace with a white mantel holding a clock and a vase of flowers. To the right is a teal cabinet with a lamp and a potted cactus on top. The floor is light-colored wood with a white tile area and a brown rug.

Room to Shine:

DESIGNING YOUR HOME WITH JEWEL TONES

Words by **Melissa McGavock**



DID YOU KNOW?

A good rule is to follow the color wheel as best you can. A harmonious combination is any two colors situated opposite of one another on the color wheel.



Jewel tones, last popular in the mid-nineties, are making a comeback in a big way. Included are rich tones like sapphire blue, ruby red, amethyst purple, citrine yellow and emerald green. The foundation of this trend is built on high contrast. Whether you pair it with neutrals like white or black, or layer in additional complimentary jewel tones. This a trend that is bright and when it's played right, adds a touch of sophistication to any space.

Consider the regal effect that jewel tone colors can have when paired with an equally interesting texture. A styled armchair in plush velvet is the perfect canvas for a jewel tone. Lush curtains and thick rugs also welcome luxurious colors. As well, unnecessary necessities like plush pillows and large throws are exactly the kind of deluxe item where jewel tones should be presented.

Even wallpaper (also making a huge comeback) is a great way to play with bold colors and patterns. Check out designers on Etsy that offer removable, no harm adhesive options and quickly dress up an accent wall fit for a queen.





Jewel Tone Pantone grid

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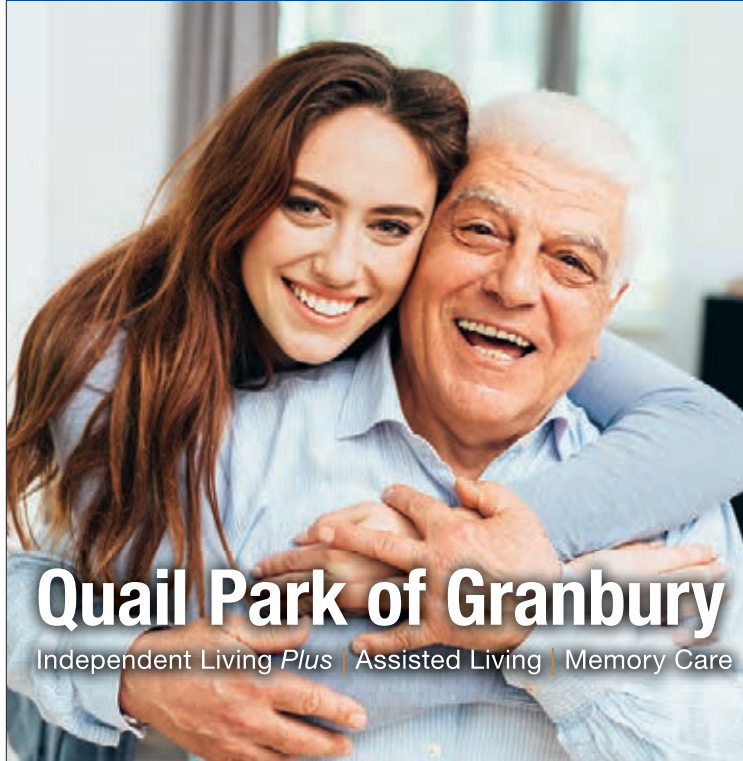
For fear of seeming too ostentatious, choose an interior style that has clean lines. Mid-century modern furnishings and accessories lend themselves really well to a jewel tone palette. These bold tones also work well when paired with more natural elements like wood, plants, and large windows showcasing well-appointed landscaping. Blending metal finishes such as polished brass and brushed gold add sparkle that brings the whole look together.

Don't live in Versailles? Don't worry, you don't have to sacrifice comfort for style. Modern families want something that is practical and functional, as well as trendy. Soft pillows, large blankets, and luxurious fabrics like chenille, satin and velvet are as fun to lay on as they are to look at.

Another interesting trend, black painted fireplaces and built-ins against light walls, offers a bold and basic palette that tastefully incorporates jewel tones. Accessories and wall hangings will set the scene in a big way on this kind of backdrop. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed with pairing bold colors and patterns together.

So get out there, be bold and be fab!

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FEATURE STORY

Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council

Words adapted from article written by **Martha Helton (LGL Winter 2014)**

Photography by **Shad Ramsey Photography**



LGABC 2019 Board (In Order) Top Left: Mark Graves, April Wilkes, Amy Winters, Penny Snyder, Wendy Rape, Francie Stevenson, Jan Hulett, Patsy Hurd Bottom Left: Jennifer Krone, Betty Walker, Janet Lell, Michelle Walters Not pictured: Kelly Staley and Michele Shelton

35th Annual Jewel Ball “A Run for the Roses” November 9th, 2019

Founded in 1984, the purpose of the Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council is to promote a cleaner and more beautiful Granbury through local fundraising projects like the annual Jewel Ball. Proceeds from this annual event help to fund outdoor area projects that are enjoyed by our citizens and community guests.

The Jewel Ball is a formal affair complete with a sit down dinner, dancing and entertainment, as well as live and silent auctions, alongside glitz and glamour. Traditionally held on the second Saturday in November, this is a premier event with all members working hard to make it a rousing success.

The LGABC has been involved in different projects over the years that entail beautifying public areas in Hood County. This includes landscaping, water features, the development of parks, and even period lighting, to name a few. Projects are presented, either from board members, community members or organizations that contact the council. Upon careful consideration, they are voted on by the board. "We are always looking for additional projects, large or small, and welcome requests from the community," says board member Mark Graves.

Over the years, LGABC has funded in excess of \$500,000 to community endeavors. This year's project resulted in the beautiful Christmas trees on each of the four corners of the Historic Square. For more information on how to get involved, please contact board member Penny Snyder at (817)326-4277. See the Facebook page for updates.





LOOKING FORWARD

Philanthropic Happenings this Winter

• HOOD COUNTY CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN VOLUNTEER DAYS AND DISTRIBUTION DAY

Hood County Christmas for Children

DATE: Dec 2, 2019 - Dec 19, 2019

LOCATION: Hood County Reunion Grounds

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

Hood County Christmas for Children provide for 2800 - 3200 local children each year. The organization takes applications through the school system and at Mission Granbury, Ruth's Place and through their website. Each child is allowed to choose three items that they would like for Christmas. Families are able to request family items, like a gaming system, a TV or computer. For the past six years, Hood County Christmas for Children has provided beds and bedding to families in need, as well as blankets for every child. Thanks to the help of generous donors, volunteers and the community, children in Hood County wake up Christmas morning feeling loved, and hopefully warm

CONTACT INFORMATION:

To volunteer or find out more: www.christmasforchildren.org

• IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE GALA

Hosted by Forward Training Center

DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2019

TIME: 5:30PM AUCTION, 6:00PM DINNER

LOCATION: Lake Granbury Conference Center

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

This evening of dinner, silent and live auctions, and performance by Vocal Majority raises money for Forward Training Center. Forward Training Center is a christ-centered organization made up of mentors and educators that are giving self-sufficiency to the women and men they serve by giving classes on job interviews, resumes, computer learning and other helpful subjects. This event is the perfect night out with friends and family, while helping a local nonprofit accomplish their goal of changing lives in the community.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For ticket pricing and information, please visit the Forward Training Center Facebook page.

• MISSION GRANBURY 2019 CHRISTMAS GALA

Mission Granbury

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2019

TIME: 6:00PM - 9:00PM

LOCATION: Lake Granbury Conference Center

EVENT DESCRIPTION:

The Polar Express .. believe the magic .. supporting Mission Granbury. Mission Granbury is a community based, umbrella agency that collaborates with other community resources to provide compassionate, emergency assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, court appointed special advocacy for children in foster care, and food, clothing, medication and financial assistance for families in crisis. Join us for our annual Christmas gala!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For tickets please go to www.missiongranbury.org/gala

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Wintertime in Granbury

FESTIVE HAPPENINGS THIS WINTER

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See thenewgranburylive.com for ticket prices and show updates. These events sell out fast, get your tickets today!

Reflections of Patsy Cline
NOV 16 - 17

Max Stalling
NOV 22 8:00 pm

Gene Watson
"A Country Music Legend"
NOV 23 8:00 pm

Christmas with Gary Morris
DEC 1 6:00 pm

Bellamy Brothers
DEC 6 8:00 pm

Michael Hix Christmas Show
DEC 7 - 8

Tina and Walt Wilkins
DEC 8 5:45 pm

Gary P. Nunn
DEC 13 8:00 pm

Honky Tonk Holidays
DEC 14 3:00 & 7:00 pm

Tribute to George Strait Christmas
DEC 20 - 21

The Cash and Cline Show
JAN 11 3:00 & 7:00 pm

AC/DC Tribute
JAN 17 7:00 pm

Lost Shaker of Salt
JAN 18 7:00 pm

Johnny Rodriguez
JAN 24 7:30 pm

Elvis
JAN 25 3:00 & 7:00 pm

Prophets & Outlaws
JAN 31 7:00 pm

Mickey Gilley
FEB 7 3:00 & 7:00 pm

Jim Stafford
FEB 8 7:30 pm

Connie Smith
FEB 13 7:30 pm

A Tribute to Southern Gospel
FEB 15 3:00 & 7:00 pm

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF LIGHTS PARADE

NOVEMBER 29, 2019
6:00PM - 8:00PM
Historic Granbury Square

A must-see holiday tradition, the Annual Night of Lights Christmas parade marks the official arrival of Christmas with a colorful line-up of beautifully decorated parade entries winding their way through Granbury's historic district. Musical Activities begin at 6:00 PM, Lighted Christmas Parade at 6:30 PM. Be sure to arrive early to get a front row seat at this popular tradition.

Visit granburysquare.com for more information.

GRANBURY SANTA HOUSE

NOVEMBER 29 -
DECEMBER 23, 2019
Historic Granbury Square

Come see Santa this holiday season! There is absolutely no charge to come in and spend a little time with Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with their many excited

elves and animated visitors. Bring your cameras and take your own pictures, and post them under the hashtag #GranburySantaHouse.

Visit visitgranbury.com for hours of operation.

NATIVITY DISPLAY - AWAY IN A MANGER

DECEMBER 7 - 15, 2019
Concert Hall,
Langdon Center

This gift to the community includes a display of over 1,000 Nativity sets from 87 countries showing "The Birth of Christ through the eyes of the World" beautifully displayed for the public. These sets will be displayed during and after the 36th annual Granbury - A Candlelight Tour. Included in the display is a children's play area, music boxes and vintage sets.

Visit granburysquare.com for more information.

GRANBURY - A CANDLELIGHT TOUR

DECEMBER 7, 2019
1PM - 9PM, DECEMBER
8, 2019 1PM - 5PM

The 36th Annual Candlelight Tour will showcase Granbury's architecture, history and culture. The tour provides attendees with a rare opportunity for guests to go inside the private homes of some of Texas' most beautiful and historic residences.

GRANBURY OPERA HOUSE

Granbury Theatre Company at the Granbury Opera House
There is something for everyone at the Granbury Opera House. The 2018 season brings a diverse collection of shows. Join us for classics, rock bands, and little known shows to round out your theatre season experience!

Junie B. Jones The Musical Jr.
NOV 15 - NOV 17

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
NOV 22 - DEC 22

The Nutcracker
DEC 8 - 11

The Long Run
DEC 27 - 31

Father of the Bride
JAN 24 - FEB 9

Visit granburytheatrecompany.org for ticketing information.



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GREENFOX MILESTONES



2016

- GreenFox was founded by Eric Wilkins

- Bought Envision Creative Services
- Started publishing Lake Granbury Living
- Moved into office at 201 W Pearl St

2018

- Expanded into office at 303 W Pearl St
- Opened GreenFox Wraps

2019

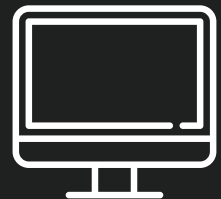
- Opened GreenSpace
- Opened Parker County office
- Rebranded website to Greenfox.io
- Tim Justis and Zeke Dorr became company partners



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Upcoming Events

GOOSEBUMP JUMP

LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER
JANUARY 4

GENERAL GRANBURY BIRTHDAY BASH AND COOK-OFF

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
MARCH 21-22 | PARADE MARCH 21

BULLS ON THE BEACH

GRANBURY CITY BEACH
MARCH 21-22

GRANBURY WINE WALK

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
APRIL 24-25

CIGARS FOR WARRIORS – CRAFT BEER AND CIGAR FESTIVAL

LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER
MAY 21-24

A GRANBURY SALUTE – A FIELD OF FLAGS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE/377
MAY 23-25

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
MAY 23-25

BOAT PARADE MAY 24

4TH ANNUAL HOOD COUNTY STAMPEDE RODEO

HOOD COUNTY REUNION GROUNDS
JUNE 6

LONESTAR STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER
JUNE 12-14

THE GREAT RACE - FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
JUNE 19-21

CAR ARRIVAL JUNE 21

OLD FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
JULY 3-5

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
SEPTEMBER 5-7

LABOR DAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

LAKE GRANBURY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

DORA LEE LANGDON LITERARY REVIEW

LEE LANGDON HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 9-12

SPOOKY SPECTACLE

LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 26-27

GRANBURY LAKEFEST

LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER
OCTOBER 2-4

OKTOBERFEST BY KETZLER'S SCHNITZEL HAUS & BIERGARTEN

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
OCTOBER 9-11

BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE SHOW

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
OCTOBER 10

HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
OCTOBER 17-18

NIGHT OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARADE

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
NOVEMBER 27

GRANBURY – A CANDLELIGHT TOUR

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE
DECEMBER 5-6

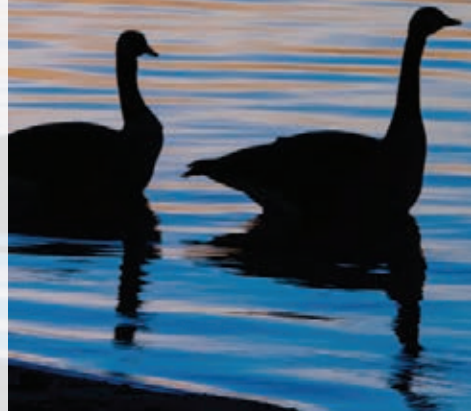
(VIP TOUR DECEMBER 4)

GRANBURY LIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS

LAKE SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 11-13

"AWAY IN A MANGER" 1,200+ NATIVITY DISPLAYS

DECEMBER 5-13



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