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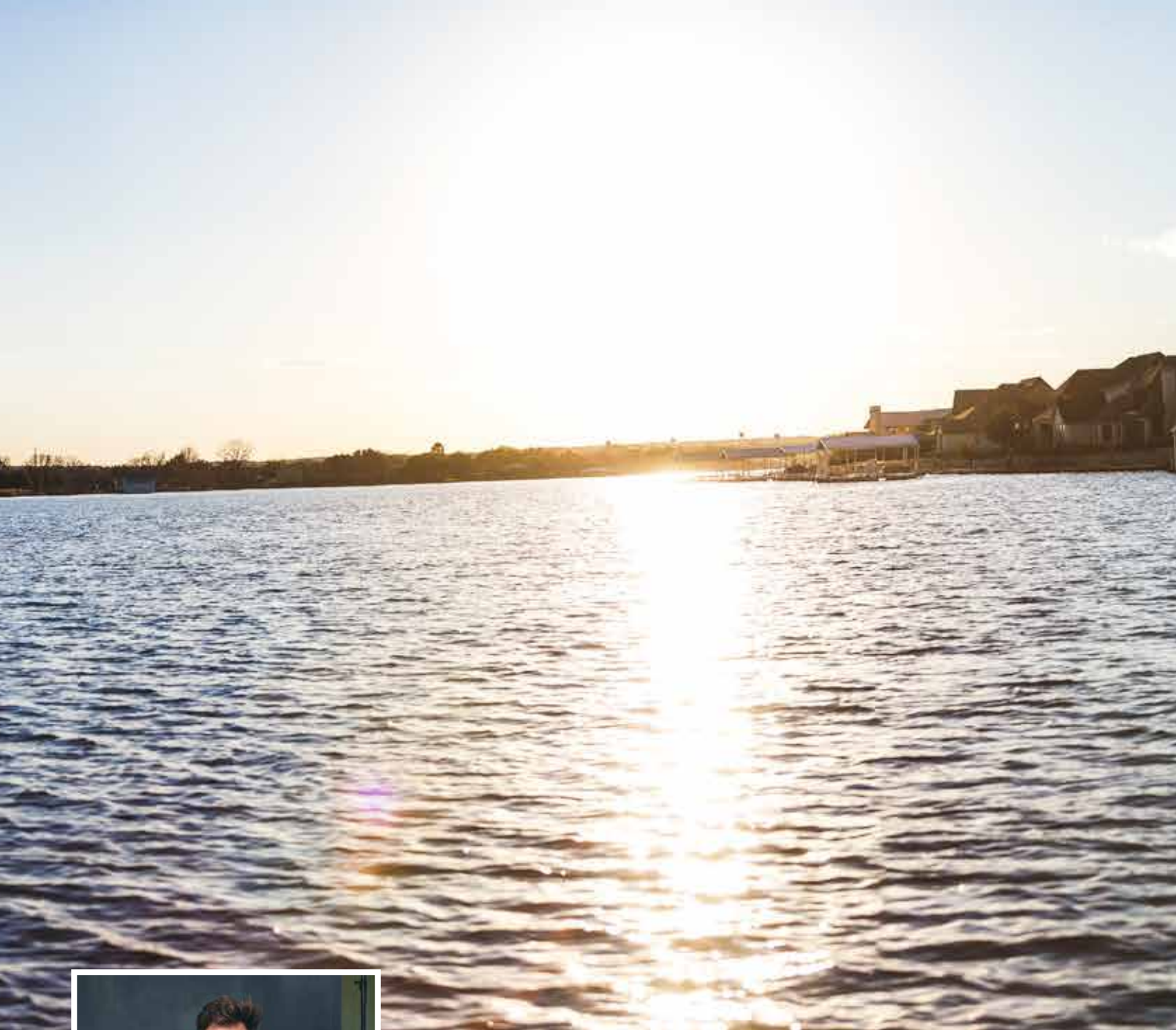
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# The Road to Resilience



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**W**hen we're young we tend to bounce back from adversity fairly quickly and usually painlessly. This gives young adults a sense of control over their own destinies as they readily take the initiative to overcome obstacles.

However, the paradigm shifts as we get older. Success seems out of reach and keeping up with our routine is a feat in and of itself. Clinging on to steadfast traditions and passions that have proven to be trustworthy increasingly become more attractive than the road less traveled.

The stories in this issue are about invention and reinvention. Turns out, it is possible to trust what you know and apply that knowledge when we consider various, new paths to success. This issue showcases prime examples of promoting growth in the face of adversity as Granbury locals continue to spark innovation for whatever it is you want to do.

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# The Right Stuff



**W**hat's your greatest memory? Go ahead, think about it! You got it? Does it have to do with a trip? Mine does. I didn't take many family trips as a child, but as I have become older and I have my own children, we take a lot! One of my greatest memories is taking my first born son to meet my dad for the first time. At the time he was retiring from law enforcement and we were surprising him. He had no idea it was happening. I flew across the country to Lumberton, North Carolina with my wife and a one-month-old baby boy named Moses. It was beautiful! We showed up at the party and my dad cried like a big baby. It was a picture I will never forget.

What I didn't mention in that story was how hard it was. Flights are expensive and at that point in our life, we were putting lots of things on a credit card. We had never traveled with a baby. We were unsure where we were going to stay. We

were taking our new baby to a city that is in the most dangerous county in North Carolina. Our dog got Parvo two days before we left, and we didn't know if she would be alive when we got back. I have lived over 1,000 miles away from my dad since I was two years old. I am sure there is more, but this trip is one of my favorite memories even though we were incredibly uneasy about the whole thing. The point is, it's worth it. There will always be unknowns and difficulties, but it's worth it because great moments turn into great memories, and those great memories will always overshadow the bad things in life.

You may be feeling down or worried about something in life right now, but I challenge you to look for the great moments because one day those will be your greatest memories!

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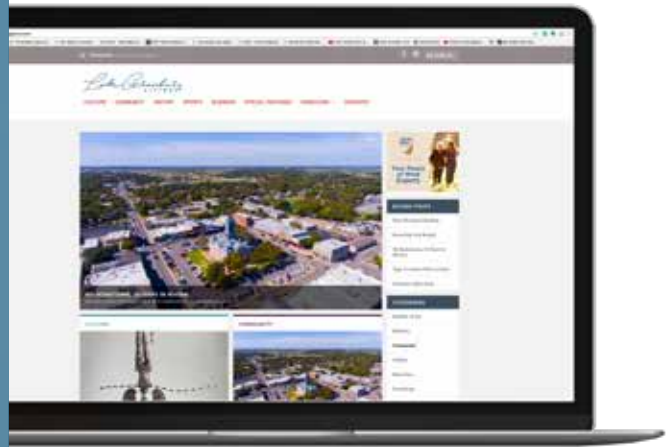
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# Behind The Lens

**MARY VINCENT**

**PHOTO JOURNALIST FOR THE HOOD COUNTY NEWS FOR 18 YEARS**

Words by **Jonathan Hooper** | Photography by **White Orchid Photography**



**WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.  
THE STORY YOU CANNOT  
TELL WITH WORDS.  
WHEN WORDS BECOME UNCLEAR.  
THE HUMANITY OF THE MOMENT.  
WHAT OUR LIVES MEAN TO US.**

How many hundreds of quotations are attributed to the photograph? Yes, that many, and more!

The photograph. From the humble to the elaborate, whether hung in the poshest art galleries as well as the grandmother's refrigerator door, black & white or color enhanced, digital or film, the ubiquitous photograph provides us with an accurate record of the living. Or as Andy Warhol once said,

"The best thing about a picture is that it never changes, even when the people in it do."



Her list of earned awards is impressive, and include the coveted North Texas and East Texas Photographer of the Year.





Some photographers are famous for their celebrity and commercial acclaim, such as Richard Avedon, Annie Leibovitz, and Ansel Adams. Or consider the photograph that becomes famous, when the sailor kisses the girl in Alfred Eisenstaedt's exuberant "V-J Day in Times Square," or the pain and fatigue in Dorothea Lange's tragic "Migrant Mother."

The photo journalist of local events helps to shape our view of the community with a single frame just as much as the more famous photographer might earn critical acclaim. Sometimes, the local photographer can do both. And that brings us to Mary Ellen Vinson, life-long photographer, and retired photo journalist for the Hood County News.

You have seen hundreds of her photographs taken in and around Granbury. Critically-juried awards contest committees have seen them, and they like what they saw. Her list of earned awards is impressive, and include the coveted North Texas and East Texas Photographer of the Year.

## THE FAMILY PORTRAIT

Mary Ellen's father was in the military, and lived all over the world. As an avid amateur photographer, he bought cameras and took photographs. Mary Ellen's older brother became interested in photography, and told her to "go buy a camera" when she would hang out with him so much, as little sisters often do. She bought a camera, and was hooked.

She soon met future husband Gary, who also an avid photographer. They both enrolled in Photography classes at Tarrant County Community College in Fort Worth, where their instructor, Jerry Sorrels, quickly moved them into the dark room to enhance their film developing skills. They both enjoyed the technical side of the dark room so much that they outfitted a dark room with gifted wedding money instead of buying dishes or a washing machine.

From 1980 to 1993 Mary Ellen put those dark room skills to good use at The Black & White Works in Fort Worth, developing prints for large scale photography shows in local museums as well as clients around the world who soon learned of her printing expertise. During this time, her son Nick became very interested in nature, and wanted to go to the zoo school. After a few visits, the zoo teacher asked Mary Ellen to teach classes. She quickly created the first photography classes for Fort Worth Zoo, working extensively behind the scenes with zoo keepers to document everything from births to feeding habits.

She pursued more extensive development of her craft with Fort Worth legendary photographers Byrd Williams and Wilburn Davis. She remarked, "Wilburn was





### DID YOU KNOW?

The history of photography goes back centuries! The process of developing film dates back to the 19th century, and the first color photo was taken in 1869 by Louis Ducos du Hauron.

the first in Fort Worth to use an on-camera flash—that was a long time ago! He also created innovative lighting and flash techniques that we still use today.”

### FILM OR DIGITAL? BLACK & WHITE OR COLOR

Her time in Fort Worth also included the massive shift from film to digital formats. She says,

“I am a digital girl, but my roots are in the dark room, so I like film, too. I lived in both worlds. I still do. But digital is more flexible out in the field where one camera can adjust to all sorts of different situations.”

In 2001 she joined the Hood County News as a photo journalist, and spent the next 18 years documenting everything good, and everything bad, that occurred in Hood County and the surround area. Able to draw on her experience in the art world, the dark room, and



documenting events, Mary Ellen quickly showed her prowess behind the camera with an extraordinary shot of a lightning storm, and ran into the office after the deadline, yelling “Stop the presses!” They did, and the photo was featured on the front page.


Her most memorable assignment was in the aftermath of the 2013 tornado. She noticed immediately that with all the sensational media coverage from around the country, lots of people and lots of news was falling between the cracks. Through her efforts with the Hood County News, she was able to highlight those silent heroes and victims in a special July 4th edition, from recently homeless to medical examiners, firefighters and Methodist church workers, and more. One photo of the triage center won a National Newspaper Association award. “It was a life-changing experience for all involved. We all helped to bring these groups of people together through these photos.”

As for black & white vs color? “I like both!” She add-

ed that she enjoys working with color more now, but enjoyed black & white earlier in her career. The technical challenges of black & white still appeal to her dark room roots.

## MORE THAN A PHOTO

The lens can be an awkward intrusion during and following a joyful celebration. And it is obvious that no one likes a camera lens shoved in their face after a tragic event. Mary Ellen strives to be ever-mindful of her presence in either situation. “I always consider that my actions can create reactions. I watch my manners. I give officials their space. I try to be very respectful. I don’t encroach. On the other hand, I have to get the shot.”

“I would like to thank the community for the opportunity and experience. Photographic journalism is a perspective of the community like no other. I feel blessed, and am a better person for it.” 



## THE WIZARD OF OZ JULY 26 - AUGUST 25, 2019

Granbury Opera House

Photos provided by Shad Ramsey

This classic tale of friendship and family has been warming audience's hearts for decades. The production brought to the Granbury Theatre stage was no different. This high-energy, colorful show, in addition to the talented group of adult actors, featured munchkins from the Granbury Theatre Academy Summer Camp. To view a list of upcoming shows visit [granburytheatrecompany.org](http://granburytheatrecompany.org)







# Aguayo

# A Family Affair

## *Hood County Volunteer Fire Department*

Words by **Connie Lewis Leonard** | Photography by **LP Taylor Photography**

**S**irens slice through the silence signaling danger or disaster. In Hood County, all firetrucks carry volunteers—they do it for free. They have other jobs and sacrifice their “free time” to train and prepare to respond in emergencies at a moment’s notice. They risk their lives for the safety and security of our community. So why do they do it?

Tanner Green, said, “Firefighting, especially volunteering in Granbury, runs in my family. I am proud to be a third generation firefighter here. I started volunteering about ten years ago, and it didn’t take me long to realize that my calling in life was serving others. After about a year of volunteering with the fire department, I joined the United States Army as a combat medic to continue my service on a different level. My family and I moved back home about five years ago, and I began volunteering as soon as we moved back. I am blessed enough now to be a full-time fireman for the city of Irving, still serving as a combat medic in the Texas Army National Guard and serving as the Assistant Chief, Granbury Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD).



“Having the sense of comradery at the fire station is much like the bond that I experienced while in the military—it’s like a second family. Knowing that we all come from different backgrounds and have different careers but still come together for one goal, is an amazing concept. We all make sacrifices to be able to do what we do here, and it takes more than most people realize to get the job done.”

For the Head family, GVFD truly is a family affair. Michael and Crystal joined in 2005. Their three kids, Christopher (19), Jonathan (18), and Briana (16), each joined when they turned 16. GFVD has a Junior Firefighter training program that helps kids know if fire service is a path they want to follow. Jonathan plans to work in the forestry service after college graduation.

Crystal said, “We all got into firefighting because we want to help people. It’s about saving lives and property and seeing people through the darkest times when they are in trouble.”

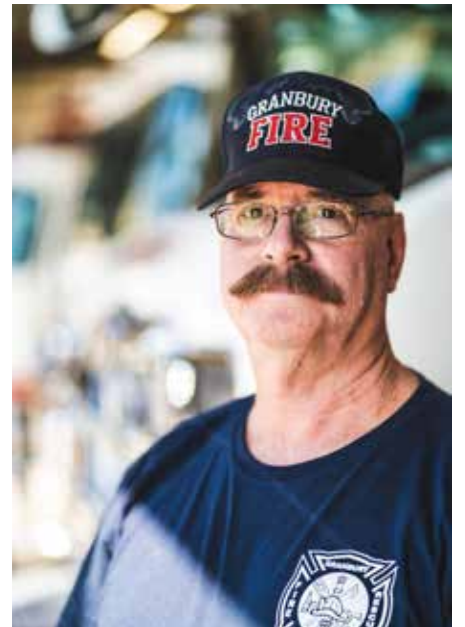
Brenda Rodriguez said, “I joined the department while I was going through EMT school back in 2017. Nick Mains invited me to go with him to a meeting, and after that I wanted to be part of the department. I joined the fire department because I love to help others. It’s a very dangerous hobby, but once the adrenaline rush kicks in, it takes over. Every time my son hears my pager go off, he turns and tells me, ‘It’s go time mommy!’ I feel like an average mom, but in his eyes I am Wonder Woman.”

About 280 volunteers serve in the nine VFD’s: Granbury, Station 70, Indian Harbor, Pecan Plantation, DCBE/Acton, Cresson, North Hood County, Lipan and Tolar. The number of volunteers ranges roughly from 15-60 personnel for each department. The variety of schedules allows enough people to respond to every emergency with the different departments often working together. Mac Bennett joined DCBE VFD in 1980. Serving as Assistant Fire Chief for



All the fire departments are like one big family. No matter what, at the end of the day we have each other's back.







*Firefighters put their lives on the line to save yours. They are essential to the safety and security of our community.*

many years, he worked at Acton, Indian Harbor and Granbury VFD's.

Mack said, "The men and women that volunteer do not do it for money, glory or fame. They do it to serve and give back to the county, city and the community in which they live. All the fire departments are like one big family. No matter what, at the end of the day we have each other's back."

Besides training together and risking their lives to put out fires, the volunteers enjoy spending time having fun. They help with the county Easter egg hunts, Fire Prevention Programs at the schools and churches, neighborhood fun nights, station tours with the Boy and Girl Scouts and parades.

Crystal said, "Our fire department at North Hood County does a fish fry every Memorial weekend. It has become a very popular event. We have people that make other plans around our fish fry so they can attend. It is our fundraiser that helps us get what we need for our department."

Brenda also talked about the Fish Fry as well as the crawfish boils which are made by the Chief at his house all summer long.

"The 4th of July is always a blast! From the parade to the fireworks show, we are heavily involved. Even though we are all volunteers, we as a department always give back to the community when we can, and that's such a great day to serve in a non-emergency capacity.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Benjamin Franklin started the first volunteer fire department in Philadelphia in 1736. The department was called The Union Fire company and had 30 volunteers.

Another thing I look forward to every year is our GVFD Christmas party. It's great to have my family and my second family at the department together, let loose a little and spend some time together," Tanner said.


Although the GVFD family members have fun together, the most important thing they do is come together in times of crisis. They race to meet every challenge that arises.

"Not every outcome is positive, but we give our all no matter the odds. When you find out that a patient is going to make it or is doing well after you've responded to a tragic emergency they were involved in, it is a breath of fresh air," Tanner said.

Mac recalls a touching story about a time they were called out to a house fire on Christmas Eve. After getting everyone out of the house and putting the fire out, a little girl hugged each member of the VFD for saving her house, her cat and their Christmas presents.

Crystal recalls a time she and Michael were fighting a structural fire. They saw a distressed deer in the fenced area. "I put the hose down and noticed the deer would not leave my side, so I focused on getting her out of the fence. My fear was it would run into the flames. Later that week, I got an email from the homeowner thanking me for saving their pet deer named DD. They also said the deer returned home, and they wanted me to meet her. Michael once saved a cat that was in distress from smoke inhalation. Now each department carries pet oxygen masks."

Brenda said, "No matter what I get myself into, I know I can always depend on my fellow firefighter family to be there for me. That applies to running a call and life situations outside of the department. I am a bank teller, wife, mom, I'm very into fitness, my son plays sports and still I have time to volunteer in the community. Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the passion."

All the volunteers share the same vision to train and work together to protect people, pets and property. Citizens need to pull over when they see an emergency vehicle, so the first responders can get where they're going safely, as fast as they can, to do their job. 





**GRANBURY SIGNATURE  
DRINK CONTEST  
MAY 24, 2019**

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11 Competitors entered and highlighted their creation of a signature drink. The Granbury-themed drinks included everything from John St Helen Julip, Granbury Liquid Brunch, Lemon Drop on the Dock and Granbury Sunset. Linda Husong and Susan Moore collaborated on the winning drink, Two Shots Fired.





## Granbury Signature Drink Inspiration

### “WHERE TEXAS HISTORY LIVES”

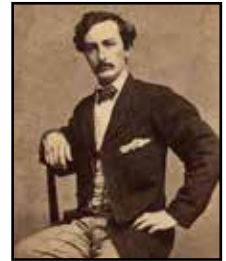
Granbury’s signature drink is a double shot of legendary Wild West outlaws, Jesse James and John Wilkes Booth.

Bank and train robber, Jesse Woodson James, was famously known for being quick with 2 pistols at the same time. Legend has it, that James escaped capture and changed his name to J. Frank Dalton. Just before his death, he confessed to the local sheriff that he was in fact, the murderous outlaw at large. His confession was later said to be confirmed after the county sheriff observed postmortem and documented physical evidence on the body, which still resides in the Granbury Cemetery on a marked grave under a pecan tree.

The details of the end of life for outlaw John Wilkes Booth is a similar tale.

Legend has it, following the assassination of President Lincoln, Booth escaped and fled Washington D.C. The fugitive turned up in the countryside near Granbury, Texas where he presumed he had kin. Changing his name to John St. Helen, he made ends meet as a bartender at the saloon adjacent to the historic Opera House, where he also enjoyed stage life as an actor.

Like Jesse, he confessed on his “would be” death bed to local authorities that he was John Wilkes Booth, disclosing the location of the murder weapon. It is said today, his ghost still roams the Granbury Opera House.



Now that brings us to our drink.



## Granbury Signature Drink “Two Shots Fired”

Created by Linda Husong and Susan Moore

### 1ST SHOT “JESSE JAMES”

Combine

- 1 oz of Strong Black Rifle® “Murdered Out” Coffee
- 1 oz Pecan Whiskey

### 2ND SHOT “JOHN WILKES BOOTH”

Combine

- 1 oz of Strong Black Rifle® “Murdered Out” Coffee
- 1 oz Godiva White Chocolate Liqueur

Pour up the Jesse James and John Wilkes Booth shots together in a glass of your choice. Be sure to dust the top of your drink with unsweetened cocoa powder to represent the dirt they’re under. Enjoy hot or chilled.

*Yield a larger serving with a 2 to 1 ratio.*

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# EL PODER DE LAS PALABRAS

THE POWER OF WORDS

By: Victoria Saucedo

# VICTORIA SAUCEDO

Words by **Connie Lewis Leonard** | Photography by **White Orchid Photography**



**"I HAVE SEEN THE WORST PARTS OF THE WORLD AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL. SEEING A VARIETY OF SITUATIONS HAS ONLY MADE ME WANT TO WORK HARDER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY."  
- VICTORIA SAUCEDO**

**Y**outh are our future. Occasionally, a young person comes along who shines so brilliantly, the future explodes with possibilities. Victoria Saucedo is such a star. She began volunteering at the age of five and traveling abroad at age fourteen. She has traveled for leisure and on humanitarian aid trips. In 2017, she went to Ghana with Global Leadership Adventures to teach English to fifth graders and to help build classrooms. Last summer, she went to Nepal with Projects Abroad for a medical internship and organized a dental outreach program for elementary students. At the time this article was written, she



was in Madagascar with Projects Abroad for two weeks volunteering at an early childhood development center and helping the kids with basic numeracy, English, French and social development skills.

Victoria said, “I have seen the worst parts of the world and the most beautiful. Seeing a variety of situations has only made me want to work harder to increase access to education and speak up for those who have no opportunity.”

**“I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.”—Indira Gandhi**

Being a Girl Scout for thirteen years, she recently earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, with writing her own English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum as her Gold Award project. In 2018, the Girl Scouts of the USA selected Victoria as one of twelve girls from the USA to represent the organization at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

62nd Session. At the UN, Victoria advocated for the lack of educational programs in rural areas by attending various sessions, parallel events, and conferences with diplomats and other global figures.

Victoria said, “Inspired by my UN experience, I decided to publish my own ESL curriculum that focuses on professional communication in the workplace. The curriculum focuses on several main parts and scenarios: business presentations, meetings, emails, and phone calls. Each section has reading, speaking, and writing activities as well as a self-assessment to measure success. I collaborated with Hogar Infantil, a children’s home in Ocozocoautla de Espinosa, Chiapas, Mexico, to carry out my project. My project has been spread to several other schools in the same region. I’ve had experience volunteering by teaching English in Ghana for two weeks. Also, being bilingual, I know the struggles of learning a new language and communicating with others that speak differently. By focusing on professional workplace settings and scenarios, my curriculum





prepares students with the skills and experiences that make decent high school graduates demonstrably more valuable to colleges and companies.”

**“Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you’ll be able to see farther”— J.P. MORGAN**

Through presentations at local civic clubs, Victoria raised over \$3,000 to fund her project. In October 2018, she traveled to the children’s home and hosted orientation classes for students and teachers. Her ESL curriculum includes activities such as a business presentation section, mock presentation projects with a list of topics from which students can choose. Ideally, the students will need some prior English experience, but the curriculum focuses primarily on the work place setting. Other activities include resume writing, business interview preparation (mock interviews), partner activities where students practice speaking with the new vocabulary, games that can be played with a group using the new vocabulary, essay writing topics, etc. As for graduating the program, the students need to complete all the sections and pass the evaluations at the end of each section. Also, they are under the supervision of an ESL teacher at their school.

The target audience for the curriculum is 13 to 18-year-old middle school and high school students that are preparing for university or trade school. Enhancing their English skills in professional settings makes the students more prepared for higher education and the work force, which helps break the cycle of poverty.

**“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more you are a leader” — JOHN QUINCY ADAMS**

Victoria said, “In areas with great poverty, education is a luxury, so when the kids received the textbooks, they were extremely grateful and happy.” Students who graduated from the program sent the following Facebook messages thanking Victoria for the incredible opportunity:

“Thank you for the program you brought to our home! I was excited to finish it”

“I really enjoyed the textbook lessons! It was good experience for my future and I want to use my skills to obtain a good job!”

“Thank you for visiting Hogar Infantil! I am improving my English with your book! I hope it can improve more, and I can be the best! It is inspirational!”

“Your program is really good for the high school students here! They can obtain real-world experience now in their ESL program!”

“Thank you for the opportunity to learn professional communication in English! I look up to you so much!”




**"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."—Ronald Reagan**

Victoria said, "This experience definitely reminded me to keep an open mind. At the time of planning my project proposal, I wanted to be a physician and felt the need to do a project pertaining to health. I was struggling with ideas and wanted to give up. However, I decided to take a great leap of faith and venture into the sector of education. Look at what it has turned into! At times, I feel like I tie my life down to my goals and have to always stay on track to make it to the end. My project has taught me personally to never be afraid of trying new things or exploring new fields of interest, and sometimes taking detours ends up being the most

memorable experiences."

In May, Victoria graduated as valedictorian from North Central Texas Academy, where she attended for four years, and is enrolled as a freshman at Texas Christian University majoring in physics and pre-law. Physics and math majors excel the most on the law school admissions test. She plans to practice intellectual property law or corporate and securities law.

**"Men are like stars, some generate their own light while others reflect the brilliance they receive."—Jose Marti**

Victoria Saucedo is a dazzling light. She is creative, compassionate, ambitious and persistent. As she gives her best in all she does, she will surely make her mark on the world, making it a brighter, better place for all. 

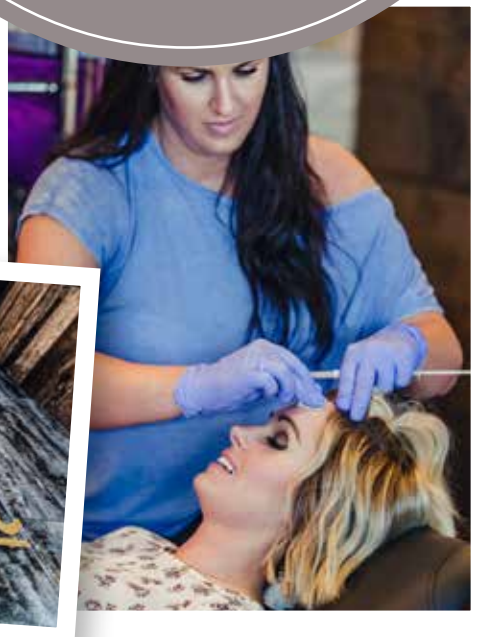


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# A Life of Grace

Words by **Rick Mauch**

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**V**icki Hamrick danced for the first time when she was 3 years old. She made her first splash in a swimming pool at age 6.

Now, at age 61, she's still doing both, and still with much of the grace she displayed in those youthful days.

"I just don't see myself not doing any swimming or dancing," Vicki said. "I'm so blessed."

Others are also counting their blessings that she's still as active as ever. Even a recent bout with cancer couldn't hold her down.

Vicki opened her dance studio in 1980, two years after she and her late husband, Clyde, moved to Granbury. She is originally from Meridian, Mississippi, and Clyde was from North Carolina. They moved here because he was part of the construction crew on the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in Glen Rose.

She noticed there was only one dance studio in town. It was above the Nutshell eatery on the square downtown.



**The very first recital in 1980 featured around 50 students, Vicki said. Today, she has around 184, ranging in age from 2 to adult.**

"This beautiful redhead, who was also named Vickie, was about to move to New York for Broadway and she said she couldn't have too many students because pieces of the ceiling would fall into people's food who were eating in the restaurant," Vicki said with a laugh.

So Vicki decided to open her own studio. It was originally called the Acton School of Dance because, well, it was in Acton for the first few years, in several different buildings. It is now, and has long been renamed Miss Vicki's School of Dance and is located at 215 N. Plaza Dr. in Granbury.

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"For 12 years we had a wonderful group of tap dancers who were in their mid-50s to 83. They were great," Vicki said.

Of that group of students are about 14 special needs dancers from the Granbury Cheetahs Special Olympics team, she said.

"Everybody loves them. They always get tons of ap-



plause," Vicki said. "We started with a handful, and now we have a lot. The whole dance family loves them."

Family is a key word when describing Vicki's dance studio, or her connection with the Granbury SEALS Swim Team, for whom she is both a competitor and an assistant coach. "I am so blessed to be a part of both of these wonderful families in dance and swimming," she said.

Of course, her favorite family is the one that includes three children and seven grandchildren. In fact, her granddaughter Braylee, age 12, helps her in the dance studio, while her daughter Christa Ragland (Braylee's mother) is a fellow member of the SEALS.

"Braylee has already said she's looking at colleges that teach dance," Vicki said.

All four children of Christa and her husband Wes, including sons Triston (14), Aiden (13), and Lucas (5) are on the SEALS as they live in Tolar. Vicki's daughter April Kramer and husband Jim live in Frisco and have a daughter, Lexi, who is going to play softball at Louisiana Tech.







"The first time Clyde saw her on the field, he said, "That's our ballplayer, right there," Vicki said. "And he was right. She is fantastic."

Son Bill and his wife Holly live in Welsh, Louisiana. They have two daughters, 8-year-old Leighton and 5-year-old Lily.

"I'm a really Mimi. That's my third job," Vicki said with a laugh. "It's also my favorite. I call them my lucky seven."

Vicki grew up dancing in a musical family. Her father played a variety of instruments, including trumpet, in the Air Force Band for many years, while her siblings were also all musically inclined.

"Dance was my thing," she said. "I've loved it my whole life."

Even a bout with uterine cancer couldn't stop Vicki. She was diagnosed in 2017 and declared cancer-free earlier this year.

In fact, she would not begin treatment until her studio's summer recital was held.

"My doctor said, "This is a first. We're waiting on a dance recital to start treatment,"" she said, chuckling.

Not only that, she swam while undergoing treatment. And she won a pair of gold medals in record-setting fashion in the 60-Over category at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Summer Games of Texas in 2018.

"My port was under the skin, so it was okay to swim," she said. "By the time summer came around, I said, "I'm feeling up to it, so I'm going to swim."

She set state records in the 50-yard freestyle and the 50-yard breaststroke.

"I got to meet and have my picture taken with the lady whose record I broke," Vicki said. "It was such an exciting moment, and she said she was so proud of me."

This is Vicki's 23rd year as part of the SEALS and her dear friend Janet Steenberge, whom she met when Janet walked into the studio one day to enroll her children in dance. Vicki soon joined the SEALS as a competitor the first year, becoming an assistant coach the next.

"We raised our kids together, kind of," Vicki said. "And now she's got a grandbaby. I'm so happy for her."

"I love coaching and competing. It's a lot easier to coach when you do it yourself. They can relate better if I get in the water and do it with them."



**Her studio will celebrate 40 years next year, and she's already making plans for the event. She hopes it will include second- and perhaps even third-generation dancers, with mother-daughter routines.**

Janet also vividly remembers the day she met Vicki, the first step toward establishing the friendship of a lifetime.

"I cherish my friendship with Vicki. She is such a wonderful part of my life," Janet said. "Georgia (Janet's daughter) wanted to try dancing, and I wanted something fun for my kids - and Vicki is so much fun."

As much as Vicki likes to win, competing isn't at the heart of her success. In fact, while her students perform several recitals each year (Christmas, spring, and summer in nursing homes), they do not enter competition, unlike most other studios.

"My kids do it because they love it," she said. "We dance for the passion. That's why I'm still here 39

years later."

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"We talked about bringing back as many dancers as we can," she said. "The third generation is coming in. My granddaughter dances and it makes me very proud."

"I remember the year I had my 25th anniversary, my dance teacher in Meridian had her 50th anniversary. When you're a dancer, it stays with you for life."

Ditto for swimming. Barely in school when she began, she learned from her father to appreciate the sport



for a lifetime. He did, especially after using it to help him recover from a severely injured back.

"Swimming was his recovery," Vicki said. "He really valued swimming and what it does for the body."

Vicki lost Clyde in 2012 to a stroke. Like her, he was a battler, overcoming throat cancer and a previous stroke.

"We knew it was coming. He'd been talking to his mom in his dreams," she said. "He was my biggest cheerleader for 34 years, and I know he's up there still shouting."

Janet said Vicki is like a "cheerleader in life."

"She's positive, outgoing, an example for me and so many others. She just perseveres through anything. So many people would curl up in a ball, but not Vicki," Janet said.

Meanwhile, Vicki continues to give Clyde plenty to shout about. And she plans to keep on doing so for as long as she is able.

"Why would I stop? I love both dancing and swimming, and I'm still able to do both well," Vicki said. "I don't see myself giving up either one anytime soon."





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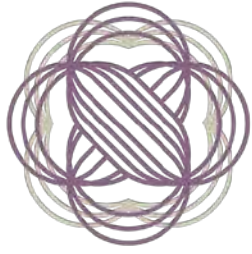
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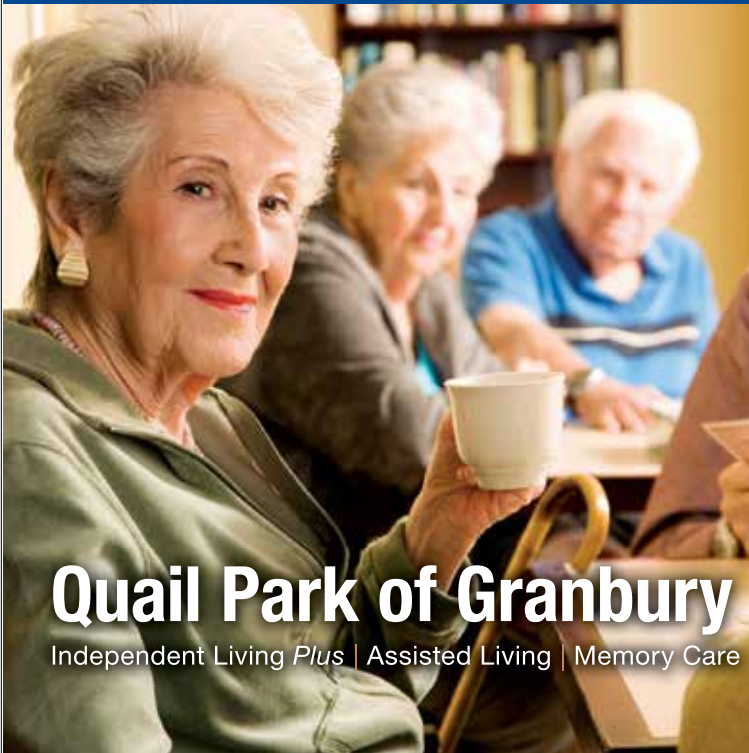
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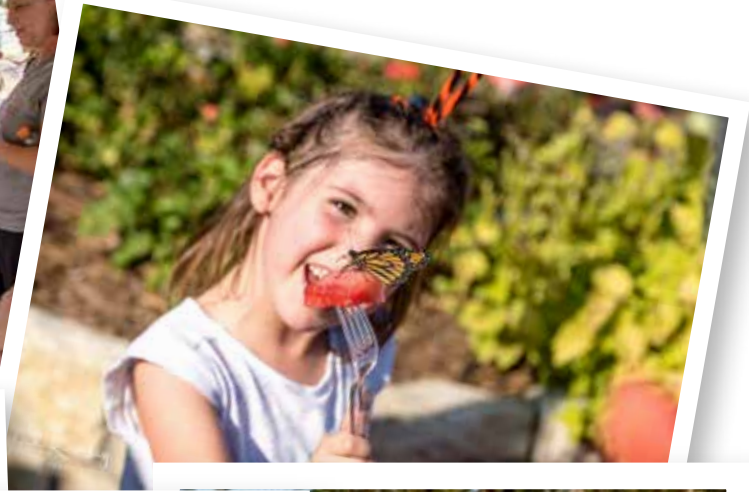


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Lake Granbury Master Gardeners aim sky high. They envision Hood County as the monarch butterfly capital of North Texas! And they encourage community support to help make this happen.

The festival will feature educational programs as well as fun hands-on activities for children, such as face painting and crafts. The goal is to provide all ages with an enjoyable learning experience. Attendees will learn to attract, provide for and protect Monarchs and other pollinators.

The festival will include educational displays, hosted tours of the demonstration gardens, a monarch butterfly release, opportunities to capture and tag butterflies as well as a plant sale featuring butterfly host and nectar plants. Visitors will learn about the monarch's migration through Texas and hear about how to create a butterfly-friendly garden. Attendees are encouraged to dress as butterflies.

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# MUSIC – A GIFT FROM THE HEART

Words by [Jan Brand](#) | Photography by [Heather Chaney](#)



## Ever wondered what the world would be without music?

**F**rom time immemorial, music has defined the times. As far back as little David tending sheep and singing to the Lord as he played his flute, we have historical evidence of the part music played in our lives. Before the advent of the copyright, tunes were often used over and over with new words. The sixteenth century Greensleeves' lyrics were rewritten in 1865 as the beautiful Christmas song, "What Child Is This?" In 1831, a seminary student poked the eye of Brits when he rewrote the words to their national anthem, "God Save the Queen," and it became, "America! (My

Country 'Tis Of Thee)."

The list is long and includes men who wrote great symphonies that crashed into the silence like waves pounding rocks. Peaceful sonatas that lulled us into serene moments like water soothing over stones in a brook.

Music can make you feel anything is possible. It makes you remember your first love—your first dance, your first kiss and singing into your hairbrush, practicing being the next Rosemary Clooney, Frank Sinatra, Carrie Underwood or Josh Groban.



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Granbury's investment in music is wide and varied, recalling great memories from the past and reaching for new opportunities of creative expression in the future. One group making an important contribution is the Tarleton's Langdon Center Big Band. Their goal is to remind us of the great music essential to the making of America. The band gives local musicians an opportunity to play the music they love and the public a chance to hear the big band sound again.

Each generation left their own footprint through music. In the Flapper years of the 1920s, it was the Charleston. Swing and jazz dominated the 1930s, with great bands like Glenn Miller and Count Basie. Along came the war years of the 1940s, and music reflected the solemn mood. For the boys far away, Bing Crosby gave them something to dream about with Irving Berlin's

"White Christmas." The Andrews Sisters livened things up with, "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

In the 1950s America had growing pains. This generation wanted to "Rock Around the Clock" with Bill Haley and the Comets. Doris Day got a little risqué having "Pillow Talk" with Rock Hudson. The 1960s started off calm enough, with "The Theme from A Summer Place" performed by Percy Faith and his orchestra. But things were about to change.

The Beatles' invasion came to the United States like a swarm of locust, and a cultural revolution changed the message. "Sex, drugs and rock and roll" defined the '60s. Lyrics had hidden meaning, but those in the revolution could decipher the message; which was, "Nobody's the boss of us. We can do whatever we desire." Much of the music was done with immense talent and creativity. But

*The band gives local musicians an opportunity to play the music they love and the public a chance to hear the big band sound again.*



gradually the creativity and the message lost its sparkle and instead of calling people to reach higher, the music appealed to man's baser instincts instead of his highest ideals.

David Talmage, a retired high school band director, loved music. He especially loved music from the big band days when such greats as, Duke Ellington and "Take the A Train," Tommy Dorsey and "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You," or Artie Shaw with "Begin the Beguine," produced hand-clapping, toe-tapping music that reached into the soul of Americans. Their music lured people onto the dance floor. The country came alive with music. It inspired and expanded the American dream. Talmage had to do something to bring back that feeling. One of his main goals is to introduce younger generations to the music that helped shape American culture.

Janice Horak, Assistant Vice President of Development at Tarleton State University, shared his love for music. Together they worked to put a band together and advertised in area papers for musicians. In a short time,

they had twenty-two talented people with the same dream, and that gave birth to the Langdon Center Big Band.

For a town of less than ten-thousand people, Granbury has more than its share of talent.

Ted Dolan, who plays alto sax, created the Saxophone Quartet, and functions as its director. David Talmage plays bari-sax with the quartet. The other members are Lauri Morgan and Earl Haberkamp. The group plays for weddings, funerals and wineries, among other venues.

The Pearl Street Combo is made up of members of the Langdon Center Big Band. They have performed for the Granbury Wine Walk, Taste of Parker County, New Year's Eve parties at the Pecan Plantation, and events at Canyon West Country Club, to name a few.

The band continued to do well over the next several years, but Talmage's dreams for the band were bigger. He wanted to spread music, good music, as far as their sound could reach. In early 2019 he called Andrew Stonerock, Head of Jazz Studies and Assistant Professor of Saxophone at Tarleton State and asked if he would



consider directing the small band, with a big sound and a dedicated group of musicians. He hesitated for a nano-second before saying, yes, if his wife agreed. His wife, Carolyn, teaches the flute. His son's name is Ellington, named for the "Duke." The family is immersed in music, and Carolyn agreed he should be the band's new director.

Stonerock was born into a musical family. His father Jeff plays the guitar and sings. His brother Matt plays trumpet, and he plays the saxophone, clarinet, flute and oboe. Besides the influence of his dad, Benny Goodman, considered the "King of Swing," had a major impact on him. Goodman left his mark on music in so many ways, and one that changed the course of musical history: he was the first white musician to hire a black musician.

With a bachelor's in music from Ohio University, a master's degree in Saxophone Performance from the University of North Texas, where he played in the Lab Bands. and a Doctorate in Musical Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder, plus his real-time experience, Stonerock came highly qualified with the

kind of discipline and assertiveness to energize the band. Talmage said Stonerock brought a lot of new ideas, new directions and new levels of performance. Under his direction, the band is putting together a season for the coming months:

October 20 Jazz on the Green 2019

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Plato said, "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

It's always about the music, whether you're at the Granbury Opera House, Jazz on the Green, or whistling a tune in the park while you walk your dog, music is food for your soul. 

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# BY THE LIGHT OF THE HARVEST MOON



Words by **Emily Taylor**

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## BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL AND THE GROWTH OF GRANBURY AS A CULTURAL ARTS DESTINATION.

**A** well-known proverb states that it takes a village to raise a child; so, what does it take to “raise” the culture of a town? Thomas Wolfe offers the insight, “Culture is the arts elevated to a set of beliefs.” Gandhi’s thoughts are also enlightening: “A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.”

When it comes to Granbury, it is wonderfully evident that its culture can be attributed to the elevation of the arts in the “hearts and soul of its people”. A prominent example is the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts which has become a staple of the town’s annual attractions, celebrating its 41st anniversary this year. The Historic Granbury Merchants Association (HGMA) founded the festival in 1978 as a means of promoting local artists as well as generating income through its booth rentals. This year, the HGMA is working in conjunction with the Granbury Arts Alliance to hold the festival.





Occurring the third weekend of October on the Historic Square of Granbury, the festival, free and open to the public, is a widely anticipated event presenting original works of over 100 artists and craftspeople from not only the region but around the country, some of whom are nationally recognized. Primarily a visual arts event, there is much to delight the eye and the soul: fine art, contemporary works, sculpture, glass work, and hand-crafted jewelry just to name a few. Visitors can enjoy the gallery booths as well as live music and many food options. This year's festival will feature a new and expanded children's creation area, having experienced great success last year.

The artwork is subject to various criteria for each category. All items must be original and handmade. At the beginning of the event on Saturday, each booth of displayed pieces will be considered by a jury of arts professionals, who determine the recipients of over \$3,000 worth of cash and awards given away the following day.

The festival has undergone tremendous changes over the last decade. From the beginning, it has been a juried show. However, in the early 2000s, it began to

digress from an exclusively handmade event to include more "market-produced" items and less hand-produced artwork.

Local artist Elise Techentine experienced this shift in focus first-hand when she became the committee chair in 2014. She confirms that this allowance compromised the integrity of the festival, thereby inhibiting the artisan's ability to sell their work: "It undermines the maker's efforts and does not bring art buyers and eventually leads to failing to support the very thing it was built to do."

During her years on the committee, Techentine committed to rebuilding the framework to restore the festival to its original purpose of "remaining faithful to the artists and makers it is intending to promote and support!" She maintains that the proper functioning of the jury at the arts festival ensures that the interests of the artists are protected and this mission is preserved. Through the diligent efforts of the festival committee, it was returned to its original format much to their satisfaction and the mutual benefit of the participants.



**[CYNTHIA JAMES] IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT IN THE ARTS BROUGHT TO GRANBURY BY THE FESTIVAL AS WELL AS THE PRODUCTIONS OF OTHER ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE LAKE GRANBURY ART ASSOCIATION, THE OPERA HOUSE, AND THE LANGDON CENTER FOR THE ARTS.**

Techentine's successor, Cynthia James, also a local artist and businesswoman, has chaired the event for the past three years and continues to grow the festival. She is passionate about the education and enrichment in the arts brought to Granbury by the festival as well as the productions of other arts organizations, such as the Lake Granbury Art Association, the Opera House, and the Langdon Center for the Arts.

The Lake Granbury Art Association hosts meetings, workshops, shows, and events that feature various artists and encourage enthusiasts to cultivate their craft. The Opera House draws arts patrons from around the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Home to the Granbury Theatre Company, it produces 8-10 exemplary productions per year. The Langdon Center for the Arts hosts monthly exhibitions from local, regional, and national artists in a variety of mediums.

The collaboration of these groups along with support from the city tourism board, the city council and local businesses, has been influential in making Granbury a cultural arts destination. Furthermore, their collective efforts in fundraising for the festival have been essential to its success.



Artist Cynthia James





**ON A MORE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL, JAMES EXPLAINS THAT THE GOAL OF MAKING GRANBURY A CULTURAL ARTS DESTINATION IS FOR THE “BETTERMENT, EDUCATION, AND ENRICHMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.”**

James confirms that the Harvest Moon Festival has been integral to creating and sustaining the culture of Granbury in various ways. She states that a major factor in the festival’s positive reception in the community is its “intimate, ‘small-town’ feeling”. On a large scale, the festival serves the town by increasing business for local shops, galleries, restaurants, hotels, etc. through the numerous visitors it attracts.

On a more individual level, James explains that the goal of making Granbury a cultural arts destination is for the “betterment, education, and enrichment of the community. We are working to increase education in the arts; not only the visual arts, but theatre, culinary, the written word, etc.” The festival is one of many examples in the arts community of Granbury that nurtures the human spirit and produces a ripple effect among those who experience it. It is very important to James that the town’s artistic endeavors produce a community full of well-rounded people who pursue “fitness” not only in the physical sense, but also through engaging in

various forms of art.

The event facilitates artists’ efforts to promote the arts as a whole, thereby conveying the enrichment it brings to their own lives and providing a platform to communicate their interpretation of the world around them. By creating a venue for them to show and sell their work, an arts festival unites people in the celebration of diverse artistic visions, regardless of how one might specifically define art. In particular, the children’s creation plaza supports arts education among youth. The hands-on, interactive experience includes opportunities for arts, crafts, theatre, and dance, including the whole family in the festivities.

The festival also provides personal and professional benefits to the artists. It fosters connections with other artists as well as people who may become long-term customers because of their exposure to the artists and their work. Moreover, it allows artists to share their creative process with each other and the visitors, thereby cultivating understanding and empathy. Art is a fluid



concept that requires open-mindedness in its study as those who engage it must allow for an interpretation and manifestation of an idea that may not necessarily be identical to their own. It is essential that conversation of the ideas and concepts behind the creative process flows easily for the culture to flourish.

The freedom of expression inherent in art allows individuals to grow personally and then impact others for good. Should this not be the root motivation among those passionate about their town, i.e. culture? Such passion is definitely exemplified in the dedicated people working behind the scenes of the town's artistic community, continually striving to build the local art scene and expand its impact on those who encounter it.

As Granbury prepares for the next Harvest Moon Festival, those planning to participate with their artwork or simply to attend can be confident that they are supporting not only the growth and success of the artistic community, but also contributing to the positive future of their beloved town.



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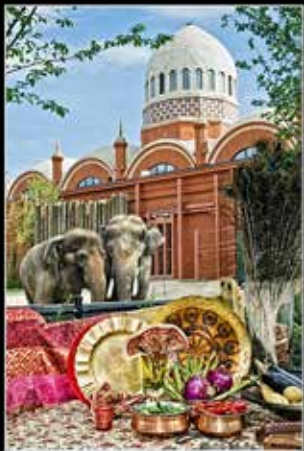
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# Fall Recipes

Words and Recipes by **Carly Terrell**  
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Yes, I know, the Fall isn't normally associated with the season of love, but I have a special bond with it. You see, I am one of the lucky girls in life, where not only did their birthday happen to land in the season, but I am also one who STILL has their dad refer to them as 'pumpkin'. We didn't have a whole lot growing up, but he taught me the warm comforts of chili & cornbread, scary movies with popcorn and a flashlight and carving those smelly jack-o-lanterns before our "trick or treat" extravaganza. The cool autumn air and wafting smells of cinnamon and apple always lead my mind to no other place than the phone conversations with my dad, which always starts with, "hey, pumpkin!" What once may have embarrassed me as a teenager, has now morphed into a parents love for a child. Yep, friends, all this from the season of Fall. I'll miss it like crazy when it leaves, but at least I'll still be 'pumpkin'.



## 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!



## Apple Butter Cheddar Waffles

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups All-Purpose flour
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon each apple pie spice & cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1-¼ cup milk
- ½ cup apple butter
- 1-½ cup shredded sharp cheddar
- 2 eggs
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- \*Combine and warm equal parts pure maple syrup with the apple butter to drizzle over.

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat your waffle iron to its medium setting.

In a large bowl whisk together the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, spices and salt.

In another bowl whisk together the milk, apple butter, shredded cheddar, eggs and vegetable oil.

Pour the liquid mixture into the dry mixture and stir to combine.

Spray the waffle iron with nonstick cooking spray and spoon the batter onto the heated griddle. Close and cook according to your waffle iron's instructions.

Serve the waffles with the Apple Butter Syrup.



## Guinness Beef Stew

### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 lbs stew meat
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ cup flour
- 1 bottle Guinness
- 2 cups beef broth
- 3 Tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 Tablespoons unsalted butter
- ½ cup parsley, plus more for garnish
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- 2 Bay leaves, Salt & pepper to taste

- 1 cup frozen peas
- Mashed potatoes, prepared for serving

### DIRECTIONS:

Begin by heating up 2 tablespoons of oil in a large Dutch oven pot and adding the stew meat to a gallon Ziplock bag, plus the flour seasoned with salt and pepper, and shake. Add the coated meat to the hot pan to sear (about 4 batches) and transfer to a plate. To the same pot, add in the carrots and onions and sauté (5 minutes), followed by the garlic (1

minute). \*Also, add any extra flour from the meat to vegetable mix; this will help thicken and make a gravy.

Next, add the seared meat, plus juices, back in to the vegetable mixture and pour in the Guinness beer, beef broth, tomato paste, thyme, chopped parsley and Bay leaves. Stir together and bring to a boil, while scraping up any brown bits from the bottom of the pan, reduce to a simmer and cover for 4+ hours, stirring occasionally. Add the cup of frozen peas to the pot 20 minutes before serving.

Serve ladled over warm mashed potatoes with a bit of fresh, chopped parsley to garnish.



## *Green Chile Artichoke Dip*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cans diced green chiles, (one 4oz hot, one 7oz regular)
- 1 can quartered, artichoke hearts
- 1-2 fresh jalapenos, diced (I keep seeds in)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 8oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Drain the artichokes and pat dry. In a large bowl, thoroughly combine all the ingredients and transfer to an 8" cast iron pan (preferred, to hold in the heat) or 8x8 baking tin.

Place in the preheated oven for 25 minutes, until hot and bubbly, and then pop under the broiler till a golden brown, 2-3 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips, baguette bread or fresh veggies.

# Puff Pastry Pecan Rolls with Bacon Caramel

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb bacon + grease
- 1-1/2 cups light brown sugar
- ¼ cup pure maple syrup
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 Tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 (17.5 oz) package puff pastry (freezer aisle)
- 1 Tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 ½ cup pecans

## DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Place a 12-cup muffin tin on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Cook the bacon slices until almost crispy, but not quite done. Remove the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate. Pour the bacon

fat into a small pot. Once the bacon is cool, crumble into small pieces.

Place the pot of bacon grease over medium-low heat. Add 1 cup brown sugar and cook, whisking frequently, until the sugar is dissolved, about 3 minutes. (The mixture will look granular.) Slowly stream in the maple syrup and whisk vigorously as the mixture begins to bubble. Once syrup comes together, add the cream and kosher salt. Remove from the heat and whisk until all of the cream is incorporated. Reserve until ready to use.

Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Unfold both sheets of puff pastry and arrange the sheets so that the fold lines run parallel to the counter edge. Generously brush the sheets with the melted butter. Combine the remaining 1/2 cup brown sugar with the cinnamon in a small bowl. Sprinkle the sugar mixture evenly over the buttered sheets. Sprinkle 1/2 cup crumbled bacon and some of the

chopped pecans over the pastry. Gently press the bacon and nuts into the sugar mixture with your palms. Roll the pastry away from you, forming 2 tight logs. Use a serrated knife to cut each log into 6 equal pieces.

Pour 1 tablespoon of the bacon caramel into each muffin cup. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon each crumbled bacon and chopped pecans. Place sticky buns cut-side into caramel in each muffin cup and gently press down, maintaining the round shape.

Bake until the caramel bubbles and the buns are deeply golden brown, about 35 minutes. Work quickly to release the sides of the buns from the muffin cups, using a small knife. Carefully invert the muffin tin onto another baking sheet. Spoon any caramel that remains in the muffin tin over the buns. Serve immediately.





## Peanut Butter & Jelly Pie

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup peanut butter, creamy
- 1 (8oz) block cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/8 cup powdered sugar
- 1 (8oz) container whipped topping
- 1 (9-inch) graham cracker crust
- 1/4 cup chopped peanuts
- 1/3 cup grape jelly
- 1 Tablespoon water
- 1 Tablespoon powdered sugar

### DIRECTIONS:

In a medium bowl beat the cream cheese and the peanut butter until well blended and smooth. Add the powdered sugar and beat until well blended. Gently fold in 1 1/2 cups of the whipped topping just until combined.

Pour into the crust and spread evenly. Spread the remaining whipped topping over the top. Sprinkle with chopped peanuts.

Chill for a minimum of 2 hours or overnight.

When ready to serve, whisk the jelly, water and powdered sugar together in a small saucepot. Warm and drizzle over the pie.



# INTENTIONALLY HEALTHY

Words by **Lindsey Powell**

For a lucky few out there, staying fit and healthy seems to come naturally. We all know this person. They never gain extra weight and seem healthy and happy, no matter their habits. While that's great for them... for the rest of us, living a healthy life requires a great deal of effort. As many of us eventually find out, getting in better shape and living a healthier life doesn't come from just going to the gym or sticking to a diet.

It comes from consistent, intentional choices to put our health and wellness first.

## DAILY CHOICES

One of the most common things I hear when I am speaking with people that are trying to start down the path to a healthier life is that they simply don't know where to start. While you will get a lot of different advice on where to start, such as gym memberships, walks, and diets, for a lot of us out there, those answers don't seem to work because time always tends to get in the way. That's why I tell my clients that it starts by intentionally shaping your daily activities to help you start a healthier life.



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.



As a parent, I want the best for my kids. Sometimes, this means setting aside time to spend with them on homework, extracurricular activities, and family dinner. For those of us that also work outside the household, this may require organizing the structure for your entire week, around their day and your work!

So how do you find time to take care of yourself? Make your fitness your focus and use your daily activities to work toward that goal.

Park your car at the back of the parking lot and get those extra steps in

Replace your desk chair with a swiss ball and passively work on core strength all day

Avoid the elevator and take the stairs

Consider a Fitbit or a similar activity tracking device. While these don't help you directly, they are shown to create more awareness of the user's level of activity and provides motivation for more activity. And that, is the secret sauce to your success! It keeps us mindful and motivated to make better choices.

## CONSCIOUS DIET

This is the same approach I recommend for diets. Instead of trying to jump into a no carb... 12 hour fasting... all vegan diet that we all know we're not going to stick to long term, just focus on making health conscious decisions. You don't have to eat a salad for every meal, instead just try to make the healthiest choice available; maybe a chicken sandwich over the burger... or keep the burger and sub the fries out for vegetables.

If you're thinking, "Is this healthy?" or "Should I be eating this?", then you're already on the path to success.

## HEALTHY HOBBIES

Exercise is another topic that always seems to revolve around how much time it takes and how little time we all have. Remember, exercise doesn't just mean going to the gym; any physical activity is better than none. While the gym may be the best option, if you don't have one nearby or can't find the time to dedicate yourself, choose active options for the spare time you do have. Get outside and take a walk, take the family hiking or biking! Try new hobbies like kayaking, golf or join an adult sport league.



## MINDFULNESS

Finally I want to talk about one of the most important, but most often overlooked, aspects of our health and that's our emotional and psychological health. How we manage the stress and anxiety of our lives can have a massive impact on our physical well being. Using proven meditation techniques can help you manage stress, anxiety, improve your decision making process, and a whole lot more.

I want to get a little personal here. When I was first approached to write about mindfulness I knew right away that I needed to share some of my own personal struggles with depression. I am still in shock at the stigma this word carries with it, the people who struggle want to hide and then pretend we are okay. Shame, sadness, guilt and worry cause me to have consistent anxiety attacks. There are days, even weeks when I cannot find the strength to get out of bed. My past held so many of these days that it rolled into years of my life. I became overweight, I was constantly sick and I did not care enough to get out of bed to take care of myself or my family. When I became pregnant with my second

child, I was terrified. I knew in my heart I needed help and I was screaming for it on the inside. When my daughter was born I felt like this was my chance to start over. With the help and support of my family and the YMCA, my life was saved.

When I say Yoga saved my life, I literally mean it saved my life. I learned that the use of my breath could get me through tough life moments. I learned that making healthier choices with what food I ate would help me achieve my goal of well-being.

Being mindful can mean so many different things. Start by setting aside moments each day to reflect. Make it a daily practice and watch your life change for the better.

Setting aside a few minutes each day to practice mindfulness and reflect on your experiences and understand your emotions can help you to manage it all and get you through the day. But to see the benefits, you have to dedicate the time and effort to practicing these methods.

Sometimes finding the time might be impossible, but in the end you are your only road block.

## MEDITATION TIPS

- Find a quiet place that you can use to be still
- Smells can alter your mood, I prefer using essential oils. Lavender is my favorite.
- Music is my release whether I am working out, writing this article or taking time to reflect. Instrumental based music is typically best for relaxing.
- Repeat positive affirmations quietly or out loud.
- I will make healthy decisions today.
- I will make time for myself.
- Yes, I can do anything.





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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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# Movie Night:

Is there such a thing as fun for the whole family?

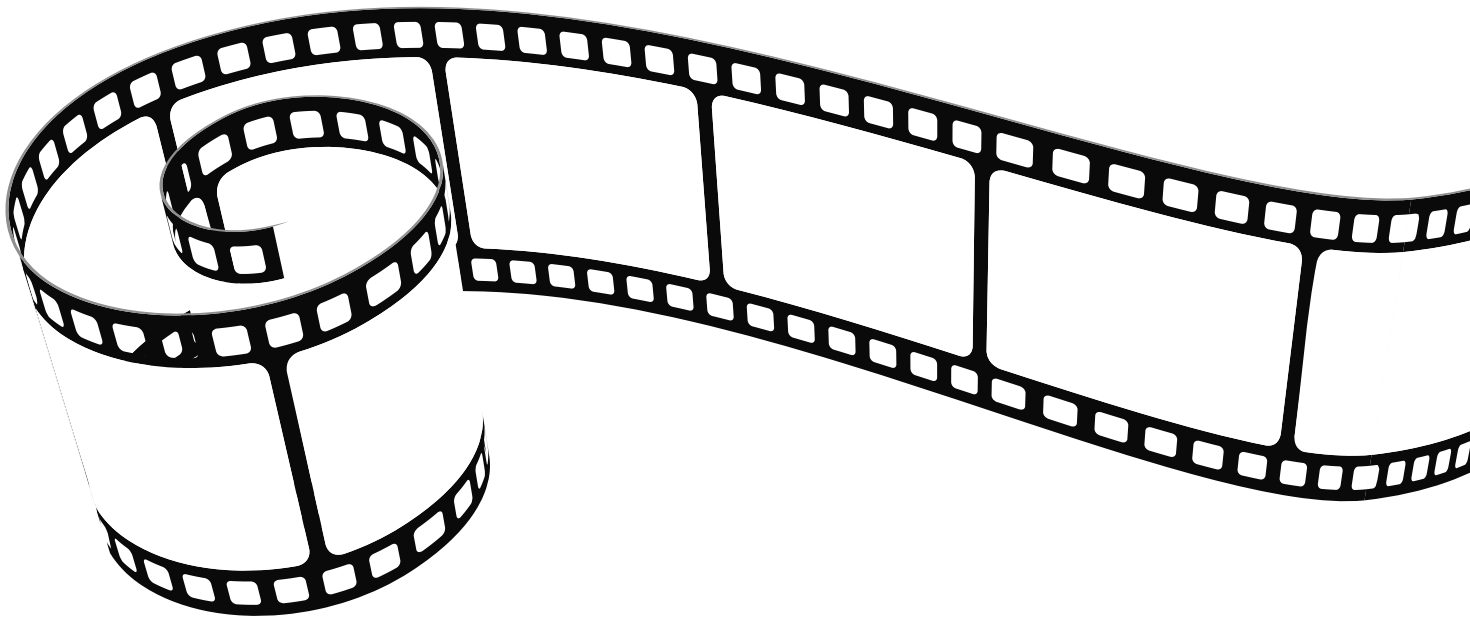
Words by **Dena Dyer**



## *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.





Moms of littles, can I give you some good news? Parenting, at least in my experience, only gets better. Sure, the baby years are sweet, but they are also exhausting. Life with elementary school kids, tweens, and teens is fun and full of surprises. Like anything worth pursuing, raising young adults is not easy, but it's immensely rewarding. When your kids develop their interests and pursue their passions, your heart swells (even as the expenses mount).

However.

There are definitely things I miss from the toddler and preschool years. For instance, picking a movie to watch with my family of four was much simpler back then. When my sons were small, I could pop a cartoon of any kind into the VCR and they were happy. If my hubby Carey and I took them to the theater, any kids' flick would do. Believe me—we watched some duds as they grew up...such as the cleverly-titled but excruciatingly bad "Gnomeo and Juliet" or my least favorite of all time, "Fly Me to the Moon" (which centered around—no joke—flies hitching a ride on the space station). Now, family movie night has morphed into a complex operation. To get through it with our relationships and sanity intact requires us to have the stamina of — and the patience of Job.

First of all, both my sons now have jobs, school, church...plus social calendars that rival the Kardashians'. I'm grateful for their active lives, but Carey

and I need to make an appointment with them just to get a family event scheduled.

Second, Jordan and Jackson have become movie snobs. When I picked a movie for all of us to see at the Movie Tavern on Mother's Day, one of them turned up his nose and said, "That looks pretty average." He had formed that exalted opinion from watching a two-minute trailer. Sure, it was not a blow-'em-up action flick or an epic superhero showdown, but it was supposed to be a day centered around me, for goodness sake.

The entire Dyer household agrees to see the yearly Pixar movie right after it's released in theaters, but that's about all the consensus we have. The oldest likes horror (yuck) and all three guys are big "Marvel" and "Star Wars" fans. I go to some of those movies, but my preference runs to romantic comedies and British films. No wonder we're often at an impasse. Carey, Jordan, and Jackson would rather eat wallpaper paste than sit through "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" for 90 minutes. We often have the best luck re-visiting a classic. Not too long ago, three out of the four of us watched "The Fugitive" with Harrison Ford. It took some convincing, but my 15-year-old almost didn't look at his phone while watching the movie...and he gave it two "thumbs up". It might have taken two nights to get it done—but I'm calling it a win.



# HOME & DESIGN WITH *Maggie Walton*

Words by **Maggie Walton**  
Photography by **Killingsworth Photography**

## *Bold and Beautiful*

While decorating with bold colors and patterns is a great way to add personality to your living space, figuring out how exactly to do it can be a bit overwhelming. Experimenting with rich hues and mixing vibrant patterns and interesting textures can be challenging, especially if utilizing a bold color palette in your home is a departure for you. If you have some reservations, start in a small space. Trust your own sense of style enough to bring your individual personality into your home. Here are a few tips for achieving a bold and beautiful look in your home.

## *About Maggie*

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I'm Maggie Walton, owner + designer of Maggie Walton Design. I was born and raised in Granbury, Texas and love this town for so many reasons. After graduating from Baylor University and marrying my high school sweetheart, there was no question that we would raise our family in Granbury. We have three energetic boys ages 8, 6 and 5 and we recently moved into our new construction "Modern Farmhouse". Creating beautiful spaces has been a love of mine for as long as I can remember. I enjoy spaces that are both comfortable and sophisticated, where my kids can run around and make a mess, and where dinner parties and baby showers can be hosted. While my style has evolved over the years, I would currently describe it as modern farmhouse + country cottage, with a few traditional pieces thrown in. Helping a client create a beautiful, comfortable, functional home that they are proud of is one of my greatest honors.





## *Start small*

For many, the idea of adding bold colors or patterns to your already neutral space seems intimidating. If you have neutral anchor pieces, such as a sofa, rug, or paint color, consider adding a few colorful accessories. Identify a color palette that you are drawn to, and add those colors in small ways. A bright pillow, a colorful piece of art, patterned window treatments, glass vases in a vibrant print - any of these will give you an opportunity to experiment with color in a non-threatening, non-permanent way. Once you've lived with these pieces in your space, you will be more confident to go big with color moving forward.

## *Pep things up with paint*

In my opinion, paint is the most powerful decorating tool there is. In a matter of hours, you can infuse a bolder, more dramatic look. Before painting an entire room, I advise putting up samples of a few different colors on all four walls of your space. Seeing each color in the light of your own home will help you select a winner. If you're worried about covering an entire room with a bold color, paint an accent wall or a large piece of furniture. To spice things up on the exterior of your home, consider painting your front door with a pop of color. Paint has the power to transform an entire space.







## Patterns

Incorporating patterns into your home is a great way to make a statement. For a room that already has an established color palette, choose a pattern that coordinates for a cohesive application. If you're unsure which bold colors go together, select a pattern that you're drawn to, and have it be the launching board for a whole new design. Consider making a statement through textiles: patterned rugs, throw pillows and blankets in a mixture of styles and different scale patterns lend visual interest and can even be changed out periodically with the season. For a more permanent statement, reupholster a piece of furniture in a vibrant, patterned fabric. Over the past few years, wallpaper has experienced a revival in the interior design world. From geometric and tropical prints, to florals and stripes, the market for wallpaper is rich with a high and diverse supply readily available. To achieve a showstopper aesthetic, try incorporating wallpaper into your space. Patterns are the great unifier in interior design, providing both comfort and dimension to a space.





## *Balance color with neutrals*

When you're working with bold colors, neutrals are the common denominator. In a room that has a lot going on aesthetically, neutral colors create a resting place for the eye. To create a balanced ambiance, choose solid colors in neutral tones that will play off the bold colors and patterns you have in the rest of your space. And remember, neutrals don't have to be boring. There are so many options beyond white, gray and beige. Metal accents, rugs made from natural fibers, bamboo window shades, linen pillows - all of these have the same effect as a true neutral, while also adding a layer of visual interest. When incorporating color into your home, it is important to establish a color palette that is cohesive and balanced throughout your home.

Ready to incorporate a new, vibrant color scheme in your home? Follow these tips for decorating with bold colors to create a stylish and vibrant home that stands out from the rest.



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## FEATURE STORY

## Forward Training Center

Words by **Melissa McGavock** | Photography provided by **Forward Training Center**



**W**ith the Forward Training Center of Hood County, students are offered diverse educational and training opportunities. To this experience, the addition of mentorship and support is offered during their coursework and on into their participation in the workforce. This encouragement is invaluable as Forward Training Center lays the foundation for men and women to begin to recognize their strengths and hone them.

Our volunteers are an integral part of Forward Training Center's daily operations. Without the help of the generous people in our community, our mission and programs simply wouldn't be possible!

Giving back to your local community has endless benefits. If you are looking to make a difference and find various ways to give back, you're in the right place.

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Our mentorship program is a huge component of our classes, specifically in Jobs for Life. Not only is this a huge accountability factor for our students, but it's what makes our organization so different. We want to encourage and teach life-changing skills, but we also want to build trust, relationships and family components with our amazing students. Mentors help students realize potential they already have within them, and keep motivation up to finish the course strong!

## BUSINESS SPEAKERS

Our classes help teach career-growth skills in a variety of ways. One of the biggest ways we do this with each class is hosting guest speakers such as local business owners and community leaders. This helps our students learn valuable career skills and more information about the hiring process.

## MOCK INTERVIEWERS

An easy way to make a huge impact is by assisting our team with mock interviews! While we would love to do it ourselves, someone who doesn't teach the class or mentor students is the best way to encourage professional, accurate interviewing techniques! This volunteer position is very low time-commitment.

## EVENT ASSISTANCE

As a local nonprofit, a huge portion of our funds come from annual fundraising events. We often find that we need help making the details of these events come together, such as set up and take down.

## VIDEOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos and videos are a huge component to our marketing and social media. Having up-to-date professional imagery and video allows us to convey our message to potential students, partners and volunteers!



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# LOOKING FORWARD

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## • ROMANCING THE MONARCH: A BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

*Hosted by the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners*

**DATE:** OCTOBER 5, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30PM - 4:00PM  
**LOCATION:** Lake Granbury Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden 1410 W Pearl (Behind the Hood County Annex 1 Building)

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:**  
Experts will guide you to develop your own butterfly garden, as well as one-on-one consultations with Master Gardeners. Cool educational experiences for children and adults include music, face painting, and crafts. Stroll through the beautiful Demonstration Garden and experience

the wonder of nature. As the planted milkweed blooms, Master Gardeners “romance” the Monarch butterfly during their fall migration. The butterflies may sip nectars and lay their eggs on the milkweed resulting in a healthy next generation right here in Hood County.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
@LakeGranburyMasterGardeners

## • MONARCH TAGGING AT ACTON NATURE CENTER (ANC)

*Hosted by the Rio Brazos Master Naturalists*

**DATE:** October 5, 2019  
**TIME:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM  
**LOCATION:** Acton Nature Center 6900 Smoky Hill Ct

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:**  
Following the weekend of the “Romancing the Monarch” event, monarchs should be successfully wooed to Hood County. So, spend the day at the ANC and learn the life cycle of the amazing Monarch butterfly. Rio Brazos Master Naturalists will introduce you to the Monarch Watch Program that has studied this incredible butterfly for twenty years. Your journey will include education stations from the migration of the Monarch to the actual capture and release of a live monarch. Volunteers will assist you with how to tag Monarchs. Long pants and closed toed shoes are recommended attire.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
tagamonarch@gmail.com

## • HEROES WITH HANDBAGS

*Benefitting Paluxy River CAC*

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 19, 2019  
**TIME:** 5:00PM - 9:00PM  
**LOCATION:** EL RANCHITO SALON, TOLAR, TEXAS

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:**  
Join us for designer purse bingo! General admission pre-sale is \$50 per person, \$65 at the door. Tickets includes 20 games of bingo, dinner, silent auction and fun! Purses will be modeled by Local Law Enforcement, Firefighters and EMS. Sponsorships are still available. All proceeds go to support Paluxy River CAC. The vision of Paluxy River Children’s Advocacy Center is to reduce

the trauma to child abuse victims and their non-offending family members and to work toward improving the justice system’s response to child abuse by uniting the efforts of public agencies and enlisting community support.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
www.paluxyrivercac.org

## • 7TH ANNUAL 50 FELLAS FOODFEST

*Benefitting Granbury ISD Education Foundation (GEF)*

**DATE:** OCTOBER 19, 2019  
**TIME:** 6:00PM - 8:30PM  
**LOCATION:** REUNION GROUNDS 641 REUNION CT

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:**  
50 Fellas Foodfest is an adults only event featuring 50 teams of 2 men each that will serve an appetizer, entree, or dessert in small one-bite samples. Beer, wine, tea, and water will be included. In addition to a great dinner, there will entertainment including live music and a silent auction during the food sampling. The team members range from district administrators to gentlemen from each GISD campus to elected officials and business owners. The foods will be judged by popular vote of those who attend. Tickets are \$60 and are limited!

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
www.granburyisd.org/50fellasfoodfest

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# Autumn in Granbury

FESTIVE HAPPENINGS THIS FALL

## THE NEW GRANBURY LIVE

"The Most Intimate Venue in Texas"  
See [thenewgranburylive.com](http://thenewgranburylive.com) for ticket prices and show updates. These events sell out fast, get your tickets today!

**Tribute to Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn**  
AUG 16 7:30 pm

**Janie Fricke**  
AUG 17 3:00 pm

**Diggin Up Bones: A Tribute to the life and Music of Randy Travis**  
AUG 24 2:00 & 7:00 pm

**The Malpass Brothers**  
AUG 30 7:30 pm

**Mark Willis**  
AUG 31 7:30 pm

**Rumours**  
SEPT 6 7:00 pm

**Randy Brown**  
SEPT 7 7:00 pm

**The Road Less Traveled with Jade Marie Patek**  
SEPT 8 6:30 pm

**William Lee Martin**  
SEPT 13 8:00 pm

**Sylvia**  
SEPT 14 7:00 pm

**Civil War Symposium**  
SEPT 21 8:30 am & 5:00 pm

**The Voice of Granbury**  
SEPT 26 7:30 pm

**The Return**  
SEPT 28 7:00 pm

**Light Crust Dough Boys**  
OCT 4 7:30 pm

**Vinyl Radio**  
OCT 11 7:30 pm

**Suzy Bogguss**  
OCT 12 7:00 pm

**Johnny Lee**  
OCT 19 7:00 pm

**Eddy Raven**  
OCT 26 7:30 pm

**Doug Stone**  
**8 #1's and 15 Top 5 Songs!**  
NOV 1 7:30 pm

**Johnny Cash Tribute**  
NOV 2 3:00 & 7:00 pm

**Phil Hamilton**  
NOV 9 7:00 pm

**Reflections of Patsy Cline**  
NOV 16 3:00 & 7:30 pm

## LABOR DAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

OCT 5, 2019

Kick off Labor Day weekend and wrap up another beautiful summer on Lake Granbury! Designed to be great fun for both visitors and locals alike, this festival promises to be a great way to celebrate the end of summer and to kick-off fall! Dozens of boats travel from bridge to bridge for this beautiful spectacle. Have your own boat? Gather at Stumpy's to join the parade!

## LAKE FEST 2019

OCT 5, 2019  
Lake Granbury  
Conference Center

Come out to Lake Granbury Conference Center on Saturday, October 5th for a free music festival complete with a scenic view of Lake

Granbury. Different music artists and bands from gritty folk rock, Texas country rock to down home "kick the door in" music. There will be food vendors on site and fun surprises planned. This is a child friendly event.

Visit [lakegranburyconferencecenter.org](http://lakegranburyconferencecenter.org) for more information.

## OKTOBERFEST

OCT 11 - 13, 2019  
Historic Granbury Square

Ketzler's Schnitzelhaus & Biergarten brings this traditional German festival right to the heart of Granbury, Texas. Head to the Historic Granbury Square to experience German fare, food, music, vendors and drinks, of course! This festival grows year after year. Plan that Granbury getaway you've been thinking of right around the annual Oktoberfest.

## HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

OCT 19 - 20, 2019  
Historic Granbury Square

This is the 41st Harvest Moon event by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association and this year is held in conjunction with the Granbury Arts Alliance. This long running festival showcases over 90 artists, makers and craftspeople. In addition to fabulous artist gallery booth you'll find to food, local entertainment and seasonal activities and all surrounded by the most

## 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!

**Wizard of Oz**  
JUL 26 - AUG 25

**Liverpool Legends**  
AUG 30 - SEPT 1

**Barefoot in the Park**  
SEPT 6 - SEPT 29

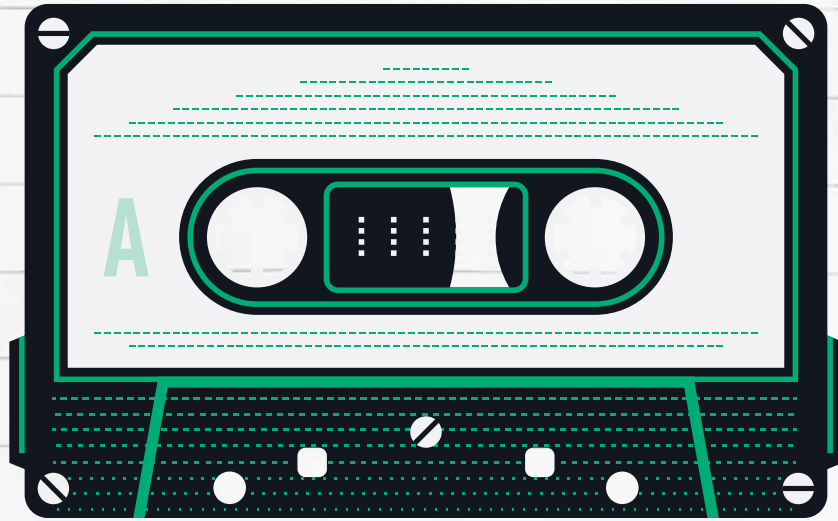
**REZA**  
OCT 4 - OCT 5

**The Addams Family**  
OCT 11 - NOV 10

**Junie B Jones Jr.**  
NOV 15 - NOV 17



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# GreenFox Mixtape

How well do you know the GreenFox team? See if you can match the GreenFox employee with their playlist of choice! *Answers at the bottom.*

Trey Matthews

Kim Justis

Tim Justis

Autumn Grant

Hannah Berkovsky

Aaron Meeks

Dustin Beaty

Tori Townsend

Greg Weaver

Amy Winters

Melissa McGavock

Lindsey Moore

Judy Zschesche

Eric Wilkins

Brittney Lopez

Veronica Lovato

"Future People" Alabama Shakes

"You Make Me" Avicii

"Everything is Everything" Lauryn Hill

"Song Like You" Bea Miller

"Won't Stop Now" Elevation Worship

"Home" Phillip Phillips

"Kiss Me in the Dark" Randy Rogers

"Uptown Girl" Billy Joel

"Edge of Desire" John Mayer

"We've Only Just Begun" The Carpenters

"Winter Palace" Trans-Siberian Orchestra

"Hey Mama" Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats

"Love & War in Your Twenties" Jordy Searcy

"Take Me to the Soul Shop" Prophets and Outlaws

"Freebird" Lynyrd Skynyrd

"Look What God Gave Her" Thomas Rhett

Trey Matthews: "You Make Me" Avicii, Kim Justis: "We've Only Just Begun" The Carpenters, Tim Justis: "Freebird" Lynyrd Skynyrd, Hannah Berkovsky: "Edge of Desire" John Mayer, Aaron Meeks: "Won't Stop Now" Elevation Worship, Dustin Beaty: "Winter Palace" Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Greg Weaver: "Home" Phillip Phillips, Amy Winters: "Hey Mama" Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Lindsey Moore: Alabama Shakes "Future People", Judy Zschesche: Prophets and Outlaws "Take Me to the Soul Shop", Eric Wilkins: Thomas Rhett "Look What God Gave Her", Brittney Lopez: "Kiss Me in the Dark" Randy Rogers, Veronica Lovato: "Uptown Girl" Billy Joel, Tori Townsend "Song Like You" Bea Miller, Melissa McGavock "Everything is Everything" Lauryn Hill, Autumn Grant "Love & War in Your Twenties" Jordy Searcy



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## Upcoming Events

DIVE-IN MOVIE!  
ROUGH CREEK PARK  
AUGUST 31, SATURDAY

LABOR DAY LIGHTED  
BOAT PARADE  
SEPTEMBER 1, SUNDAY

GRANBURY LAKEFEST  
LAKE GRANBURY CONFERENCE CENTER  
OCTOBER 5

OKTOBERFEST  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE  
OCTOBER 11-13

THAT DAM HALF, 10K AND 5K  
HEWLETT PARK  
OCTOBER 19

HARVEST MOON  
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE  
OCTOBER 19-20

NIGHT OF LIGHTS PARADE  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE  
NOVEMBER 29

GRANBURY – A  
CANDLELIGHT TOUR  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE  
DECEMBER 6-7

"AWAY IN A MANGER"  
1,000+ NATIVITY DISPLAYS  
DECEMBER 6-15



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