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Editor's Note

Hello Granbury Friends,

I'm thinking romance — small-town romance. Not so much the heart-shaped box-of-chocolate version. More the vivid picture of faithful love represented by ladies rocking in chairs next to baskets bursting with knitting yarn and offerings of warm cherry pies. Could this be real? I've met a few families with grandmothers and mothers who love in such tangible ways.

Impressively, Granbury's got an inspiring treasure open every weekend with a glimpse of small-town romance. The city, along with Preserve Granbury, restored an original log cabin, built in 1858 at 214 N. Crockett Street, revamping it for public tours.

The Yeats-Duke 1858 Working Museum is operated by Granbury Fiber Artisans, who offer craft demonstrations and classes in many types of handiwork. Imagining a family of seven once lived in the 16x16-foot room boggles my mind. It also reminds me true love is real.

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Buckles

— By Melissa Rawlins

“Good bye! Good bye,” repeats Argon, the big parrot perched next to a blue and gold Macaw named Big Girl. It’s 6:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Usually, the lady of the house gets up at 3:45 a.m., but today Sharon Davis is still at home. This break from her early-morning pattern gives her husband, Rick, some much-needed time with his bride. But come Monday, Sharon will be out the door while it’s still pitch dark, headed for Millsap to ride WSR Count on Bodee.

The 5-year-old quarter horse earned Sharon’s passionate attention two years ago, when they began working together with trainer Tom Neel. The goal is for Sharon and Bodee to win the title of Non-Pro Limited World Champions. A cowgirl since her early days in Irving, Sharon had been watching the reined cow horse sport for 10 years. “The horse has to be the reiner, the cutter and the cow horse all at once to do reined cow horse,” she said. “I thought, *It can’t be that hard.* Rick told me, ‘There’s no way to play at the level you’re wanting to without intense training and a really good trainer.’ I said, ‘I think any horse can do that.’ Boy was I wrong.”

When Sharon first rode Bodee, she nicknamed him The Sloth. “I had never seen a horse *not* go,” said Sharon, who discovered she had to ask Bodee in just

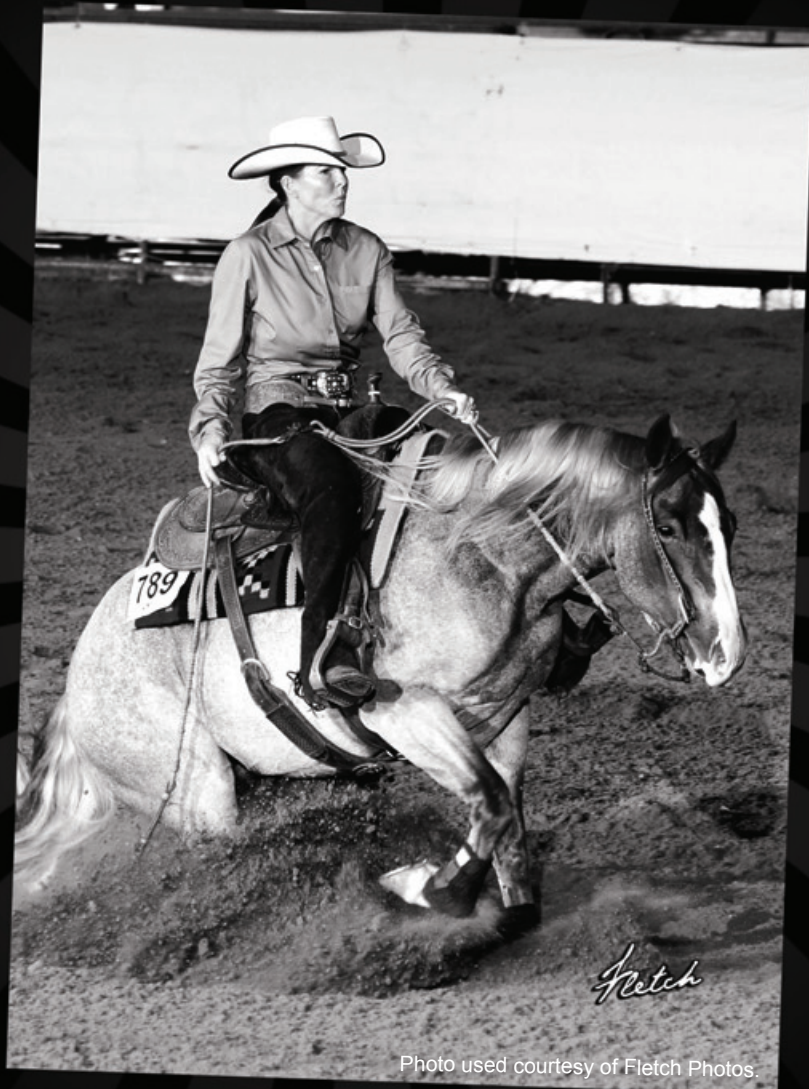


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the right way. Tom trained Bodee just as the California *vaqueros* would break their horses — working him slowly from snaffle to hackamore to spade bit.

“Tom is the most patient guy alive to work with such a beginner. To get me qualified in my first show year is a really big deal,” Sharon said. “I am using a spade bit, which in the wrong hands can be very dangerous. The horse and rider working together as a team, with the ability to totally control the cow at speed, is a huge undertaking. You have to have a willing partner who loves his job, with a lot of cow sense, for this to work. The end result is phenomenal because they’re so light.”

Bodee needs no pull or yank from Sharon. Instead, she places one hand on the romals and controls his spins, stops and fence work in a joystick motion with a light hand and leg cues. “If I move the romals towards his left ear just barely, it takes his nose to the right, and he’ll spin right,” Sharon said. When Sharon and Bodee qualified for the World Championship on October 20, 2012, what the audience did not see is their past years of training, nor even the work it takes Sharon to keep Bodee on point, alert and straight as an arrow. “You can’t be crooked going 25-30 miles per hour down a fence. You’ll get very hurt.”

Why *does* she roll out of bed at 3:45 a.m. Monday through Friday? To go ride

Bodee before show time at Stephens, Anderson & Cummings, the attorney's office in Fort Worth where she serves as a paralegal from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. "Bodee's like a roller coaster I get to ride before I ever get to work," Sharon said. "There's nothing like that feeling whenever their butts are that buried in the ground and you slide for 25 feet!"

Awe flows through her smile as Sharon explains, "When they get on a cow, and the horse is so low and creeping up on the cow, and your feet are on the ground, you have already gotten your fill for the day. It's a remarkable adrenaline junkie's dream," Sharon said. "Who else is going to go down a fence at 25-30 miles per hour, controlling a cow down the fence? Nobody sane — in my opinion anyway. But that's the fun part. And having so much faith in the horse that you know it's never *not* going to do anything you ask it to do — that's amazing! It's like a beautiful dance, a waltz almost, among the horse, the rider and the cow."

Quality performance in the competition is its own reward for Sharon. "Futurity earnings for nonprofessionals are usually \$50,000-\$60,000 when you're chasing it with a 3- or 4-year-old," Sharon said. "You'll never make money, but you might break even. But the buckle! And the title! When you're talking about being the world's best, that's huge."

Seemingly, she's the world's best mom, too. Sharon is still No. 1 cheerleader for her 21-year-old son, Travis. "By the time I hit 60, he should be right," she said with a grin. Her well-balanced life also includes helping Rick keep the barn clean for their other four horses: Pistol's Little Princess, a 13-year-old Palomino; Little Horse, an 11-year-old gelding; Bogie, a 3-year-old filly; and Big Girl, a 3-year-old Paint. Exercising these horses as she can, Sharon also spends as much time as possible with her many girlfriends, all of whom ride horses, too. And once a week, she gives an afternoon and an evening to mucking stalls, repairing tack and walking beside riders at Wings of Hope, an equine therapy center in Burleson.

"For several years I'd been thinking, *What can I do for other people?* I believe this life is not just about you, it's about what you can do for other people," Sharon said. Knowing she did not enjoy cooking and feeling she was not a very good



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caregiver, she tried to conceptualize what she had to offer. "Then I thought, *What about the disabled people and horses? I know about horses!*"

The first time she went to Wings, she came home crying, and Rick said, "I thought this was a good thing?"

"It is," she said. "I worked with a paraplegic today. It takes three days to get his muscles relaxed enough to sit, and by the end of a year that boy was telling me, 'Andale!' Because of their size, horses build so much confidence in riders. Those kids realize what they can't do in the chair they *can do* on the horse's back."

Sharon's holding strong, sticking to her long days and long weeks without getting sick — a blessing she attributes to drinking Verve by Vemma, an energy drink she discovered a year ago, and to disciplining herself to an attitude of positivity. As she heads this month to the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) World Championship competition in San Angelo, Texas, she's operating on this philosophy: You only get one life. You better make the most that you can out of it.

One of these days, Argon might still be saying, "Good bye! Good bye!" But her grandkids will be looking at her photo album, exclaiming, "Grandma! You did that?" **NOW**



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Some say if a marriage survives building a house together, it can withstand anything. Dave and Sue Winingham look forward to celebrating their 40th anniversary in the fourth house they've built together. In their simple, yet inviting home, the couple welcomes visitors, sharing a love of Texas and Southwestern decor along with light-hearted conversation and southern hospitality.

After selling a previous home in Granbury, they began self-contracting their new home on March 4, 2012 and finished in time to move in on June 1. "Working with the same subcontractors we used before helped," Dave said.

Going west takes on new meaning for this couple who return from trips with beautiful pieces. "We just like Southwest and Texas decor," Sue said. From the lighted Texas star on the front of their home to the patio in back and in between, the house shows how much

Simply Inviting

— By Lisa Bell



they like it. The open concept immediately reveals artwork from their favorite vacation spots. A large drum and two smaller ones flank a china cabinet. Why drums? “We just liked them,” she said. “We found the big one in a shop, and later, when we saw the two smaller ones, we thought they’d make a nice grouping.”

Sue grew up in Granbury. Dave, a native Oklahoman, loves Texas, too. “I swam the Red River,” he said jokingly. When they first married in 1973, they lived in Fort Worth, but about 25 years ago moved to Granbury to be closer to Sue’s parents. They stay because of their many friends — 15 or 20 whom Sue met in first grade. “It’s just home,” she proclaimed.

Their journey together began in the ’60s. Dave owned a pizza parlor in Fort Worth, one of the first to offer live music. Sue’s mother discovered the restaurant, where Al Strickland played piano. Having grown up with Al, she called Sue saying she must come and meet an old friend. Sue had never eaten pizza before, but agreed. Sue went to meet Al and found Dave.

They dated about four years before getting married. Over time, Sue realized she wanted more than friendship. Dave fell in love on the first date, but didn’t work hard to win her heart, claiming it wasn’t difficult with his dark hair, mustache and charisma. After so many years, they are still friends, liking the same things and having fun together — even designing, building and decorating their homes.

The couple built their Fort Worth home and when moving to

Granbury they used many of the same contractors, downsizing slightly with each new home and bringing their decor with them. “This is the last one,” Dave stated. “At our age, we wanted something simple, so if anything happened to either of us, we could take care of it ourselves.”

At 85, Dave works part time as a supervisor for Freeman Company doing trade shows at convention centers around the country, and Sue enjoys line dancing. Neither have health issues. Nevertheless, they installed wider doorways, higher toilets and uncarpeted floors to accommodate possible future needs.

From the doorway, the open concept offers a panoramic view that includes the kitchen, the dining room and the door leading to backyard patio. Southwestern influences are seen in the area rugs and home accessories, most of which came from Santa Fe, Albuquerque or Taos, New Mexico. One cabinet displays pottery behind a laser etched glass door.

The Vent-A-Hood over the stove includes a carved design, and approximately 20 bears of various sizes and colors, including one wearing feathers, live on the kitchen island. Sue loves bears and has many. Dave prefers buffalo, yet only has two in the house. His collection also includes two bows and a lance displayed in his office. “Bears are supposed to be good luck or something,” Sue shared. “But it’s really just what we like.”





For Dave, the buffalo represents an historic animal. "It's so sad what they did to them," he said, "but they're coming back big."

One of their favorite art pieces, placed in the living room, is a sculpture created by Scott Myers. Knowing the local artist, they love making sure people notice the artwork.

A spare bedroom veers slightly from the decor of the rest of the house. Artistically arranged photos of

the couple hang in the room with a needlepoint piece and one large painting. Sue's mother completed the picturesque mountain setting long ago. Sue doesn't claim any inherited artistic ability, yet she always loved doing needlework. Dave proudly admires anything she has made, giving her credit for the work.

The house has a very short hallway connecting the bedroom, bath and office. "Hallways are wasted space," Dave said. Several of her needlework pieces adorn

both sides of the small area. They came from a King Tut exhibit in New Orleans. While different from the artwork throughout the remainder of the house, these pieces ironically blend into the environment.

The bathroom contains a small stained-glass picture Sue made. Some of their previous houses contained many stained-glass windows she created. With the short time frame for completing construction, she didn't have time to



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include stained glass or choose places she wanted to use it.

On the opposite side of the house, the couple's bedroom continues the theme. A toy bear takes his place on the bed, donning an aviator jacket, reminiscent of the days when Dave owned a plane, in which they would fly off for occasional weekend hunting trips. End tables hold mesquite wood lamps, inlaid with turquoise. While many of their decorative and functional items came from New Mexico, Sue discovered the lamps at The Wagon Yard in Granbury. Ecstatic with the find, she bought them. The open concept flows into the master bathroom with a uniquely shaped shower enclosure made of moon glass.

Outside on the back patio, evidence of Dave and Sue's love of Southwestern art continues. Dancing natives, enhanced by a floodlight, watch over the patio. A double dancer from Sedona waits for the tiniest breeze to begin its twirling performance. Varying sizes of strawberry jars Dave found while working in Dallas



stand ready for plants, and a chime from Santa Fe contribute to the overall feel of being in New Mexico. Yet the best part comes from the peace and stillness of the country-like atmosphere. Even with houses nearby, gentle quiet fills the air. "We love our little view," Sue said. "We try to eat as many meals out here as possible."

After having a pair of bluebirds land on both his rearview mirrors one day, Dave placed a small bird house in the garden near two American Holly trees. "The trees will have berries, and the bluebirds love them," he stated. "If you put up a house, they will come." **NOW**



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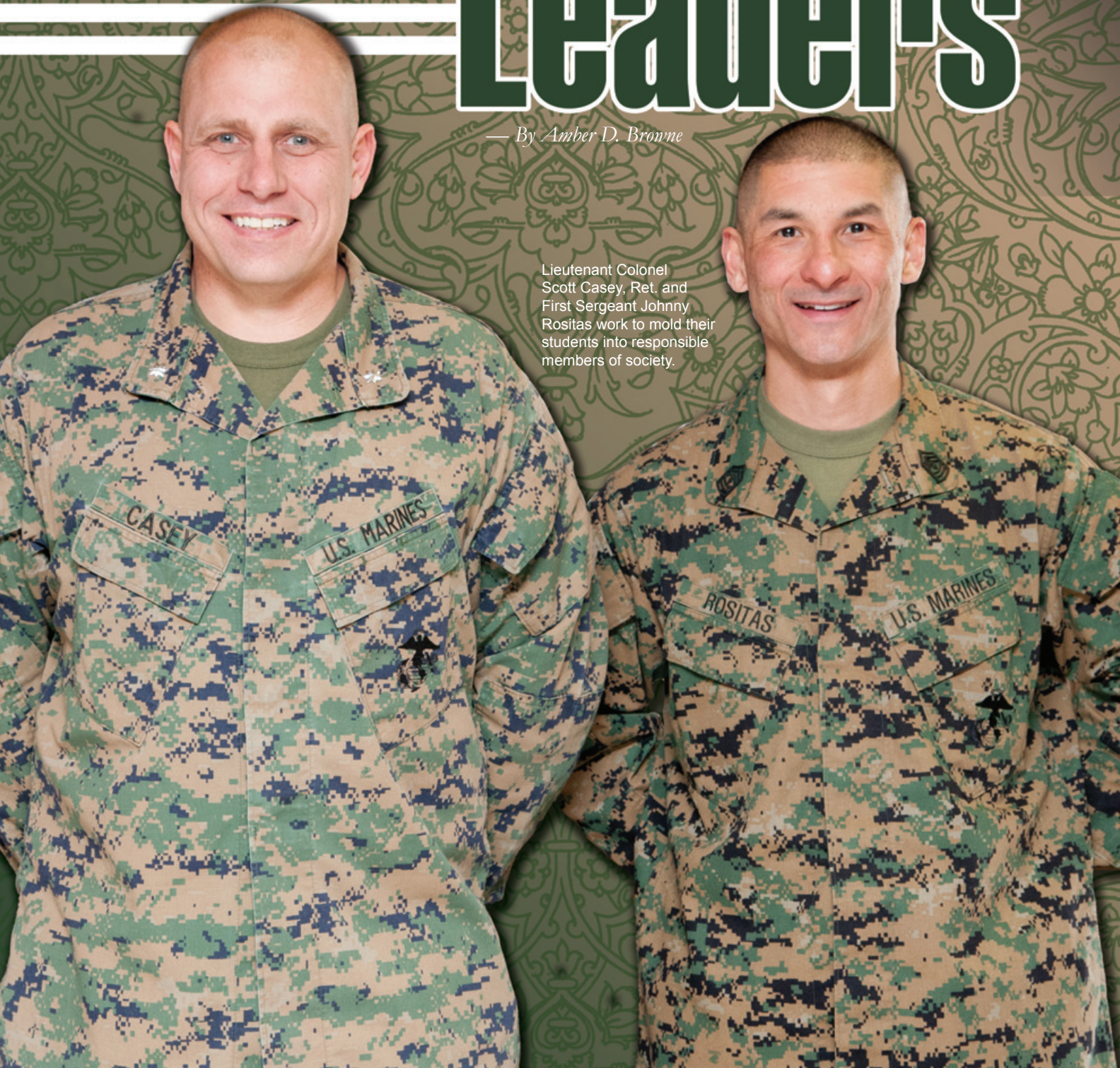
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"There's a misconception a lot of times out there that ROTC is a primer for kids to go into the military. And, it's not," Casey said. He and Rositas try to knock down that barrier.

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is based on the Marine Corps model. "Parents want the discipline that we provide here — the structured environment. 'No, sir,' 'Yes, sir,'" Casey explained. The students learn leadership, and when they graduate, they have the opportunity to be more successful in every aspect of life. Some students might join the military, but others go off to college or enter the workforce.

About 100 students in ninth through 12th grades are enrolled in the Granbury program. "We want to give them the leadership traits and tools to be successful. We're sticklers on grades, discipline and physical fitness," Rositas explained. He retired from the Marine Corps in May of 2010 and moved from California to become an instructor with the JROTC at Granbury that fall. "I had been a drill instructor at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and at the University of Illinois with their Navy and Marine Corps ROTC for three years with active duty. I was the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor for their program," he explained. "I was familiar with what went on here. I came down and liked what I saw."

Rositas likes seeing the cadets succeed. "We take a civilian who doesn't know anything about military lifestyle, and then we see them on graduation day. They are standing a little bit taller. We see them shaking hands saying, 'Thank you, sir. Thank you, ma'am,'" Rositas said. "We're like a proud papa at the end of the day."

The cadets and their parents realize how much the JROTC program offers. "Everybody from our freshmen all the way to our seniors is put into leadership roles," Casey said. Each student has certain responsibilities. "They're going to have to lead their peers. Probably one of the hardest things, at the high school level, in the civilian world or in the military is to lead your peers." The JROTC gives cadets a chance to make mistakes and learn how to lead and manage in different roles. "They're head and shoulders above their peers when they graduate high school," Casey explained.

Casey was involved in the ROTC while in high school in Amarillo. The program helped guide him into college. "They



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were my mentors in getting me through that process,” he explained. He shot on the rifle team and received a scholarship that paid for his schooling at West Texas A&M University. “That all started in ROTC. I have always wanted to come back to the high school level,” he said. “I just wanted to give back to the program.”

“There are kids who are heavily involved in the program where they are on all the extracurricular teams,” Casey

doing in life after high school.”

The cadets also maintain uniforms, the armory and paper and electronic files. “Whatever it takes to run this battalion, we have cadets employed in different billets who help us make it successful. They do a pretty good job of keeping us on our toes,” Rositas said.

Rositas is now in his third year of instructing the JROTC in Granbury. It took him at least a semester to realize

he was working with teenagers and not adults. “They’re going to make mistakes. There is a lot going on from 14 to 18 years old. Mentally, physically, emotionally,” Rositas said. “My first year, it was really hard for me to grasp that.” But, he enjoys working with the Granbury cadets. “At the end of the day, that’s really what it boils down to. I like mentoring them. I like teaching them. I like the challenges that go with mentoring teenagers.”

Casey retired from the Marine Corps in May 2012 and took command of the JROTC in Granbury that July. He enjoys being back into the educational

environment and helping cadets. “We become surrogate parents, surrogate counselors, surrogate coaches. We do a lot of those things on top of being an instructor here,” Casey explained. And, Casey enjoys the fact he is still contributing to the Marine Corps.

“We’re still wearing the uniform. We’re still using everything we’ve been taught



said. “We shoot air rifles. We have the Color Guard with the flags. We have the physical fitness team,” Casey explained. The cadets compete at different high schools across the state. Other cadets just choose to take the 50-minute elective class. “Whether they want it or not, they’re going to get a little bit of guidance from us on what they are thinking about



for the past 20-plus years to instill in these kids, to make them better citizens. You're always a Marine," Casey admitted. "This helps with that transition."

Both Casey and Rositas have served their time overseas in Somalia and two tours in Iraq. Their families enjoy the stability of working with the JROTC program. In the Marine Corps, Casey and his family moved every three years. His wife, Denise, teaches in Weatherford, and their children, Marcus, Sydney and Natalie, attend school in Aledo. "Texas is home. We wanted to come back here and retire in Texas. We have a lot of family in Texas, so we get to see them a lot more."

Rositas' family is also happy to have him home. His wife, Amy, knew about his love for the Marine Corps and knew the job with the school district would be a good fit. "At the end of the day, I'm going home," Rositas said. He also gets the chance to watch his son, Jonathan, at karate class. He enjoys being closer to his family in Austin, where they often take weekend trips.

With support from their families, Principal Jeremy Ross and school staff, Casey and Rositas continue to mold students into responsible members of society through the JROTC program in Granbury. They teach the core values of honor, courage and commitment, so cadets are ready to take on the world when they graduate high school. "We're tasking them. We hold them accountable," Rositas said. "We're here to guide them." **NOW**



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Talk About Green

Repurposing items from your grandmother's attic is easy, thanks to New2U Decor & Furniture Consignment.

— By Melissa Rawlins

Holly Robinson likes country music. Fortunately, one of the few stations she can tune in inside New2U Decor & Furniture Consignment is 92.1 FM. “I actually would like an oldies-but-goodies station. That would go better with the vintage, retro items women ages 40-80 tend to shop for in my store,” Holly said.

More and more people are clearing out their attics and bringing in great quantities of functional and decorative antiques. Holly and her staff display an ever-evolving collection of just about every major brand you can think, from Norman Rockwell lithographs, original art by Jack Brandt, to Lennox, Waterford, Tiffin, Mikasa, Wedgewood, Westmoreland and Milk Glass — including a rare Doric banana stand in mint condition.

“My employee, Cheryl Brandt, will spot the stuff I might not know,” Holly said, pointing to a cabinet containing items at unbelievable prices. “We offer Dresden dolls, Limoges, solid Swavorski figurines, sterling silver, fine china, stemware and blown glass. Furniture-wise, we get Lexington, Broyhill and Ashley, just to name a few.” A lot of it comes from estates, and mingled among antique furniture is art by local artists, including frames by Carol Cook and painted furniture by Deborah Adams.

New2U Decor & Furniture Consignment is neither a “junk” store nor a high-priced antique store. “Most of our inventory is gone after 60 days,” Holly said, “because either our consignee picks it up or we give it away.” Consignees are business partners and are allowed to track their inventory and earnings on the

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New2U Web site. "If they feel their item should have its price adjusted, they can call or e-mail me to initiate negotiations."

Sometimes setting the price requires research about an item. That's where Cheryl comes in. "She is amazing at glass or collectibles. She'll look at what somebody just threw in a box, and she'll know its value or can research it. They can earn a lot more money if she finds out it's a very rare piece."

When she opened the store in 2011, Holly's goal for New2U was to save people money. "But actually, my customers are ladies and gentlemen who have money and are wise about how they spend it," said Holly, who is rearing two grandchildren and caring for a mother with Alzheimer's in a local nursing home. "I lived 50 years in California, but got here as fast as I could. I love Texas, and I love Granbury!"

She also loves her customers. Five days a week, people are free to wander through 3,500 square feet and browse in calm privacy. Coffee or water is always available, and often groups of people will come to shop and end up sitting on the couches, having a conversation and

New2U Decor & Furniture Consignment is neither a "junk" store nor a high-priced antique store.

hanging out while keeping an eye out for new offerings or markdowns. On some items, like the painted furniture, New2U offers layaway programs in which people can take up to 30 days to pay.

Because of New2U's success, Holly asks consignees to make appointments on intake day. "People like to show up and say, 'I've got a truckload I was going to take to the Boys & Girls Club of America. Will you take it?' My answer is always, 'If you would not give it as a gift without guilt or you wouldn't be happy if someone gave it to you, I don't want it.'" That's why people in Granbury find it easy to help Holly give the stuff from New2U a whole new purpose. **NOW**

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Matthew Liebel and Cameron O'Conner try to hold back big grins while serving from Whataburger's drive thru window.



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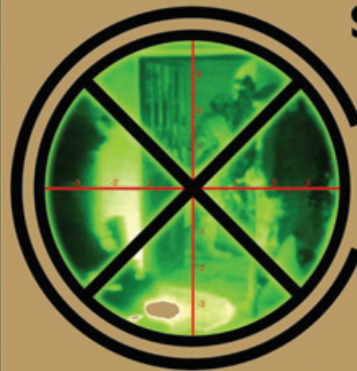


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Save for a house.

"If a home purchase is in your future, check your credit report now," urged Marc Shaffer, a certified financial planner in Overland Park, Kansas. You'll be able to review your credit history and report any errors or omissions to the credit bureaus. You'll also have more time to improve your score. A good credit score can improve the rate you get on your loan, which can save you thousands of dollars in the long run.

Be budget-savvy.

Identify where and how you are spending your hard-earned dollars so you can plug money drains. "You really do need to track everything and create categories to put things in perspective," Shaffer said. Software and apps such as Quicken, Microsoft Money and mint.com make budgeting and tracking expenses easy.

Reign in credit card debt.

Review your card statements to see which debt you can tackle first. Get a feel for the payoff amount using an online calculator.

Get insured.

"As a young professional, your biggest asset is not your retirement account, but your ability to earn money," Shaffer said. Protect your paycheck by obtaining disability and life insurance coverage. Disability insurance coverage replaces a portion of your income if you cannot work due to a disabling accident or illness. Life insurance offers long-term security for you and your family if something unexpected were to happen.

Give back.

When you reach a stage where you're making good money and meeting your financial goals, consider giving charitably to your university, church or a mentor organization. "It's great to give back to organizations and institutions that helped make you successful," Shaffer said. Contact your financial advisor to learn about an insurance and financial review and what it can mean for your long-term goals. **NOW**

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Through March 2

Little Women: **Thursday, Friday and Saturday** 7:30-9:00 p.m.; **Saturday** matinees at 3:00-5:30 p.m., Granbury Live, 110 N. Crockett St. A timeless tale about the power of family, friendship and romance. Ticket prices: \$20 adults; \$17 students & seniors; \$15 children. For more information, contact the box office (817) 579-0952 or visit www.granburytheatrecompany.org.

February 5

The Opera Guild of Granbury: 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. DeCordova Bend Country Club. Lunch is \$13, though it is not mandatory that you dine with us. Contact JJ Mainord, (817) 279-1969, to RSVP for lunch or gain further information.

February 7

Lake Granbury Newcomers Club luncheon: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Pecan Plantation. Members raise money for charity through sales of \$1 door prize tickets and raffles. RSVP to (817) 243-9831.

February 8 through 10

Beauty and the Beast: **Friday and Saturday**, 7:30 p.m.; **Sunday**, 2:00 p.m. GHS Bagby-McMahan Performing Arts Center. Fine arts students from Granbury High School and Crossland Ninth Grade Center present the "tale as old as time." To make reservations, call GHS Choir Office, (817) 408-4622.

February 9

Granbury Building Trade Expo: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., The Granbury Resort & Conference Center. Raffle items: shot gun, Blue Ray DVD surround sound, tools and much more. All proceeds go to the U.S. Veterans Museum, as well as Police and Fire Department Funds.

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Girls Night Out: 5:30-8:00 p.m., historic downtown square. Drawing for \$100 downtown dollars, drinks and food for ladies who come to shop in the boutiques and galleries surrounding the courthouse. Call (817) 573-5299 or visit facebook.com/GNOgranburytx.

February 11

Metro Beekeepers Meeting: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cana Baptist Church, 2309 E. Renfro St., Burleson. Novice and expert beekeepers in Texas will enjoy learning from each other at Metro Beekeepers meetings. Contact Stan Key, (817) 888-0470 or visit www.metrobeekeepers.net.

February 19

Dance Your Heart Healthy: Noon-1:00 p.m., Granbury Convention Center. Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members. RSVP by February 15 at (817) 579-2955 or online at GranburyHealthyWoman.com.

February 21

Meet the Handsome Hunks of Hood County: 6:30 p.m., The Granbury Resort & Conference Center. A Male Pageant featuring local businessmen benefiting Ruth's Place. Opening number performed by the 2012 Hunks. Entertainment by The Heather Roberts Band. Tickets \$35; table sponsorships \$1,000. Contact Lisa Fehler, (817) 715-1682.

February 23

Yard & Bake Sale: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Celebration Hall on The Square. Donations will be accepted **February 20** for the community Yard & Bake Sale benefitting the family of Mayor Rickie Pratt. Contact Brenda Hyde, (817) 649-6968 or Sara Baker, (817) 279-7412.

February 23

Last Saturday Gallery Night: 6:00-9:00 p.m., historic square, 100 W. Pearl St. Artists will be on hand, some giving demonstrations, while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and music. Contact (817) 579-7733.

March 2

Prom Dreams Project: Christian Service Center, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Come

select from lots of dresses, shoes, tiaras and things girls wear to the prom. Volunteers are available as personal shoppers. One girl will win the drawing for Prom Queen, who wins gifts. Please call (512) 921-0756 and make an appointment for your fitting or RSVP by texting your name and your size.

March 2 and 3

Texas Independence Day Celebration: **Friday** from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., historic Granbury square. **Saturday** at 11:00 a.m., world-renowned Hardin Simmons University Six White Horses lead the parade. Historic Granbury Merchants Association host period-correct vendors around the Square selling items like goat milk soap, flint knives, quilts, sarsaparilla root beer, chili and beans and cornbread, while wild west reenactors perform and Indian teepee demonstrators teach children how to make toys of the period. Music from bands like Buttermilk Junction String Band and Wild West Cowboy Band highlight both days. For more information, contact texashubbard@hotmail.com.

Third Tuesdays

Greater Granbury Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America meetings: 6:00-9:00 p.m., Pecan Plantation Country Club. Join former, active duty and retired military officers and surviving spouses for an evening of fellowship and information on current military topics. Projects include support of Granbury's U.S. Veterans Museum and High School JROTC program. For further information or for reservations, please contact Colonel Gary Proctor, USAF (Ret), (817) 894-0901 or garyproctor5455@msn.com.

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HALO Pet Adoption Days: **Second Saturday**, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Tractor Supply; **Fourth Saturday**, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Arrow Feed & Ranch, 2031 E. Hwy 377. For more information, contact Pam Fine, Executive Director of HALO, (817) 559-7309.

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In The Kitchen With Marty Vandaveer

— By *Melissa Rawlins*

The only daughter in a family with four sons, Marty Vandaveer washed a lot of dishes and cooked a lot of food. “We lived in the country, so we always had fresh food and plenty of eggs available,” remembered Marty, who grew up in Hamilton County. “I began cooking as soon as I was big enough to stand on a chair and reach the sink.” Marty’s mother taught her how to make staples like fried chicken and pecan pie. Now, passing down or learning new recipes are some of Marty’s favorite pastimes. Her mother-in-law gave her the recipe (below) for Buffalo Chip Cookies. Marty also enjoys helping others with their cooking skills. “I look forward to teaching my grandchildren the joys of cooking their favorites.” **NOW**

Buffalo Chip Cookies

2 cups butter, melted
2 cups sugar
2 cups brown sugar
4 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla
4 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder
2 cups oatmeal
1 cup each: chocolate chips, coconut flakes, Post Toasties cereal, pecans (chopped)

1. Combine first 5 ingredients.
2. In a separate bowl mix remaining ingredients; combine all ingredients.
3. Heat oven to 300 F. Drop cookie mix in 3/4-full ice cream scoopfuls onto baking sheet.
4. Bake for 15 minutes or until done.

The Texas Sampler’s Chicken Enchiladas/Casserole

Sauce:

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup flour
1 16-oz. can chicken broth
1 1/2 cups milk
1 pkg. Carmies Southwest Chile and Onion Dip mix
1 1/2 cups sour cream

Enchiladas or Casserole:

1 chicken, cooked, deboned and shredded
2 cups cheddar or Mexican-mix cheese, shredded
24 corn tortillas, lightly fried in oil

1. To make sauce: in large saucepan, melt butter and add flour to make a roux. Add

chicken broth, milk and dip mix (using only half a package for a milder flavor). Stir to avoid lumps.

2. Remove sauce from heat; add 1 to 1 1/2 cups sour cream, stirring quickly to melt.

3. To make enchiladas: roll chicken into corn tortillas, arranging them in a 13x9-inch baking dish; cover with sauce.

4. To make casserole: layer the chicken, cheese (leave enough cheese for topping) and sauce between tortillas; continue layering until all ingredients are used.

5. Top enchiladas or casserole with cheese; bake at 350 F for 20-30 minutes.

Hot 'n' Cold Dip

Serve with chips or toasted baguette.

16 oz. cream cheese
1 8-oz. jar chili sauce (or pizza sauce)
1 4-oz. can black olives
1 onion
1 bell pepper
1 pkg. pepperoni pieces
1 cup mozzarella cheese, grated

1. Soften cream cheese; spread into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Pour chili sauce over cream cheese.

2. Chop black olives, onion, bell pepper; combine with pepperoni and sprinkle over sauce. Cover with mozzarella cheese and it's a party!

3. Bake at 350 F for 15-20 minutes or serve cold.

Zucchini Pie

2 cups zucchini, shredded
1 small onion, chopped
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
3/4 cup (3 oz.) cheddar or Mexican-mix cheese, shredded
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. rubbed sage
3/4 cup biscuit mix

1. Blend together all ingredients.
2. Pour into greased 9-inch pie plate.
3. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes.
4. Cool 10 minutes before serving.

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