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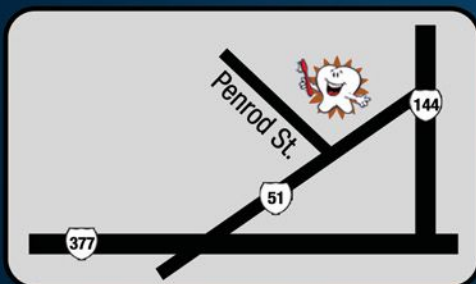
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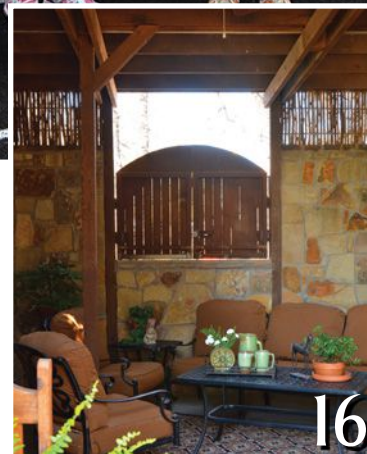
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Hello, Friends!

Inspiration comes from all angles. And so, I hardly throw away anything, whether my decades-old college texts or fancy, new brochures gathered from local businesses. Everyone seems to have something useful for me. That's why I collect music and books. That's also why my work for *GranburyNOW Magazine* is so much fun: I get to harvest thoughts from the community!

Since I love to garden, I bought a wonderful, affordable compilation of thoughts on nature from the Friends of the Library Book Store, originally published in 1987 by the Ladybug Garden Club of Granbury. On page 91, I found a verse by Douglas Malloch that resonates with me:

"You have to believe in happiness,
Or happiness never comes...
Ah, that's the reason a bird can sing —
On his darkest day he believes in Spring."

I believe in happiness, and I think it is because my mother believes in spring.

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Cheetahs in GRANBURY

— By Lisa Bell

The first international Special Olympics Summer Games became a reality in 1968. Almost four years ago, the games arrived in Granbury through an independent delegation organized by several of the parents, along with a few volunteers. An article in the Hood County News had mentioned a need for volunteers to work with the athletes. At the same time, Bob Miller and his wife, Sandi, residents of Granbury for 18 years, were looking for opportunities to volunteer.

Bob retired in 2008. The couple loved and wanted to work with children. Although they had no previous experience with the special needs community, they decided to look more closely at the Special Olympics effort. As they gathered with the athletes, neither Bob nor Sandi quite knew what to do. "It can be a little intimidating at first, especially if you've never been around people with special needs," Bob said. He was very grateful for those who taught them and helped them get started. Scott

McIlhany, a coach for the team, offered his expertise in being around people with special needs and his knowledge of the organization. Before long, Bob was on board. "It's contagious," he said. "The athletes we have are just incredibly special. They are very affectionate, often communicating through hugs."

Many teams competing in the annual events belong to larger groups, such as school districts or private schools. The Cheetahs, however, are an independent delegation funded solely by the community and fundraising events. In the beginning, 12 to 20 athletes practiced and competed in events held in association with the national organization.

After the first two years, leaders of the Cheetahs approached Southern Concepts, owners of eight community-based group homes for intellectually challenged adults. Participating in Special Olympics fit Southern Concepts' goal of facilitating the integration of individuals into the local community. When they joined the local delegation, the number of athletes tripled. In November 2013, 57 Cheetahs competed in the area's bowling games.

As a coach and competition coordinator, Bob makes sure he has enough volunteers and coaches trained for the number of athletes involved with the local delegation. The Special Olympics organization demands proper training, and coaching





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requires certification. Bob also handles registration and the logistics of getting athletes to event locations. What began as volunteer work now consumes a lot of his time, but he enjoys every part, especially the time spent with people who eagerly share their love. The biggest challenges he faces consist of funding and finding the number of volunteers needed.

Donations to the state and national organization pay for major events throughout the year. But none of those funds reach independent delegations. Although the coaches volunteer their time, the team still incurs expenses. From the beginning, the delegation determined individual athletes would never pay for uniforms, equipment, travel or other things associated with competing. The leaders and volunteers raise money to cover expenses, along with the help of Knights of Columbus and various individuals.

The Cheetahs have done many types of fundraising events, including a belly dancing show with a silent auction. Some local businesses support the team, as well. Sandi and the steering committee coordinate these efforts, as well as plan events for the athletes. They organize Christmas parties and make sure each participant receives gifts. Bright orange shirts and backpacks identify each one as a member of the Cheetahs from Granbury.

"We have some great volunteers, and we are very fortunate to have Jean and Scott Cochran," Bob said. "Jean is the head of our delegation, and Scott helped organize the first Texas delegation in Waco years ago." Bob's daughter and her husband sometimes help, but the Millers' three granddaughters frequently come to practice and events. "Molly is 11, and she is great with them," the proud

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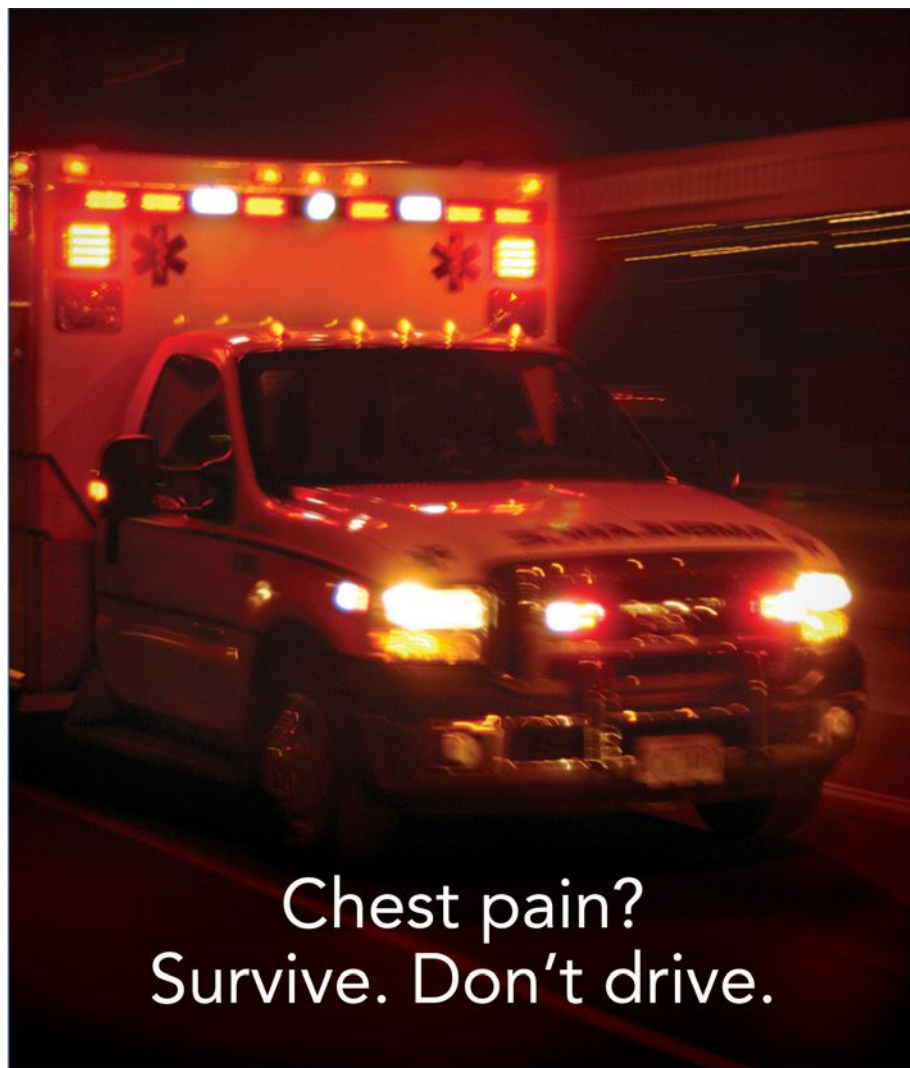


grandfather said. "She was selected to work with the special needs students at her elementary school."

Volunteers come in all shapes and ages, which is a good thing since the Cheetahs have participants ranging from 8 to 68. Still, when they go to athletics events such as the one in Arlington last month, they can't have too many helpers.

The delegation has a simple philosophy during competitions: Never leave an athlete alone. Ideally, two volunteers accompany each participant. One will get them to the staging area, and another will pick them up at the finish line. Unfortunately, they have less than 60 volunteers. During major events, more than 3,000 athletes might come together to compete. Without enough help, getting each Cheetah to the right place at the right time becomes problematic. Some staff members from Southern Concepts help at practice and during different competitions. However, the group always welcomes additional assistance.

Participants in the Special Olympics become athletes who do very well and compete with as much enthusiasm as members on any Olympic team. Some cry when they receive a ribbon instead of a medal. They go for the gold, rejoice over the silver and accept the bronze with honor. Everyone receives a ribbon



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for their efforts, but they all want to win, thus they fiercely pursue doing their best to earn the top prize.

Bob recalls one 10-year-old boy who joined the aquatic team. His father shared that they struggled most at bath time each day. "It took several sessions to get him in the water," Bob said. "Now, you can't get him out." Another of their athletes came to him, insisting she wanted to run, instead of participating in the walking races. He knew she'd probably be back to walking by the end of the day, but he allowed her to try. "We'll let them try just about anything," he said. Sometimes, they believe they're ready to do more or something new. They try and may succeed. Other times, the athletes revert to their comfort zone, content in knowing they attempted to do more.

Two members use wheelchairs, so they've added ramps for bowling events. Athletes come to the group with autism, Down's syndrome or other disabilities, some from birth and others because of circumstances. Often, Bob sees single mothers bringing a child. Each individual requires a unique approach in how he or she trains or even communicates — not very different from any other person.

The Special Olympics organization offers 22 sporting events for competition. The Granbury Cheetahs participate in five, including athletics (track and field), cycling, aquatics, bowling and the most recent addition — basketball. All year long, these committed athletes, coaches and volunteers practice and compete in their selected events. Cheetahs, who live in Granbury and Hood County, anxiously wait for the opportunity to compete. With hard work, some of them may just bring home the gold. **NOW**

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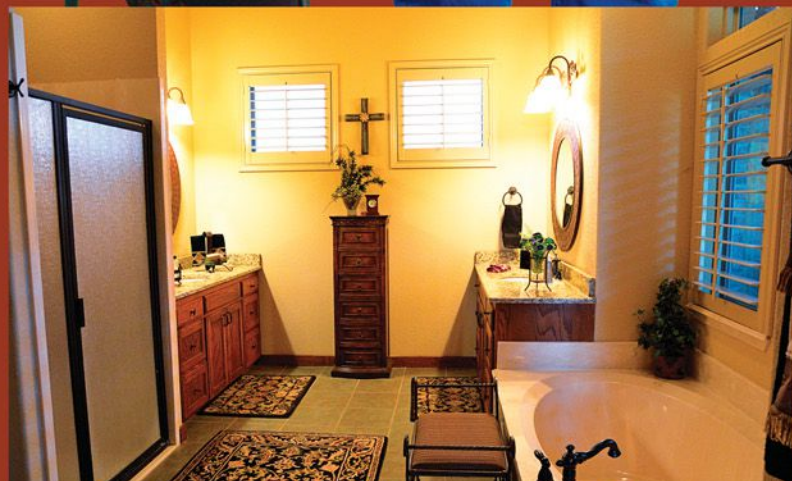


DESTINATION

Relaxation

— By Melissa Rawlins

Not a space on James and Judy Morrison's property goes unshared — except maybe the red room. Its deep mahoganies and leathers enhance Judy's morning meditations, although it was intended as James' office when they designed this home 11 years ago. He found he prefers home to be a destination — a vacation from his Dallas-based architectural sign company. Every inch of their 20-acre spread calls James to relax while he rides his Palomino, Rein, or walks to the pond for an afternoon of "pondering." At days' ends, he and





At Home With James and Judy Morrison

Judy enjoy each other's company on any of their five porches, all of which beckon them to sit awhile.

Friends and family frequently visit. Children like the llamas. Everyone loves the horses. Born and reared in Granbury, James is a member of the Sheriff's Posse and relaxes on the back of a horse the way some people do on the golf course. Judy keeps his barn pristine — even though she doesn't ride. Her passion is decorating, so she organized his tack room into a colorful space for spending time surrounded by the beauty of equines. She even rebuilt an antique soldier's cot into a couch overlooking the wall where over 20 colorful halters and bridles hang. Here, James has been known to finish his rides with a nice nap.

Inspired by nature, this dynamic duo designed their residence to support their outdoor lifestyle. Blending in with the surrounding land, their ranch-style home exudes vitality thanks to unending views from porches and living areas. From granite kitchen counters, set at an angle across from a bank of beadboard cupboards, Judy can look through a floor-to-ceiling wall of windows separating the living room from oak trees dotting the rolling grassland.

In good weather, James grills chicken, beef or hamburgers in the outdoor kitchen Judy dreamed up. "Poor man, he can't just go to the store for Valentine's Day, like a regular man," Judy joked, knowing her husband takes her requests seriously, because he really cares about the same things she does. "A house takes on the personality of its owners," Judy explained. The Morrison





home reflects both partners and what they like.

They invest in projects only as they can afford it. So for the outdoor kitchen, they first put in the roof and patio. During the next year, it looked a lot like a carport, while they saved money before putting in the stone and the kitchen. Since its completion, they've spent many a summer evening there — even making it



the focal point of a wedding they hosted. Judy especially enjoys serving visitors tea on the pale yellow, old-fashioned glider. "It's a very calm place to have chitchats."

Another tranquil space she created is the screened-in porch, where a fountain tinkles and potted plants rest on Mexican-style tiled tables that came from the Stephenville Chili's. Here, as well as in her entire home, Judy has created an ambience of peace.

Her degree from Patricia Stevens Career College in Ohio is in fashion

merchandising and decorating. For 35 years, she was a department store buyer and enjoyed traveling and going to markets. Not long after teaming with Bonnie Lane's Interiors as a decorator, James asked her to retire, so she could focus on managing his barn and their home. Now, she works just as hard and has just as much fun.

Changing things around from week to week, Judy's motto is simple: "If you have a passion for decorating, then you have to accept the fact that the only

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thing consistent in the world is change.” She combines the old with the new to mix things up. With accessories like a brightly colored pitcher or dramatic bedspread, she pops color into the earth-toned rooms.

James notes each change, finding her habit is not hard to deal with. “He’s really good with that. If he does not like what I do, he will say so, and I’ll ask why, and he can explain it,” Judy said. Just as she supports his commitment to his horses, he encourages her interest in art and decorating. “That’s where we harmonize. He cares if I buy the right stripe or the floral bedspread. He has an opinion on it.”

James and Judy treasure the arts, and keep a place in their hearts for Santa Fe. They often bring home some very creative things, like the curvaceous planter Judy displays in the living room. Hammered from an old tire rim, it looks like a clump of prickly pear cactus.

Ever since they married in 1988, they have looked for Texas things. They display their huge collection of Frankoma pottery in the kitchen. Bookshelves in the living and guest rooms hold all the old Texas books he finds. Judy put the ribbons James has won in riding competitions into a shadow box gracing the guest room. Their master bedroom furniture, currently traditional, will one day be more eclectic Texan.

In their Mexican room outside the bedroom, the Morrisons have already achieved eclectic. With its 10-foot rock wall, gorgeous fireplace and roof made from cedar beams and tin, it is actually an outdoor porch. In fall and winter they



have fires with excellent ventilation. "I wanted a big fireplace," James said, "and after I saw a similar room in downtown Ft. Worth, while having breakfast at La Madeleine, I sketched it out on a napkin. I thought it would be cozy off our bedroom." And Judy's extra touches keep it warm. A quaint table behind James' chair has been painted frequently, sometimes turquoise, sometimes brick red.

"I am the spray-paint queen," she said. "I love consignment stores like New 2 U. I look for unusual things and paint it if I don't like the color."

All this activity on the home front plays right into another shared interest: physical fitness. They met at a 10K, and then next day rode bicycles together. Now, James works out weekly at Freedom Therapy and runs on weekends with his dog, Jake. Each day, Judy does either Zumba or yoga. "I am committed to what Hood County is doing with the YMCA here. It's going to be such a blessing to the community. They do programs for all ages, and I think it's important." She, James and their daughter, Jaime, recently did the Cowtown Marathon together, he running and the ladies walking the 5K event.

For healing those joints and muscles, they installed a sauna in their garage. This space, you might imagine, is perfectly clean, thoroughly decorated and tranquilly welcoming after a long day's work. But they don't spend too much time here. Every afternoon possible, they head to the front porch. James plays fetch with his dogs. Judy brings out hors d'oeuvres. Together, they bring conversation and cheer to the calm Texas landscape. **NOW**



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Child's PLAY

— By Randy Bigham

With summer around the steamy corner, moms and dads everywhere are considering ways to keep their kids cool, entertained and challenged until school activities rev up again. Busy parents, especially, want safe options for amusement and education they can depend on for their children during workday hours.

Summer Camps

For many parents, grandparents and guardians, the tried-and-true youth camp offers an ideal solution to boredom and inactivity for their kids. As schools close their doors for summer break, camps around North Texas open their, drawing children of all ages to the same games, sports and campfire sing-alongs, which have provided fond memories for older generations. But, as the website for Ultimate Camp Resource makes clear, “there’s more to camp than kickball or four-square.” Modern summer camps offer a wide variety of both age-appropriate and inclusive outings, games, art projects and theatrical skits. “We





encourage you to plan all activities using the 'everybody plays, everybody wins' philosophy," the site suggests, adding by changing the rules to give a personal touch and not keeping score helps make competitions upbeat and fun.

Susan Merrill, director of programs for Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro in Granbury, believes in the importance of reaching children through activities for all tastes and skills. In her 25 years in the camp industry, Susan has observed the positive effect the interactive enjoyment of work, play and team building has had on young campers. "Going to camp should be a part of every child's life," she said. "The experience develops their independence and confidence, and it provides the opportunity for children to learn decision making."

At large camps, some extraordinary features include: horseback riding, canoeing and kayaking, hiking,



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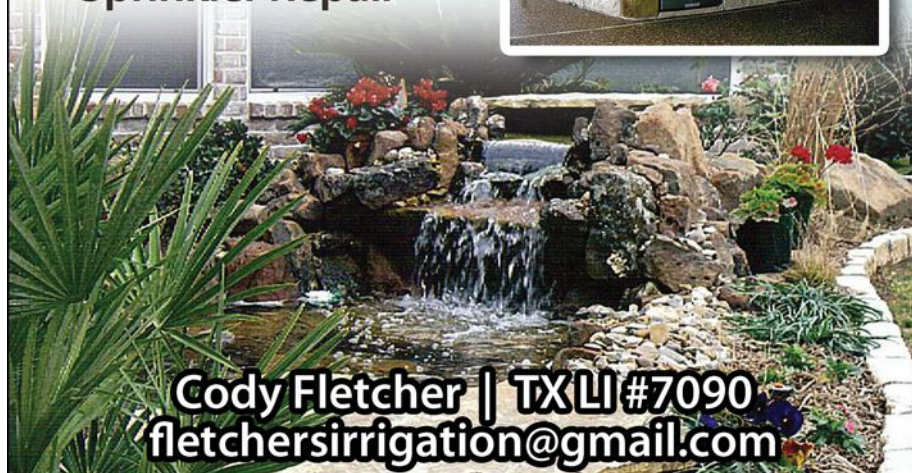
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basketball, tennis and soccer. Whatever children's interests might be, Misty Luttrell, director of overnight and family camps at Camp Fire, recognizes a common denominator: togetherness. "With all the electronics out there, kids spend more time plugged in and less time interacting face to face," she pointed out. "But camp fosters an atmosphere that allows kids to build relationships with peers and their counselors."

Vacation Bible Schools

Another staple, yet ever diversifying, alternative for meaningful summer activity for children is Vacation Bible School. Nearly every church sponsors a program blending faith-based instruction with challenging amusement, covering a range of ages.

Nora Beane, a contributor to the online clearinghouse Yahoo Voices, cites five good reasons for parents to consider VBS as a viable outlet for kids' entertainment and education:

1. Scheduling: "The majority of VBS programs run for a single week and many only operate for a half day during that week. Almost every family can plan around that."

2. Content: "There are a million sites where kids can go to learn how to play baseball, but considerably fewer places where kids can learn to respect others and have faith in God."

3. Quality companionship: "Parents can guess that their child will be



attending VBS with other kids who come from families where values are important and faith is central.”

4. Engaging entertainment: “Kids at VBS don’t just spend time reading the Bible. VBS programs have curriculums built for and around kids that are full of adventure.”

5. Economic value: “Because they are church based, most VBS programs are not set up to make a profit. They are set up to share a message.”

Library Programs

An increasingly varied venue for parents seeking relief from the heat for their kids this summer is the local library. Not only can the little ones (and the older ones, too) hone their reading skills, but they also acquire valuable social sensibilities and teamwork through contests and other interactive programs. From talks by authors to magic shows and clown acts, children learn to associate books with fresh new experiences and exposure that will aid their future reading development and desire for knowledge.

According to the American Library Association, 95 percent of public libraries offer summer reading initiatives for children, so there’s no shortage of programs for which parents can sign their kids up. Many libraries select themes each summer for their programming, which involves not only literature but special events. Local themes for summer reading programs in the recent past have included tie-ins



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YMCA and Community Recreation Centers

More fun in the sun opportunities for kids this summer at local YMCA centers or other community recreation facilities include: basketball and football, swimming, outdoor art installations, tie-dyeing T-shirts and numerous other craft projects.

One North Texas area YMCA craft idea proved especially popular last summer with young children returning from a field trip to a popular water park, and it promises to entertain many again this year. Boys and girls created a souvenir of their outing by gluing sand and shells onto a wooden or particle board backing in the shape of a starfish or dolphin. These were then affixed to a painted stick or straw, which girls in particular enjoyed waving around, calling the toy their "mermaid wand."

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— By Melissa Rawlins

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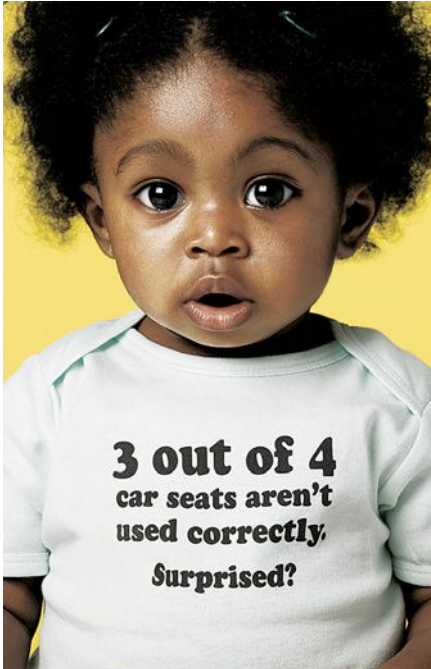
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Silence in Loss

— By Betty Tryon, BSN

“What did you say?” In a louder voice you ask again, “What? I can’t hear you.” It may not be the speaker’s fault you did not hear something as well as you used to. Maybe your hearing needs your attention. Your hearing is a valuable sensory commodity you have used since before you were born. How well you continue to hear will affect the quality of life you enjoy. So it’s important to have any problems with your ears investigated by a physician to prevent hearing loss.

Everyone has difficulty hearing or understanding another person at some time or another. Here is a list from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders to help objectively determine if there is reason for concern. If you answer yes on three or more, consult with your physician for further guidance.

1. Do you have trouble hearing people on the phone?
2. Do you have a problem following a conversation when two or more people are talking?
3. Do people complain that the volume is too high when you watch TV?
4. Do you have to strain/try hard to understand conversation?
5. Do you have trouble hearing in a noisy background?
6. Do you find yourself asking people to repeat themselves?
7. Do many people you talk to seem to mumble or not speak clearly?
8. Do you misunderstand what others are saying and respond inappropriately?

9. Do you have trouble understanding the speech of women and children?
10. Do people get annoyed, because you misunderstand what they say?

Even if you score the requisite three points, do not panic. Your hearing may be affected by something treatable. An excess amount of ear wax will dull your hearing. An ear infection, certain diseases and/or medications can interfere with the normal operation of your ear. Your first course of action should be to consult with your primary care physician, who may refer you to a specialist such as an otolaryngologist, sometimes called an ENT (ear, nose and throat) doctor — a medical doctor who specializes in those areas. You may be referred to an otologist, who is a highly specialized otolaryngologist focusing mainly on matters of the ear and balance.

Treatment for hearing loss depends upon its cause. If loss of hearing is permanent, then hearing aids or hearing transplants may be necessary. The goal is to improve hearing and communication. Protect your hearing and seek professional help when warranted. **NOW**

Source:

Excerpt from NIH Publication No. 01-4913, www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing/pages/10ways.aspx.

This article is for general information only and does not constitute medical advice. Consult with your physician if you have questions regarding this topic.

May 1

63rd National Day of Prayer Breakfast: 6:00-7:30 a.m., Granbury Resort Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St. An hour of prayer for community, state, nation and world prior to panel discussion based on theme, "A World in Need." Call Minette Ficard, (817) 559-9456.

May 3

Nature Bird Walk at Acton: 7:00-9:00 a.m., Acton Nature Center, 6900 Smoky Hill Ct. The hike will be guided by Dr. Billy Teels. Be sure to bring binoculars and field guide and learn with Dr. Teels. This provides a great opportunity for families and photographs. Get more information at www.actonnaturecenter.org.

GHS Project Graduation Fun Run: 7:00 a.m., Hood County YMCA, 833 Harbor Lakes Dr. Entry fees for this 12th Annual 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile This celebration is an all-night lock-in party for the purpose of a safe, drug-free, and alcohol-free evening. Register at www.granburyisd.org/projectgraduation. Contact Jeanne Rodgers, (817) 269-6635.

33rd Annual Granbury Optimist Club Auction: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Granbury Resort Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St. Before lunch, put your bids into the silent auction. After lunch, have fun bidding in the live auction. All funds raised benefit Hood County youth. For more information, visit www.granburyoptimist.com.

May 4

Chari-Tea: 2:00-4:00 p.m., Bentwater Activity Center, 1800 W. Emerald Bend Ct. This high English tea, accompanied by mimosas and live entertainment, benefits HALO's work to rescue homeless dogs in Hood County. \$20. RSVP to Lynne Green (817) 964-0333.

May 6

Opera Guild of Granbury meeting: 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., DeCordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Dr., Acton. After social time, enjoy entertainment by Granbury Live's Sean Mitchell. Buffet lunch, \$13, is not mandatory but RSVP is required if dining with group. Call (682) 936-9572.

May 8

Quarter Auction: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Crowley Recreation Center, 405 S. Oak St., Crowley. Charity event benefitting Wings of Hope Equitherapy, providing quality equine assisted activities to children and adults with disabilities. Contact Destiny McGuire, (682) 478-6124, or visit www.wingsofhopehorses.org.

May 9

Songs from Stage & Screen: 7:00 p.m.,

Langdon Center Concert Hall, E. Bridge St. Melody Belles of Granbury Spring Concert is free to the public, and donations are welcome. Contact Wendy Davis, (817) 326-2687.

May 10

Girls Night Out: 5:00-8:00 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 Brenda Hyde, Historic Granbury Merchants Association, (817) 573-5299.

May 12

Duffer's Delight UnClassic Golf Tournament: 1:00 p.m., DeCordova Bend Estates Country Club. Benefiting Hood County Children's Charity Fund, this charity golf tournament is sponsored by the Granbury Association of Realtors. Sponsors contact Scott Bradley, (817) 219-1459; golfers contact Debbie Van Dyke, (817) 578-7105.

Metro Beekeepers Meeting: 6:30-8:45 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. Visit www.metrobeekeepers.net.

Lake Granbury Art Association meeting: 7:00 p.m., Shanley House. Free for citizens seeking to education and support art and artists. Jeanette Alexander at (817) 578-3090.

May 13

Salvation Army Women's Service League meeting: 10:00 a.m.-Noon p.m., DeCordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Dr., Acton. Anyone interested in joining is welcome. Learn how you can support projects that include new shoes, new clothing, hygiene kits, summer camp programs for children, assistance for those in most need in Hood County. RSVP to Cheryl Troxel, (817) 326-8345, or visit www.saserviceleagueofhoodcounty.org.

May 17

Lifesong Super Hero Fun Run: 7:00 a.m., Granbury First United Methodist Church. This 5K/10K/1-mile fun run benefits the youth worship arts ministry. For more information, contact Carolyn Geiser, (817) 573-5573, or visit www.fumcgranbury.org.

Charity Classic Golf Tournament: 7:00 a.m., Nutcracker Golf & Fitness Club, 9500 Orchard Dr. Title sponsor Lakeside Physicians wants to partner with you to fund job readiness and life skills training through

Christian Women's Job Corps of Granbury. For more information, visit www.cwjcggranbury.org.

Paranormal Expo 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Granbury Resort Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St. Granbury Ghosts and Legends Tours presents Dean Haglund of The X-Files along with guest speakers Janice Oberding and Selena Roane. \$5 entry fee. Visit www.granburyparanormalexpo.com for more information.

May 20

Healthy Woman Luncheon: Noon-1:00 p.m., Granbury Resort Conference Center. Dr. Beth Valashinas will speak about arthritis and gout. \$2 for members or \$5 for non-members. Reservation required. RSVP to www.granburyhealthywoman.com or (817) 579-2979.

May 23 — 26

Memorial Day Weekend: Dusk Friday-noon Sunday, behind Granbury Church of Christ, near First Assembly of God property, at Pirate Drive and Hwy. 377. Remembering the sacrifices of those who have served in the U.S. Armed services, U.S. Veterans Museum volunteers have created the Field of Flags. Honor one veteran or up to 15, for \$100 - \$1,000, or simply walk through the field after the Memorial Day Ceremony, **May 26**, 9:00 a.m., at Granbury's Historic Square. Contact Julia Pannell, (817) 308-7427.

May 31

Last Saturday Gallery Night Art Walk: 6:00-9:00 p.m., 106 N. Houston St. Walk around the Square visiting The Galleries of Granbury — Artefactz, Langdon Center Art Gallery, Shanley House Art Gallery and Your Private Collection Art Gallery — and finish your evening at Uptown Art, 401 Cleveland Rd., just off Hwy. 377. Artists will be on hand, some giving demonstrations, while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and music. Contact (817) 579-7733.

Ongoing

Weekends

Hood County Museum: 1:00-4:00 p.m., Old Hood County Jail, 208 N. Crockett. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children 6-12. (817) 573-5135.

Submissions are welcome and published as space allows. Send your event details to melissa.rawlins@nowmagazines.com.



In the Kitchen With Carol Lippincott

— By *Melissa Rawlins*

Although she does not usually eat desserts, Carol Lippincott loves preparing them. When entertaining, she makes several desserts and sends some home with her guests. She learned how much fun it is to give people the perfect ending to a healthy meal while she and her husband, Stan, reared their children in New Jersey. “I always had a fresh dessert for my boys for dinner, every night,” Carol said. The three boys all live near Dallas now. “When we moved here in 1993, we thought it was the perfect place to live and become involved in what was happening here. I think we have succeeded in that.” Carol likes to try new recipes when she entertains, much to the appreciation of those who get to share them. **NOW**

Summer Squash Casserole

- 1 1/2 lbs. yellow squash**
- 1 lb. zucchini squash**
- 1 small sweet onion, chopped**
- 2 1/2 tsp. salt (divided use)**
- 2 cups water**
- 1 cup carrots, grated**
- 1 10.75-oz. can cream of chicken soup**
- 8-oz. sour cream**
- 1 8-oz. can water chestnuts, drained and chopped**
- 1 8-oz. pkg. Pepperidge Farm herb-seasoned stuffing**
- 1/2 cup butter, melted**

1. Cut yellow and zucchini squash into 1/4-inch slices. Place in Dutch oven. Add onion, 2 tsp. salt and water to cover. Bring to boil over medium-high heat; cook for 5 minutes. Drain well.

- 2.** Stir carrots with next 3 ingredients and remaining 1/2 tsp. salt in a large bowl; fold in squash mixture.
- 3.** In a separate bowl, stir together stuffing and butter. Spoon half of stuffing mixture into bottom of lightly greased 13x9-inch baking dish. Spoon squash mixture over stuffing mixture; top with remaining stuffing mixture.
- 4.** Bake 350 F for 30-35 minutes, until bubbly and golden brown, shielding with aluminum foil after 20-25 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Kicked Up Cole Slaw

- 1 16-oz. pkg. shredded cole slaw mix**
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced**
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced**
- 1 red jalapeño, seeded and sliced**
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise**

- 2 Tbsp. sour cream**
- 2 Tbsp. white vinegar**
- 2 Tbsp. sugar**
- Several dashes hot sauce**
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper**
- Pinch cayenne pepper**
- 1/4 tsp. celery salt**
- Pinch kosher salt**

1. In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients. Chill for 30 minutes or longer before serving.

Hot Curried Fruit

- 1/3 cup butter**
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed**
- 3/4 tsp. curry**
- 1/2 tsp. ground cloves**
- 1 tsp. cinnamon**
- 1 16-oz. can pear halves**
- 1 16-oz. can peach halves**
- 1 20-oz. can pineapple slices**
- 1 8-oz. can apricot halves**
- 12 maraschino cherries**

- 1.** Melt butter; add sugar and spices.
- 2.** Drain and dry fruit; place in 1 1/2-quart casserole.
- 3.** Add butter mixture and garnish with cherries.
- 4.** Bake 1 hour, uncovered, at 350 F. Good reheated.

Sweet and Sour Sausage

Serves 6.

- 1 green pepper, chopped**
- 1 medium onion, chopped**
- 1 lb. smoked sausage, cut into 3/4-inch pieces**
- 1 Tbsp. butter or oil**
- 1 tsp. ground ginger**
- 1 Tbsp. corn starch**
- 1 Tbsp. cider vinegar**
- 1 Tbsp. soy sauce**
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves**
- 1 cup pineapple chunks, drained**
- 6 cups rice, cooked and hot**

- 1.** Cook pepper, onion and sausage in butter (or oil) for 5 minutes.
- 2.** Combine ginger and corn starch. Stir vinegar into mixture. Add soy sauce and preserves. Stir into sausage mixture.
- 3.** Cook over low heat until thickened. Stir in pineapple. When mixture is heated through, serve over rice.

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