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Editor's Note

Hello, Granbury Family and Friends!

While I sit contemplating what to say for July, thoughts of freedom march through my mind. Two hundred forty-one years ago, our ancestors faced the reality of war in their front yards, where they battled for freedom. We often celebrate independence this month with big parties and fireworks, a joyous occasion. And true to history, our wonderful community will go all out with lots of fun, a festive atmosphere and a renowned fireworks show at the end of the day — truly a grand celebration. These things are splendid. But not for everyone. Be sensitive when shooting off fireworks. Dogs and some humans shutter at loud booms.

And in the midst of all the fun, may we never lose sight of the cost of freedom. For months, our generous community donated funds to build the beautiful Memorial Lane. Sometime this month, perhaps visit this monumental memorial. Take your children and/or grandchildren and have conversations about our heroes. What better way to celebrate our freedom — as a country and as a community?

Happy Fourth of July!

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DIGGING UP *Ancestors*

— By Rick Mauch

Sue and Tom Rearden are part of a revolution. The Revolutionary War, that is. Sue is the regent for the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her husband, Tom, is the registrar for the Brazos Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Their individual family history dates back to the Revolutionary War, a qualification for being in each of the organizations. Each person involved must have verification that a family member was a patriot who fought in the war or supported the war effort with a service. “They could have sold corn or horses. One guy was a wagoner who transported goods,” Sue said. “One lady had 27 proven patriots in her line.”

Sue has at least 12 ancestors who were involved, two of which she authenticated. She is working on getting verification of the other 10. Tom has proven five relatives of the 19 he tracked down.

Proof comes in a variety of forms — birth certificates, wills and land transfers, for example. There are numerous ways to find ancestors, including courthouse records and websites, such as ancestry.com. “When we started looking 40 years ago, it was



microfilm on reels and books,” Tom said. “It’s a lot more accessible now, but you still have to do some digging.”

Their quest for genealogy records led Sue and Tom to many places. They’ve also faced and conquered numerous challenges. For example, Sue was looking for documentation for a saber given to Tom that belonged to his great-great-grandfather. They traveled to Washington, D.C., and found something, but there was a water stain on the place where it would have documented his birth.

The motto of DAR is “God, home, country.” They work to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. They are nonprofit and nonpolitical, strongly supporting soldiers currently serving, veterans and youth, among others.

Sue is in her fourth year of membership in DAR. Tom has been in SAR for five years. And both are involved in every facet of the many activities of both groups. This includes sending care boxes to

the troops overseas. “We fill them to the brim,” Tom said. “I even sent Moon Pies one time.”

The organizations restore and maintain historical sites, such as the Glen Rose Square. They’ve also held ceremonies at the Elizabeth Crockett historical site in Acton.

Nationally and locally, the DAR and SAR participate in the DAR National Day of Service each year in the fall. This past year, they held a veterans’ interview project, in which veterans were allowed to tell their stories on video. “That CD from the interview was sent to the Library of Congress and is on file,” Sue said.

“And there’s some tears in them, too, I tell you that,” Tom added.

Among the most popular programs the local DAR and SAR chapters participated in this past year was the Wreaths Across America project. They sold wreaths for \$15 each to people who wanted to commemorate family members who were veterans. Five

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dollars from each wreath sold went to the Granbury High School Junior ROTC program. The ROTC program received a donation of \$800. "There are over 400 veterans buried in Acton Cemetery," Sue said. "We had a lot of families come out and place wreaths. We also had dignitaries."

And yes, they are already working on this year's project. It is set for mid-December, and Tom said donations are already being accepted. They also support DAR schools across the nation. The local chapter helps one in South Carolina and another in Oklahoma. "We collect box tops, donate clothing to their thrift store and donate Wal-Mart gift cards," Sue said, adding that they also held a fundraiser at DeCordova Bend Country Club in 2015.

The DAR and SAR are big supporters of area schools, including Granbury, Glen Rose, Tolar and Lipan. DAR offers scholarships based on an American history essay contest, from which students can advance to state and national competition.

And how could an organization be connected to the Revolutionary War without being connected to the U.S. Constitution? Therefore, a Constitution Camp is held each summer for children in grades one-six. The Color Guard from the groups is there. Also, King George shows up to take some of the kids' candy as taxes. It's one of Tom's favorite times of the year, along with Constitution Day in September. On both occasions, he and some of their fellow SAR and DAR members get to dress in period costumes. "I'm Thomas Jefferson, and I speak like I'm Thomas Jefferson," he said proudly. "It's a lot of fun. Kids come up and ask questions."

Constitution Day also includes the Color Guard from the local chapters. Proclamations are read from dignitaries, and Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds is in attendance. Both local chapters joined in on the national celebration

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commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Members hosted ceremonies at Carswell Air Force Base, among others. "We had them all come in single-file and gave them an ovation," Sue said. "It was really special."


Locally, they held a Veterans Day program and dinner at DeCordova. It included speakers and even door prizes for veterans. "It was just another nice way to recognize them for their service," said Tom, who served in the Air Force. "A lot of people have done a lot to serve our country, and they deserve all the recognition we can give them."




While not everyone can be a member of the DAR or SAR, Tom said recruiting is constant. All it takes is a little genealogy work to see if your family has a connection. Also, more and more young people are showing an interest. Their own teenage granddaughters are members now. Members must be at least 18, or they can belong to the Children of the American Revolution. "Happenings in national news have brought more interest. There's a lot of flag waving," Sue said.

"That play *Hamilton* is really helping," Tom said. "I'm sure we'll tie in with it when it comes to the area."

The Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of DAR holds meetings on the third Monday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church in Granbury. Fellowship is at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The Brazos Valley Chapter of SAR holds meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month at DeCordova Bend's clubhouse, with fellowship at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. And, if anyone is interested and wonders where to start with genealogy research, Sue said the groups will help. "Most people do have ancestors connected," she said. "You just have to start doing research to find out, and once you get into it, you'll find out just how fascinating it is." **NOW**


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Not only do they have plenty of friends who love them both, but they also have a great home to accommodate parties, big or small. Both of them enjoy having friends and family visit. Many of their friends knew Herbie's late wife, but they love Jana just as much, and she loves them. "We believe the Lord had His hand in our meeting and marriage," she said. "It's a perfect blend."

Jana worked in Fort Worth, and at Christmastime, she and a friend always came out to shop. She loved the Granbury community. They hadn't been dating long when Herbie wanted to go on a drive one day. Certain he would love it, Jana suggested Granbury. They drove around and spotted a small house on the lake. The Realtor happened to be in the driveway. Both of them liked it, so he bought it for a lake home. Years later, while contemplating buying in Fort Worth,



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— By Lisa Bell

they found their current home. When they first walked in the door, the view immediately captured their hearts. He fell in love with the house, and she loved it, too. They decided to move full-time to Granbury.

The picturesque view of the lake, visible from the front door, definitely tops the list of highlights. The double front door came from Mexico. A formal dining room flanks the large living room. Although very open and great for entertaining, pillars set apart the dining area, which creates the perfect blend of separation, yet togetherness. The previous owners left the 10-seat dining table because their new home wasn't large enough to accommodate it. Jana wishes she could seat more.

Throughout the entryway and into the living room, a mixture of items from both Jana and Herbie decorate the house.

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In the corner of the living area, a glass table top sits upon a massive tree trunk, displaying distinctive character. Herbie's daughters grew up eating on the table. "It's perfect for this house," Jana said. The piece creates the feeling of bringing

the kitchen becomes a gathering spot. The layout allows everyone who wants to help cook do so. The floors, stamped and stained concrete, take away the worry of spills. The kitchen also has a breakfast bar, which divides it from a sitting area, yet still allows connection.

The sitting area contains sofas, a television and fireplace. During get-togethers, they can close the double doors between the kitchen and living room, so two different activities going on works well. According to Jana, they often find the men watching something

the outdoors inside of the home. The table also stands beside a huge doorway leading to the kitchen.

A dream kitchen, Jana has a wall-mounted, double-oven; numerous cabinets; and lots of counter space. The stovetop, located in an island, is accessible from both sides. When family or friends come,

on TV, and the women in the living area visiting or doing something else. But they eventually come back together as a group.

A beautiful patio stretches across the back of the house. It features several table/chair combinations and group seating arrangements where people can enjoy the lake view, wildlife and each other. With ceiling fans and a fireplace, they use the patio year-round, expanding the number of people they can entertain. They enjoy sharing their home with others, even the animals. "I have a fox that comes up to the patio, and then a possum comes up," Jana said. She has seen a raccoon, as well. The Canadian Geese are favorites for both Jana and Herbie. "We learned if we feed them



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below, their mess is below,” she added with a laugh. “It’s fun to sit on the dock and enjoy the peace.”

Jana transplanted cannas from her mom’s house in Florida. The small garden area already had lantanas, but the cannas are a great reminder of her mother, who recently turned 92.

The Peeks’ greatest delight comes from watching family and friends at their house. The gatherings often include multiple generations. Some go out on the boat. Kids play in the yard, and others sit on the patio or retreat inside. The pure joy of everyone together makes the couple happy.

Back inside, the house has two guest rooms. One contains an old wrought-iron bed Jana slept in as a little girl. But her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother also slept in the bed. She and Herbie added an extension to make it queen size from a 3/4 bed and did some minor repairs. “Can you imagine a couple sleeping on such a small bed?” Jana asked. A unique table that looks like a birdcage is one of a pair of tables Herbie’s late wife loved. The other one is still in Irving, due to lack of space.

The other guest room, filled with poppies, brings a smile. Jana calls it her Happy Room. A large painting created by Jana’s sister-in-law matches the bedspread and flows with decor in the Jack-and-Jill bathroom.

The master suite extends into another sitting area. A small bar area allows them to have coffee early in the morning,

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again, enjoying the lake view. The master bath has a long, separate shower and garden tub — both with a view of the lake, as well.

Herbie's man cave, a restructuring of one garage, holds a great deal of interesting things. A diverse man, he's been on many archeological expeditions and mission trips, and He served in the military. Memorabilia has plenty of display space, and Herbie enjoys sharing stories from his history. From pictures on the wall to collectibles, each one has a tale to go with it. He also has a machine that flattens coins and cuts a cross in the metal. He enjoys creating them and giving them to people.




Even the office has bits and pieces reflecting both Herbie and Jana. They often work together in this room filled with antiques and memories. The layout allows them enough space to work on their own, yet with each other. As they blended their lives, they also brought a perfect blend to their home, which is filled with love. **NOW**



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CHECK IT OUT

— By Rick Mauch

Karen Rasco was raised in a can-do family. Now, as director of the Hood County Library, she and her staff are doing all they can for their patrons. In March, Karen celebrated her one-year anniversary at the helm, after moving from Robert Lee, Texas, where she was the director of their much smaller library. She also has 28 years in the education industry, eight years as a teacher and 20 as a librarian. “My dad was a coach. We moved to Robert Lee in 1967,” she said. “He was successful, so, fortunately, we didn’t have to do a lot of moving. Basketball was his main thing, but he wore a lot of hats.”

Karen also wore a lot of hats at the Robert Lee library, something that helped prepare her for moving into the bigger role in Granbury. She jokes that she was

the librarian, janitor, well, everything. “In public school, you answer to the principal, and at Robert Lee I bossed myself,” she said with a laugh. “The staff has been a tremendous help in my adjustment here.”

Karen and her sister, Kenda, who is an administrative assistant at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, moved to Granbury to be closer to their brother, Kirby, who was then athletic director and coach at nearby North Central Texas Academy. He has since moved to Georgetown and gone to work in the construction business. “I told him it was OK to move because we’re more

centrally located now. Before, we were way out there,” Karen said.

When she took the job at the library, Karen didn’t make any major changes. Calling it a “well-oiled machine,” she said it simply needed someone to fill a leadership role. “The staff here is fabulous,” she said. “They are here for each other and, most of all, for our patrons.”

Those same patrons reciprocate the love. At Christmas, for example, Karen revealed they go out of their way to show appreciation. “Oh, my goodness, they brought gifts! Patrons would bring us all sorts of goodies,” she said.

One popular new thing, however, is the Hood County Adult Literacy Program. Designed for people who have dyslexia, Karen said anyone is welcome to come and learn. “We already have seven students matched with tutors,” she said. “We’re going to need more tutors — which is a good thing.”

Among the library’s most popular adult offerings is help with taxes. The American Association for Retired Persons offers advice, or citizens can stop by and pick up the necessary forms.

Genealogy is popular, too. The library offers microfilm, books and even some original paperwork. Visitors have limited free access to the ancestry.com website. “We’re an older community,” Karen said. “We have a lot of older patrons.”

Karen still sees the library playing a strong role with adults of all ages. “Social media does create a challenge,” she said. “But nothing replaces the feeling of having a good ol’ book in your hands. I also see us as a place for people to come when they’re looking for a job, to improve their computer skills, enhance some skills or to read a newspaper and just have family time.”

“We’re doing our best to progress all the time,” Youth Services Librarian and Assistant Director Rhiannon Graham said. “It’s a must for anyone to be successful, and we do our best to help people succeed. We have those resources ready when people need them.”

As for youngsters, two of the most popular activities are Music and Motion on Mondays and Story Time on Wednesdays. Rhiannon always includes a special activity with the stories. “Today, we’re telling stories about robots,” she said, pointing to a sticker on her

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Story Time, in fact, is DeeAnn Atchley's favorite time. She brings her 2-year-old son, Cason. "Their technology in the children's section is impressive," she said.

"The Music and Motion class — we love coming to that," said Crystal Bowden, who brings her 3-year-old daughter, Lucy, and 5-year-old son, Malachi.

Karen is especially proud of the summer programs the library offers for young people. The Summer Reading Program is very popular and offers activities, such as Wildlife on the Move, in which children get to see various animals. "Any child who wants to come is welcome, and it is such a wonderful time," she said. "They have so much fun."

The library is a designated site for the Granbury School District Free Summer Lunch Program. Children up to age 18 can get a free lunch simply by stopping by. "I am so glad we are a part of that," Karen said. "That is a magnificent program and does so much good."

Spring break activities include Movie Time, something that occurs each week during the summer. And, yes, it does include free popcorn. "We bring out the old popcorn popper, and we have a rug they can lay on," Karen said. "We also had something on spring break called Crafternoon. It was an afternoon of making anything you wanted."

And, of course, all the programs at the library are free. Those with a valid

card not only check out books, but there's a large selection of movies on DVD, including recent titles. "I think the library is very forward-thinking," said volunteer Marylene Smith. "The friendly employees try to remember your name. It's a wonderful personal touch."

With the growth of social media, getting teenagers and preteens to read books, much less visit a library, has become harder work. It's not that they aren't reading, they just do a lot of it on their smartphones and tablets. But Karen believes libraries can win the battle. "It's a challenge for all public libraries. You just have to hook that kid, find that book that's going to bring them. Having designated sections will be draws, as well," she said referring to the proposed library expansion, which is pending approval from the commissioner's court. It will include an extension of about 10,000 additional feet for such things as an enlarged children's area, extra computer space and, of course, more seating.



"We serve the whole county and the population is growing," she said, noting that more than 115,000 come through the doors annually. "They had looked at moving into the old Kroger building on Highway 377, but the majority of people wanted the library here. It's such a focal point to the square."

The library is walking distance from the historic Granbury Square. It first opened in 1968 and has expanded twice in 1977 and 1996. "I've always thought of libraries as a service industry," Karen said. "Let us know what we can provide, and we'll work to get it." **NOW**

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TS Automotive and RV Care Center meets a big need for Granbury residents. — By Lisa Bell

When Johnny T and his family moved to Granbury about a year ago, he and his daughter, Jen, opened an automotive shop. Originally, they came with their mechanic, looking for a house on the lake. The shop was for sale. Having considered living in Granbury before, they saw the shop one day and bought it the next.

From the beginning, they offered full-service mechanics, detailing and paint and bodywork. About two weeks after opening in September 2016, they met a couple who asked if they did RV repair. Their mechanic was agreeable, so they expanded offerings to include RVs. "We haven't had a single week without an RV since then," they said.

TS Automotive & RV Care Center keeps growing. Since September of last year, they've had their 25th repeat customer.

They also spoke to the RV Club in Pecan Planation. Invited back a second time, Johnny T presented unusual problems and a traveling pre-trip checklist. One customer didn't pay attention to the checklist and traveled to Little Rock. He called saying he didn't use the list and now was hoping he'd make it home.

As a full-service shop, they will tackle virtually any job. ASC-certified mechanics and PPG paint certification enable them to stand behind their work. From an oil change to complete motor overhaul, or taking care of a scratch to a full body paint job, the shop prides itself in doing quality work at great rates. Besides automobiles and RVs, they also work on boats and provide used car pre-purchase diagnostics and pre-sell inspections.

When doing mechanical work, they use quality parts and charge competitive labor rates. The work may take a little longer,

but the philosophy of doing it right the first time prevents return work. They also provide shuttle service from their shop to Granbury, Glen Rose and surrounding areas. At the end of the day, if a customer needs it, they can bring them the vehicle or pick them up. In addition, they offer tow service.

Paint jobs include high-quality paints. Although they welcome collision work and deal with insurance companies, they also replace windshields and paint vehicles without collision damage.

When it comes to full-service detailing, they charge \$99 for cars, trucks, SUVs and vans. Detailing for RVs and motor homes costs more based on size.

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TS Automotive & RV Care Center promises not to overcharge under any circumstances. They provide free estimates and use diagnostic computers to determine the root causes of problems. A Christian, family-owned and -operated business, they try to live and work by those values. "Profits are good," he said. "But when I get to heaven, greed is not something I want to answer for."

The shop gives discounts to seniors 55 and up, military, first responders and students with a valid ID. They were involved with Veterans Day, Parade of Lights and at General Granbury's Birthday Celebration, where they had a mechanic available to answer questions. They are happy to support fundraisers.

Co-owner Jen grew up around cars. After graduating in 2006, she stayed involved with cars, but more on the paperwork side. She does everything but turn a wrench. "Actually, I have helped with cars," she said. "We try to be as cost effective for customers as possible. And if there's a niche need, we will find a way to fill it." **NOW**

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A Shock of a Sting

— By Betty Tryon, BSN

Those pesky bugs! They just love us, whether or not we love them in return. They bite us, sting us, stick us and scare us out of our wits. To many people, they are a nuisance, but others see the great benefits of having insects on this planet and consider the downside as a mere inconvenience. However, some bugs are crawling, flying death traps for humans. When that situation exists, great care needs to be taken.

The usual culprits that can set off an allergic reaction in humans are bees, wasps, fire ants, yellow jackets and hornets. According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, “The red or black imported fire ant now infests more than 260 million acres in the southern United States, where it has become a significant health hazard and may be the number one agent of insect stings.”

There is a normal reaction to insect venom that can be somewhat traumatic, but will not necessarily be an allergic reaction. Most people will have a normal reaction to an insect sting with symptoms of pain, redness and swelling. An allergic reaction is when your body overreacts to an allergen (any substance that causes an allergic reaction or specific hypersensitivity). The allergic reaction causes the same symptoms of pain, swelling and redness, only the coverage is beyond the site of the sting. You may experience itchiness or hives and/or a feeling of warmth in the area. If it progresses to the point that you begin wheezing, having trouble breathing, difficulty swallowing, swelling of the facial area, dizziness, weak and rapid pulse

and clammy skin, you may have anaphylaxis. This is a serious, life-threatening allergic reaction and requires immediate medical attention.

For someone in anaphylactic shock, there is no time to waste. Call 911. If the person carries epinephrine, sometimes referred to as an EpiPen, it needs to be administered right away. Even if symptoms improve, medical attention should still be received. Those symptoms could come back. Have the person lie down, elevate their legs and loosen any tight clothing. Cover them with a blanket or whatever material is handy. If any nausea or vomiting is present, turn them on their side. Do not have them eat or drink anything. If they stop breathing, administer CPR until emergency help arrives.

In order to avoid insect stings, do not make yourself a target. Avoid activities at dawn and dusk. When outside, wear insect repellent. Don't wear bright colors. Avoid perfumes, scented hairsprays, deodorants and lotions. If you are stung and have a generalized reaction, see an allergist for follow-up and treatment. **NOW**

Source:

<http://acaai.org/allergies/types/insect-sting-allergies>

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July 1

Memorial Lane Dedication: 10:00-11:00 a.m., Jim Burks Firefighter Memorial Park, 561 N. Travis St. The dedication service is a one-of-a-kind event, like the park itself. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.granburymemoriallane.com.

Family Rock Painting: 10:00-11:30 a.m., Acton Nature Center, 6900 Smokey Hill Ct. Fun time of painting rocks. \$20/family of four includes all supplies and one rock/family member. For more info, visit www.actonnaturecenter.org or call (817) 326-6005.

Discovery Labs on Wheels: 1:00-4:00 p.m. (come and go), Hood County Public Library. The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History brings hands-on Jolts and Volts exhibit. Ages 7 and up. Call the library or visit www2.youseemore.com/hood/calendar.asp.

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Glen Rose Summer Concert Series: 8:00-10:00 p.m., Oakdale Park, 1019 N.E. Barnard St., Glen Rose. Anything Goes Band performing country, blues, 60's and 70's rock. Free and open to the public.

July 1 — 4

Old-fashioned Fourth of July Celebration: Visit www.granburychamber.com for a listing of activity times and locations. Starting with the Memorial Lane Dedication service and culminating with Extreme Pyrotechnics Fireworks over Lake Granbury at 9:45 p.m. on the 4th.

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July 5

Sharpie Art and Button Making: 2:00-3:00 p.m., Hood County Public Library. Ages 7 and up. Visit www2.youseemore.com/hood/calendar.asp for more information and other events available during the summer.

July 8

Glen Rose Summer Concert Series: 8:00-10:00 p.m., Oakdale Park, 1019 N.E. Barnard St., Glen Rose. Mike Calaway (Americana with tones of country, Celtic, ragga, blues & Rock & Roll). Free and open to the public.

July 10

Movie Monday: 4:30-6:00 p.m., Hood County Public Library. Featuring *The LEGO Batman Movie*. Visit www2.youseemore.com/hood/calendar.asp for more information.

July 10 — 14, 17 — 21

Alice in Wonderland Jr. Summer Camp: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Granbury Opera House. Summer camp hosted by Granbury Theatre Company. Performance **July 21-23** and **28-30**. www.granburytheatrecompany.org.

July 11

Jedi Training Camp: 2:00-3:30 p.m., Hood County Public Library. Ages 7 and up. Visit www2.youseemore.com/hood/calendar.asp for information.

July 13

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July 16 — 28

Equestrian Overnight Camp: 7710 Fall Creek Hwy. Register or learn more about El Tesoro camp at www.campfirefw.org/youth/camps/.

July 22

Glen Rose Summer Concert Series: 8:00-10:00 p.m., Oakdale Park, 1019 N.E. Barnard St., Glen Rose. Erica Lane (Adult Contemporary). Free and open to the public.

July 26

Family Game Night: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Hood County Public Library. Games for all ages. Visit www2.youseemore.com/hood/calendar.asp.

July 29

Glen Rose Summer Concert Series: 8:00-10:00 p.m., Oakdale Park, 1019 N.E. Barnard St., Glen Rose. Derek Larson and James Nored (Texas Country, Americana, Singer-Songwriter, Folk). Free and open to the public.

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In the Kitchen With Ruby Derrick

— By Lisa Bell

While growing up on a farm in Houston, Missouri, Ruby Derrick learned to cook and help with canning early in life. She and her husband, Randall, have lived in Granbury for about 17 years. Randall, “the Propane Man,” owns a collection of smokers, grills, a cowboy cooker, fish cooker and pizza oven. So, they enjoy cooking most of their meals outdoors. With a backyard garden, they add fresh vegetables to the mix. “Fresh is the best,” she believes.

Ruby stays busy with Granbury Newcomers, and was recently the president of the club. In addition, she volunteers as a pianist for Granbury Christian Women Connection, Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels. She is delighted to share a few of her favorite recipes and some family hand-me-downs. **NOW**

Marinated Mushroom and Vegetable Salad

Tastes better the longer it is chilled.

- 3/4 to 1 cup apple cider vinegar**
- 3/4 cup salad oil**
- 1/4 cup chopped onion**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- Pepper, to taste**
- 3 pkgs. Splenda or 2 tsp. sugar**
- 1 tsp. each, dried oregano and basil**
- 1 large jar Green Giant whole mushrooms, drained**
- 1 16-oz. jar or can whole or sliced carrots, drained**
- 1 14-oz. can artichoke hearts, drained and halved**
- 1 cup sliced celery**
- 1 2-oz. jar sliced pimento, drained**

1. In a saucepan, combine vinegar, oil, onion, salt, pepper, Splenda/sugar, oregano and basil.

- 2.** Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 10 minutes.
- 3.** In a bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour hot marinade over the vegetables. Stir well; cover.
- 4.** Chill several hours or 1-2 days before serving. (Longer is better.)
- 5.** Stir occasionally; drain and serve in a lettuce-lined dish.

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- 1.** Select any size rib roast.
- 2.** Pepper only; place fat side up on a triangle rack (standing position.)
- 3.** Preheat oven to 375 F for 10 minutes. Place roast in the preheated oven, and cook for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

- 4.** Turn off the oven. Do not open the oven door! Leave the roast in the oven for 3 1/2 hours or more.
- 5.** When ready to serve, turn the oven back on to 300 F. (Do not open the oven door.) Cook for 30 minutes longer.
- 6.** Roast will be pink on the inside and brown on the outside.

Sister Eileen’s Coconut Pound Cake

Eileen made this cake famous in Bowie County, Texas.

Cake:

- 5 egg yolks (slightly beaten for a finer texture)**
- 2 cups sugar**
- 3/4 cup Crisco**
- 1/2 cup Mazola oil**
- 1 cup buttermilk**
- 1 tsp. Adams coconut flavoring**
- 3 1/2 cups sifted flour (sift before measuring)**
- 4 level tsp. baking powder**
- 1 tsp. salt**
- 5 egg whites**
- 2 cups Angel Flake coconut**

Glaze:

- 3/4 cup sugar**
- 1/2 cup water**
- 2 tsp. coconut flavoring**

- 1.** For cake: Beat egg yolks, sugar, Crisco and Mazola oil together well.
- 2.** Add buttermilk and coconut flavoring; mix well.
- 3.** Add flour, baking powder and salt; mix well.
- 4.** Beat egg whites until light, and add to cake. Mix in coconut.
- 5.** Pour batter into a large, greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325 F for 1 hour, 15 minutes.
- 6.** For glaze: Put sugar and water in a pan; boil until dissolved.
- 7.** Add coconut flavoring and spoon mixture over cake while hot.

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