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*Hello, Granbury Family and Friends!*

Through the years, I've had different emotions about V-day. At one point in life, I didn't even want to say that nasty V-word. In all fairness, some love celebrating Valentine's Day and showing how much they love family and friends. Others think it's a ploy for stores to make more money, and we should show love every day — not just on February 14. Finally, some people cry every February because they don't have that special someone in their lives. Whatever you feel about this one day of the year, realizing the power of showing love and then doing it brings vitality to your life.

How do we show love? Simple. Smile while you're out shopping. Be courteous to cashiers. Pay for someone's meal or groceries. At home, treat your family with the courtesy you show strangers or co-workers. And most of all, speak three little words to the people who mean the most to you — *I love you*. Even if they know, we all need to hear those words sometimes.

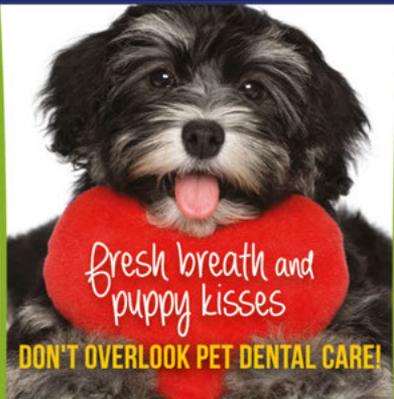
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# Connection

— By Lisa Bell

*On a Wednesday evening, a group of several dozen youth comes together in a place where they have fun, develop relationships and learn biblical values for the challenges they face every day. This isn't a foreign concept. Many churches all over town do the same thing. But Dan Jones uses a slightly different approach in the way he accomplishes this goal.*

Dan grew up in the DFW area, but life took him to ranches in Wyoming, Arkansas and Kansas. He lived the life of a true cowboy, yet felt called to be a pastor. In Kansas, he ran a ranch full time while pastoring a small church. A total attendance of 45 was a big Sunday.

In that small church, they had four youth — counting his two. One day he had a thought that they should start a youth group. Laughing it off, he wondered what he could possibly offer youth. He didn't feel like his focus was supposed to be that age, but he couldn't stop thinking about it. His wife, Kelly, wasn't sure about the idea either, but after much prayer, they launched the program in August 2014. Eventually, 18 kids attended on a regular basis.

Dan met Pastor Ray Lane in Dodge City, Kansas, where they worked together on a church launch and became good friends. When the pastor called him in September 2014 and asked him to pray about a full-time youth pastor position, Dan was open to the idea. His daughter, Lauren, was in her senior year of high school at the time. Triple Cross Cowboy Church was willing to wait until she graduated for Dan to take the new position. In May 2015, Dan moved to Tolar with his wife and sons, Tyler and Luke.

"I don't know that I ever wanted to be a youth pastor," Dan said, chuckling. "My heart is for families." During youth camp 2015, he realized many of the kids came from difficult situations. Although they received love to various degrees at home, most of them wanted unconditional love in relationships. "God showed me that in helping families, I help youth," he said.





In response, they developed Wednesday night small groups for family members in addition to youth activities. Parents can choose to attend a small group that focuses on raising children. Grandparents raising children have an option, too. While their teens have activities, the adults enjoy small groups instead of driving back and forth. Providing a meal helps parents on the busy weeknight.

Dan fully understands the team who works with youth must earn the right to speak into their lives. "Why would they listen to me unless I've proven I care about them? Unless we have something in common?" he asked. Commonality may be as simple as driving a truck or liking horses and goats. It is a starting point from which a relationship grows.

On a typical Wednesday, the kids start out with what they enjoy doing. Other volunteers, such as James Ramsey, help with the youth because Dan can't be everywhere. James originally went out of curiosity.

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He always liked the western way, and found Triple Cross different from any church he ever attended. Now he helps with the youth. "The attitude of the leadership of Cowboy Church is to invite people, show how they can see salvation, and then get out of the way and let God take over."

While 60 kids receive an email message from Dan on Wednesdays, they average 35 youth in attendance in the evening. In 2016, they took 45 to camp. Interestingly, none of the kids pay for camp. Each year in the spring, the church holds a fundraising chili cook-off and auction. Members of the



church donate baked goods, handmade furniture, household items, guns, knives and anything western, which are sold at auction. The single event provides enough funds for summer camp without families having to pay.

Although Dan is the youth pastor, he admits Kelly is just as called to ministry. "This doesn't work with just one. God doesn't call one and not call the other, because He won't divide a family," he stated.

Being a minister's wife isn't always easy. People sometimes approach Kelly with what they won't take to him and those things can sound negative. Dan doesn't take Kelly for granted. "She has to be absolutely onboard, and she is," he added.

As a church, they accept anyone, but strive for reaching people who won't attend a traditional church. "Well people don't need a doctor — sick people do. That's what Jesus said," Dan remarked.

“The well people are welcome, but we do church different for a reason.”

Different church members support his work with the youth. Some bring horses, bulls or goats. The kids love roping. Some like horses and enjoy riding. Others never experienced horses up close, but want to learn. Basketball, football and soccer capture the attention of some kids. James works with the horses, teaching the kids the basics of riding, while Dan ropes goats with them. It draws them to keep coming back.

The fun continues inside where leadership uses real life stories to teach, rather than simply telling Bible stories. The kids need to understand how the Bible relates to them today, so applying those concepts to the things they face helps them understand. During this time together, transparency opens the group up for deep discussions. The kids have a chance to be honest about the concerns of their lives and hopefully find ways to deal with challenges. The encouragement they get there carries over until they come back together.

Dan continues looking for new opportunities and ways to get the kids involved and serving. They recently prepared a skit and performed it at several places. One of the students feels led to preach. “We want to nurture that,” Dan shared.

In June, Pastor Ray Lane resigned in order to follow new paths. Dan stepped in as the interim pastor while continuing to serve as youth pastor and being open to God’s leading. He now holds the position of pastor and continues working with the students until his replacement arrives in May. The most important goal is reaching people, both youth and adults. And that is what he wants to continue doing, even if the church’s ways make some a bit uncomfortable.

Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, jeans and hats are welcome. The music is different and more uplifting country songs than traditional praise and worship. They do sing some hymns and change words to well-known popular songs, turning the focus to Jesus. “We can worship God anywhere, anytime,” Dan said. And if the different style draws people and changes their lives, he finds that more important than whether everyone likes their church or not. **NOW**

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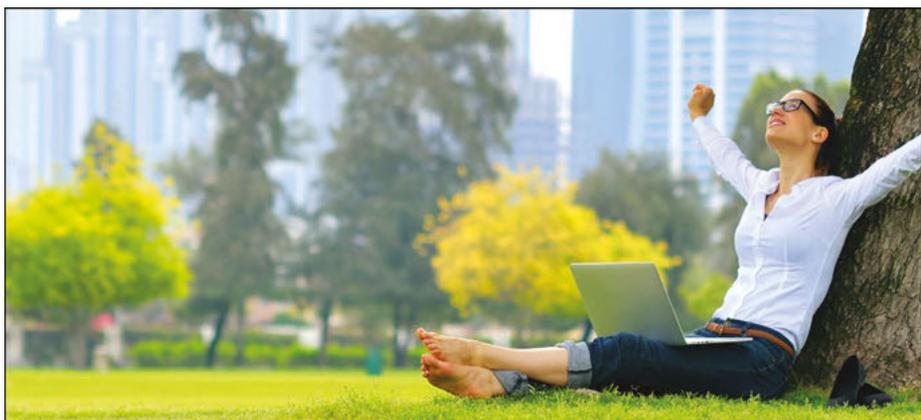
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*Shelbie Miller-Gaddy grew up around old homes with her mother, Jennifer, refurbishing them, but they didn't excite her. When Jennifer bought a small place in 2002 during Shelbie's senior year in high school, it wasn't anything — until they started working on it. "This house was different for some reason," she recalled. The old stone fireplace intrigued Shelbie, leaving her wondering about the structure's true age.*

After school every day, Shelbie picked up lunch and met her mom at the house to eat and work before she headed to her after-school job. On weekends, they came back and worked more. Shelbie developed a relationship with the house, falling in love with it.

With extremely low ceilings, Jennifer considered raising the ceiling in the



— By Lisa Bell

# ING ILL

master bedroom. Shelbie climbed up the ladder to look in the attic. On unpainted beaded-board, she noticed writing. They took down the board and read, *Josephine Heavenhill. Little Louise Miller. Stole a kiss studying with Edgar January 1, 1893.* Not only did she have a name and hint at the house's age, her maiden name was the same as little Louise's. Shelbie's bond deepened. Although she left for Texas Tech University to study interior design with a minor in architecture, Shelbie never stopped loving the Heavenhill house. She researched Josephine, making her love the house more.

Josephine came from a large family in Winters, Texas. Her father wanted higher

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education for his children, so when not farming, his family lived in Thorp Springs to attend school. Josephine graduated school and started college at TCU. She later transferred to UT in Austin, graduating in 1916. In 1921, she completed her master's from Columbia. Never married, Josephine worked at the *Abilene Reporter-News* as a journalist, taught children all over Texas and ran a bookstore from her home in San Angelo. She died in 1965. Shelby's connection solidified.

In 2010, Heavenhill sat empty, except for squatter raccoons. The home looked rather sad. One day, Shelby received a

card from her mother. The note said, "Heavenhill is yours." She began to cry but also began to think. "I couldn't have a second home — couldn't afford it." Her husband has a farm where they live in an old farmhouse. So during the week, she spends time in the old place, repairing and improving. On the weekends, she rents the house while she's on the farm with her beloved.

Years earlier, Jennifer and Shelby pulled up layers of flooring. At one time, there appears to have been a linoleum rug with the wood around it painted. "That's a common practice with old homes," Shelby shared. Throughout the home,

they uncovered solid pine floors and beaded-board ceilings.

In 2011, Shelby used her college training to draw the layout and configure the best changes for the 900-square-foot home. The structure was actually two houses brought together. Mr. Heavenhill owned part of the house in Thorp Springs which was later moved to the present site. In changing the home, Shelby opened up the small doorway between the two front rooms. The previous living room became the kitchen. Recently she updated the tile to a clean white look. The old-fashioned sink and stove fit with the vintage style. The

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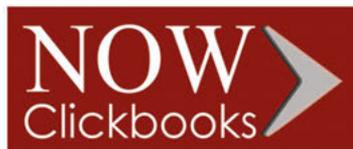


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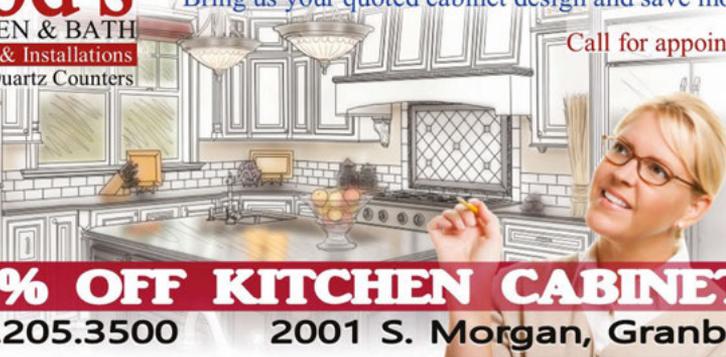
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kitchen and living room both had walls made from shiplap boards. The hard, brittle wood broke easily, so between the two rooms, Shelby salvaged enough to reinstall shiplap in the living room after adding insulation and completing electrical work.

Where the dining room used to sit, Shelby created a hall and utility room/pantry. The small refrigerator, stackable washer/dryer and shelving located there left more space in the kitchen. The ceiling in the hallway includes pink beaded-board from the other side of the house. Shelby preferred utilizing existing materials rather than buying everything new. In doing so, she retained much of the home's original wood, preserving a unique beauty.

They raised the ceiling in the master bedroom, making the room seem bigger. The house doesn't have closets, but the wardrobe in the master was actually Shelby's closet growing up. In the master bathroom, the toilet now sits in the exact location where the kitchen sink once hung. Old-fashioned flooring and a vintage sink give the bathroom an Old-World, yet updated, feel.

In the living room, the fireplace no longer works, but the character from the original mantel and the keystone rock fills the room with the cozy charm of the 19th century. Throughout the home, old wooden, paned windows preserve more allure. A light fixture hangs off-center beside the fireplace. Shelby saw it in a home across the street scheduled for demolition. She offered to buy the light, yet the new owners wanted her to have it.

The second bedroom had a ceiling so low, even a short person felt claustrophobic. She raised it following the gable roof's lines. Shelby bought two candle-style sconces when she was





in college knowing at some point she'd need them. They now add soft light to the bedroom. A decorative pole centered between twin beds came from her husband's barn, and is a wonderful place to hang seasonal flowers. The beaded-board in this room came from the master bedroom's ceiling. Shelbie used joists from the other side of the house for baseboards, and repurposed a decorative board from above the old kitchen sink as a window apron.

Shelbie also remodeled the only original bathroom. The corner antique sink fits perfectly for a smaller bathroom with a shower instead of a tub. A mirror they found in the shed is original to the house.

One of Shelbie's favorite parts of the home is actually the back porch. From there, four rocking chairs sit on the L-shaped porch looking out over the yard with beautiful trees. "The huge old pecan tree makes you really feel like you're not in the city," Shelbie said. The wisteria and crepe myrtles create a soothing atmosphere. Surrounded by many trees, the home is well shaded and secluded, but not isolated.

Many of the small homes in the neighborhood ended up torn down, too small or unsafe for occupancy. Shelbie loves that they were able to rescue her house. "These are important homes and structures to save. They're a lot of work and maintenance, but they are worth it in the end," she said.

As Shelbie finished restoring the old house, she learned about two other owners. One, the Clark family, had a daughter who grew up in the house and later married a man from Sipe Springs, Texas. "That man was my grandpa's best friend growing up," she said. "Small world." Her bond to the house from the 1890s remains strong. **NOW**

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# *A Perfect Proposal*

— By Carolyn Wills

*Somewhere between the magic of falling in love and the union of “I do” comes the all-important question of, “Will you marry me?” It’s the marriage proposal — that thrilling, risky, sometimes awkward hope — asked and answered throughout time. Today, the occasion of becoming engaged remains a special, celebrated passage. In fact, the world is “awhirl” with ideas, options and resources on how to plan the perfect moment.*

Wedding-related websites, magazines, consultants, bloggers, florists, jewelers and churches have long provided in-depth information. And, now, specialized companies actually design marriage proposal packages.

There’s even a National Marriage Proposal Day. Who knew? It happens on March 20, coinciding with the first day of spring and the Vernal Equinox. The year it was first observed is unknown, but its origin is credited to ... wait for it ... a fellow Texan named John Michael O’Loughlin.

Has, then, the occasion of getting engaged been elevated to a new art form? In recent years, the important question has been delivered via flash mobs, Skyping, skywriting, texts, Facebook posts, Twitter, YouTube videos, live TV and stadium Jumbotrons, and all while new digital and virtual options keep emerging. According to statistics, though, there’s still something to say about good ole tradition.

A 2013 Engagement Ring and Jewelry survey commissioned by The Knot, a multiplatform wedding resource, suggested that tradition still prevails when it comes to the engaging moment. Overwhelmingly, 91 percent of suitors say they planned their proposal, while 47



percent planned it meticulously. Nearly 60 percent “popped” the question privately (between the beloveds), while the remaining 40 percent went public. A whopping 88 percent actually used the words, “Will you marry me?” And 81 percent proposed on bended knee.

Additionally, a 2014 Associated Press-WE tv Poll found that while 75 percent of Americans would be fine with the woman proposing, only about 5 percent of currently married couples polled confirmed that that’s what actually happened. Also, according to David’s Bridal’s “What’s on Brides’ Minds” survey, brides strongly prefer personal, low-key proposals to elaborate public displays.

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While it's comforting to learn that tradition has held value, and it's exciting to hear about new options, ultimately and importantly, isn't the unique, meaningful and memorable meeting of two loving people all that really matters? Creating the marriage proposal that adds a happy chapter to a romance and a forever story for the couple and their family throughout the years, starts with two people knowing each other, understanding they are moving in the same direction and, then, paying attention to what is special to both parties, as in the following scenarios:

### *Sweet and Simple:*

Amy, a mother in Burleson, Texas, with two teenagers, had been single for six years. "I asked God, if it was in His plan, to bring someone into my life," she said with a smile. Not long after, church friends introduced her to Billy. "His wife had passed away," she shared. "By the second date, we 'knew' we were right for each other." For alone time, they would take daily walks and, on one of those walks, they happened onto a new street waiting for houses to be built. It was the beginnings of a new neighborhood and, as it happened, the perfect moment for Billy to propose. "We met in August and married in October," Amy added. "I wasn't expecting a proposal on our walk, but it couldn't have been more perfect."

### *She Asked/He Answered:*

Then, there's Kate and Aaron in Wickenburg, Arizona, who had been together for 13 years. "I told him it was time he proposed," Kate said with a grin. She added that it should happen by Christmas Eve, and she wanted to be surprised. As time passed, she would announce that Christmas had come and gone and she was fine with things as they were. Fast forward to April, her birthday and an invitation from Aaron for a morning ride at the ranch, where he is head wrangler. As they headed into the desert, he sidled his horse next to hers. "I could get off and kneel?" he smiled. For Kate, it was a complete surprise.

### *Bell's Tweet:*

Kristen Bell is proof that it works for the woman to propose. Disney's *Frozen* star asked her longtime boyfriend, Dax Shepard, for his hand in marriage via a Tweet!

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Ever” by Kate Store, *New York Post*, March 20, 2015 (National Proposal Day):

A prospective groom devoted a year to preparing his proposal. While vacationing in Aruba with his beloved, friends and family, he surprised her with a video of him proposing 365 times.

A surprised prospective bride was greeted by a town car after work and taken to a Los Angeles theater where her boyfriend had arranged for their love story to be performed as a musical. For the final act, he appeared on stage, kneeling toward her with a beautiful engagement ring and a hopeful, “Will you marry me?”

### *A Royal Proposal:*

According to Britain’s *Daily Mail Reporter* (November 2010), Prince William proposed to Kate Middleton in an isolated log cabin (no electricity and accessible only by air or horseback) while on a stopover during a Kenyan holiday. Kate reportedly said, “It was a wonderful 24 hours ... so romantic!”

Clearly, the prospective couple who respect each other’s dreams and boundaries down to the tiniest of shared interests, favorite colors, flowers, foods, music, humor and traditions can take heart. When the moment of the all-important question arrives, the question will already be answered. **NOW**

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# EMERGENCIES AND MORE

*Verne Walker shares what you didn't know about Texas Emergency Medical Services.*

*— By Lisa Bell*

We see them around town — the white trucks with lights on top, ready to help you or a loved one. At Texas EMS, three crews cover 24 hours, seven days a week and a fourth works 12-hour shifts throughout the week.

But did you know an EMS job isn't only about racing off to emergencies? As the executive director, one of Verne Walker's biggest challenges centers on balancing the budget and staff while still providing quality 911 services for Hood County.

Contrary to what some might think, Texas EMS is not government run, nor does the hospital own them. The city and county help nonfinancially, but in reality, this company depends on patient transport payments from insurance companies or individuals and fundraisers. In fact, they are nonprofit.

Texas EMS responds to 911 calls, but they also transport patients to and from the hospital and nonacute settings such as rehab. Nonambulatory individuals can also arrange transportation for diagnostic testing or nonemergency treatment. For those who become ill while out of town, they sometimes travel and bring the loved one home. Verne stated they work with families on the finances of such a venture. During football games, an ambulance frequently waits in case a player needs immediate transport.

While emergencies remain their primary focus, their staff covers the extra community needs. Once or twice a month, they depend on help from Pecan Plantation, and if the need arises, Texas EMS reciprocates. Their footprint is Hood County, but

they sometimes assist Somerville, Erath, Johnson and Parker counties, striving never to leave Hood County without adequate coverage.

Texas EMS staff includes four administrative positions, 21 full-time medics and 13 part-time medics. EMTs with baseline education and one year of training join paramedics, which have an advanced level of training in cardiac and respiratory care and toxicology. This allows all trucks to run at a mobile ICU level.

A truck costs \$140,000 to purchase, plus another \$50,000 or more in equipment. Although they could spend less, this option allows room for advanced life support and space for medics to treat the patient.

When asked what Verne loves most, he responded, "I get to assist in and help provide care for citizens of this community." Whether his assistance happens in the field or behind a desk, he took the job because he loves Granbury. He started as a volunteer in Cresson, where he began his EMS journey. He worked part time here and later earned a nursing degree. After working in Cook's ER, Verne came back as the director for Texas EMS. "It felt ethically like the right thing to do," he said. "I couldn't bear the thought Texas EMS might not survive.

"Texas EMS provides over 2 million in uncompensated care each year," he added. Verne fights hard, yet insurance companies and Medicare may still pay only part of a bill or nothing. In many cases, this leaves families with large out-of-pocket expenses. Texas EMS writes off a large percentage of billed services.

In order to help people, Verne put a membership program in place to cover what insurance doesn't and to help the noninsured. They also partner with Air Evac under the program, and fees go toward equipment. For \$36 annually, members have peace to know they will be taken care of, even if they never use services. For more details, pay a visit to their website. The next time you see a truck with lights flashing, remember the importance of having Texas EMS available to serve the community. **NOW**



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# Gingivitis and Your Heart

— By Betty Tryon, BSN

Having a pretty smile is not the only reason for good dental health. For the last 20 years, researchers have been investigating the possibility that poor dental health may be a potential link to heart disease. Although there is a definite connection, the premise could not be definitively proven. One thing the researchers were clear about was good dental health does not prevent heart disease. Because the connection seems strong, it does warrant a deeper look into the possibility of a link and a more focused and consistent attitude toward care in maintaining good oral health.

Gingivitis or inflammation of the gums is a condition that should be treated as soon as possible. This could be a reason or link that may predispose one toward an increased risk of developing the complications of heart disease. Inflammation is a sign of gum disease. The bacteria that resides on the gums gets into the circulatory system and sets up the scenario for heart disease and other complications.

Normally, your mouth is full of many different types of bacteria that belong there. It's a certain type of pathogenic bacteria that finds its way into your mouth that will cause decay and gum inflammation. These types of bacteria will break down the barrier healthy gums provide and allow harmful bacteria to enter the circulatory system. Wherever the bacteria land and begin to colonize, they set up the process of inflammation that damage tissue, including blood vessels in

the heart. This disease process can not only predispose one to cardiac disease, it can also make existing heart problems worse. If you have a heart condition, you should check with your cardiologist to determine if antibiotics are necessary before any dental procedures.

More research is needed before anything definitive can be proven. The findings, so far, are very suggestive of a link, so good dental health is vital. Any gum disease or signs of a disease, such as sore and swollen gums, should be treated. Daily dental care is important in keeping the mouth as clean as possible. Your toothbrush can harbor a multitude of germs and should be rinsed thoroughly after each use and stored upright to air dry in between brushings. Replace it after three months or when the bristles start to turn up. Daily flossing is necessary to clean in between teeth. It's important to have regular dental checkups to make sure your mouth and all its parts are healthy. Keeping a clean, fresh mouth makes sense both aesthetically and medically. **NOW**

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### February 6 — May 5

GTC Spring 2017 Master Class Series: **Mondays**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., various locations. Details and registration for each class available online at [www.granburytheatrecompany.org](http://www.granburytheatrecompany.org). Limited scholarships available.

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Opera Guild of Granbury: 10:30 a.m.-noon, DeCordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Dr., Acton. Optional buffet lunch for \$13. If dining, RSVP (682) 936-9572 or [granburyog@gmail.com](mailto:granburyog@gmail.com).

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Charities on the Runway: 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., DeCordova Country Club, 5301 Country Club Dr. Benefitting The Salvation Army Women's Service League of Hood County. Details at [www.saserviceleagueofhoodcounty.org](http://www.saserviceleagueofhoodcounty.org).

### February 13

North Central Texas Civil War Roundtable: 5:30-8:00 p.m., Spring Creek BBQ, 317 E. Hwy. 377. Rick Eiserman, author and retired US Army Lt. Colonel, presenting "Will the Real PVT Joe Joskins Please Step Forward?" For more info, visit [www.ncentexcwr.com](http://www.ncentexcwr.com).

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Granbury Knitting Guild: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 303 W. Bridge St. Coffee at 9:30; meeting starts at 10:00. For more info, contact Cosette Falter, [humhound@yahoo.com](mailto:humhound@yahoo.com).

#### Third Tuesdays

Greater Granbury Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America meeting: 6:00-9:00 p.m., Pecan Plantation Country Club. Contact Colonel Gary Proctor, USAF (Ret), (817) 894-0901, or [garyproctor5455@msn.com](mailto:garyproctor5455@msn.com).

#### Fourth Tuesdays

Texas Patriots Tea Party meeting: 7:00 p.m., Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson, Cleburne. [www.texaspatriotsteaparty.org](http://www.texaspatriotsteaparty.org).

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## In the Kitchen With Joy Kelly

— *By Lisa Bell*

Forty-four years ago, Joy Kelly married her husband, Harry, and started cooking. Before she met him, she thought cooking food to death was normal. She loves entertaining, and since most events center around food, she taught herself to cook. One Thanksgiving in the late '90s, Joy and a friend decided to make duck instead of turkey. Their husbands went golfing. They returned, bending beneath smoke to enter the house. "Neither of us ever tried making duck again," Joy shared.

After marriage, Joy followed Harry with his job. Living in many states influenced her cooking greatly. "I adopted a few traditions from my husband's family. We both lost our parents over 40 years ago, and it's fun to continue some of the tastes he remembers from long ago." **NOW**

### Creamy White Chili

Makes 8 cups.

- 1 lb. boneless chicken, cut in cubes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 15.5-oz. cans great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 14.5-oz. can chicken broth
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 16-oz. jar Pace Picante Sauce
- 1 cup light sour cream

1. In a large saucepan, sauté chicken and onion in oil until chicken is no longer pink.
2. Add beans, broth and seasonings
3. Add picante sauce; bring to a boil.
4. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered for 30 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in sour cream.

### Beef Enchilada Stack

- Cooking spray
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup frozen corn
- 1 pkg. Old El Paso Taco Seasoning
- 1 15-oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can Old El Paso Enchilada Sauce
- 9 corn tortillas (8-inch flour tortillas can be substituted)
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 medium green onions, sliced

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch glass deep-dish pie plate with cooking spray.
2. Cook beef and onion, stirring until cooked; drain.
3. Stir in bell pepper, corn, taco seasoning, tomatoes and enchilada sauce.

4. Heat to boiling; remove from heat and spread about 1/4 of beef mixture in a thin layer in the pie plate.
5. Top with 3 corn tortillas (or 2 flour tortillas), 1/4 of beef and 1/3 of the cheese.
6. Repeat layers 2 more times, starting with tortillas and ending with cheese on top.
7. Pie plate will be very full. Bake 30 minutes or until cheese is melted and lightly browned.
8. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Top each serving with sour cream and green onions to taste.

### Corn Salad

Makes 8 servings.

- 2 15-oz. cans whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- 1 10.5-oz. bag chili cheese corn chips, crushed

1. Mix first 5 ingredients and chill.
2. Stir in corn chips just before serving.

### Lemon Molded Cream

- 2 3-oz. pkgs. Sugar Free Lemon Jell-O
- 2 cups hot water
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 3/4 cup Splenda
- 2 8-oz. pkgs. Neufchatel cream cheese
- 8 oz. Lite Cool Whip
- 2 6-oz. containers lemon no-fat yogurt

1. Dissolve Jell-O in water and allow to set until room temperature.
2. Whip together sugars and softened cream cheese.
3. Add cooled Jell-O, and then fold in Cool Whip and lemon yogurt.
4. Pour into a large mold. (Mixture will seem very thin.) Refrigerate until firm (at least 4 hours or overnight)

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