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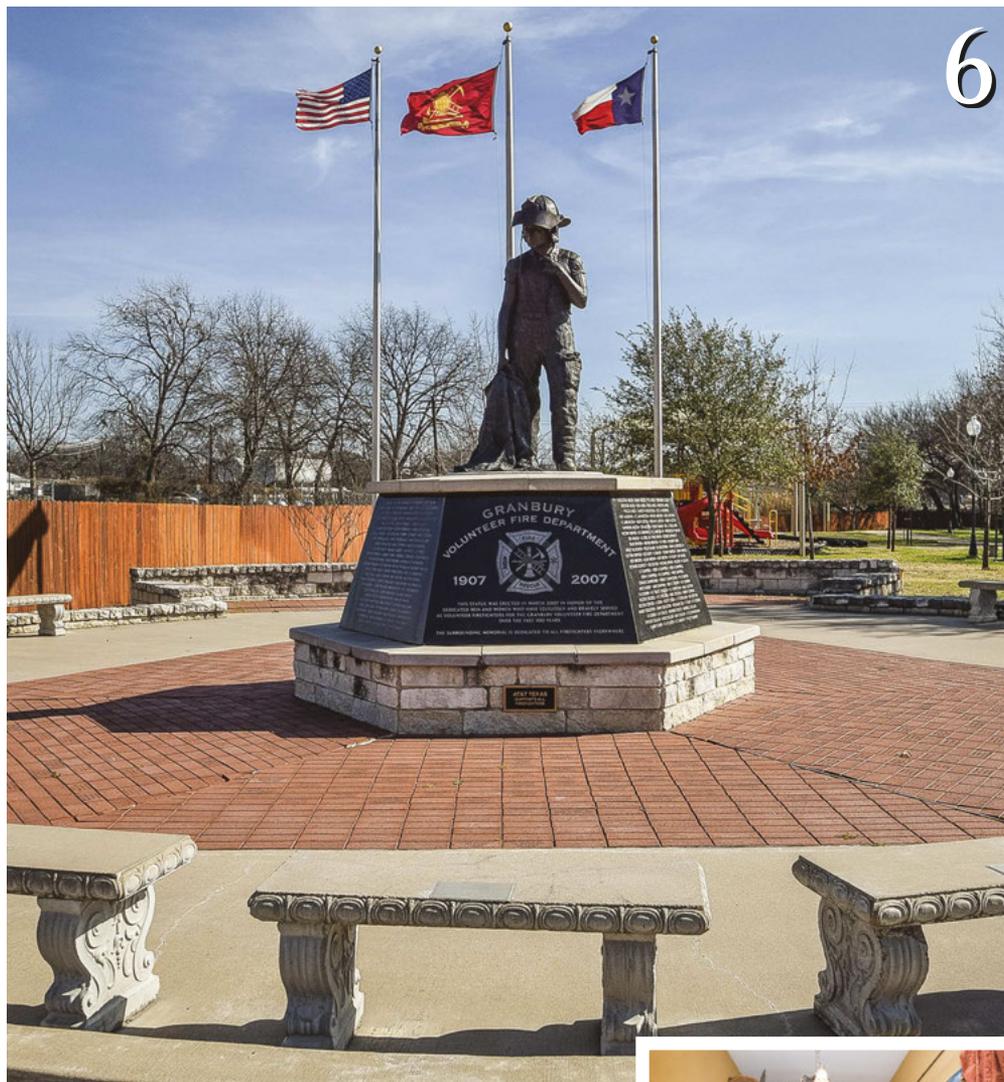
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Editor's Note

Hello, Granbury Family and Friends!

Tiny buds appeared on trees as early as February this year — a rare anomaly. Temperatures vacillated between early summer and blustery winter-like days. Then, those buds turned to leaves and flowers dotted yards. In Texas, grass-mowing season started weeks ago — at least if we fit it between rainy days.

I love spring. Rain leaves a delicious scent, while gentle drops soothe my heart and mind. Even in the storms, I sense a power greater than anything I can produce. Seasons change, in nature and in our lives. The blossoms and new growth remind me how a cold, dead heart can come alive again with hope. The warmth of spring sunshine kisses my face with love and joy, a soft goodbye to colder times. Inside, my heart brightens, drawing from sunshine and soft bird songs. No matter how dreary days were, spring fills me with wonder. For me, the greatest sense of awe comes from resurrection and the celebration of life. Celebrate life with me.

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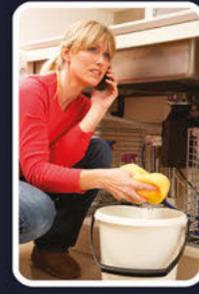
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FULFILLING DREAMS

— By Lisa Bell

Greg Corrigan didn't start life in Granbury, but now that he's here, he can't imagine living any other place. "You couldn't pay me to move back to Fort Worth," he said. While his road to Granbury took many interesting turns, all of them prepared him to become involved in the community as soon as he moved here.

His life started in Crowley, but he lived several places for short periods while growing up and finally ended up in Fort Worth before marrying Meredith and moving to Granbury in March 2012. Although Granbury has a similar community feel to what he knew in Crowley, Granbury has older roots and traditions. "And of course, there is the square, which is just beautiful. There aren't many places that make you feel at home like Granbury," he said. Admittedly, his first thoughts of the town included the idea of small and nothing to do. He lost that feeling quickly. He connected, got involved and made friends without having to push his way into the community.



The first time he went to a Chamber of Commerce event, Greg felt welcome. He still spends much of his time at these events and serves as an ambassador. Now he works to welcome new members and make them feel as welcome as others did with him. In his second year, Greg was the ambassador chair. “Awesome,” he said. “I had a great time.”

This year, Greg won Ambassador of the Quarter twice and Ambassador of the Year. He loves being part of the Chamber. But he doesn’t stop there. He also sits on the board of Leadership Granbury, helps facilitate Granbury Business Development Network, RECAP, and will soon be the treasurer of Rotary. Greg ran for City Council in 2016, and remains active in the community even though he didn’t win. When the time is right, he’ll run again.

With all Greg Corrigan does in the community, in addition to his full-time job at Visiting Angels, he stays very busy. But after moving to Granbury, he learned the fire department

runs on volunteers only. As a child, Greg wanted to be in the military or a police officer. He grew up with veterans in his family. “Uncle Chiggers was a great inspiration. He was on the USS *Oklahoma* and was a ‘tapper.’ He was rescued by tapping on the hull,” he shared.

Greg’s grandfather was also a veteran and a vital role model. He was the hardest working man Greg ever knew. “He was very active until the day he died. During the final days, his biggest regret was his brother outlived him.” Although Greg’s path ultimately did not allow him to join the military or become a police officer, he has extreme respect for those who served and who currently serve, in the armed forces and in our police departments..

While applying for positions as a police officer, Greg got a great security job, and he earned his class three license to carry a gun while in uniform. He also accepted a position at Johnson County jail doing transports. Every department at the time



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had a freeze going, so Greg accepted a job working in the oilfield and excelled. In August 2013, his father-in-law, Mike Sherman, offered him the community liaison position for Visiting Angels. The job fits him perfectly.

Yet, the desire to serve the community burned within Greg. So learning about the fire department gave him the opportunity to serve as a volunteer. “We’re well taken care of,” Greg stated. “We have equipment that is nicer than just about any paid department within a 50-mile radius from here — maybe even within 100 miles. The city supplies us with quality equipment when it is needed.” The newest addition includes a light and air truck. The truck responded to an apartment fire on the lake on one of its first calls. The two older light and air trucks together could fill about 40 bottles before having to leave, refill and come back. “The new truck allowed us to fill over 90 bottles without ever leaving.” The truck is self-sustaining and designed to provide a place to relax and refresh before going back to continue fighting a fire. According to Greg, the Granbury fire and police departments have a great working relationship, and he is proud to be part of the camaraderie.

Greg loves the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park and often recommends that new residents and visitors see it. With the plan to expand the park to a full memorial park, he is extremely excited about honoring military and police officers. Although he doesn’t have a lot of time to work on the project, he gives what time he can with avid support. Creating Memorial Lane with all three places of honor is a big deal to Greg, not only personally, but also because of his love for Granbury.

“Having all three here means the world to me,” he said. “To be able to have something in your hometown that you can’t find anywhere else in the country, where you can just walk down the street and go visit whenever you want and be able to share it with people who visit — it’s amazing.”

Memorial Lane is a place where Granbury and surrounding communities can join to honor our nation’s military veterans, law enforcement personnel and firefighters. There will be places for both

remembrances of ultimate sacrifices and honoring those currently serving — a place where people join hands for our heroes, past, present and future. Dozens of community servants continue working to make this expansion a reality and have done a great job of fundraising. The next opportunity to support the project happens on May 26 during the Red Hot Concert #2, where local and national musicians will play.



Since August 2016, volunteers raised over \$100,000. Many local restaurants plan to host support nights, and the committee has additional fundraising events planned. “Granbury is a community that gives,” Greg said. This is yet another reason he is proud to live here. He looks forward to visiting Memorial Lane often and taking guests with him to see the one-of-a-kind park.

Eventually Greg and Meredith want to raise a family, with kids, a dog, maybe even a cow and some goats. “To be honest, I can’t wait,” he said with a big smile. Married for five years, Greg credits his wife for the accomplishments he makes. “I’m pretty sure I couldn’t do anything I do without Meredith,” he confided. “She’s my rock. I wouldn’t have the life I have without her.” **NOW**

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History Repeats

Granbury is filled with historic sites, and Jennifer Miller is right at home amidst the town's legendary past and places. Jennifer owns Witherspoon's Antique Mall, along with the Brazos Drive-In, one of the city's historic landmarks. She also lives in a piece of Granbury history, the Baugh-Shaw House. Not only is the house filled with antiques, it is an antique itself.

Jess Baker built the Shaw House in 1896-97 and sold it to W.E. Baugh in 1899. Baugh then traded it to James Shaw for a copper mine in Arizona. The story of how Jennifer came to live in the house has its own history. In fact, she is the owner for a second time, having repurchased it just over a year ago.

Jennifer bought the house, but then sold it 15 years ago, having never lived in it. As the years went by, however, she never forgot about the house. She would see it on regular trips to Granbury from her farm in Bluff Dale, which itself features a home built in 1912.

"I was very good friends with James and Barbara Carter, who lived in the big green house next door to me now. It is now the doll museum," she said. "This was like 36 years ago. We would visit about the house next door and wondered why it sat empty. We never saw anyone there, and it was so sad to see it just falling apart. The city of Granbury had approached the historical commission about having it condemned and tearing it down," she said. "It's sad when you think about a home being in the dark every night, no one being there."

Jennifer was approached about repurchasing the house several times but refused because of her commitment to her farm. The stress of running the farm by herself and her love for the house eventually wore her down. She originally bought

At Home With Jennifer Miller



Itself

— By Rick Mauch

the house to restore and resell it. Over the years, the lady to whom she sold the house did some work, and Jennifer finished with her own touches since the repurchase.

While growing up in California, Jennifer, 62, learned how to draw house plans from her mother. She and her ex-husband built the first new/old homes (new homes built to look old) in Granbury over three decades ago. Jennifer's restoration experience reaches as far as the Big Bend area. She bought an old dairy farm and



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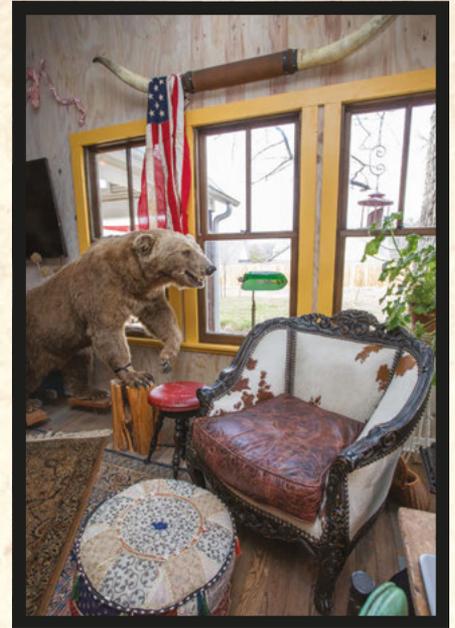
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turned the barn into a Mexican hacienda, where she and her boyfriend often get away to hunt and process their own venison. Jennifer bought and sold her first renovated home in Bluff Dale 28 years ago. That led to buying and fixing up another home, which she said was haunted. "It just made it more interesting

and fun when something unusual happened — like when I was outside and the sander started all by itself," Jennifer remembered.

That was one of two haunted homes in which she's lived. Jennifer said her home on the farm was haunted, also. Though there doesn't appear to be any

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MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with Bulging DISC problems.

FACT: In severe cases, this problem can lead to the inability to control your bowels, bladder and sexual potency - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with Bulging DISCS.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-

seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure Bulging DISCS.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to damage my DISC."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to Bulging DISCS. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause damage. DISC Bulges can happen to anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

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home,” she said. “The most recent was my mother. She passed away February 21, 2016, in my bed.”

Jennifer did all the painting in the home herself. A good friend helped with the woodwork that is prevalent throughout, such as the cedar rails on the stairways and the cedar mantel and rails around the fireplace. “It was like an empty pallet,” she said. “I felt like an artist. I could do whatever I wanted to do.”

And what she did was create a home that gives visitors a most unique tour through history and more. From the giant buffalo head on the wall in the foyer, hanging over a picture of Rosa of Lima from the 1500s to the antique travel trailer in the backyard that belonged to her father, the place is one memorable setting after another.

The kitchen counter is made of tile imported from Mexico. The old wooden dining table is 14 feet long and 3 feet wide, resembling something one might see in a monastery dining hall. In the same room is a tricycle from the 1930s. Jennifer said she and her ex-husband purchased it on a trip to Iowa, and her son, Nicholas, rode it as a child. “We saw it in a front yard, and I told the girls I’d buy them a new one if they’d let me have it,” she said. “I’ve had it 35 years.”

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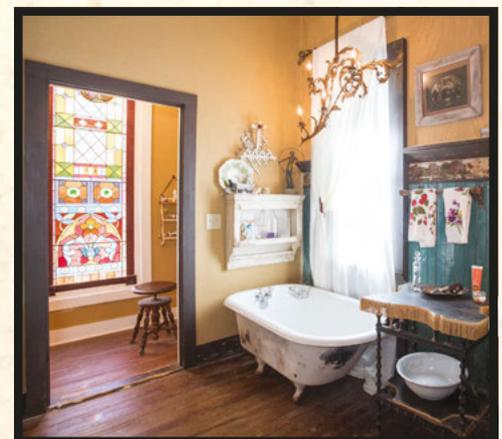
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Nicholas is now 38 and is in the oil and gas industry. He and his wife, Christy, have Jennifer’s granddaughter, 10-year-old Ava. Jennifer’s daughter, Shelbie Miller-Gaddy, lives on a farm with her husband in Bluff Dale — a different farm from the one Jennifer sold. She also appears to be following her mother into the renovation business. “She just bought



a gas station in Bluff Dale to renovate and turn into an events center,” Jennifer said. “I’m excited to watch her.”

One of the bedrooms features linoleum rugs. “It’ll last forever, but I could never pull it up. It’s brittle,” she said of the linoleum. On the wall is a picture of Chief Pontiac, another picture of some children and bunnies and yet another of her favorite plant, a cactus. There’s also an old metal dress stand on one side of the room.

In the backyard is the previously mentioned travel trailer, complete with an antique R.C. Cola sign painted on the side. Inside, it has a comfy, old-timey feel, complete with wooden bed frames.

An outdoor fireplace stands about 8 feet tall. Next to it are old turkey feeders converted into planters for more cacti, which are also dominant in the front yard and can be viewed when walking to the front door. “I love my cacti. They’re easy to take care of,” she said.

Upstairs, the guest room is done in cowboy style. There’s a photo on the wall of her mother holding a 6-foot rattlesnake that was killed during an outdoor adventure. Jennifer has the skin from that snake glued to a board.

A table features an old phonograph and a game of Chinese checkers. Next to the beds is a window bench made of cedar. And hanging on the wall is yet another photo of a cowgirl. Beneath it is the slogan: *I can do it all.*

“That’s my motto,” Jennifer said with a grin. “I’m always ready to get to work.” **NOW**

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LOOKING FOR A SIGN

— By Rick Mauch

There is a difference between hearing and listening. Gail Williams and Lila Backus listen to their friends who cannot hear. The duo leads the informal sign language classes at Granbury Baptist Church. They also conduct signing for the Sunday services. “God just touched our hearts. We couldn’t say no even if we’d wanted to — and we don’t want to,” Lila said.

That was 11 years ago. Lila got the idea to introduce signing in church after seeing a deaf student on her school bus when she drove a route. She subsequently took a sign language class. That was followed by a visit to the church from a ministry group, which works with the hearing-impaired. “Lo and behold, I walked up to Brother Lonnie (the church’s senior pastor) and asked, ‘Can we start a deaf ministry?’” she shared.

Lonnie Lehrman loved the idea, and shortly after he started seeing the signing, his decision was reinforced. “They saw the need, and I bought in. I’d seen deaf ministries around and understood their importance. There were missionaries who came through our church who minister to the deaf all over the world,” he said. “Then I started seeing deaf people everywhere. I had no idea Granbury had so many. It started breaking my heart. We had to do something for our deaf community.”

Gail said there were skeptics at first among the hearing-impaired. She and Lila had to prove they were here to stay — that they were in for the long haul. “People don’t expect it to last. It seldom does,” Gail said. “For one reason or another it doesn’t. People move, people have changes in their lives that prevent them from staying committed. But we were determined to make it work, and they feel loved here — because they are loved. We believe this ministry is just where God wants us to be.”

The next class is scheduled for the spring or early summer. They are usually six weeks for an hour each Sunday night, and they are open to both the hearing-impaired and people who can hear normally. Gail said participants come from all over the area, even outside of Hood County from places such as Weatherford. “The more the merrier,” she said. “This is something that is great for anyone to be a part of, and we welcome everyone.”

But they do ask that those who attend and learn the language do so for the right reason. Sadly, there are some people who want to learn sign language simply because it is “cool.” “The whole purpose of learning is to talk to the deaf,” Gail





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explained. “Otherwise, it’s a waste of skill and time.”

Also, participants do not have to be a member of GBC, though they are always welcome to join. In fact, Gail and Lila hope those who are members of other churches will take what they learn back to their own congregations. “One soul is worth everything,” Lila said.

Classes are not restricted to the church. Often, they will visit places to interact, with some area venues being very supportive, such as Starbucks. The church also shows closed-captioned movies, and when they do a stage performance, the hearing-impaired are also included. Gail, Katlyn, Banita, Kim and Lila, off to the side, sign the words that are being said by the actors and singers. “If they can’t all see it, no one should,” Gail said.

Gail first became interested in sign language while attending college. She took a course in dactylogy (signing). “I fell in love with signing,” she said. “But I was 18, got married at 19, and started a family at 20. Still, I never got rid of my book. All those years it remained on my bookshelf, but God has a reason for reviving things.”

That revival came when Lila asked her to lead the Sunday school class. Now, they not only love what they do, but also have a beloved following. One former deaf church member planted a tree in

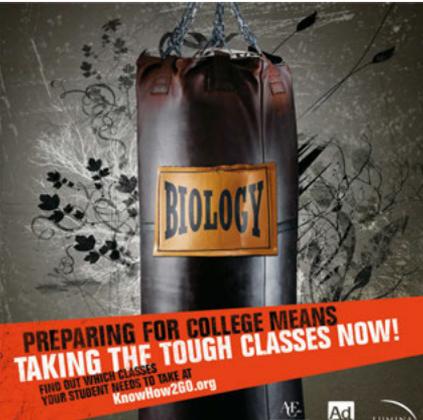
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their honor. "We are a family. This has brought us closer together," Gail said.

In the beginning, though they were determined and devoted, Gail and Lila admit it was a challenge. It is still a challenge, but one they welcome with open arms and hearts. "After all these years, it's never easy. When you sign, you're a vessel. No matter what they (the preacher and church leaders) say, you have to sign it exactly. Everything has to have expression. If the preacher shows emotion, they want us to show emotion."

And, yes, there are times when they don't get it exactly right. Lila recalled one such time from when she first started that still cracks her up. "Someone told me, 'Your signs just killed the preacher,'" she said.

Gail remembered a joke one time that needed some special explaining. At first, it appeared like a shocking revelation that someone in the congregation had gone to jail. She had to explain that it was humor. "They (the hearing-impaired listeners) got a look on their faces like, 'Oh no!'" she said. "But when we explained it, they thought it was funny, also."

To get more in touch with the hearing-impaired, the duo has experimented with such things as plugging their ears. Of course, as Gail noted, they can always remove the plugs while others cannot do something so simple to hear again. "I actually went to a dinner where no one talked, not a word," Gail remembered. "It was eye-opening. I was the minority. I understood their world and their desire to be heard, and I just went through it for that evening, whereas they go through it their whole lives."

Though Gail and Lila have no intentions of retiring from their mission anytime soon, they know the program will continue when they do retire. They have plenty of help from folks such as Banita Elkins, who teaches sign language at Granbury High, and fellow church member Kim Spears. Also, several young people are helping, including Lila's granddaughter, Katlyn, a senior at GHS who has been a faithful part of the deaf ministry since she was 8 years old.

"Katlyn plans to major in American Sign Language and learn four more languages in college," Lila said.

"They've started a whole new generation," Lonnie said. "I feel the future is in good hands." **NOW**



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Robert Noyes offers quality products in his store for less or the same price as others. — By Lisa Bell

Robert Noyes moved to Granbury seven years ago from California. For 26 years, he owned a business in California, but helped a friend with pools as a side job. After moving to Granbury, he stayed with his parents and worked for Seahorse Pools in Fort Worth, learning differences between California and Texas. He mastered state requirements, regulations and outright differences between salt water and chlorinated pools.

When a neighbor asked him about a pump, Robert put it in for them. After the yearlong daily commute, he decided to start his own business in Granbury. Used to working from his truck, he didn't need an office or storefront. But when clients asked about a store, he considered the possibility.

October 7, 2015, Robert and his family opened the storefront on Morgan. While he performs the outside work, his wife takes

care of paperwork, and his daughter minds the store. He likes the arrangement because he loves spending time outdoors, seeing people and talking to them — the very things required in the pool and spa industry. The store challenges him a bit more.

Robert is passionate about his business primarily from doing it for so long. He enjoys it. Pure and simple are for this man of integrity. He strives to perform quality work and leave people happy when he finishes.

Family-owned, Noyes Pool and Spa takes pride in offering anything pool related. They are a full-service business including maintenance, tile work, pulling pools and building them from the ground up. While he won't service or maintain above-ground pools, Robert offers repairs for them.

In the store, Noyes carries chemicals, toys, parts, heaters,

pumps and filters. If they don't have it, they can get it. "And we will match prices if you bring in the paper showing a lower price than ours," Robert stated. The Noyes Pool and Spa store also offers value packs, such as sand and the filter together. From standard items to fun thermometers, they have all you need to keep your pool or spa in great shape.

Robert believes in buying from small businesses and shopping or obtaining repairs locally as much as possible. His family practices staying local and spending money in Granbury. As a small business, he keeps as much money in town as he can, and brings some in from out-of-town. Noyes works with DeCordova, The Lodge and Abe's Landing, and he also services some motels in Stephenville and even does work at Hurricane Harbor.

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The Noyes family supports local organizations. They help when possible with donations for Super Troopers and the Hood County Volunteer Fire Department. He also purchases savings cards and books at times and backs StoneWater Church.

Although they've been in business for six years, Noyes' store opened less than a year ago, so word is still spreading about the business, its location on Hwy. 144 and services. Robert looks forward to the day when customers get as much happiness from the products as they do from the pools he builds and/or maintains for them.

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Angela Riley (far left) celebrates her birthday on the square with the Elliotts from Iowa.



Shirley Ledford takes a break after a busy morning at Market on the Square.



Head in a Vice

— By Betty Tryon, BSN

Whenever someone says, “I have a migraine,” they get instant sympathy. Almost everyone understands that ‘head in a vice’ feeling. Imagine having a severe pounding pain in your head that goes on hour after hour. Life for that person literally comes to a halt. Twelve percent of Americans suffer from migraines. More women than men are likely to be afflicted with this problem.

Not everyone will follow the same pattern or recurrence of these headaches. Some will experience migraines maybe once or twice a year. Others can have migraines almost daily. At its simplest, migraines can be described as having sensory warning signs — increased sensitivity to light and sounds — before excruciating pain. There are four stages identified for a migraine. Not everyone will experience these four stages, and those that do experience them may not have them every time they have a headache. They are prodrome, aura, headache and postdrome.

The prodrome stage has a beginning time span of a few hours or even a couple days before the migraine begins. During the prodrome stage, your emotional state could range from depression to elation and you could experience bowel changes, food cravings and yawning. These first signs could be a signal that a migraine event may be on the way.

Auras are mostly visual disturbances where the person sees flashes of light that may be spots or in a zig zag fashion or maybe even temporary loss of vision. They can also be sensory,

motor or verbal disturbances, such as sensations of tingling or numbing of limbs, difficulty of speech, confusion and odd smells. When the aura begins, the headache is not long behind, although there are incidents of auras without resultant migraine pain. They typically start within one to two hours of the migraine and last from 10 to 60 minutes. They can occur before or during the migraine.

The attack of the headache is the most debilitating part of these stages. Migraines are usually on one side of the head but can become bilateral. Light, sounds, smells or physical activity can make pain worse. The person can experience nausea and vomiting, chills, dizziness and confusion.

Postdrome stage is defined as the time period after the migraine is over. Someone might feel the gamut of emotions, such as euphoria, depression or a sense of being drained over the incident. It may take hours to fully recover from a migraine attack, and you may have difficulty focusing and comprehending.

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In the Kitchen With Shyrlee Stanley

— By Lisa Bell

Shyrlee Stanley's maternal grandmother owned a Hollywood restaurant, which was named commissary for the original Fox Studio in 1922. She and her six daughters were excellent cooks. "My mother enjoyed cooking, but didn't want help in the kitchen, except with salads," Shyrlee said. "I didn't know how to cook anything when I married." Honeymooning at her parents' cabin, Shyrlee used a new cookbook to make a pot roast, including lumpy gravy. "My husband looked at it and turned the gravy boat upside down. The 'paste' remained in the boat. He laughed — I cried! Yes, I was a self-taught cook."

Shyrlee's five children especially enjoyed her baking. Sourdough bread, cookies, cake and desserts were a weekly chore. Shyrlee enjoys cooking and clipping out recipes. "Every New Year's resolution is to stop adding to my many recipes," she quipped. "But it doesn't last." **NOW**

Apricot Snowballs

- 1 16-oz. bag dried apricots**
- 1 1/2 cups flaked coconut**
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar**
- 2 Tbsp. apricot nectar or orange juice**
- Additional powdered sugar**

- 1.** Using a medium blade, grind apricots into a bowl.
- 2.** With hands, mix in coconut, sugar and juice.
- 3.** Shape mixture into 1/2-inch balls; roll in additional powdered sugar.
- 4.** Store in a tightly covered container.

Coleslaw Dressing

- 1 cup sugar**
- 1 tsp. each: salt, dry mustard, celery seeds**
- 1 cup cider vinegar**
- 1/2 cup oil**

- 1.** In a medium saucepan, mix dry ingredients.
- 2.** Add vinegar and oil. Let mixture come

to a boil over medium heat, stirring until sugar dissolves.

- 3.** Pour dressing over chopped cabbage and toss well to mix.
- 4.** Cool to room temperature; cover and refrigerate.

Rice Pilaf

Makes a nice side dish with chicken or beef.

- 1/4 cup minced onion**
- 1 cup uncooked rice**
- 3 Tbsp. butter or margarine**
- 1 2-oz. jar/can mushrooms, drained**
- 1 1/2 cups chicken or beef bouillon**
- Parmesan cheese, to taste**

- 1.** Sauté onion and rice in butter or margarine until golden. Add mushrooms.
- 2.** Grease casserole dish and pour in rice mixture.
- 3.** Heat bouillon and pour over rice mixture.
- 4.** Bake, covered, at 400 F for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese and bake until liquid is absorbed.

Swedish Lace Cookies

If cookies become hard before removing from cookie sheet, reheat in oven. These are worth the effort!

- 2/3 cup blanched almonds, finely chopped**
- 1/2 cup sugar**
- 1/4 cup flour**
- 1/4 tsp. salt**
- 1/2 cup butter**
- 2 Tbsp. light cream**

- 1.** Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Heat, stirring constantly, until mixture bubbles.
- 2.** Drop by rounded teaspoon about 4 inches apart on a greased and floured cookie sheet. Bake at 375 F for 5-6 minutes. (Only cook a few at a time.)
- 3.** Cool 2 minutes. Lift with spatula to brown paper or parchment paper.

Lemon Meringue Pie

Pie Filling:

- 1 1/2 cups sugar**
- 1/3 cup cornstarch**
- 1 1/2 cups hot (not boiling) water**
- 3 egg yolks, beaten**
- 3 Tbsp. butter**
- 4 Tbsp. lemon juice**
- Baked pie shell**

Meringue:

- 3 egg whites**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
- 1/3 cup sugar**

- 1. For filling:** In a saucepan, mix sugar, cornstarch and water.
- 2.** Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Boil 1 minute; remove from heat.
- 3.** Stir egg yolks into mixture; boil 1 minute more. Remove from heat. Blend in butter and lemon juice.
- 4.** Pour pie filling into pie shell.
- 5. For meringue:** Mix all ingredients together and beat until mixture forms stiff peaks.
- 6.** Top pie with meringue. Bake for 8-10 minutes at 400 F.

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