

Bookworm benefit

Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library hosting seventh annual Book and Author Luncheon this Saturday

BY JORDAN OVERTURF
 TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

It's time again for the Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library Book and Author Luncheon. This Saturday, the group will serve up a delightful program that will have bookworms wiggling in their chairs.

The seventh annual Book and Author Luncheon will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's Parker Academic Center. Reservation deadline was Monday, but President Judy Owens said there are a few spots left.

Featured authors this year are photographer and researcher LaShara J. Nieland with her book "Lone Star Wildflowers" (Texas Tech University Press), journalist and author Clay Coppedge with "Hill Country Chronicles" (History Press) and self-published author Tom Atwood with "Life is Good, God Bless Texas."

Owen's said the luncheon always features Texas, if not local, authors.

Nieland's "Wildflowers" was co-authored by Willa F. Finley. The book is the culmination of 10 years of photography and research into the rich history of Texas' floral palette.

"I'm excited that people will be able to read the book and have more appreciation for the plants," Nieland said during a phone interview on Tuesday.

The book is organized first by color, then alphabetically by family name. "When we wrote it, we tried to make it user friendly. ... it's not your typical fielding guide" the Odessa-based author and photographer said.

Rather than capture just the array of beautiful flowers in Texas, Nieland and Finley both dug deep into the history of each plant to discover the true roots of these gorgeous plants. They also captured integral parts of the flowers such as stems and seed pods, not just the picturesque petals.

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LaShara J. Nieland and Willa F. Finley, from "Lone Star Wildflowers"/Texas Tech University Press, 2009

These Texas paintbrushes are one of 500 full-color photos featured in "Lone Star Wildflowers" by LaShara J. Nieland and Willa F. Finley. Nieland is one of three guest authors speaking at the Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library's seventh annual Book and Author Luncheon on Saturday.

'Lone Star Wildflowers'

By LaShara J. Nieland and Willa F. Finley

It took 10 years for Nieland and



Finley to photograph and research the wide array of wildflowers found in Texas. The book contains information on

history, mythology and the various uses for each flower.

Nieland will also be signing books at the Creekside Art Gallery in downtown Belton after the luncheon. For information, visit www.creeksidegallery.com.

'Hill Country Chronicles'

By Clay Coppedge

Journalist Clay Coppedge digs deep into Central Texas history



to uncover some of the quirkiest tales ever told. From the legend of Llano's Enchanted Rock to

an oilman's search for Big Foot, there is no tale too big or small for Coppedge to cover. The book is a collection of essays and columns Coppedge has written over the years for newspapers and magazines.

'Life is Good, God Bless Texas'

By Tom Atwood

Atwood uses his self-published book to encourage



parents and grandparents to start writing down their family stories. When Atwood's

grandchildren were born, he began writing letters to them. "Life is Good ..." is a collection of those letters, which are musings on life in West Texas and the culture of small-town football.

70 years supporting the arts

Barclay contest returns to CAC; awards ceremony this Saturday

BY PATRICIA BENOIT
 TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

The Barclay Fine Arts Contest, sponsored by the City Federation of Women's Clubs, turns 70 this year and is still honoring the best of the best in visual artists.

The contest was created in 1941 by Louzelle Rose Barclay, then president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs.

Although the contest has changed with the times and media, the annual gathering of arts, artists and those who love them features a wide range of two- and three-dimensional artworks.

Co-chairs are Heidi Couchman



and Marilyn Ritchie.

Judge will be Betty Rhodes of Wimberley. Her studio and work has frequently been featured on Wimberley Valley Art League's Annual Artists Studio Tour. A recent exhibitor at the Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center, she also has works on view at Prellop Fine

Art in Salado.

Rhodes attended Hunters School of Art in San Antonio and has studied with Joseph Mandez, Scott Christensen, Matt Smith, Ann Templeton, Ray Vinella and Charles Sovek.

Please see BARCLAY, 3D

Left: Sandy Mancillas and Marilyn Ritchie hang a competition piece on Wednesday for the 2011 Barclay Fine Arts Contest. Judging for the 70th annual competition will be Thursday and winners will be announced Saturday at an opening reception and ceremony. *Jordan Overturf/Telegram*

If you go

What: Awards Ceremony and opening reception for the Barclay Fine Arts Contest. This will also be the opening for the Teacher/Protege exhibit.

When: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

Where: Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center, 3011 N. Third St., Temple

How much: Free and open to the public. For information, visit www.cacARTS.org or call 254-773-9926.

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What's going on

Today

■ "Sanctifying Every Life" with Dr. David P. Gushee, 11 a.m., Manning Chapel on the UMHB campus. Free and open to the public. For information, visit www.umhb.edu.

■ "Some Like It Hot," 7 p.m., Beltonian Theater, 219 E Central Ave., Belton. Tickets are \$6. For information, call 254-939-1230.

■ Silver Star Karaoke featuring Doug & Joe Maddux, 6-10 p.m., Oscar Store, 8133 Oscar Spur, Temple. No cover, all ages. For information, call 254-983-2175.

■ Tommy Ross and Still Country, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sammons Community Center, 2220 W. Ave D, Temple. \$4 cover. This event is for adults age 50 and older. For information, call 254-298-5403.

■ The Buckaroo Gange, 7-11 p.m., Buckaroo Bar & Grill, 5001 Texas 95, Temple. No cover. For information, call 254-773-3939.

■ US 105 Karaoke Contest, 6-10 p.m., Where It's At Bar & Grill, 1805 E. Adams, Temple. For information, call 773-1573.

■ Karaoke, 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Bo's Barn and Dancehall, 1621 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado. For information, call 254-947-0708.

Friday

■ 72nd Annual Temple Lions Club Show, "The Lions Follies," 7 p.m. today and Saturday, Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center, 3011 N. Third St., Temple.

■ "Some Like It Hot," 7 p.m., Beltonian Theater, 219 E Central Ave., Belton. Tickets are \$6. For information, call 254-939-1230.

■ Jeremy & Cindy Wentreck, 8-10 p.m., Bodega Bean: Coffee and Cafe, 107 Water St., Belton. For information, visit www.bodegabean.com.

■ UMHB Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., Worship and Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church in downtown Temple. Free and open to the public. For information, call 254-773-5269.

■ Ballroom Dance, 8-11 p.m., In the Mood Ballroom, 13 S. Mail St., Temple. \$5 cover. For information, call 254-773-7088 or visit inthemoodballroom.com.

■ "Chanteuse," 7:30-9:45 p.m., Salado Silver Spur Theater, 108 Royal St., Salado. \$15 tickets; \$12 for senior citizens, military personnel and students; \$8 for children. For information, call 947-3456 or visit www.silverspurtheater.com.

■ Downsiid, Complex By Nature, Solace Through Flames and Moniker, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Bum's Sports Bar, 215 SW HK Dodgen Loop, Temple. \$10 cover.

■ "The return of KriticKill" with KiritcKill, Revenge of the Fallen, One Left Behind and more, 7 p.m., Lone Star Sports Bar & Grill, 2730 E. FM 93, Temple. \$10 cover. Under 18 must be with an adult. For information, call 254-771-1500.

■ Branded Heart, 8 p.m.-midnight, Buckaroo Bar & Grill, 5001 Texas 95, Temple. \$8 cover. For information, call 254-773-3939.

■ Tejana Night with DJ Ray, 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m., Where It's At Bar & Grill, 1805 E. Adams, Temple. For information, call 773-1573.

■ The Somewhere in Texas Band, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Bo's Barn and Dancehall, 1621 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado. \$10 cover. For information, call 254-947-0708.

Saturday

■ 2011 Book and Author Luncheon, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Lord Conference Room in the Parker Conference Center on the UMHB campus. Tickets are \$30 and reservations are required. For information, call Doug Dillard at 254-939-5830 or 254-770-7958.

■ LaShara Nieland "Lone Star Wildflowers" book signing, 4-7 p.m., Creekside Gallery, 219 S. East St., Belton. For information, call 254-939-5599 or e-mail info@creeksidegallery.com.

■ Temple Aero Modeler Mall Show, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. today and Sunday, Temple Mall, 3111 S. 31st St. For information, visit www.templemall.com.

■ Oglesby Lions Club 42nd Annual Rattlesnake Hunt and Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Sunday, Main Street in downtown Oglesby. \$3 admission for anyone age 6 and older. For information, call 254-709-0807 or 254-470-2554.

■ Karaoke by Heather Tenneille, 9 p.m.-1:45 a.m., Where It's At Bar & Grill, 1805 E. Adams, Temple. For information, call 773-1573.

■ Temple Trail Blazer's "Blaze On" challenge, 10 a.m., Conner Park, 408 Old Waco Road, Temple. Free and open to the public. For information, call 254-298-5597.

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Luncheon

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Some of the history uncovered goes back to the original naming of the plants and any accompanying myths. Nieland and Finley also found out what medicinal and nutritional purposes the plants might have served for the pioneers and Native Americans.

"We've seen this book awaken people to a real interest in wildflowers who had only a hint of interest before," Finley said in an e-mail on Wednesday.

After the luncheon, Nieland will be on hand at the Creekside Gallery in downtown Belton. Some of her photos will be on display and she will be available again for book signing.

"It's exciting to share the treasure Texas has in wildflowers ... each plant has had so many practical uses for thousands of years," said Nieland.

Coppedge is a former Telegram writer and has been promoting his book since last fall. "Hill Country Chronicles" is a collection of essays and columns about the rich history and quirky, fascinating tales from Central Texas. From the true story of Jim Bowie's knife to an oilman's search for Bigfoot, "Chronicles" is a rough and tumble gallop through history, legend and myth.

This year will be the first time

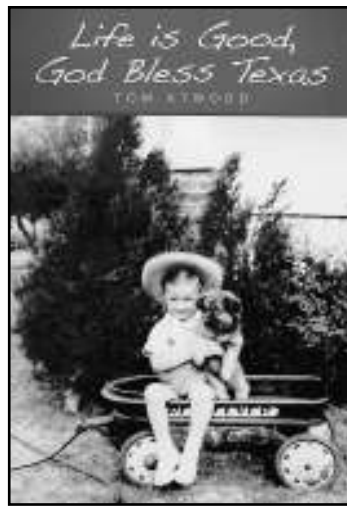
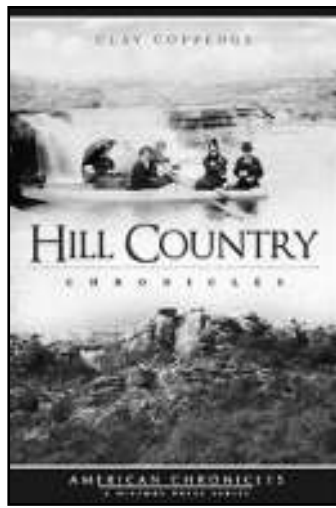
a self-published author is featured at the luncheon. Atwood's "Life is Good ..." is a personal collection of stories to his grandchildren. Since their birth, Atwood has been writing letters to his grandkids in hopes he could keep the family history alive. The tales stem from his origins in West Texas oil fields and cover everything from commentary on small-town Texas football to his work as a hospice social worker. In a press release for the book, Atwood's writing is described as a fusion of "wit and wisdom."

"Atwood's stories not only entertain, they inspire their readers to get busy about writing their own stories," the release said. Each letter is signed "Life is Good, God Bless Texas."

At the luncheon, copies of the author's books will be available for purchase.

There will also be a silent auction taking place during the luncheon. Board members from the Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library organized the auction by receiving donated items from area business as well as personally donating other auction items.

Owens said the auction typically brings in around \$1,500. The money will be used to help with the current remodeling project at the library. Funds will



If you go

Who: Authors Clay Coppedge, LaShara Nieland and Tom Atwood

What: Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library's Seventh Annual Book and Author Luncheon

When: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Where: Parker Academic Center on the UMHB campus
How much: \$30; reservations required. To make a reservation, call vice president and event chairman Mike Anderson at 534-2285.

go toward furnishings and computers.

This is the largest fundraising event for the library. The group also participates at the Christmas on the Chisholm Trail and will be at the Kiwanis Turtle Race in April. The library helps provide books for Belton children at the

annual event.

For now, the Friends of the Lena Armstrong Public Library will rub elbows with authors and bookworms alike at the luncheon.

"This is a good literary event for the community," said Owens. joverturf@tdtnews.com

HINTS FROM HELOISE

Foiling tarnish

Dear Heloise: I read in a novel that you can polish silver flatware by bringing water containing aluminum foil to a boil. When boiling, place tarnished flatware in the water and add 1/4 cup baking soda. Boil for a few minutes. Remove the shiny silver, then wash in warm, soapy water and dry. I tried this on six pieces, and it worked like a dream.

My question is: Is this a safe method? Will it harm the silver or silver-plated items? — **Prudence, via e-mail**

Yes, it is one way to quick-clean, and it may be safe on most sterling silver. Antique, heirloom, oxidized (pieces with purposely blackened areas, called patina), silver plate and hollow-handled pieces SHOULD NOT be cleaned this way. Also, this is for occasional cleaning only.

First, put the stopper in the drain. Then place several sheets of foil (shiny side either up or down), lengthwise and side to side, in the sink (not stainless steel). Boil water, enough to cover the pieces. Put 2 to 3 tablespoons of baking soda on top

of the foil, pour the boiling water carefully into the sink and mix to dissolve the baking soda.

Carefully put the silver pieces in, making sure they make contact with the foil. Soak for several minutes or until they are shiny, then rinse in cold water and dry with a microfiber or other soft cloth.

By the way, make every day special by using your silver flatware. No need to save it for special occasions! — **Heloise**

Musty car

Dear Heloise: My car has a musty odor to it even after cleaning. I'm tired of buying the car fresheners, because they don't last long, and it gets expensive after a while. Do you know of anything that I can make at home? — **Carl L., via e-mail**

Give this a try: Put a couple of drops of orange or cinnamon essential oil on a paper towel or tissue, and slide it under the passenger seat or into the air vent. The aroma will fill the car in no time. You can find essential oils at organic or health-food grocery stores. — **Heloise**

Barclay

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Winners will be announced at 10 a.m. followed by a reception open to the public at 11 a.m. at the Cultural Activities Center. Featured throughout the CAC will be about 150 pieces from 75 different artists — ranging from professionals to teachers to students. The exhibit will be up until April 1.

A Best of Show honor will be awarded at the discretion of the judge, and cash awards, certificates and ribbons will be given for first, second and third places in each category and several merit awards.

The individual awards have been made possible through donors honoring teachers and artists. The award categories are:

- Anne Hester Award of Excellence Best in Show Award
- George Prater Award of Excellence Best Use of Medium



Jordan Overturf/Telegram

CAC visual arts director Marilyn Ritchie hangs a competition art piece on Wednesday for the Barclay Fine Arts Contest.

Award

■ Edith Cocek Award of Excellence Best Use of Color Award

■ Elizabeth Acker Award of Excellence Best Use of Creativity Award

■ Brooksie Nell and A. Ford

Wolf Award of Excellence in Technique

■ Vivian McCreary Award of Excellence in Textile/Weaving Art

■ Waldene Robinson Award of Excellence in Three-Dimensional Art

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Craving adoration

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I have been together for three years. We are compatible in every way but one. He feels compelled to run to the aid of his single, female neighbor, even though she has a boyfriend. He watches her dog, fixes her fence, helps with clogged drains, etc. I've told him this makes me uncomfortable. I feel he is sending the wrong message, enabling her to rely upon him and creating a bond. I want him to stop volunteering his services. He thinks I am making a big deal out of nothing. He says he likes to help people.

A similar situation happened two years ago with a different single, female neighbor, and I found a flirtatious note from

her on his door. I don't believe anything happened between them, but the neighbor apparently hoped something would.

I think he craves the adoration and wants women to idolize and praise him for coming to their rescue. Am I being petty, or is my boyfriend playing me for a fool? — **Concerned Girlfriend**

Dear Concerned: Neither. You are probably right about your boyfriend's need for admiration and praise, and it has nothing to do with playing you for a fool. This is simply part of his character. The problem, as you say, is that some women will get the impression that he is interested in them romantically. If he is unwilling to accept this fact, your choice is to trust him and put up with it, or break it off.

What's going on

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■ Amanda Yarbrough, 8-10 p.m., Bodega Bean: Coffee and Cafe, 107 Water St., Belton. For information, visit www.bodegabean.com.

■ "Chanteuse," 2 p.m., Salado Silver Spur Theater, 108 Royal St., Salado. \$10 tickets; \$8 for senior citizens, military personnel, students and children. For information, call 947-3456 or visit www.silver-spurtheater.com.

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■ Silver Star Karaoke featuring Doug & Joe Maddux, 8-11 p.m., Corona's De Oro, 2609 S. 37th St., Temple. No cover. For information, call 771-3695.

■ Bell County Star Party, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Overlook Park near Stillhouse Hollow Lake in Belton. Free and open to the public. For information or directions, visit www.centx-astronomy.org.

■ Hedley Grange, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Oscar Store, 8133 Oscar Spur, Temple. For information, call 254-983-2175.

■ Terry Taylor & Shilo, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Buckaroos Bar & Grill, 5001 Texas 95, Temple. \$8 cover. For information, call 254-773-3939.

■ The Backroads Band, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Bo's Barn and Dancehall, 1621 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado. \$8 cover.

For information, call 254-947-0708.

■ Gravelwhip CD release party for "Freedom for the People," 6 p.m., Where It's At Bar & Grill, 1805 E. Adams, Temple. For information, call 773-1573.

■ FlowerRama, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Creekside Gallery, 219 S. East St., Belton. For information, call 254-939-5599 or send an e-mail to info@creeksidegallery.com.

■ Karaoke with Larry Youngblood, 7-11 p.m., VFW Post No. 1820, 3302 Airport Road, Temple. For information, call 778-5450.

■ Best Yet Karaoke with Kevin Beck, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Jerry's Place, 13990 N. Texas 95, Little River. For information, call 254-982-0138.

Sunday

■ Temple Aero Modeler Mail Show, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Temple Mall, 3111 S. 31st St. For information, visit www.temple-mall.com.

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■ "Fireproof," 2 p.m., Beltonian Theater, 219 E Central Ave., Belton. For information, call 254-939-1230.

■ Shorty Grisham & Bobby Dean and Timeless Country, 6-10 p.m., Tom Sefcik Hall, 800 Seaton Road, Temple. \$6 cover. For information, call 254-985-2356.

■ Bridal Show, 1-5 p.m.,

Hilton Garden Inn, 1749 Scott Blvd., Temple. \$5 pre-sale tickets; \$8 at the door. For information, call 254-899-3908.

■ Temple Music Club Scholarship Competition, 4 p.m., City Federation of Women's Clubs of Temple clubhouse, 219 King Drive, Temple. Bring snacks to share, no alcohol.

■ Sunday Dance with DJ Mike, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Bo's Barn and Dancehall, 1621 N. Stagecoach Road, Salado. No cover. For information, call 254-947-0708.

■ Fun & Grudge, Test & Tune, noon-5 p.m., Temple-Little River Dragway, 13580 Texas 95, Holland. For information, visit www.littleriverdragway.net.

Wednesday

■ Live acoustic music with JOSAL every Wednesday, 9 p.m.-midnight, ACE HIGH Bingo and Saloon, 2001 W. Adams Ave., Temple. For information, call 254-773-5560.

Thursday, March 3

■ Tablerock's 17th Annual Central Texas Poetry & Prose Reading, 7-10 p.m., Tablerock's inside stage, 409 Royal St., Salado. For information, call 947-9205 or visit www.tablerock.org.

■ US 105 Karaoke Contest, 6-10 p.m., Where It's At Bar & Grill, 1805 E. Adams, Temple. For information, call 773-1573.



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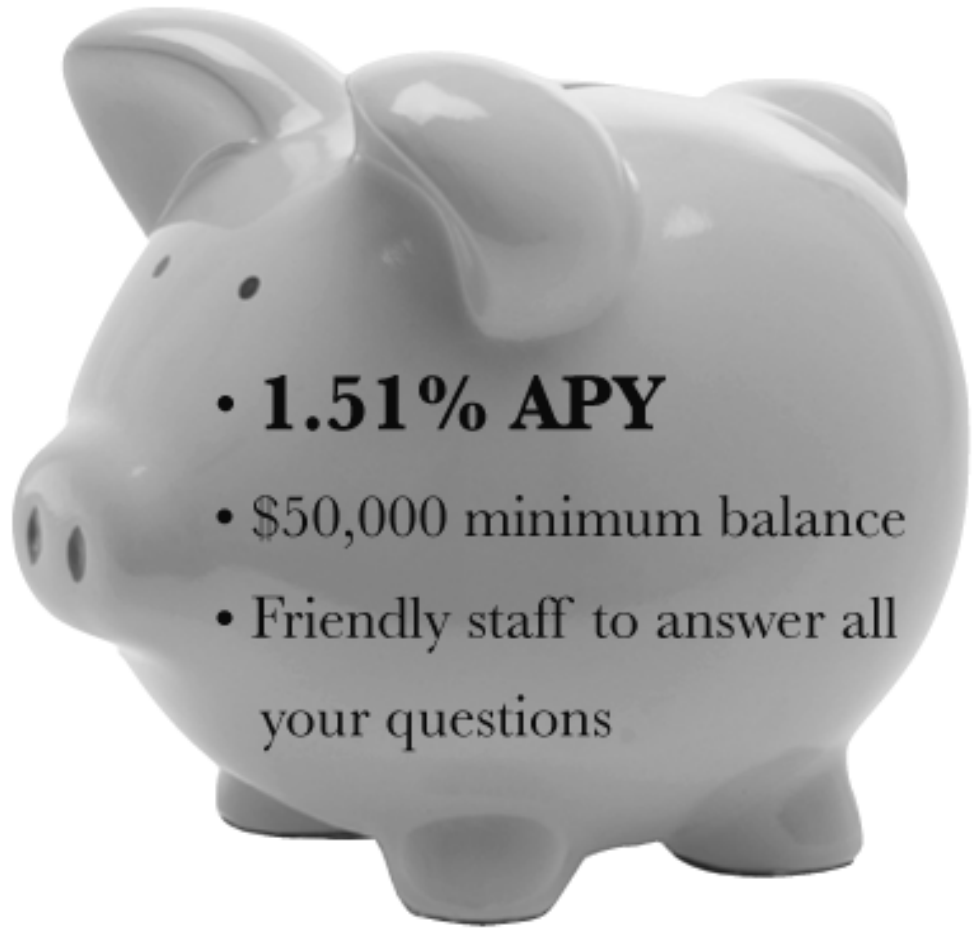
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