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Dead or alive?

Victim of ID theft, local veteran seeks to raise himself from the grave

By Geoffrey Baumgartner

The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY — Homer Lowrance might not be as spry as he was when he was stationed as a youth in Korea during the war in the 1950s and later Germany during post-WWII reconstruction, but he's certainly not pushing up daisies.

Tell that to the VA.

Lowrance, according to the federal agency tasked with serving and honoring the men and women who are American's veterans, is legally dead.

As in stone cold.

As in dirt nap.

As in kicked the bucket, bought the farm, belly up, toes up.

"But here I am," Lowrance quipped one day last week.



Homer Lowrance

Several years ago while receiving medical services at a local veteran's hospital, VA officials informed Lowrance that their records indicated he was already dead.

"Obviously that wasn't the case," he said. "I would later find out I had been a victim of identity theft."

He's not sure how it happened exactly, but while he was going about life in and around Knox County, his doppelganger was procuring medical services from the Amarillo Veterans Hospital for a leg injury and had been for the better part of a year. Lowrance's Evil Twin would eventually succumb to his injury.

After beginning to sort through the issue, a thought occurred to Lowrance. So he called the Amarillo cemetery where the Evil Twin was reportedly buried.

"Have someone go out to this site and just check around," he told cemetery officials.

Placing a soldier's dog tags on his gravestone is a long held military tradition.

"Sure enough, they'd procured dog tags with my name, rank and serial number etched on them."

While Lowrance has provided the Amarillo VFW and other government agencies with information that is proof positive of his identity, such as his ID, birth certificate, and Social Security card, they still cannot clear up the matter and he still remains declared legally dead; a disservice to such a dedicated veteran and teacher.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your Social Security number, your credit card number, or your bank information to get credit or make purchases for themselves in your name. Victims of identity theft not only risk losing money but may also face difficulty getting credit or loans.



Anthrax infected deer carcass.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Case rekindles need for anthrax awareness

By Steve Byrns

Special to the Dispatch

A recent case of anthrax in a cow southwest of San Angelo confirmed by the Texas Animal Health Commission should serve as a reminder to those in areas with a history of the disease to vaccinate their animals.

Josh Blanek, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in Tom Green County, said instances of livestock and deer losses to anthrax though rare, are certainly not unheard of in our region.

"Anthrax is an ancient disease caused by spore-forming bacteria, Bacillus anthracis, that most often occur in low-lying areas following drought and then subsequent rains, which can expose the spores in the soil to grazing animals," Blanek said.

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Tribute



Sisters and nieces of C.J. Kelton Wanda Hardin, Doris Wilson, and Norma Matthews stand by the memorial wreath they just dedicated and listen respectfully as their uncle's story is read to the crowd.

Photos by Geoff Baumgartner/The News-Courier



The nieces of C. J. Kelton lay the wreath down towards the center of the memorial.



Master of ceremonies Ben Grill and Korean War veteran Homer K. Lowrance introduce the winners of the Veterans Day speech contest so they can recite their speeches to the crowd. Mr. Lowrance created this contest and assists the winners every year.

Knox native son was a hero at Iwo Jima

By Geoffrey Baumgartner

The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — The family of Pfc. C.J. "Jack" Kelton of Truscott was honored Monday during the county's annual Veterans Day memorial service and wreath-laying.

Kelton's surviving nieces, sisters Wanda Hardin, Norma Matthews and Dorris Wilson, accepted the Gold Star Family honor from the county and then dedicated and laid the honorary wreath within the center of the memorial to pay tribute to their fallen uncle.

Kelton was killed Feb. 24, 1945, while fighting against the Japanese with the Fifth Tank Battalion D.S. Troops of the Fifth Marine Division on the Volcano Islands of Iwo Jima. PFC Kelton died while rescuing three other troops from a burning tank under a barrage of heavy enemy mortar fire. He made what is referred to by the military as the "ultimate sacrifice," laying his life down to save the lives of his fellow servicemen.

"Not only did my uncle receive the Navy Cross Medal after his death, but was also posthumously awarded a Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and a World War II Victory medal," said Doris Wilson of her uncle.

After the wreath dedication for PFC Kelton concluded, the Munday band played "Taps," to pay tribute to all of the nation's deceased service veterans.

The annual Veterans Day program is an opportunity to honor the veterans that live or have lived in Knox County and that have served or are still serving. Furthermore, the event not only honored those who are serving or have served, but their families as well.

Knox County resident Ben Grill acted as the master of ceremonies for the event while the Munday Purple Cloud Band played to open the program. A moment of silence was observed and then Judge Travis Floyd made his welcoming remarks.

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Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge as a service by this newspaper for nonprofit groups, civic organizations, churches, schools and select community events. Listings should be submitted at least two weeks in advance and will run as often as possible through the date of the event. News staff does not guarantee placement of events. Emailed submissions are preferred to kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

Angel Tree

The Knox City-Benjamin Chapter of the Knox County Child Welfare Board is asking local residents to participate in this year's Angel Tree by taking an angel from the Christmas tree at Citizens Bank in Knox City and shopping for a deserving child. All gifts should be delivered to Citizens Bank by Dec. 4. Donations will be accepted to P.O. Box 123, Knox City 79529.

Special services

O'Brien Baptist Church, 902 Grand Central Ave., will host gospel singers Weston and Christy Hinson in concert during special services at 6 p.m. Saturday and at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Call the church office at 940-658-3553.

Thanksgiving supper

The Knox City High School junior class Thanksgiving supper will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Take-out orders may be picked up at 5 p.m. For tickets, call the high school office at 940-657-3565 or contact a junior class member.

Holiday art exhibit

Beautiful and unusual Nativities and Crèches are the stars of the "Reflections of Christmas" exhibit on display at the O.S. Ranch Museum, 201 E. Main St., Post. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, call 495-3570.

Ragtown Gospel Theater

Ragtown Gospel Theater, 870 Ragtown Road, Post, performing "Say Nicklaus!" through Dec. 14. For information or to purchase tickets visit ragtown.com.

Country Dance

Old Glory Country Dance will be Thurs., Nov. 14 from 7-10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center. There will be a live band and refreshments served. For more information call 940-989-2966 or 940-989-2816.

Christmas in the Country

Christmas in the Country will be Nov. 30 at the Stonewall County Community Center. Doors will open at 9:00. Anyone interested in having a booth contact Stephanie at the Chamber of Commerce office or call 940-989-3197 or 940-256-0860.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgins at kcnewscourier@gmail.com.

News on the go



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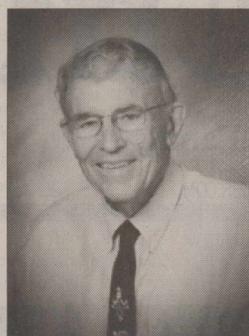
Deaths

William Roy Baker

William Roy Baker, 83, beloved husband, father, and grandfather entered the heavenly realms NOVEMBER 5th 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Frankie, and two children; a daughter Temi and husband Jerry Webb of Knox City, a son William R. Baker II and wife LaRetha of Wichita Falls. His grandchildren were the joy of his life; Hadley Baker and his wife Christie, Landry Matthies and wife Candace, Dillon Matthies, Carson Matthies, Whitney Loper and Britney Webb. Great grandchildren, Caris Baker, Ethan, Breckyn and Jayven Matthies, and Aiden Loper added a new dimension to the family. He is also survived by very special and close family friends, Tommy and Ronnie Walker and Marjana Dray.

The grandson of W.A. and Mattie Collins Baker and of Thomas Paul and Molly Pinson Frizzell, William R. Baker was born May 4, 1930 in Knox City Texas to Roy A. and Marjorie Frizzell Baker. His family is deep rooted in Knox County, with his family being some of the original pioneers coming to Knox County in 1902.

William R. (Bill) Baker graduated from Knox City High School in 1947 and achieved a BA from HSU in 1951, and a Master's in Education from Mc Murry University in 1961. He married Frankie Jo Tanner on April 2, 1953 in Knox City, TX. Bill taught school in the community of Mattson in 1951, Knox City in 52-53, Merkel in 53-54, returned to Mattson for the years 1954-1962, serving as Superintendent from 1956-1962. At the invitation of the School Board, Bill served as Superintendent of the O'Brien Schools from 1962



WILLIAM BAKER

– 1968. During this tenure Bill worked diligently to get a program started for Special needs children and achieved enormous success, receiving recognition from the State. This program led to the establishment of the Haskell-Knox education Consortium. Bill also implemented integration, stating that it should have been done long before. In 1968 Mr. Baker was invited to become the Superintendent of schools at Knox City, serving until his retirement in 1986. There he implemented many of the same programs. He had many challenges to overcome with the new position, but used his determination and knowledge to achieve great successes for this school district. After retirement he also served as an interim Superintendent for Haskell, Hamlin, Aspermont and the Knox City Schools.

Bill loved all things Knox County, and especially Knox City. His love and passion for preserving both its' history and future was evidenced in the boards he served on. He served on the Founding board of the Knox County Water Development Board, the 1976 Non-Profit entity for the recruitment of Doctors for Knox County, the Knox County Hospital Board, Knox County Historical Commission, the Knox County Appraisal Board, Chairman of the Airport

Development board of Knox City, Chairman of the Knox City Economic Development Boards A & B, Trustee of the Knox City Cemetery Foundation, the Brazos Valley Rodeo Association, Chairman of Trustees at First United Methodist Church in Knox City, Chairman of the Knox County Republican Party for 20 yrs, Delegate to the Republican national convention in 1992, and the Noah North Adv. Council. He was a 45 Yr. Member of the Lions Club, a 60 Year member of the Masonic Lodge of Texas, and a long time member of the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Baker was highly respected by his peers, being the first person nominated for Superintendent of the year for Region 9 TX School Board Association. He also served on several State committees, was a member of the Retired Teachers District and State Legislative Commission for 20 yrs., and served as Chairman of the Texans for Equitable Taxation.

Bill Baker, the educator, historian, loving father, and devoted husband, was beloved and highly respected by his family, his peers in the education world and his hometown community of Knox City. He was honored as the Citizen of the Year in 1974 and again in 1986. He was also honored by the school that he poured his heart and soul into with the naming of the W. R. Baker Auditorium. William Roy Baker was a man who made a difference in each and every life he came in contact with, and whose legacy will live on.

Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday Nov. 8th, at the First United Methodist Church in Knox City.

A family visitation will be Thursday from 5-6 pm at FUMC

Cookie exchange

Newspaper calling for recipe submissions

The News-Courier

Christmas cookies are a once-a-year labor of love. During the holiday season, no ordinary, run-of-the mill, store-bought cookie of the packaged, tinned or slice-and-bake variety will do.

No, we drag out the old, tattered — and, literally, battered — recipe box that through the years has become bloated at the seams, which are now reinforced with layers of masking tape in criss-crossed patterns. Each year we tell ourselves we need a new one — or, better yet, we'll digitize! — but, for one reason or another, which has more to do with sentiment than we'd actually care to admit to ourselves — we keep the same old one.

It's stuffed with index cards, newspaper clippings, folded up photocopies, scraps of paper with hastily written measurements and directions — recipes collected from bygone days when there was more time to devote to the art of baking and those of today as we vow we'll find more time.

A recipe box is the crowning achievement of any true Southern matriarch, and many times is passed down from generation to generation. Much like our hair, we believe the bigger it is, the closer to God.

Inside is a treasure trove of family heirlooms; recipes that are tried and true, evidenced by the splatters of vanilla-stained splashes left there long ago in our haste to get their favorite batch of chocolate chip made before sons and/or daughters traipse through the door after their first semester of college. In the back of our minds we secretly hoped — as we still do — we'll pull a batch out of the oven and turn around to see them coming through the screen door off the kitchen as happy-go-lucky as they were when they were 5.

Others have nary been touched — like one you came across in a popular magazine 30 years prior. You pull it out of place and read to yourself, "Buffalo Chip Cookies ... Shortening, oleo ... 'Oleo? I wonder who even knows what that is anymore' ... brown sugar, white sugar ... uncooked oatmeal, corn flakes, pecans ... coconut flakes, chocolate chips. ..."

"Good Lord, what was I thinking," you think, shaking your head, but still filing the magazine clipping back into the slot it came from as a half-dozen unfired recipes fall to the floor.

You utter a mild expletive to yourself as you reach down to gather them up, when a very well-used, 4-by-6 index card catches your eye.

"There it is," you say aloud, although you are well aware you're the only one within earshot besides the dog, who feigns only a mild interest, purely out of obligation because he knows there's likely a morsel or two to be had from your clumsiness.

"Mom's sugar cookies," you manage, scanning the familiar, near perfect cursive in now faded fine blue ballpoint. The last few syllables are uttered slowly, thick as molasses, as if the very letters themselves are hung in your chest fighting the urge to be uttered and clinging to the depths of that internal repository of emotions you so desperately try to keep a lid on — not unlike that bulging old box full of recipes.

Memories. ...
"Cream the sugar and the butter; add the eggs," comes the singsongy refrain forever etched in your mind from too many incidents when ingredients went wasted because the fledgling baker's apprentice still honing the craft was left alone, unsupervised of the watchful eye of She Who Wields The Wooden Spoon.

Our families have come to expect them every year, and woe unto you who deigns to shake things up by baking a different kind — like that one time 12 years ago when you tried your hand at ginger snaps and divinity instead of snowballs and sugar cookies.

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!

These are the recipes we want you to share with us — with our readers. Be a part of a new tradition we hope to build on in the coming years.

THE NEWS-COURIER CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Emailed submissions are preferred, up to three recipes — one each from the categories listed below — include name, phone number and origin or recipe, if known. For example, "Recipe from: My maternal great-great-grandmother Eleanor Roosevelt."

Deadline will be midnight Friday, Dec. 6, to be printed in the following week's edition.

In the event of duplicate recipes, those received first will be considered for publication.

SHAPED, MOLDED, ROLLED, REFRIGERATOR AND NO-BAKE COOKIES

This category includes any cookie where the dough cannot simply be dropped from a spoon and baked, or is not baked at all: Examples in this category are: Gingerbread people; rolled and cut out stars, angels, reindeer; biscotti; snickerdoodles; rugelach; molded shortbread; spritz cookies; Linzer tarts; pecan crescents.

DROP COOKIES

Drop cookies are the easiest of all cookies to bake. Examples of holiday drop cookies are: oatmeal, cranberry and walnut cookies; meringues; Christmas Lizzies; coconut macaroons; jumble cookies; honey and fruit drops; ranger cookies (containing cereal like Cornflakes, Rice Krispies, Wheaties, etc.).

BAR COOKIES

Bar cookies are made from a batter that is poured or pressed into one pan, then cut into cookie-size pieces after baking. Examples of holiday bar cookies are: Cranberry oat bars; pecan toffee bars; pumpkin-spice bars; cherry-almond chews; date-nut bars, etc. No brownies, please.

Please note

While you have made them so many times you might not have to look at the recipe, remember you're submission may be a first for another reader. Here are some important recipe writing hints:

- Note cookie category: Shaped, molded, rolled, refrigerator and no-bake; drop; or bar.
- Note instructions for oven temperature, including preheating, if necessary.
- Note pan size and pan preparation.
- List ingredients in order of use.
- Think through the recipe, step-by-step, as you write it.
- List directions for removing cookies from the pan and how to cool the cookies.
- List how many cookies the recipe will make.

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When I was pregnant, I found out I had diabetes.

Holly and her daughters, Mary Northport, NY

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Veteran's Profiles



Burse Richard Durham

Burse Richard Durham entered the Navy on October 27, 1943. Trained in San Diego, California and Norman Oklahoma, Treasure Island California and the USS Elwood Haynes. Deployed overseas in January of 1944, Mr. Durham served in the South Pacific Theatre with engagements in Pelelieu, Okinawa, and Saipan. Awards received were the American Theatre Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon. He returned to the US in November 1945. As Seaman 1st Class, he served 4 years, 11 months and was discharged in July 1947 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He re-enlisted for two years after discharge.

Submitted by niece, Jerria (Land) Worthen formerly of Knox City.



Fidelis Joseph Fetsch

Rhineland-born and raised Fidelis Joseph Fetsch, Sr. had to get his father's permission in writing in order to join the US Air Force when he was 17 in 1946. "Feddie" spent much of his military time in Germany and England working as an airplane mechanic. When his service ended in 1949, he returned to the family farm. In the late 50's, Mr. Fetsch and his wife Jane moved to Levelland, TX to raise four children and to work at Reese Air Force base as a civilian jet engine mechanic until he retired. The Fetschs owned and operated Lakeshore Marina on Lake Kemp until 2000, moving back to Rhineland where they lived until 2011. Mr. Fetsch is now a resident at the Texas State Veteran's Home in Amarillo, TX where he still talks about his experiences in the Air Force.



Sgt. Robert G. Lake

After serving 2 years in the US Navy Reserve, Bob Lake enlisted in the US Marine Corps in August, 1949, at the age of 18. After graduating from Boot Camp at Paris Island, South Carolina, he was assigned to an Amphibious Tank Unit as a driver at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

On June 25, 1950, North Korea attacked South Korea with an overwhelming force and advanced deep into South Korea. General MacArthur asked for a division of Marines to make an amphibious landing at Inchon, South Korea. At first the Pentagon was reluctant to allow this

action because of the 27 foot tide at Inchon. The reason was that we would land at high tide, and if things went bad, there would be no way out. General MacArthur assured them that with a division of Marines, we would not need a way out! Permission granted.

Bob was transferred to the 1st Marine Division, 1st Amtrac Battalion, C Company. On September 15, 1950, the Marines landed at Inchon. Then they moved on to capture Seoul and successfully cut off the North Korean's supply lines.

On October 26, the Marines made another amphibious landing at Wonsan, North Korea and advanced to Hungnam and the Chosin Reservoir. The survivors of the battle are called "The Chosin Few."

After the Chinese entered the war, Bob fought in Central and South Korea until December, 1951, when he returned to the USA.

Included in Sgt. Lake's awards are: Combat Action Ribbon, US Presidential Unit Citation with a star, Korean Service Ribbon with 3 stars, South Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Sharp Shooter Rifle and Pistol.

In the fall of 2010, Bob revisited South Korea at the invitation of the South Korean Government for the 60th anniversary of the USA's help. South Korea has become a beautiful, modern country that really appreciates what the USA did for them. The Koreans treated the veterans like kings.



H. Glenn Kyzer

H. Glenn Kyzer, veteran of World War II and former B-24 combat pilot.

He flew missions out of southern Italy over German controlled territory in 1944 and 1945 until the war in Europe was concluded. Glenn Kyzer and his B-24 crew of ten members all returned together and were on one of the first flights to depart on the return mission to the United States.



Noble Gail Land

Noble Gail Land entered the service January 1, 1942, branch US Navy. After training in Great Lakes, Illinois and Chicago, Illinois and aboard the USS

Maryland, Mr. Land was deployed February 8, 1942 to the Pacific Theatre returning August 29, 1945. Engagements included Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Palau, Leyte and Okinawa. Torpedoed at Saipan and hit by a suicide plane at Leyte and Okinawa, he was awarded Seven Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and was discharged Seaman 1st Class October 2, 1945 at Camp Wallace, Texas. After serving 3 years, 9 months, and 1 day, he worked at Bill Wilson Motor Company.

Submitted by niece, Jerria (Land) Worthen formerly of Knox City.



Tony E. Land

Tony E. Land entered the Army-Infantry in July of 1944 and was trained at Camp Wolters, TX. He served overseas in Luzon and Legaspi, Philippines December 31, 1944 returning June 11, 1945. He suffered machine gun wounds in April of 1945, but recovered very well. His daughter Jerria's (4 or 5 years old at the time) letter was in his pocket when he was shot, the hole went through the letter. Mr. Land's ranking was Sergeant and was awarded the Victory Medal, a Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with Two Stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with One Star, and Combat Infantry Badge. His total service was 21 months, 13 days. Returning home he started a career as a carpenter.

Submitted by Jerria (Land) Worthen formerly of Knox City.



Homer Lowrance

Munday resident Homer Lowrance was drafted at 13 years old into the Seventh Armed Division of the U.S. Army. When that unit was sent overseas, it was divided into several battalions.

He eventually ended up becoming a sharpshooter and antitank weaponry operator in the Third Platoon, Company D of the 33rd Armored Engineer Battalion.

After two years in Korea as a PFC, he was stationed in Haenel, Germany, during Post WWII reconstruction. Haenel was significant during the war because it is where the German Nuclear

Energy Project was partially developed — which was the Nazi's unsuccessful attempt to construct an Atomic Bomb. During this time, he not only assisted in training other soldiers in how to operate hand held anti tank guns, but also drove and operated a tank and jeep retriever, rescuing servicemen that became stranded out in the field.

After two years of active duty and six years in the reserve, Pfc. Homer Lowrance was honorably discharged in 1961, a veteran of the Korean War.

Since then he has obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees, taught thousands of children in a near four-decade career as a teacher

Even in retirement, Lowrance still positively affects local students, sponsoring three local middle-schoolers each year who give speeches on Veterans Day about family members who have served. He annually awards these students first, second, and third place medals based on their speeches. Such a local program not only allows younger students to get involved with their local VFW, but appreciate the sacrifices they have made as well.



Edwin "Ed" Harold Lowrance

Edwin "Ed" Harold Lowrance entered the Army August 9, 1944, Private 1st Class; serving 1944-1946. Trained at Camp Wolters, TX and Fort Sam Houston, TX, he served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre. Included in Mr. Lowrance's awards are: Germany Occupational Medal, Victory Medal, One Overseas Service Bar, American Theatre Ribbon, European-African Middle Eastern Ribbon, and Good Conduct Medal.



Glen Dean Lowrance

Glen Dean Lowrance was raised in Munday, TX. He served in the US Navy Reserve from 1945 to 1946. He trained in San Diego, California and was assigned overseas Decem-

ber 3, 1945 and served in South Pacific Theatre in Guam. His rank was Seaman 1st Class and after the service attended college.



Troy Lee Lowrance

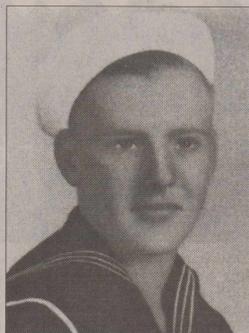
Troy Lee Lowrance served in the US Navy from 1951 to 1954. He trained in San Diego, California and was deployed overseas to Korea, Guam, and in the Pacific and Asian Theatre. His rank was Construction Driver 3rd Class and received several awards including Korean Service Medals, United Nations Service Medal and National Defense Medal. Mr. Lowrance returned to the US in May of 1954.



William Robert Lowrance

Serving in the US Navy, Munday's William "Bill" Robert Lowrance entered the service December 31, 1941. He trained at Great Lakes, Illinois and was deployed overseas in February of 1942. Mr. Lowrance served in Asiatic-Pacific Theatre and returned to the US in November 1945. His rating was Torpedo-man's Mate 2nd Class and was discharged November 19, 1945 to return home to farm.

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Truman Vernon Lowrance

Truman Vernon Lowrance entered the Navy February 22, 1944 and was trained in San Diego, California. His rating was a Seaman 1st Class and was assigned overseas April 10, 1944 and served in the Southwest Pacific Theatre. He returned to the US in May of 1946 and was discharged in Norman, OK. After returning home worked at Cabot Carbon Company as a repairman.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING TO DISCUSS SCHOOL FIRST RATINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE SCHOOL FIRST RATINGS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR FOR MUNDAY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LOCATED AT 811 WEST D STREET, MUNDAY, TEXAS.

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I see blame. I see vanity. I see stupidity. What I don't see, from either party, is leadership.

President Obama? Please. He's no leader. People follow leaders not distance themselves from them.

Speaker John Boehner? He's no leader. He panders, and he's weak. If he's leading, not many have received the memo.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid? This guy is even more divisive than Boehner. He's an Obama

puppet and Nevada should have to sit in the corner for electing him several times

These three people and their cronies are not doing a good job. And guess what? When you refuse to sit down and find common ground, you're never going to be an effective leader.

But it goes further than that. The three have surrounded themselves with yes men and women. How can you have an informed opinion when you're only being told what you want to hear?

If I were an elected official, not only would I seek differing opinion, I would also get input from people across the spectrum - racially and socioeconomically. It's simply the right thing to do.

But I ask you, do you think any of the three have someone close to them with a dissenting opinion? I don't. Instead, I think they are surrounded by like-minded people that try and guess what the other

side is thinking. It reminds me of an elementary school yard.

So how in the world can we get anything solved if there is no real dialogue with the other side? I don't think we can. I think leaders from both parties are going to have to emerge.

Leadership is not a "my way or highway" proposition. It's reaching out. It's compromise. It's character. It's forging common ground.

On a national scale, you half to dump the small stuff and work for the greater good. As a voter, that's what I'm looking for.

I hope Americans are getting tired of party politics. I also hope they are seeking leadership.

This country has so much to offer, but we can't get out of our own way. There is so much bureaucracy, it's hard to gauge how "free" we really are.

Perhaps leaders will begin to emerge. Someone who can withstand the pressure and genuinely build the relationships needed to do the greater good.

That's what I'm looking for. That's what I'm praying for. And that would be what we're paying for.

Never forget, our politicians work for us. They should be held accountable when they do a bad job.

We've been paying for mediocrity and gridlock for far too long and it's time to seek out competent men and women who are willing to sacrifice their egos and pride and reach across the aisle.

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Knox City ends season with loss to Throckmorton

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox City's regular season came to a close last Friday night after traveling to Throckmorton to take on the defending six man state champs on their own home turf. The Greyhounds of Knox City ended up falling short to the Greyhounds of Throckmorton by the third quarter via the 45-point mercy rule, 48-0. This latest district loss took Knox City out of playoff eligibility.

Knox City has managed to roll over such teams as Jayton, Paducah, Rotan, Aspermont, and Chillicothe this season, while their other losses have been attributed to Newcastle and Crowell. Knox City's district contains some of the most top ranked teams in not only the state, but the nation. While Crowell is ranked fourth in the nation and fourth

in the state, Throckmorton is ranked 13th in the nation and ninth in the state. This year Knox City has gone up against some of the stiffest six man competition in the country.

The first quarter proved to be the most detrimental to the Knox City Greyhounds, with their defense having given up 22 points of offense to Throckmorton. During the second quarter they let 14 points go up on the board, and 12 points during the third quarter.

Chris Lewis rushed for 18 yards on eight carries, while Israel Rodriguez ran for 12 yards on four carries.

Heath Welch punted for 86 yards on two punts, averaging 43 yards per punt.

The Knox City Greyhounds are now 7-3 for the regular season, while their district record falls to 1-2, while Throckmorton moves to 9-1 for the regular season, with their district record now 3-1.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's Sunday night, and the Cowboys and Saints are well into their football game. Can't tell yet just how it's going to turn out — just hope it's a good game.

My sympathy to the family of Bill Baker, who passed away Tuesday night after a brief illness. His funeral was Friday in Knox City, where he had resided many years. He will be missed by family and many friends.

Regarding Our Ill

Jim Cox will be in Lubbock next week undergoing some heart tests to try to determine what his problem is. We wish Jim the best. The sooner a problem is diagnosed, the sooner treatment can begin to resolve it. He's been feeling "under the weather" for several months now.

Linda Griffith will undergo eye surgery on Tuesday to repair a hole in the retina. The surgery itself shouldn't take long, but the recuperation process will take 2 or 3 weeks. She's anxious to get it over with.

Here 'N There

Weekend guests of Mike and Debi Moorhouse were Steven and Alicia Patterson and baby girl of Borger and Teresa Washington of Flomont.

The Charles Griffiths and the Fred Carvers are busy with soccer each Saturday morning in Seymour. Their grandchildren and "great grands," Kamryn Jones and Ryder Laird are on the same team, and of course, they enjoy watching their "stars" perform. Ryder's grandparents, Stacia and Gary Antilly, of Wingate make it to nearly all the games, also.

George and Jane Fort of Belton were at church on Sunday. They are here pretty often as they have purchased the Harold Berry place west of Truscott and are doing some improvements on it. We are always glad to see them.

Judy and Randolph Barnett had an enjoyable several days in Lubbock last week visiting with sons, Jeff and Jim Bob Conner and their families. They "took in" a soccer game in Levelland. Granddaughter Madlyn (Jim Bob's daughter) plays, and they said it was a good game. They also attended the Boy Scout Troop 505 Fall Court of Honor 2013 Banquet, where grandson, Cayden (son of Jeff) received his Life Scout Badge. Cayden has all the badges up to this point; and the next step is becoming an Eagle Scout, which will probably take about a year. He's worked hard to get this far, and he loves it. Lots of boys sort of lose interest in scouting as

they get older, but Cayden enjoys everything about it and really works to do well.

Jenna McCanlies and her family had some bad luck this past weekend when they lost early all their belongings due to an apartment fire. The fire, itself, was in the apartment next door to Jenna's, but firemen had to enter hers to fight the one that was burning. Because of that, extensive damage was done to her apartment and the contents. If you would like to help Jenna and her family replenish — I'm sure they would appreciate it. Anything — money or other needs — can be given her parents, Dicky and Laura, here in Benjamin. Jenna has two small children. No one was home at the time.

Wes and Erika Holmes and children, Jayden and Jacy, have moved to O'Brien. They hated to leave Benjamin, but suitable housing just wasn't available. The girls will continue to go to school here.

Kemp and Becky Jones and family have gotten moved to Knox City. We hated to lose these young families, but people do what they feel they need to, and we wish them well.

I visited with former Knox City resident, Ramona Holmes House, of Wichita Falls on Friday. She was here for the funeral of Bill Baker. She's doing well and nearly always comes by Bud's Cafe to see us when she's in the area. She told me she still enjoys my column each week, and, of course, that pleased me!

James and Jill Jackson and sons, Daniel and Grant, will be moving to Benjamin in a few days. They have been living in Munday several years, but he is a dispatcher for the County Sheriff's office, and supply pastor of the Benjamin Baptist Church, and Jill is an elementary aide and the boys have been in school here several years, so it just seems living here is the best thing for them. They will be living in the Butch McCanlies house. We hope they enjoy living here. We will try to make them feel like they are "at home."

Brittney Kuehler of Wichita Falls was here for a weekend visit with her parents, Mark and Teresa, and other relatives and friends.

Steve and Judy Watson of Durant, Oklahoma, visited her aunt, Hazel Stockton, on Saturday.

It's over — the Saints have beaten the Cowboys. Oh well, they were my 2nd choice in this matchup. Trouble is, it wasn't even a good game — Maybe after a week's rest next week, the next game will be better — Let's hope so!

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for the Knox County News-Courier.

Exes plan second reunion event

The Knox City-O'Brien Exes Association announced their plans today for its second annual Class Reunion-Scholarship Award Ceremony, with associated events, in conjunction with the gathering of the KCHS Class of 1989.

Additional reunions are pending whose class members will also work with the Exes to invite their classmates back to town.

These events will generate Scholarship money for 2015 KCHS graduates.

The Exes will co-host with all classes a re-

union event July 4-5. Plans include a volleyball tournament, barbecue, golf tournament, silent auction, dance, raffle and more.

If your Knox City or O'Brien high school class has five or more classmates ready to commit to attending and contributing to these efforts, please contact Exes President J.D. Moore, Class of 1976, at jd@byreferrall-realty.net or 813-629-1331.

The Exes also have a Facebook page.

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Angel Tree project underway

The Knox City/Benjamin Chapter of Knox County Child Welfare Board needs your help to give children of Knox City and Benjamin a special Christmas.

In mid-November members of the board will decorate an Angel Tree located at Citizens Bank. Please take an angel from the tree and shop for a deserving child. Each child will receive a suit of clothes and a toy from their wish list. All gifts should be delivered to Citizens Bank by Dec. 4. If you

don't have time to shop, donations will be accepted.

The Knox County Child Welfare Board is a non-profit organization to help children in Knox County. Donations may be deposited at the bank, given to a Knox County Child Welfare Board member or you can mail your donation to P.O. Box 123, Knox City, TX 79529.

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Munday gets much-needed win against Electra

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY - Munday's Moguls hosted the Electra Tigers at Scruggs Field last Friday night. While the Moguls were a seven point favorite to win, they eventually defeated the Tigers 41-25, earning second place in district while qualifying for the playoffs.

First quarter action did not favor the Moguls, and it appeared they're season might be coming to an end. Electra was able to run one into the end zone early and even though they missed their extra point opportunity, the Tigers still went up by six to close out the first.

The second quarter would see the changing of the tides. Munday was not only able to put one in the end zone early, but L.J. Collier was able to capitalize on their extra point attempt by sailing the ball through the posts. This process would be repeated before the end of the second quarter. Furthermore, persistent spot on tackling by the Mogul defense, especially that of Day'veon Dockins and Mitch-

ell Lowrance limited the Tiger offense to only one touchdown. The Moguls went into the first half ahead 14-13.

The third quarter would bring even more limited success for the Moguls. With the Tigers nipping at their heels, Munday was still able to get another touchdown midway through the quarter while Collier also made good on another extra point attempt. The Mogul defense also did their job and continued to limit the Electra offense. Heavy tackling by Fabian Lopez contributed to the Tigers only putting up one touchdown and botching their only extra point attempt. The Moguls ended the third quarter ahead 21-19.

Munday came out swinging in the fourth quarter and placed the proverbial nail in the coffin of the Electra season. Not one, not two, but three touchdowns would reign in for the Moguls during the fourth quarter, with Collier capitalizing on all but one extra point attempt. Quarterback Alfonso Nunez would even connect to Ian Lagway for a successful touchdown pass during the quarter. Ultimately, Munday would close out the

Electra Tigers 41-25, effectively ending their season while procuring their own playoff contention eligibility.

With this win the Moguls regular season record jumps to 5-5, while their district record climbs to 4-1.

All in all, the Moguls rushed for over 300 yards. Nunez ran for 136 yards on 19 carries for two touchdowns, while Dockins rushed for 121 yards on 12 carries for three touchdowns. Furthermore, Ian Lagway rushed for 83 yards on 16 carries, while Zac Edgar ran for 48 yards on seven carries.

Lagway had two receptions for 71 yards and one touchdown, while Collier managed one reception for 21 yards.

Quarterback Nunez passed for 92 yards with three receptions on five attempts and one touchdown.

Collier was six for seven on extra point attempts.

Munday will be facing the Roby Lions in their first playoff match-up this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Jim Ned High School in Tuscola, Texas if you would like to come out and support your local varsity Mogul squad.



Terry Messer/For The News-Courier
L.J. Collier (7) makes a leaping catch over the Electra defense. In addition to the catch, Collier went 6 for 7 on extra point kicks. Munday will be traveling to Jim Ned High School in Tuscola, Texas for their first playoff game of the post-season against the Roby Lions.

Mogulettes fall short at area match

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY - Munday Mogulette varsity volleyball concluded last Saturday with an Area match loss to the Archer City Lady Wildcats.

The Mogulettes maintained a winning record throughout the season but eventually fell to Archer city in straight sets 25-21, 25-15 and 25-18. While this match marked the end of the Mogulette volleyball season, Head Coach Kim Kuehler was still very proud of her team's performance.

"We played tough, and the girls had a great season. We played some much bigger teams and still had some success. I am very pleased with the girl's performance this year," said Coach Kuehler.

The individual standouts from the game were senior setter Tatum Bufkin with one ace, seven digs, 21 assists and nine saves and junior middle-blocker Raci Dillard with 10 digs, 11 kills and six blocks. Furthermore, junior libero Maria Vega had one ace, 15 digs and four saves while senior middle-blocker Kaylan Urbanczyk had one ace, 10 digs and nine kills. In addition, senior outside-hitter Mayte Torres managed seven digs and five kills.

Ultimately the Mogulettes finished the season with a 29-13 overall record. While the season has come to a close and the Mogulettes will no longer advance, they may still take pride in their district championship and dominance throughout the regular season.

Poster contest



Kristi Bufkin/For the Courier
Evan Hunter, Homer Lowrance, Emily Cottingham (not pictured is Ryleigh Waters).

Munday Elementary School sixth-graders participated in the annual Veterans Day Poster Contest. Winning first place was Emily Cottingham, second place was Evan Hunter, and third place was Ryleigh Waters. Emily, pictured at far right, is shown

with her fellow classmates and local veteran Homer Lowrance, who presented Emily's poster and speech at the Veterans Day program Monday in Benjamin.

Kristi Bufkin

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UH 60 Black Hawk Crew Chief, Bravo Company, 3-158 Assault Helicopter Battalion 12 Combat Aviation Brigade Katterbach Army Air Field Katterbach Germany.

Married to Tandy McGaughey. Four children

Mayson 11 years, Luke 8 years, Jay Rick 6 Years, Avalae 8 months. Parents: Marsha & Kerry Quade; Mark McGaughey all of Knox City.

Sister: Tamara McGaughey Urbanczyk of Knox City. Grandparents: Byron and Shirley Gass of Goree, Allen & Peggy Mc-

Glenn Myers

Retired Chief Master Sergeant Glenn Myers served his country proudly for over thirty years. He entered the war in 1944 at the height of WWII. He was 17 years old and enlisted in the Navy. He was the third son of Roe and Agnes Myers to enlist. Glenn served in the Pacific.

He left the Navy in 1947 and after two years of civilian life enlisted bank in the services this time in the Air Force.

Glenn served his country through WWII and the Korean Wars and the Viet Nam Conflict. During his course of service he was awarded The Purple Heart, The Bronze Star and several other Meritorious Service Awards.

Glenn's family is very proud of his dedication and service to his country!



A.B. Robertson, Jr.

Lt. Col. A B Robertson Jr., WWII--2 years Anti-Submarine duty at Charleston, SC and Galveston, Texas as pilot of O-46, O-47, O-52, B-18, B-24 & B-34s, then 1 year (51 missions) duty as pilot of B-24s with the 15th AF in Pantanella, Italy. A B (Bob) Robertson married Knox City's 'Big' Ed Shaver's daughter Dorothy in Feb. '42 and they lived in Knox City from '49 through '56 where he owned the Mobilgas Distributorship. He re-entered the Air Force in '56 at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX and retired with 30 yrs duty in 1971. He died in WF in 2001. To read Bob's wartime stories, check out the Kindlebook: 'The Three Cornered Kid'.

Also, as Bob's son Robbie, I (A B Robertson III) am a Army Vet of the Viet Nam War era. I was born in Knox City in '43 and went thru the 7th grade there. My wife Cindy Tucker R. and I returned to KC in '79/80 where I taught high school science and worked for Speedy's Oilfield Service. From 2006 thru 2010 I worked for Basic Energy Services in KC. As of last month I am now employed by Dunagin Transport also of KC. I served 1966-'67-'68 in the Chemical Corps at Edgewood Arsenal, Md.



Adrian Serrano

Adrian Serrano is 35 years old and has one beautiful daughter Destiny Casillas. He was raised in Knox City TX by his mother Irma Munoz (FATMOM).

He currently resides in Hubert, NC. He has been in the Marine Corps for almost 14 years and is ranked a E-6 Staff Sergeant.

Adrian has served in several different areas in the Military one being in the initial invasion of Afghan after the September 11, 2001 attack on NY, and the Pentagon. He was also in the initial invasion of Iraq in March of 2003.

He deployed to Iraq in 2005 and watched men and women vote for the first time in their life. He has traveled all over the US, Spain, Italy, Malta, Crete, Portugal, Cairo, The Virgin Islands, Okinawa, Japan, The Philippines, Thailand, Afghanistan, And Iraq. He has been deployed a total of 6 times, Afghanistan twice, Iraq three times, Okinawa, Japan Once. He is currently in Pre Deployment training in 29 palms, CA

He will be returning to Okinawa for another deployment in February of 2014.

I pray for a safe return on his next deployment and would like to say thank you for all you have done for our Country. SEMPER FI!!



Edward Braxton Shaver, Jr.

Edward Braxton (Eddie) Shaver, Jr. was born March 10, 1918 on the Bush-Burnett Ranch. Later Eddie and his family moved to Knox City.

Eddie was a fun-loving boy, once riding his pony through the local bowling alley! He finished Knox City High School in 1937, where he quarterbacked for the football team.

As a young boy, he plowed with a team of mules. He farmed the Texas soil in Knox and Haskell Counties

for over 60 years, at times totaling over 800 acres.

Eddie married Magga Faye Yarbrough in October 1938. He enlisted in the United States Army less than a year after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

On August 4, 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Eddie was working in the communication center on Iwo Jima. Early that morning, some United States civilians arrived and, temporarily, took his place in the communication center. Later, he learned that the civilians were with the Manhattan Project that developed the atomic bomb.

Corporal Shaver received an honorable discharge in December, 1945. He was welcomed home by his wife; daughter Joan; and his parents Mary and Edward Braxton Shaver, Sr. His son Brack was born in 1946.

Eddie was a member of the Knox City Methodist Church and the Knox City American Legion Post 229; he also served as a trustee for the Knox City School Board

In the 1950's.

Indeed, Eddie was very proud of his family, his hometown, and his service to his country.

P.S. Please call Joan S. Muller at 903-595-2982 or email at j-muller@live.com if you have any questions.

Thank you, Joan S. Muller



Adan Silva

Adan Silva age 24 served with the Army National Guard from September 2007 until September 2013. He served in Iraq from December 2009 until August 2010 as an e-4 Specialist. He is married to Tina Silva and together they have a beautiful baby girl in Knox City.



Tom (Toby) Yates

Toby Yates from Munday TX when he entered the US Army near the end of WWII. Served in Germany and France.

Mary Murphy, daughter 940-203-0208

The 501 Deere John ... it's just not working out

Deere John, I'm sorry to write this letter, but sometimes things just don't work out. ..."

I've yet to pen such a heart-wrenching (emphasis on wrench) missive to the green giant of manufacturing, but I'm considering it. John Deere and I have a love-hate relationship.

Maybe it's because rust is compromising most of the classic green paint on our farm.

Yesterday, as farm worker/musician Rick and I beat on what should have been a moving part on an old grain drill, we saw vestiges of bold green on cogwheels, a heartening reminder the machine was once new and flawless.

We kept on trying to knock a rusted adjustment gizmo over to a slower gear for wheat sowing. At least that's what we hoped we were doing.

Truism: The more the previous owner of a piece of faded farm equipment has enhanced it with baling wire, the stupider you were to buy it at auction. If the reason for the wire isn't immediately apparent, it will be.

Another truism: If you decide to make a proper repair, you'll discover why the previous owner used wire. The price of the requisite green parts will exceed your winning bid.

I called John Deere anyway — not for parts but for free advice. No, I didn't call Des Moines. That number's unlisted. Well, maybe not. But it's not like they've got a toll-free number for dumb questions. I called the nearest dealership.

Texas landscapes highlight art exhibit

Selected artwork from the Southwest Gallery of Dallas will be featured in a special two-day exhibit called "The Best of Texas" at the Jody Klotz Fine Art gallery in Abilene this weekend.

The exhibit will feature 12 native artists depicting the rough and beautiful Texas landscape in their own distinctive style.

The exhibit's opening reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday with special appearances by two of the featured artists. An encore reception will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Jody Klotz has been a valued and re-

The receptionist put me through to a green guy in service — green as in young. He referred me to salesman Jim, the only employee seasoned enough to know anything about the drill. Jim and I had a nice conversation. Yep, Rick and I were beating on the right thing.

Since it took a combination of a spray solvent and carefully applied brute force to move the mechanism, Rick and I decided the baling wire really hadn't been holding anything. Rust was doing the job. Good old rust.

Third truism: Baling wire, by its presence, indicates someone has identified a problem. It's a lick and a promise meant to work at least temporarily. Usually it does. Sometimes it's meant to last indefinitely. Sometimes it does that too.

Much like baskets, every use of baling wire on a farm, except for baling hay, is someone's handiwork. It's a tie to the past and a tribute, however modest, to the improviser.

I can see those pliers now in my grandmother's deft arthritic hands. Mostly she fixed fence and generally steered clear of all things painted green, preferring the company of her cows.

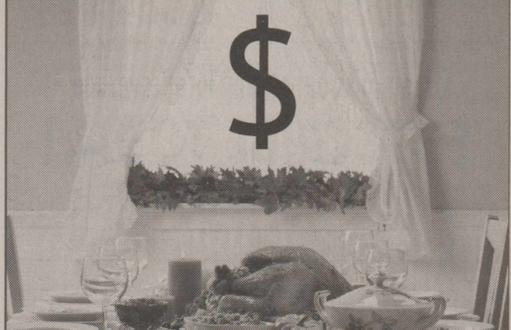
By contrast, I'm stuck with John Deere. I may write the letter anyway:

"Deere John, I'm sorry to break this news to you at this point in our longstanding relationship, but you have some competition. I'm not telling you his name, but here's a clue: He's a cousin to Bob War. That's all I'm saying for now. Don't call or write until you're ready to drop your parts' prices. Yes, I still love you.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to Blackburn Media Group newspapers.



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Norma Matthews (Center) stands in the center of the Knox County Veterans Memorial and displays her late uncle's Navy Cross medal that he was posthumously awarded. Her sisters Wanda Hardin (left) and Dorris Wilson (right) were also included in the dedication ceremony.



The Munday Purple Cloud Band plays "Taps" to conclude the ceremony. "Taps" is traditionally played at military funerals to honor those veterans that have passed away. It is an enduring military trumpet tune intended to devote respect.

Respected journalist, author, columnist to visit Post

The Knox County News-Courier

POST — Award-winning journalist, best-selling author and popular columnist Glenn Dromgoole is expected in Post next week for a book signing and discussion.

Dromgoole, former editor of the Abilene Reporter-News and known for his popular syndicated column "Texas Reads," will be at Ruby Lane Books & Gallery from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, said storeowner Rosa Latimer. The public is welcome.

Dromgoole's column, in which he reviews books about Texas and Texas authors, appears weekly in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Abilene Reporter-News, Bryan-College Station Eagle and San Angelo Standard-Times.

"I often have customers who ask for books Glenn has mentioned in his column," said Rosa Latimer, owner of Ruby Lane Books & Gallery. "We are fortunate he could make time in his schedule to visit the store."

Dromgoole doesn't only write about Texas books in his column but he also is the author of 26 books, including his latest, "West Texas Christmas Stories." The collection, published by Abilene Christian University Press, contains "more than 30 heart-warming and humorous Christmas

stories — all set in West Texas or by West Texas writers" such as Elmer Kelton and John Erickson.

The author's first work of fiction, "Coleman Springs USA," is a delightful book about a small town seen through the eyes of the postmaster.

Latimer encouraged all area residents with an appetite for "all things Texas" and who may be looking for a gift for their favorite bibliophile this Christmas to visit Post City next week.

"We'll have several of Glenn's books available, including '100 Great Things about Texas,' that is just the right size for Christmas stockings," Latimer said.

Among some of Dromgoole's more widespread best-sellers is a popular series of books of life lessons learned from animals: "What Horses Teach Us" and "What Cats Teach Us" and a New York Times Best Seller, "What Dogs Teach Us," which has sold more than a half million copies worldwide.

Ruby Lane Books & Gallery is an independent book store at 127 E. Main St., Post. For information, call 806-495-2665 or email info@rubylanebooks.com.

Wayne Hodgkin

ANTHRAX

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"Non-vaccinated livestock and deer can become infected by ingesting and, on rare occasions, by inhaling the anthrax spores in the soil and on vegetation while grazing contaminated areas. Such cases are invariably fatal.

"There is usually a history of previous outbreaks in the area, but since years may go by between outbreaks, new landowners or lessees may be unaware of the danger."

Dr. Floron "Buddy" Faries, AgriLife Extension state veterinarian at College Station, said rainwater erosion concentrates anthrax spores in the soil in localized areas called "hot spots" in contaminated pastures.

Active, infectious spores surface from the soil under dry, dusty conditions. Surface water from fall rains will relocate the spores in the dusty soil and create additional hot spots. Exposure occurs when an animal happens to graze the vegetation in the hot spot. This restricted exposure to spores limits the number of deaths on the contaminated pasture.

Faries said an inexpensive annual vaccine is readily available specifically for livestock and horses, but to be effective, it must be given before the animal is exposed to the bacteria.

Most producers in known

anthrax areas routinely vaccinate in early spring.

"Fall and winter seasons are not correct timing of anthrax vaccination," Faries said. "Immunity is protective after a few weeks following vaccination. Protective immunity reduces after several months, so annual boosters are necessary. Since anthrax is a summer disease, the correct timing of vaccination is during the spring so animals have protective immunity during the summer season."

Infected animals usually show symptoms within three to seven days and die within two days once symptoms occur, Blanek said. Deer or livestock that show signs of staggering, difficulty breathing, trembling or fever and suddenly die should be left alone and a veterinarian called as soon as possible.

"People become exposed to anthrax through handling an infected dead or sick animal," Blanek said. "The carcass of an animal killed by anthrax usually shows little or no rigor mortis or the stiffness that occurs soon after death. Dark non-clotting blood usually oozes from the mouth, nose and anus and the body quickly bloats and decomposes rapidly."

"Never cut into a suspect animal, because if it actually does have the disease, doing so will release the anthrax spores into the environment exposing you and the surrounding area to the disease. And hunters, do not process a suspect deer for

meat, and given the graphic symptoms of the disease and the possibility of infection to you, I have no idea why you would."

Faries said hunters can be exposed to anthrax by handling antlers and bones of even decayed deer that died of anthrax.

"Shed antlers are safe to collect, since the antlers are shed from healthy bucks, not infected with anthrax," Faries said. "The risk comes from antlers from carcasses of bucks that died of anthrax, in which case the antlers are still attached to the skull and are not sheds."

Blanek noted that anthrax tends to go dormant in cooler weather, which coincides with Texas' traditional deer season, so exposure though possible, is significantly less likely. He said the proper handling of deer by only harvesting healthy animals, wearing latex gloves and long-sleeved shirts when field dressing the animals and thoroughly cooking the meat before eating it, should preclude possible problems.

Faries said Texas Animal Health Commission regulations require owners and/or caretakers of animals that died of anthrax to burn each carcass until they are thoroughly consumed to prevent further contamination of the soil with the organism.

Burning carcasses is the only method to ensure the anthrax bacteria will be killed. They strongly advise wearing a mask and gloves when handling sick or dead animals.

HERO

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After that, military personnel from all around Knox County were recognized by Knox County Veterans Service Officer Charles Lankford. The elementary students of the Benjamin School then came out to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Midway through the program three students from Knox County came forth and recited their Veterans Day speeches about a family member that has served. While there were several student submissions from all three Knox County elementary schools, only one first, second, and third place winner was chosen to present their speeches. The program itself is sponsored by local Korean War veteran Homer

K. Lowrance, who chose the winners and assisted the kids in presenting their speeches. The program concluded this year's activities with a veterans display located inside the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center. Families from all across the county came and displayed their military garb. Everything from medals, flags, and old service uniforms were on display for the public to see and photograph.

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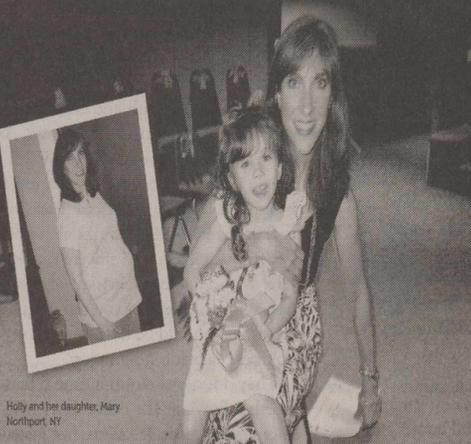
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The Idle American A birthday well-earned

Our citizens, in general, wait — too patiently, too quietly — for a big dose of indignation.

Used to, folks usually spoke of "righteous indignation." Today, most would consider other kinds — hopeful that a few righteous ones might slip through, jarring us from our lethargy.

We hunker, fearful of both the real and imagined. If we make any noise at all, we whimper instead of exclaim. We hesitate signing our names to anything, however worthy, however noble. Instead, we limp along.

What does this have to do with birthdays? Well, Dr. Billy Graham turns 95 this month, and his evangelistic association is executing a long-planned, multi-faceted blitz: "Hope for America."

With gatherings in thousands of homes in the US and Canada, pulpit messages and telecasts on hundreds of stations, the thrust is to honor God and observe Dr. Graham's birthday.

Yearnings for indignant boldness can result. We can "hunker up" instead of "hunker down," pushing for purposeful turnarounds that transcend religions, political parties, age groups and races.

I've seen Dr. Graham in person only twice — at a Fort Worth dinner held in his honor some 40 years ago. I also attended one of his last crusades in 2001 at Irving's Texas Stadium. Both were memorable experiences, but for different reasons.

At the dinner where 250 gathered, a woman marched to the head table. She extracted a Graham book from her purse and asked for his signature, just as he'd begun eating his salad.

Immediately, a line formed; two dozen others brought books, seeking similar attention from this Christian giant. They got it; he never finished his salad.

At the crusade, thousands of persons

responded to his appeal. His sermon — preached in the long-admired "Graham way" — was marked by courage, conviction, clarity and urgency.

I noticed, though, that he gripped the lectern with both hands during the final moments. Body language suggested that he truly wanted to preach a few minutes more.

But his legs were shaky, so he closed a bit abruptly, perhaps fearing a fall.

So many have said it so often — "We need another Billy Graham to rise up among us."

Perhaps there'll never be another with such focus, such clarity and such a calling.

May God be honored with the massive undertaking; may Dr. Graham's life of service spark in all of us the "courage of conviction" he has long proclaimed.

I thought of Dr. Graham recently upon reading a book by Jeremy Courtney, a graduate of Howard Payne University, where I was president for 12 years. He and his wife, Jessica, have served across Iraq for almost a decade. They've risked their lives on numerous occasions in their passion to facilitate heart surgeries for dozens of stricken children. Fueled by the support

of churches and educational groups throughout the US, the Preemptive Love Coalition he directs is making rapid gains.

His book, Preemptive Love: Pursuing Peace One Heart at a Time, has become an immediate "must read." It vaulted to the #15 spot among all books purchased during its first week, according to Publishers Weekly. I read it through tears, grateful that the Courtneys — with their two children — dare to serve in one of the earth's "uttermost parts" — and one of the most dangerous.

It intones the biblical admonition to "love our enemies." Our copy now rests in a special place in our home — next to



the Bible, nestled among books by Dr. Graham. All are about matters of the heart.

On matters of faith and Christian commitment, I am too often timid. And truly, I have plenty of company. With this in mind, I recommit to boldness that is ours to claim. In a spirit of peace and thanksgiving, I extend birthday wishes to Dr. Billy Graham, and sincere thanks to Jeremy and Jessica Courtney, who make us proud. The three of you remind us that Christians should be bold — even when boldness calls for indignation.

They do so one day at a time, a pattern worth following. The other day, I read an anonymous piece. It's short, but instructive: "Before you assume, learn. Before you judge, understand. Before you hurt, feel. Before you say, think."

I think that's what God admonishes us to do boldly each day

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a Christian humorist and motivational speaker.

Guest Column Why Texas needs a farm bill now

By Judith Canales and Paco Valentin

This fall, Congress has an important opportunity to create jobs and grow the economy by passing a long-term, comprehensive food, farm and jobs bill. The farm bill impacts every American, every day by providing a wide range of programs that strengthen our nation.

The farm bill is crucial to maintaining a strong agriculture sector and an abundant food supply that benefits all Americans. Over the past two years, producers have faced a multitude of disasters — from drought, to flooding, to blizzards. These events demonstrate how important the safety net is to keeping producers going strong. Under the 2008 farm bill, the Farm Service Agency provided nearly \$1.3 billion in disaster assistance to Texas farmers and ranchers using farm bill programs.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would provide a strong crop insurance program, reauthorize the now-expired disaster assistance programs, and provide retroactive assistance for livestock producers. By reforming the safety net to eliminate the direct payment program — which pays producers whether or not they are in need of assistance — the Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would also save billions of dollars in the next decade.

In addition, it would allow USDA to continue export promotion efforts that have led to the best five-year period in agricultural trade in American history, and provide FSA with the tools to extend additional farm credit in Texas.

The farm bill is also a job creation bill that would empower USDA to partner with rural communities to grow, expand and support new businesses.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would help Main Street businesses grow and hire more, strengthen infrastructure in our small towns and provide new opportunities in biobased product manufacturing and renewable energy. In Texas, USDA has funded 118 projects since 2009 to help farmers, ranchers and rural businesses save energy through the Rural Energy for America Program. This and many other efforts could continue with a new farm bill.

A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would make important investments in nutrition programs that provide critical assistance to vulnerable Americans, including children, seniors, people with disabilities who are unable to work, and returning veterans. It would enable USDA to continue our work with more than 500,000 producers and landowners to conserve the soil and water. It would undertake new strategies to improve agricultural research, and it would ensure a safe food supply.

All of these efforts strengthen our nation. A new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would continue the job growth we've seen in recent years and help grow the rural economy. That's why President Obama has identified passage of a new farm bill as one of his top three legislative priorities this fall.

This is a prime opportunity to give America's farmers, ranchers and producers the certainty they need about the next five years of U.S. farm policy, while investing in the rural communities that stand at the heart of our values. The farm bill has stood as a model of bipartisan consensus for decades and it is high time that both Democrats and Republicans come to a compromise on this new farm bill. It is our hope that Senate and House conferees will reach a consensus quickly and move a farm bill forward as soon as possible.

Applications for Conservation Programs Being Accepted

At Knox County NRCS Office

Knox City, Nov. 12, 2013— USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Charles Schur announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices located at 3950 FM 1292 Knox City.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP and WHIP funding for 2014 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after January

17, 2014. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2014 should do so before this ranking deadline.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Knox County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Schur.

EQIP and WHIP are continuous sign-up programs that allow landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2014 funding allocation is January 17, 2014. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Knox City at (940) 658-3526 X3. Service center locations and progr

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Munday Community Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, November 28th, 2013
 First United Methodist Church
 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Turkey, Dressing, and all the trimmings!

Free to the Community!