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Editor's Note

Hello Friends,

A philosopher I'm reading says in his book, *Guardian Angel*, that women inspire everyone in their families to work and in the process are a source of life. My own experiences persuade me to agree. Throughout Granbury I'm meeting women young and old who are wise and willing to share their great ideas with those who will listen. Whether in the classroom, boardroom or family room, these women are excited about life and lessons they've learned. Their students, colleagues, friends, children and husbands are good listeners, too, and are often encouraged to give of their intellect, time, energy and even money to help others.

As everyone shares the love, life is renewed in both givers and receivers. This beautiful picture reminds me of the matriarchs in my family. Especially my own mother, Judy, whom I'll treat to a homemade breakfast and massage this Mother's Day.

Enjoy your spring,

Melissa

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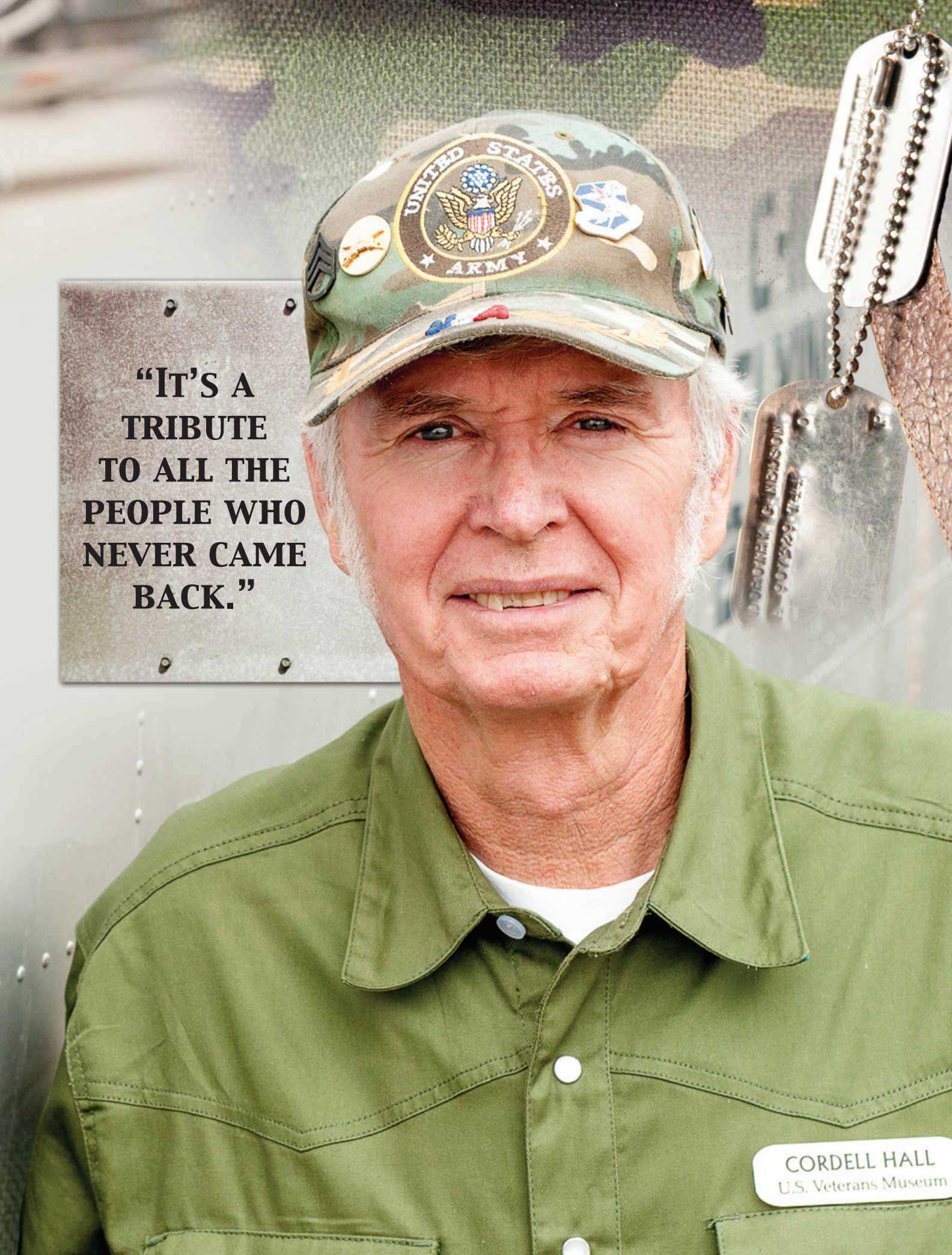
— By Amber D. Browne

Military life has been a part of Cordell Hall's family for decades. He has dated his family tree back to the Revolutionary War, and that fact is part of what drives his interest in military memorabilia. Cordell collected enough military items over the years to fill a 30x40-foot, two-story space. He started his collections with a few World War II items from his father, Private First Class Jesse Hall, who served in the Fourth Infantry Division. Cordell, who served in the Air Force, began to buy flight wings at flea markets, and it went on from there. "It just kinda grew on me and got out of hand. That's what my wife says," he joked.

When he heard about the plan to open the U.S. Veterans Museum in Granbury five years ago, his wife, Linda, knew they had found the perfect place to house some of his collection.

When Cordell first saw the space on Thorpe Springs Road, he knew he had his work cut out for him. "It was dark, dingy and rough." So, Cordell decided to step in as a volunteer and clean up the old feed store. Carpenters built walls inside the metal building to make show rooms. The local Brookshire's grocery store donated some of its old ceiling tiles for use inside the museum. Cabinets, also donated, line the museum's walls filled with war keepsakes.

Many veterans have spent hours at the museum, helping to organize the hundreds of pieces of memorabilia that come in on a regular basis. "You get to know these people, and they're just like friends," Cordell said. Family members of veterans who have passed on drop off medals and uniforms to keep the memory of their loved ones alive. "They're ordinary people who have done extraordinary things. A lot of people say that, but it's true," Cordell said. Having heard his share of war stories over the years, he



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enjoys sharing them with people who visit. Cordell is always happy to give a tour to anyone who drops by.

Cordell's father-in-law, Staff Sergeant Eugene Richardson, fought at the Battle of the Bulge in 1945. "He came face-to-face to one German, who had him in



his crosshairs," he said, adding that his father-in-law froze. "He said, 'I can still see that German smiling at me, but he didn't pull the trigger. I got out of there as fast as I could.'"

Cordell is no stranger to war himself. He grew up in rural Kentucky and moved to Texas after graduating from high school. His cousin was in the Air Force and encouraged Cordell to join in 1966 before he got drafted. "When I went to enlist in the Air Force, I found out I had been drafted. I don't know how they did it, but I got released from the Army to the Air Force." Asked where he wanted to go, Cordell chose then-Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth and asked to be stationed in Europe. He didn't get his wish. He trained in North Dakota and was stationed in Guam, where he worked on B-52 and KC-135 jet engines. Cordell thought often about getting back home on U.S. soil. "It was a lot of hard work, but I had some fun and met some nice people over there."

He was released from service in December 1970 and entered the work force. The military crept back into his life in 1981, when he joined the 49th Armored Division. "I had a ball. It was



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hot, hard and tiring, but I met a lot of guys and a lot of friends." Cordell went on two weekend drills with the division each month until 1986.

Although educating others about veterans' personal war stories comes easily for Cordell, sometimes, it can be difficult to share his own experiences. He lost four lifelong friends in Vietnam. "I tell everybody, they're still young," he said. "There are a lot of other guys who did a lot more than I did." And, that's why Cordell spends so many hours volunteering at the museum. "It's a tribute to all the people who never came back. And the ones who came back, who still have a lot of problems. And

the ones that don't," he explained. "It's just in me to help people, especially those who can't help themselves."

Cordell was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia three years ago. "I had a hard time with it for about a week," he confessed. He could have a bone marrow transplant, but there is no



known cure for the disease. "At least I know now when I'm going to go." His wife Linda has had a hard time dealing with the diagnosis, but Cordell tells her they have to live each day like it's the last.

And, Cordell spends his days doing what he enjoys. Each day he learns more about weapons from various wars and hears other's personal experiences.

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Cordell had the pleasure of getting to know World War II veteran and long-time museum supporter, Al Getchell. Al passed away recently, but Cordell remembers him fondly. "He kept us going all the time." Cordell's wife even called him sweetheart. Photos of Al can be seen in the museum with his uniforms and patches. His ashes were even placed into a torpedo and launched into the Pacific Ocean off of Hawaii. "So, he's back out there," Cordell said. "It's people like that – I've met so many people."

The museum has really come together and includes several rooms dedicated to all of the wars, with the exception of the Revolutionary War. Tom Green also volunteers at the museum and works each day to organize and display the military memorabilia. From machine guns and



a Civil War canon to uniforms and a C-119 aircraft outside, the U.S. Veterans Museum has plenty of history to offer. "It just goes on and on and on!" Cordell exclaimed. One of his favorite pieces is a metal helmet from World War II. One side has a small bullet hole, and the other side has about a two-inch wide hole where the bullet escaped. "It's what it stands for. That guy was killed at the Battle of the Bulge," Cordell explained. "He never knew another step."

The museum sponsors events throughout the year, including Memorial Day. Volunteers displayed 1,000 flags in a field in Granbury last Memorial Day. Although maintaining volunteer help and funding can be challenging, Cordell plans to do what he can to help keep the museum up and running. "It's just something you've got to do," he said. "There's something that just won't let me leave." **NOW**

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Picture PERFECT

—By Melissa Rawlins



Granbury was formerly the weekend getaway for Windle and Linn Harper, where they kept a small place on the lake. Now they've decided to move here, and have built a permanent home closer to town, still on the lake. Linn has decorated with care, punctuating each room with family heirlooms providing an effect that is fresh but sentimental — representing all they have done and all they want life to be. Elegance, beauty and order abound in their spacious reunion spot, which they fill with the sounds of music — preferably classical.



AT HOME WITH WINDLE & LINN HARPER

Proximity to one half of their progeny enticed the Harpers to Granbury. Linn laughingly proclaimed this town to be halfway between Southlake and Andrews, Texas, where Linn managed the dental practice Windle has maintained since 1975. Rearing their children in Andrews brought huge blessings. Their daughter and her husband live in Southlake with their daughter, and now use the Harper's former guest house for their weekend hangout. Their son, his wife and boys are ensconced in his grandfather's house in Andrews — around the corner from the house Windle and Linn are slowly but surely emptying. The comfortable couch, family antiques and paintings collected throughout their travels are all here now.

"We've been enough places and seen enough things. The house is just a house, but our home is where we each are," said Windle, who was involved in city government in Andrews. "We've seen ebb and flow, and have learned to appreciate the real stuff. We were lucky. We met each other in high school, have been married 44 years, and find it's a huge blessing to have been through so much together. The Lord has been good to us."

Celebrations are frequent between Windle and his bride. They enjoy sunsets on the patio, overlooking the lake with a glass of wine. Linn is into Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc while Windle goes for the reds. "Our common favorite is Alvarino, a hard-to-find wine from Spain and Portugal," Windle said. "We happened on that on a trip we took to Spain." Now that they are settled in, the couple intends to have fun visiting the local

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vineyards, where they can also replenish the racks in their wine grotto.

Nestled into the wall between the kitchen and the living room, Linn asked their builder, T.D. Murphy, to create a unique serving area with a leaning bar. "I wanted to be able to have a baby shower and serve pink lemonade if I wanted to," she said, "and for people to be able to walk around the bar and serve themselves." The walls are taupe, the cabinets are champagne, and the

espresso- and chocolate-colored accents in the granite counters and glass-tile backsplashes perfectly match the dark wood floors.

Linn had originally wanted travertine tile. "The wood is one of those marriage compromises," she said. "Not only is it more reasonable than tile, it's warmer, better on your feet and more like a real ballroom floor. You can roll up a rug anywhere and have a shindig."

They often waltz or foxtrot on the

expansive floor in the living room, under the 5x7-foot painting of their journey through marriage, commissioned on the occasion of their 40th anniversary from their friend in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, a restaurateur and painter named Federico Leon de la Vega L. The yellow rose recalls their wedding, the four travel cases represent the time required to achieve their goals, as well as their son and daughter and their spouses. "The little golf balls represent our four grandchildren, and the two golf bags? I was always riding along in Windle's golf cart, just watching," Linn explained. "I decided it was better to play. And I made a deal that I would learn to play golf, if he would learn to dance."

Windle has been challenged beyond his expectations during the five years he and Linn have danced. "You use everything: your core, your posture, legs and arms. There's a reason all those guys on *Dancing With the Stars* look as good as they do," said Windle, who works out with Linn in the gym adjoining the bedroom. He recently had a knee replacement and danced as part of his

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rehabilitation. The two are practicing for the big event that is part of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce's celebration of Independence Day. On that Saturday night, Windle will don his blue jeans and boots and escort Linn to the ballroom floor at the Conference Center where Langdon Big Band plays for Shall We Dance ... Come Dance Like the Stars!

All the family will come to Granbury for their annual reunion during the July 4th holiday. Windle will barbecue in the outdoor kitchen, the grandchildren will swim, and everyone sitting out by the fire pit will have a chance to pet and play with the Harpers' rescue dogs, Clouseau (a Standard Poodle) and Marley (a first-generation Labradoodle). Linn will get to play with her granddaughter, who loves to dress up as much as her grandmother.

At one end of Linn's well-organized closet, above the cedar chest made by her uncle, a high school principal and shop teacher in Oklahoma, she displays an apt Audrey Hepburn quote, "Elegance is the only beauty that never fades." Playing on the movie star theme, Linn chose four of her mother's classy Marilyn Monroe dolls to adorn her granddaughter's room and closet. Her clothes and her Barbie dolls

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Windle can watch Linn playing from his green leather arm chair in his office. Here, above her father's hand-made secretary that now holds her paper doll collection, hang vintage dental prints. Antique medicine bottles and a funny little dentist sit atop the dental cabinet restored by Windle's cousin. Nearby is the old-fashioned dental drill, powered by a foot pedal, that Windle's uncle once used on his patients. "A good dentist had good rhythm and a strong calf muscle," Windle mused. "Uncle Robert Windle was a dentist in Nebraska. He passed away the week after seating a crown on his great-granddaughter, when he was supposedly about 85." Windle will probably practice a long time too, and hopes to affiliate with a local dental practice.

"I'm not sure what my third career will be," Linn said. Ever the romantics, she and Windle do not use the "R" word, for retirement. "We don't use 'O' for old either!" But they sure enjoy their dream house and seeing everything come together, exactly the way they pictured it would. **NOW**



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Maha Moments

By Melissa Rawlins

Surrounded by a collection of old cameras, Dawn Bradley eats lunch at her desk in the interactive media classroom at Granbury High School. Dawn uses lunchtime to plan and tutor as much as anything. Above her head is a Ron Washington bobble-head, and behind her is a similarly silly rendition of Ian Kinsler. "Ron makes the decisions, and Ian has my back," joked Dawn, a serious Texas Ranger fan.

Always generous with a smile, classroom time with Dawn is stimulating, to say the least. Above the students' heads hang colorful compact discs, decorated as mementoes by past students, and reminding today's hopeful designers and photographers to hold their heads high. Mrs. Bradley's digital and interactive media class has a strong track record. Many of her students have gone on to college studies at Full Sail University, in Florida, or The Art Institute of Dallas. All of her students have the opportunity in Dawn's class to earn an Adobe Certification, which shows they have extra knowledge and experience with Photoshop, and several have therefore been able to get higher pay in graphics jobs.

"My program works like a college class, starting with digital interactive multimedia and ending with an animation or a practicum class, like an internship," Dawn said. In fact, one of her students is an intern this year with Jeff Meador, public information officer at Granbury Independent School District (GISD).

Every year, Dawn's students involve themselves in many



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community service activities — some last minute missions and all effective preparation for real world work situations. “I have to adjust my lesson plans a lot,” Dawn said. Her students were asked to create animations for the marquee on the football field, for instance, and also to create the logo for Dr. Largent’s 2020 long-term strategic planning initiative. “I handled this with my graphic kids as much like a business situation as possible. I said, ‘We’re gonna do this for Dr. Largent because he asked, and we are going to put a smile on our face and change our lesson plans and make this happen!’ We turn on a dime if we need to.”

Dawn has initiated wonderful projects to help her students gain perspective. In 2009, she partnered with Evelyn McWilliams at Emma Roberson Elementary School. Every year, the high school students prepare activity booklets for each of the kindergarten students based on state curriculum objectives and interest profiles completed by the youngsters. In a different project for her photography class, visiting fifth graders participated in a photo shoot. Then the high school students used their Photoshop skills to place pictures of celebrities alongside the photos of each fifth grader. The results were printed and sent to the fifth grade campus.

Such experiential lesson plans come naturally to Dawn, who transitioned from teaching business classes to multi-media slowly, beginning in 2005. In her continual quest for learning new skills to pass on to her students, the school sent Dawn for training in basic digital first-level classes in 2002. Already a skilled photographer, she was passionate about teaching such skills to high school students. “I studied the heck out of the topic on my own, paid

for some classes out of my own pocket, attended extra seminars and training, to be ready when the district offered the class,” Dawn recalled. “It started as a one-year class. I had kids who loved it so much, that my department head and I looked through the course catalog and found another class we could offer. Supply and demand.”

Electives like audio/visual graphics are her more glamorous courses. She also teaches a business information management class, where she works with students who have widely varying degrees of typing skills. Whether teaching the use of spreadsheets, databases and word processing software or the nuances of digital animation, Dawn never forgets her real role as a caretaker. Capturing kids’ hearts with genuine love, she calls her students her cherubs, pumpkins or sunshine. “When I first started teaching, 14 years ago, I did not understand what burdens these kids carry into the classroom,” Dawn said. Since then she has learned to be compassionate toward every student and listen in each moment. “The most flattering thing is when kids slip up and call me Mom.”

Dawn’s students know they’re getting more than instruction. Using humor and sarcasm, Dawn entertains in order to teach. She also admits her weaknesses to the kids. “I’ll tell them I’m a control freak, that I’ll tell them the way I do it, but also to do it their own way,” Dawn said. She also tells them, “I love you,” and gives them her undivided attention. “God gave me this talent. I should share it. If I can inspire or ignite a fire in a student, that’s what I want to do. Maybe they don’t want to go into photography for a profession, but they’re going to be parents one day, and I can help them learn to take good photos.”



That's exactly how Dawn got started taking pictures, for family and friends. After developing her expertise she went into business and began doing both photography and graphics on a freelance basis. Then her supervisor encouraged her to get a special teaching certification in technology education. Now, Dawn can teach anything from accounting to computers to economics to transportation to welding to HVAC to electricity to graphics and photography.

"I share mistakes I've made that caused defeat and am happy to share and teach my students the right way to approach business," Dawn said, adding, "I love teaching and the interaction with kids too much to quit teaching and go professional. I love watching those students have that 'Aha' moment, whether it's when they figure out the formula on the spreadsheet or get the acceptance letter into The Art Institute."

This is a woman who was scared of computers when she graduated from Stephenville High School in 1993. She had been president of Future Teachers Association in 1992, but never dreamed she would teach at the high school level. "I had two or three really strong teachers in high school who impacted my life. When I started, I did not care what subject I taught, I just wanted to have that same impact, to leave a mark in a kid's life," said Dawn, who worked her way through Tarleton State University and was hired at GHS in June 1999.

Hooked on the thrill of seeing kids succeed, Dawn and her husband, Scott, have already started college funds for their sons, Parker and Cole. When she joins her family at the end of a long day, her zeal to encourage only revives. Giving her all for the team, Dawn sparks success at home and at school. **NOW**

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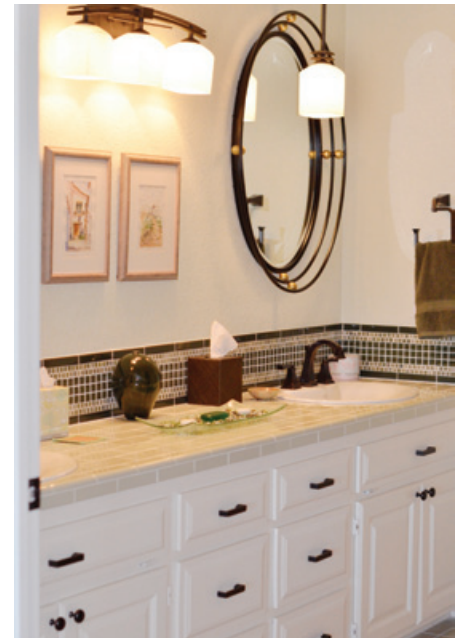


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— By Melissa Rawlins

Attitude is half the battle, so they say. Dale Cabler handles the unexpected with grace and persistence, so his customers trust him to manage every phase of their residential remodels. Although Dale thinks of himself as a glorified handyman, loyal customers like Anita and Ron Branstetter think of Get It Done as indispensable.

"The thing with Dale is that if he finds a problem, he fixes it. He doesn't just coat over it and go on," Anita said. "He's rewired this whole house during the process of helping us remodel our kitchen and bathroom."

Their new master bathroom, which had two small closets and a toilet with a two-foot walkway to the shower, now

boasts a four-foot walkway between the entrance, a single walk-in closet and a 4-by-6-foot shower. Expert contractors supervised by Dale laid gorgeous, deep-blue tile over radiant floor heating coils, according to Anita's design. "I just do what the customer tells me, and it is fun," Dale said.

Dale has learned in construction and engineering that as you move toward your primary goal you will experience problems. "You have to work through it," he said. "For instance, when we knocked the wall out to create Anita's doorway, we found a vent pipe going up to the ceiling. So you always run into things you don't expect."

In order to finish projects quickly, Dale will bring in

contractors to perform specific tasks, like taping, bedding, floating, painting or tile work. "Often there is too much to do and little time to do it," said Dale, who began working while a teenager. His father, a Naval civil-serviceman, brought home \$90 a week, and his mother, a real estate broker, took on other jobs. "I used to like having things, and I had to work to get them. Sometimes I'd help my mom." Performing labor like landscaping taught Dale early on that hard work has many benefits.

Eight years ago, Dale retired from his career as a design engineer for companies like General Electric, Solar Turbine and Blount Industries. He and his wife of 27 years, Doris, have five children, seven grandsons, one granddaughter and one nearly 3-year-old great-grandchild. The Cablers moved from California to Granbury to be near their son, who works for Nike Golf, and their good friends of 50 years. Playing golf as often as possible, the Cablers will play in the Texas Heat Tournament this September to raise funds for local children.

The work Dale performs with Get It Done is all part of his generous lifestyle. "I decided I needed some extra work, because I don't feel as alive as I can be if I sit around and do nothing," Dale said. Work also helps keep him in shape.

He walks a couple miles each day on his treadmill for exercise. He enjoys coffee and breakfast with his sweetie every day. And he likes dealing with people like Anita and solving problems for clients, including the real estate companies for whom he fixes up houses for resale or rental.

Dale stays with each job until he finishes it to the satisfaction of both himself and the customer, offering a one-year warranty on labor and parts. Getting right to the heart of the matter for people who want the job done right, Get It Done beautifies people's homes. And in the process, Dale is beautifying Granbury. **NOW**

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When the unexpected happens, disability insurance can help. Disability insurance essentially replaces a portion of your income — generally about 40 to 60 percent — if you can't work due to accident or sickness, according to Matthew Tassey, CLU, ChFC, LUTCF and past chairman of the LIFE Foundation. "Disability insurance should be a priority," he said. "We always have expenses."

Find the right fit.

There's no one-plan-fits-all approach to disability insurance. Some employers offer disability coverage, whether long-term or short-term, so check with your company's benefits manager to see if you have coverage, and if so, what that coverage provides. If you don't have it, you can purchase an individual plan.

Some terms to know when shopping for disability insurance:

Elimination period: Refers to the length of time you need to be disabled before you receive payment.

Benefit period: Refers to the length of time benefits will last.

"The quicker the money comes your way and the longer it pays, the more expensive it is," Tassey said. And he pointed out that, on average, a 30-year-old, nonsmoking healthy male can receive \$1,000 a month up to age 65 for about \$30 a month. His benefits would begin after 90 days.

Learn more.

In recognition of National Disability Income Insurance Month in May, the LIFE Foundation has created a Web site that explains the basics of disability insurance, contains video testimonials from real people and provides calculators for determining how much insurance you need and estimating your lifetime earnings. You can also calculate your personal disability quotient online.

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Melissa Rawlins, Mel Birdwell and Beverlee Teich greet each other during the President's Day Celebration.



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Emily and Cruz Wells have fun piecing together a Mickey Mouse puzzle at Starbucks.



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Krista Streeter and Kelly Dias finish the Contown 1/2 Marathon with smiles.

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Bingo Night: 6:00 p.m., Granbury Resort Conference Center. Enjoy a catered meal by Tom Baker and support the Opera Guild of Granbury and its allied arts. \$25 tickets available from any Guild member or from Carol Lippincott, (817) 573-1630.

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May 18

Revelation Riders Poker Run: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Dayspring Christian Church, 3314 S. Clifton Rd. Granbury Women's Shelter benefits from entry fee: \$20 per bike; \$10 per extra rider. Ride ends at Cari's Restaurant on Hwy 377. Call Terry Logsdon, (817) 964-8257.

May 20

Fundraiser for Mission Granbury: 4:00-7:00 p.m., Radiology Associates, 1220 Paluxy Medical Circle, Suite 101. Family-friendly fundraiser follows an official ribbon cutting conducted by Mayor Pratt. All proceeds benefit Mission Granbury. For more information, visit www.missiongranbury.org.

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In The Kitchen With Judy Trivett

— *By Melissa Rawlins*

Calling Granbury home for 14 years, Judy Trivett enjoys the feeling of familiarity with people wherever she goes. She often cooks for business and social gatherings around town and loves to see people enjoying their food. Judy grew up in Fort Worth and fondly remembers standing in a chair watching her grandmother make biscuits from scratch and fried chicken in cast iron pots and pans. The cook she learned from, however, was her father, who helped her make an egg-in-a-basket and let her do all the work so she would gain real experience. Using her own miniature baking pans, Judy discovered she loved to bake. Since then, she has observed that dessert comforts people. Below, she shares a recipe for one of her gourmet cakes. **NOW**

Chocolate Covered Cherry Cake

Cake:

- 1 18.25-oz. pkg. devil's food cake mix**
- 1 21-oz. can cherry pie filling**

2 large eggs

1 tsp. almond extract

Glaze:

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup butter

1/3 cup whole milk

1 6-oz. pkg semi-sweet chocolate chips

1. For cake: preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease 13x9-inch pan with vegetable spray. In a large mixing bowl, combine all cake ingredients. Mix on low with electric mixer for 1 minute. Scrape sides of bowl; mix on medium speed for 2 additional minutes. Pour into prepared pan; bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until cake springs back.

2. For glaze: combine first 3 ingredients

in small saucepan over medium low heat, stirring constantly to a boil. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate chips. Stir glaze until smooth and pour over warm cake. Cool cake for 20 minutes before serving to allow the glaze to firm up.

Bloody Mary Shrimp Cocktail

1 Tbsp. prepared horseradish

1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tsp. celery seeds

2 pinches red pepper flakes (divided use)

1 1/2 cups cocktail sauce

1/2 cup vodka

2 cups white wine

Juice of 1 lemon

1/2 lb. raw jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined, tail on

1. Combine horseradish, Worcestershire sauce, celery seeds, 1 pinch red pepper

flakes, cocktail sauce and vodka. Mix well and chill.

2. In a small saucepan, heat wine, lemon juice and the other pinch red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer.

3. Poach shrimp just until pink and curled, about 3 to 4 minutes. Place on ice and refrigerate.

4. When completely chilled, season lightly with salt and serve with sauce. Eat the shrimp and sip on the spicy sauce!

Chicken Veggie Noodle Bowl

8 oz. whole wheat spaghetti, cooked
2 cups skinless rotisserie chicken breast, shredded

3 cups Napa cabbage, shredded

1 cup matchstick carrots

1 cup green onions, thinly sliced

1/2 cup low-fat sesame ginger salad dressing (such as Newman's Own)

1 red bell pepper

1 red Thai chile (or jalapeño), seeded and thinly sliced (optional)

2 Tbsp. sliced almonds, toasted (or peanuts)

1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

1. Combine first 6 ingredients in a large bowl.

2. Cut the bell pepper into 2-inch julienne strips, and combine with Chile pepper, if desired, into the spaghetti mixture. Toss well. Spoon onto plates, and sprinkle evenly with almonds and cilantro.

Spinach Balls

2 cups stuffing mix

2 10-oz. pkgs. frozen chopped cooked spinach, well drained

1 cup Parmesan cheese

3/4 cup soft butter

3 eggs, slightly beaten

Salt and pepper to taste

1. Crush stuffing mix into bread crumbs. Combine with remaining ingredients in a large bowl; mix well.

2. Roll into walnut size balls. Bake for 10 minutes in a 350 F oven.

3. These can be frozen and reheated in 350 F oven for 10-15 minutes

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