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HERITAGE Quest

— By Carolyn Wills



Two years ago, Shelley Gayler set out to explore her heritage. So far, the quest has taken her back in time, through realms of virtual data, volumes of documents and real-time trips to family reunions, ancestral homes and final resting places. Most importantly, it has expanded her world in ways she could never have imagined. "I was curious to know if the history of my family had ever been examined," she said, "so I searched online and discovered the Gayler ancestry had been somewhat plotted. That's when I got the 'genealogy bug,'" she smiled. "I began compiling back-up documents and, in the first few weeks, easily spent five hours a day on the computer." Thankfully,

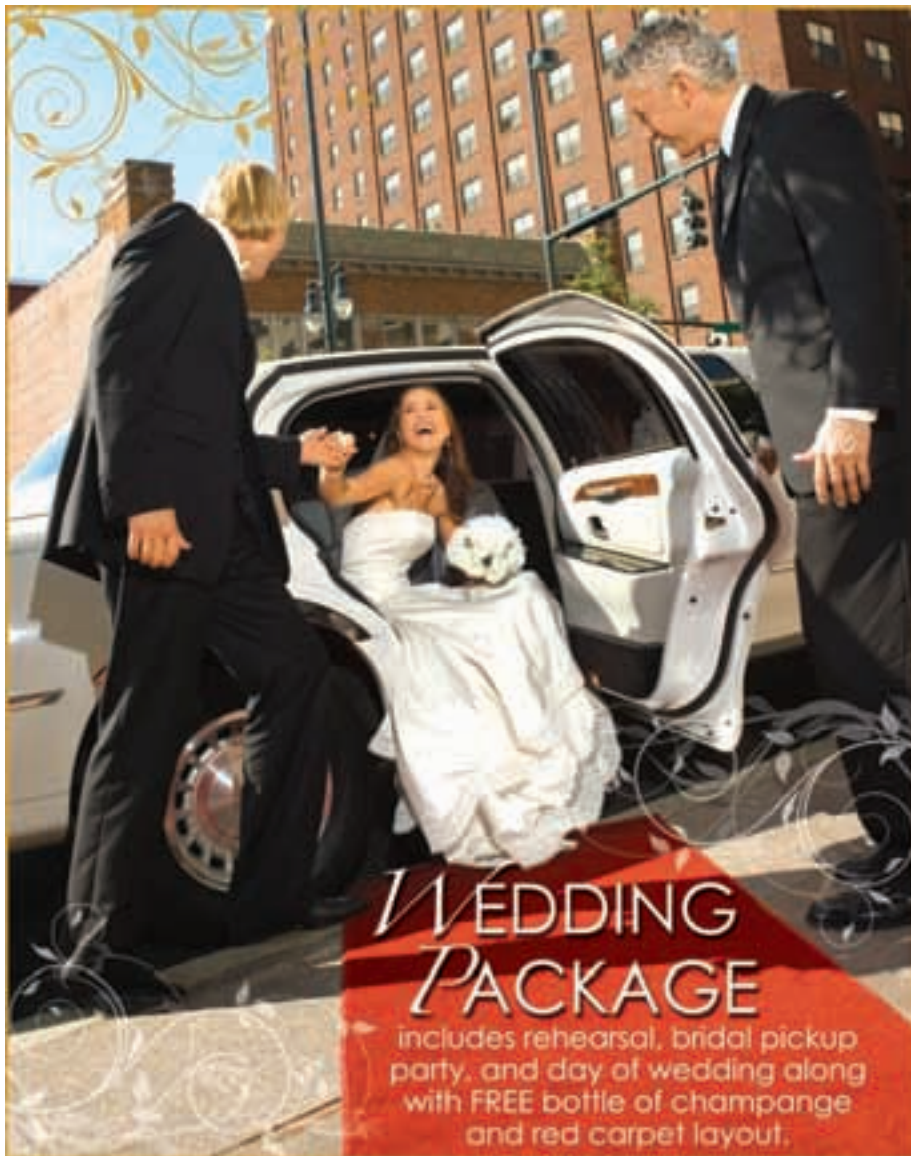
today's genealogical studies are greatly facilitated by the Internet and availability of data and social media. "The Mormon Church (LDS) AncestorHunt.com site is a fabulous source," Shelley said, "and it is free. There are also services like Ancestry.com and FindaGrave.com, and many states, including Texas, are now scanning documents."

A Burleson native, Shelley graduated from Burleson High School in 2001. She attended Indiana University and earned a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies in 2006. She worked in Indiana for a couple of years before returning to Burleson to ultimately purchase, design and decorate her lovely custom-built home. She has worked in Cleburne for the past three years and, in that time, her fascination with the mysteries of time and family has evolved and enriched her life.

"I had no idea that I would ever be

part of the Daughters of the American Revolution," Shelley said. The prestigious national society requires proof of lineal blood line descent to an ancestor who helped win America's independence. To her surprise, Shelley found that her fourth great-grandmother, Cassandra Parrish, was the granddaughter of a patriot from Baltimore, Maryland. "Not only was Thomas Chenoweth Jr., who lived from 1753 to 1814, a patriot," she said, "but his father, who lived from 1720 to 1791, also qualified." She contacted the Johnson County DAR Chapter. "They helped me to complete the application, and I was accepted on the first try. The DAR certificate looks like my college degree," she smiled, "and I am equally as proud of it." Today, she is an active member and the Public Relations Chairman of the Johnson County DAR Chapter.

Shelley is also active in the community of family "explorers." "I've helped a lot of people who have either been referred by the DAR or have contacted me through a Web site or message board," she shared. "Sometimes, people will ask to have a picture taken of an area gravesite. As I was preparing to vacation



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Shelley loves to travel and is an avid photographer. "In May, I went to Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Oklahoma and Colorado," she said. "In Massachusetts, I found the cemetery where my second



and third great-grandparents are buried. I call the picture of me taken beside their headstone my 'family portrait.' After so much research, it was surreal to actually see their names etched in stone." Even as a child, she enjoyed visiting cemeteries. "The headstones are works of art, and



I like being outside and walking in such beautiful settings.”

Shelley is quick to point out that the effects of tracing a heritage can be much bigger than recording a family tree on paper. “It appears that I share some of the same manners and interests as ‘my people,’” she explained. “In school, I wanted to take French instead of Spanish, and now I know that my ancestors on my father’s mother’s side, the Guyettes, were French-speaking. They left France sometime in the 1600s

to immigrate to the Provence of Quebec in Canada. Eventually, they settled in Northampton, Massachusetts, where my great-grandfather was born. He moved to Fort Worth where he lived until his death in 1983. Also, when I visited the town of Northampton for the first time, I felt as if I were home and knew exactly where things were.” Another advantage of discovering “what your people might have been like” is in the gathering of medical information such as prevalent illnesses or conditions or consistent patterns in the family that could prove helpful to future generations.

Shelley attributes much of her independence, as well as her eagerness to learn about her family, to the fact that she grew up as an only child. “Without siblings, you tend to do what your parents do,” she said. “For example, while other kids were watching children’s



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programming on TV, I would be watching *Newhart*.” Her quest for heritage and the freedom of feeling comfortable traveling on her own has provided much more than a large binder filled with documents. “It has expanded my sense of family,” she said. Shelley learned that her family on the Gayler side helped found the town of Mountain View, Arkansas, and that Gayler Mountain was named for them. “I attended my first Gayler Annual Reunion last October,” she said. “I saw my surname everywhere. I met so many great people, and now I have cousins I never knew about. Between reunions, the whole family stays in touch through Facebook.”

Shelley’s advice to someone just beginning to explore their family’s history is to get with family members.



“This is the first step,” she said. “Collect information from everyone including names, birthdates and places from past and present. Take voice and video recordings because it’s so important to preserve the histories of those still living. Also ask everyone to identify people and places in family photographs. Use online services and message boards and be prepared to go to the library to access newspapers and the County Clerk’s offices to find land documents.”

It seems natural for Shelley to fulfill such a true-life adventure. “I have always been ‘old-timey,’” she said. “My favorite musicians are Roy Orbison and the Beatles, and if I could meet anyone from history, it would be President John F. Kennedy or Buddy Holly. I like black and white movies like *The Maltese Falcon* and *Citizen Kane*. My friends say I’m an ‘old soul.’” Indeed, this young adventuress who evokes a myriad of classic dark-haired film and literary heroines seems strangely untouched by time. “I look like I’m 12-years-old,” she smiled, “but I’ll be 29 on my birthday.” **NOW**



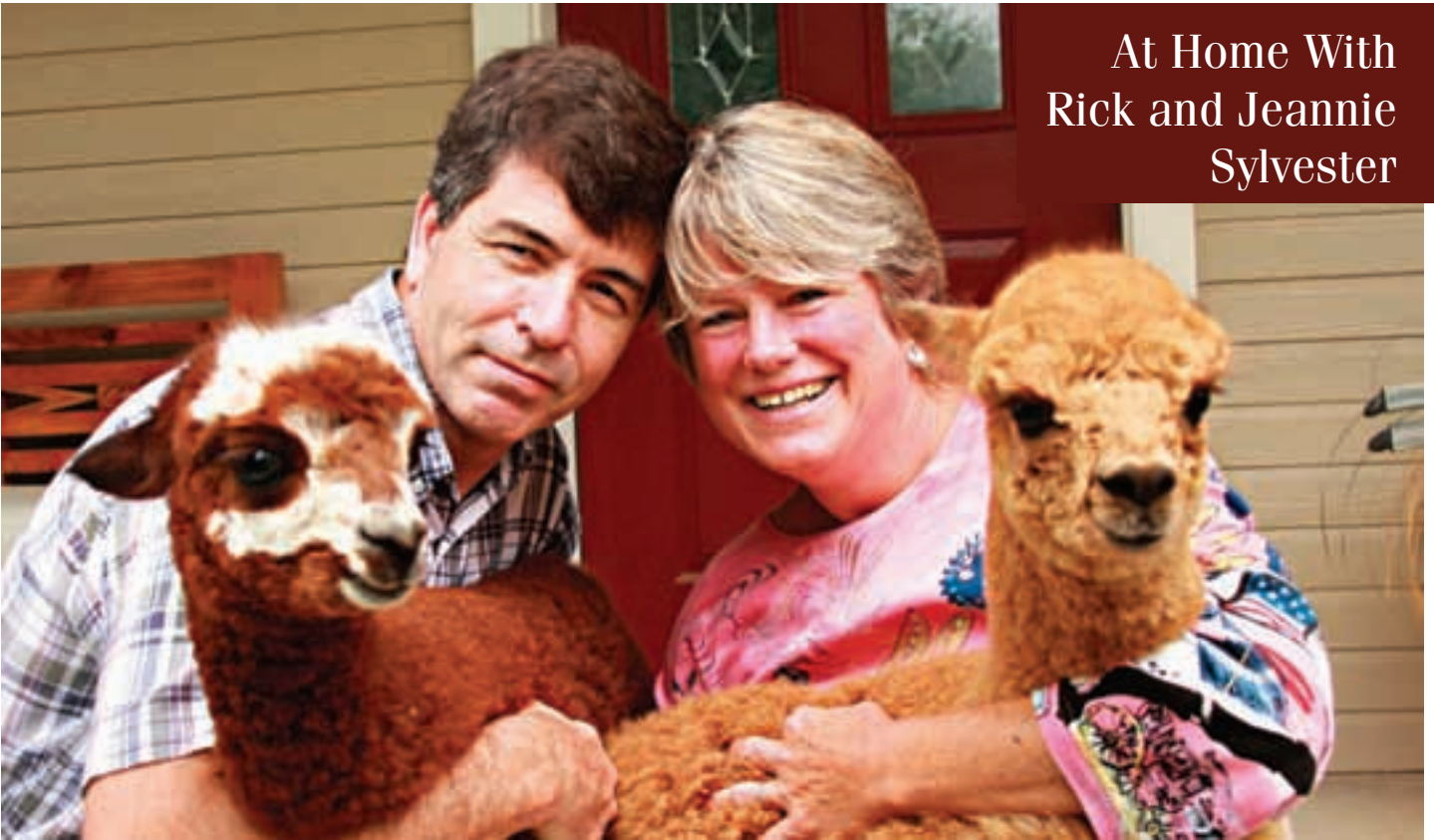
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— By Melissa Rawlins

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Jeannie wanted a log home, but none in the area had enough land for her alpacas. This home, however, had every amenity necessary for raising livestock. Rick loved that the previous owner had installed barns, workshops, water spigots and electricity everywhere it could possibly come in handy. Rick jumped straight into his new assignment at work, and Jeannie






got busy building her new herd. Rick grew up on a Vermont dairy farm with a lot of animals. "He said he'd never do it again, and married a wife who wanted horses and ended up with alpacas," Jeannie laughed. "He just shakes his head and supports my love of animals."

Rick also encourages her organization and sentimentality. She has poured their family history, and her dreams of a log cabin, into decorating their 3,500-square-foot home. It seemed like "overkill," with the two Sylvester kids grown and out of the house. But the home's multizoned HVAC system has kept their energy costs low, and they have lots of room to put people for family reunions. "When our sons and our two granddaughters come visit, it's kind of nice to have this much space," Jeannie admitted.




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Jeannie has been working on taking the A&M out of the upstairs and creating a Sylvester Memory Lane.

Rick and Jeannie are young grandparents. They met in Hawaii while Rick was in the Marine Corps, and last month celebrated 30 years together. They

talked about a cruise, but instead drove to North Carolina to visit their kids. Their eldest son, Richard, owns his own software company. He and his wife, Kelly, have given the Sylvesters two awesome granddaughters, Audrey, 5, and Libby, 2 1/2. Their photos grace the upstairs walls of Rick and Jeannie's home, where several closets are neatly organized with toys and games for the girls.

When Jeannie was a girl, her father was in the Army, and she lived all over the United States and Panama. Vacations were taken to the family cabin in Ketchum, Idaho. "Some of the look in our home reminds Jeannie of the cabin of her memory," said Rick, a mechanical engineer who appreciates his wife's ability to manage projects like decorating the house. "She can take something from nothing and create amazing things. She is the one who selected the colors and coordinated the flooring in this home while I was still in Japan."

"I like the rustic," Jeannie explained. "I'm not a city girl. I was raised going arrowhead hunting, looking for rusty things in old dumps, and to this day, I

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like rust.” Through several tours in Japan, Jeannie collected the less commonly seen earth-toned vases, bowls, plates and cups — and she has used those as dining ware and to punctuate her shelves. In fact, on first glance the Sylvester home feels like a log cabin from the heart of the U.S.A., but a closer look reveals antique wooden furniture that is actually from Japan.

Many of those antiques are from trash piles, in fact. *Gomi* is the Japanese word for trash, and Rick explained that during the early '90s the Japanese tended to buy new rather than fix their old things, and so would throw away items that Americans found quite valuable. “A couple of times a month, they’d have a big *gomi* day, and my friends and I would put on hooded sweatshirts and go *gomi* picking,” Jeannie said. “The Japanese have realized the value of those things, so these things that once were trashed are now commodities in second-hand shops. My favorite thing in Japan was to go to recycle stores for antiques.”

In her granddaughters’ and guests’ room upstairs, Jeannie displays an old Japanese baby walker only two feet from her Panamanian hope chest and the cast-iron bed from her family’s cabin. She also proudly displays her grandmother’s brush set atop her mother’s childhood record player in which you could actually record your own records.

Japanese fishing gear, as well as some from her family cabin, set the theme in the upstairs bathroom. Even the Western room across the hall has a set of quilts handmade by other Lockheed wives during their stay in Japan. On the way downstairs, guests are presented with a view of Mount Fuji carved into a 6 foot by 1 foot piece of wood. The antique “transition” [otherwise known as a transom] was originally created as a

decorative method of providing airflow between rooms in a Japanese home. “I fell in love with those old transitions,” Jeannie said. “Rick and Adam climbed Mount Fuji when we were there last time. When Adam is settled into his own place, this Mount Fuji transition is his.”

Rick and Jeannie have placed another transition over the glass doors to the patio. Not 10 feet away is a wooden refrigerator and a lamp — both from Japan yet creating the perfect cabin look. The hearth displays a big hammer that Japanese men used at the New Year to make rice mochi. To its right leans a ladder from a 19th century silver mine



near the cabin in Idaho. Across the room, on an Indonesian horse cart-turned-bookshelf, Jeannie displays a whimsical collection of little medicine bottles stuffed into large glass jars from her sister, a bottle hunter.

Alluding to her own hobby — animals — Jeannie displays an old saddle, from her days training weanling paint horses, on a Japanese magazine rack. Signifying her mother’s hobby of making dried wreaths, Jeannie devised clever wall art in the master bedroom from dried Burleson weeds hanging on a wooden Japanese ox yoke. And in the game room, she created a masterful work of art from one antique Japanese kite displayed on an American tomato trellis.

Their front porch loveseat and rocking chair (also Japanese) constantly invite Rick and Jeannie to read, watch the grazing alpacas, and relax in their country “cabin.” This is meant to be their retirement home, yet there is always the possibility that Lockheed will ask Rick to head to foreign lands again. “Being as ex-military as we are, sometimes that has a spark to it,” Rick mused. “We have every intention to stay here, but we never know what opportunity will come up.” **NOW**

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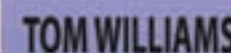
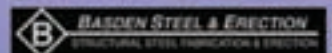


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A *League* of His Own

— By Sydni Thomas



Our lives are filled with “one phone call moments.” They are those unexpected moments that change lives for the best, and too often for the worst. For JROTC Cadet Thomas Franklin it happened on a typical day at Joshua High School (JHS). He was talking with his JROTC advisor, Lt. Col. James Davidson, when the phone rang. The lieutenant colonel talked to the caller as if it were a routine conversation. When he hung up, he looked at Thomas for a moment, and then delivered some monumental news. Thomas was to be awarded the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement, an award so prestigious that less than 50 are given each year. Thomas later learned that he placed third out of more than 300,000 applicants.

Before he left for his fifth combat tour, Lt. Col. Davidson nominated Thomas for the award. The nomination is based on performances while a junior in high school. The Bronze Cross of Achievement program began in 1951, but did not spread nationally until 1957. Each recommendation is viewed by the awards chairman of the Legion of Valor and must meet a set of strict guidelines. Those awarded the Bronze Cross have demonstrated excellence in military, scholastic and civic affairs. "I didn't know that Lt. Col. Davidson nominated me until my senior year when he came back from Afghanistan," Thomas said.

On October 11, 2010, Thomas was presented with the award at JHS' annual Navy Ball in front of his grandparents and peers. Military service members are also invited to the event each year. Being presented the award is one of the many honors that come with it. "One of the greatest benefits of receiving the Bronze Cross of Achievement is that it is presented by a Legion of Valor (LOV) member," Lt. Col. Davidson said. "Thomas attended a LOV luncheon last September and was able to meet men who are living legends. The old warriors just fawned all over him, and he was simply awestruck."

Thomas joined JROTC his freshman year at JHS because he wanted to be a part of something that challenged him. Lt. Col. Davidson described his first impression of Thomas as a skinny kid, probably weighing less than 100 pounds, who was quiet. By his senior year, Thomas was the commanding officer of the unit and one of four seniors who made it all four years. "Thomas is very intuitive, and he reads people," Lt. Col. Davidson said. "However, his greatest strength is his ability to lead by example. In addition to being an honor roll student, he is physically fit and a poster in uniform. I own this program and routinely found myself out-shadowed by a cadet. Every cadet in this program wanted to be like Thomas."

There were between 130 and 140 students involved in the JROTC at JHS this past year. Almost every weekend, they were busy with events including drill meets and community service projects. "One of my favorite parts of JROTC was the community

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service projects that we participated in,” Thomas said. “Each year, we were part of Adopt a Highway, Habitat for Humanity, canned food drives for local churches, and my favorite, Toys for Tots.”

During his freshman year, Thomas joined the rifle team and was a key to its success each year. He is an avid football fan and loves to play the game, but decided that rifle was going to be his varsity sport in high school. Although he was a freshman, Thomas became captain of the school’s nationally ranked rifle team and was the first freshman in the school’s history to do so. Last year, Thomas was the favorite to win nationals, but fell short at the regional competition. This year, he had hoped to win it all but



again did not progress past regionals. “Over the course of his freshman year, I fired one, then another upperclassman who were serving as team captain,” Lt. Col. Davidson said. “Then I called Thomas in and asked him if he wanted a job. He nodded yes without answering, but I never looked back. He led the team to numerous wins to include state and regional competitions.”

Life has been anything but easy for Thomas. He has already been faced with and overcome more challenges than most young men his age, but it does not define him. Everything that he has achieved has been through hard work and determination. Thomas managed to keep a perfect grade point average, found time to do community service

outside of school and is a member of the National Honor Society. Responsibilities for Thomas did not stop once school and JROTC were finished for the day. He went home and helped his grandparents with their cattle and exotic bird business. "His daily schedule includes: 0500 Chores; 0730 School; 1500-1730 Rifle Practice; 1800-1900 Chores; 1900-2200 Homework; 2200 Workout," Lt. Col. Davidson wrote in his recommendation letter for the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement. "Television is unknown to him. He is so quiet and unassuming that it takes most teachers half the year to appreciate his raw intelligence and analytical abilities. Simply put, he has the most incredible work



ethic I have ever observed in a teenager and brains to boot. Cadet Franklin would stifle any of the old guard who would dare say we aren't making them as good as we used to!"

The ultimate goal for Thomas is to become a four-star general. He will attend the New Mexico Military Institute to prepare for hoped-for entry into the United States Naval Academy, where he will study aviation and, after graduation, serve as a Marine. "I've wanted a career in the military since I was a kid," Thomas said. "I have uncles that served, and my brother is retired from the Air Force. For a while, I couldn't decide if I wanted to be in the Coast Guard or Marines. Now I know that I want to be a Marine."

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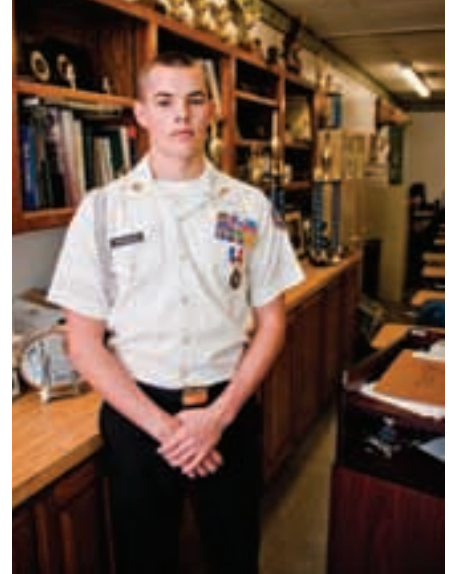
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step closer to being accepted to the academy. The next step Thomas had to take was securing a congressional nomination. On December 6, 2010, Congressman Chet Edwards gave Thomas his nomination. "To receive a congressional nomination, I met with a board that Congressman Edwards appointed filled with retired Generals," Thomas said. "The night before, they hosted a banquet for us so we could get to know the other students. On Saturday, we met with the board individually and their job was to determine if we had what it takes to attend the Naval



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If the work he put in at this level is an indicator of his future, Thomas' life and career is one to follow. "From what I remember of myself at 17, I simply wasn't in Thomas' league," Lt. Col. Davidson said. "If he continues on to a career in military service, I believe that the sky is the limit." **NOW**

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Catching the BASEBALL Bug

— By Julie B. Cosgrove

Paul Meador may work for AT&T, but his love has always been baseball. Growing up in McKinney, he played as a left-handed pitcher with the Dallas Pony League. When he was in the Palomino rank for 17- and 18-year-old boys on a team called the Mavericks, that team won the Pony League World Series. Paul smiled a bit when he admitted, “It got me a scholarship to Oklahoma State University (OSU).” From OSU he went on to play ball at The University of Texas at Arlington, where he met his wife, Kellye, who played women’s softball. It was a match made in heaven. He actually played





pro baseball for several years in Tyler, then in Palm Springs, California. "I still would love to do it," he admitted. "After I quit, I couldn't watch a major league game for almost two years. The hair on my arms would stand up, I wanted back in so bad. But I'm grateful. Many try and so few actually make it." For a while he coached a team called the Dallas Aces and would give pointers to friends' children interested in the game.

When Paul and Kellye began their family of Jacob, now age 10, and Joshua, age 8, they hoped their love of the game would rub off on their boys. "At first, Jacob showed no interest in playing ball," Paul admitted. "I bit a hole through my lip keeping quiet. I wasn't gonna push him." Jacob tried T-ball, but gave it up. Then, when he was 7, the baseball bug bit hard. He practiced with his dad and quickly became good enough to be recruited for Pony League.

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Now, Paul coaches Jacob's Pony League 10-U team called the Texas Heat along with Jason Britt and assistant coaches Lisa Prescher and Lynn Allen, and with Toney Smith II as their statistician. All the coaches have boys on the team. The Texas Heat is a member of the Burleson Youth Association (BYA). "The BYA has been fantastic to us. The new fields at Chisenhall are superb. They are well-kept, flat and very safe for the kids," Paul said.

"Yeah," Jacob added. "We pray before each game that no one gets hurt. We don't like anyone getting hurt, but sometimes it just happens. I've gotten hit twice in the eye."

Joshua also has been bitten by the baseball bug. He is in the 8-U Pony League for Burleson, which encompasses many other cities like Crowley, Granbury, Benbrook and Weatherford. The whole



family is now involved and when one of the boys' teams isn't playing, they will go root for another Burleson team. "It can get a bit hectic," Kellye admitted, "especially if the boys are both playing on the same night. Just a few days ago, I wore Joshua's team shirt and then took Jacob's team's sweatshirt to put over it when their game started later that night."

Pony League teams practice on Mondays and Wednesdays and play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the weekends, the team travels to various tournaments to advance toward state then zone and finally the World Series, held in August. Each year a different city hosts the World Series for each of the levels in Pony League ball. This year, Burleson will host the World Series for the 10-U boy's teams. "It's all because of the efforts of President James Sullivan and Vice President Ron Dove of the BYA," Paul stated. "We just hope the Texas Heat can be there in the play-offs. That's our goal." Jacob nodded in agreement.

When asked what he loves most about playing baseball, Jacob answered, "I love playing with my friends and winning games. It's fun." Jacob is also a pitcher, but



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sometimes he plays catcher, third base or right field. His fast ball has been clocked at 54 mph so far. "Not a bad deuce, either," Kellye added.

"Yeah, when my dad lets me," Jason grinned.

Having his father as coach is fun for Jason, too. "I know I'm harder on him," Paul admitted. "I don't get on to them if they make a mistake. Even men in

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their 30s in the majors make mistakes. I'm hard on them when they have lack of focus and aren't putting out enough effort. I tell the boys when you go through the fence, it's all business."

"Uh huh," Jacob added. "The team who wins is the one who wants it the most."

One of the reasons Paul loves baseball and encourages his sons to play is that it teaches them about life. "It teaches them how to win and how to lose. They learn respect for the game and each other. They know they have to give it everything they've got not just for them but for the team," he stated. "They learn how to rely on others and have others rely on them."

The BYA supports the Pony League, but it can become expensive when the teams travel and play out of town on weekends. "We have fundraisers and



several sponsors who donate to our teams in Burleson. We appreciate every one of them," Paul said. "Because of that money, these boys don't have to pay for their uniforms or league fees. That helps a lot."

The love this family has with the game bonds them to each other in a very special way. "There's a song on the radio now about a father and daughter and she thinks they're just fishing," Paul said as his eyes began to gleam with emotion. "That's how I feel. Jacob and Josh think we're just playing ball, but I know it's so much more."

Paul had family support when he played ball and that has continued with the boys. "One of us tries to make every game," Kellye said. "Of course, Paul coaches Jacob's team, so I usually go to Joshua's games." Paul mentioned that he has an aunt in her 80s who still drives in from out of town to watch the boys play, just as she did for him in his youth. Obviously, no one in this family is just playing baseball. **NOW**

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You might notice a very dignified lady named Vicki Anderson stepping out of one of the two paint booths, and you would be right to think she is an oddity in auto body repair. She is one of the folks who worked on Campbell's customers' cars 10 years ago. One of the owners, another female named LeeAnn Avera, was their co-worker before John Campbell sold his long-standing

collision repair business to LeeAnn and her brother, Allen Massey, in 2006.

The strong, well-trained team of 10 helps each other as Campbell's restores vehicles to safe, functional and beautiful condition. Everybody makes input during the repair process, since some people can see certain things while others can see other things. "People here are paid on performance," said LeeAnn, who managed the glass division before stepping up to the ownership plate. Her prior background in medical office management translated easily into efficient handling of her customers' auto insurance needs.

"Our family business is our livelihood," Allen said. "We depend upon our day-to-day income, reputation and long-term investment." To that end, Campbell's honors all lifetime

warranties on jobs performed prior to 2006, and continues to offer lifetime warranties for their new customers. They also stay active in the community, most especially supporting youth at both Burleson high schools. The company donates in honor of male and female basketball players who make the most three-point shots.

They also donate for every homerun or grand slam hit by varsity baseball players. "We contribute to the Keith Gilbert Gridiron Scholarship to honor athletes. During football season at Burleson High School, whatever player 1460 AM announces as the Hit of the Game, we donate \$100 in that player's name into the scholarship fund," said LeeAnn, who ran track in high school. She has been team mom for her children, who grew up through Burleson Youth Association and played sports all through high school at Burleson. Allen recently moved from the small community in Georgia where he and LeeAnn grew up, and has gladly jumped in to support Burleson youth.

"The fun part of this business is to stay up with the challenges," mused Allen, who came from a manufacturing environment and keeps Campbell's process running smoothly. "Fuel economy mandates that cars over the next few years must reach a certain fuel efficiency, [this] means that new electronics, new metals and new designs are coming in to play. Now, knowing what to repair, when you can or cannot repair and how to repair is the challenge."

Both Allen and LeeAnn did their share of work around a mechanic shop in their youth, since their father — who still works at the age of 82 — has run Ideal Service Station in the town of Ideal, Georgia, all of his adult working life. They learned his work ethic and retained his values. That is why Campbell's technicians perform every repair with safety in mind. "There's not a part you don't want to be repaired, because you're putting yourself and your loved ones in that vehicle every day," Lee Ann said. Because the Campbell's team understands the business, and has the fundamentals down, they are top performers on every job while helping their customers save money. **NOW**

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Sara Pryor, Jessica Ware, Eric Brown, Dana Bell, Tami Natter and Leslie Lynch are all volunteers at the Martin Thiessen Benefit "Look Twice for Motorcycles" held at D'Vine Wine in Old Town Burleson.



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Also, if time allows, seven-10 ounces of fluids 10-20 minutes before an outdoor activity in summertime temperatures is recommended. It must also be said that one should avoid "energy" drinks. These tend to have caffeine and other stimulant additives, which could contribute to fluid loss and be dangerous in a heated environment.

With all of the advertising for fluid replacement drinks out there, one might wonder: what is the best to use during activity? Water is fine for short-term activity in less hot temperatures. Sports drinks are good for activity of one or more hour's duration. Drinks such as Gatorade have carbohydrates and electrolytes, which help and maintain hydration. Specifically, look for a sports drink that has four to eight percent carbohydrate concentration. Whatever is used, you

should take a short hydration break every 15-20 minutes and try to do so in shaded, cooler regions. Seven-10 ounces of fluid should be taken in at these rest periods. The benefits of these breaks include more effective and focused activity for sports, as well as more comfortable work or play.

The same general rules apply for fluid replacement after outdoor activity. Water or commercially available sports drinks are good. For long-term activity or at the end of a long workday, a sports drink is best. It is important to continue to replace fluid and energy after activity and a simple rule of thumb is to take in 16 ounces of fluid per pound of weight loss. Of course this requires a person to weigh themselves and may be a bit cumbersome. However, a minimum of 16 and up to 48 ounces is a good start after a lot of activity and sweating in the heat of Texas summers. So, to safely enjoy summertime, drink before and after activity, and drink before you are thirsty, with regular breaks to hydrate and cool down. **NOW**

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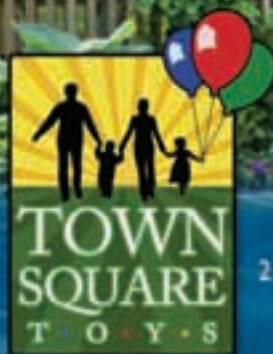
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In The Kitchen With Lori Halfmann

— *By Melissa Rawlins*

When she was just “knee high to a grasshopper,” Lori Halfmann started cooking from a chair that her mother, Vera Parks, pulled up to the counter. Lori stirred while her father, Darrel Parks, tasted. Pies were Vera’s specialty, and Lori has inherited the job of family pie maker.

Lori realized she was a decent cook when she was a student at Hughes Middle School in the ’70s. One of the coaches tasted her German Chocolate Cake and insisted Lori bring his wife the recipe that she learned from Johnnie Parks, her grandmother, whom she lovingly called MaMa. Now while Lori cooks, she dances and sings to her favorite music. Here, Lori shares three generations of desserts. **NOW**

Mom’s Chocolate Meringue Pie

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- 6 Tbsp. Crisco shortening**
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- 4 large egg yolks**
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch**
- 2 Tbsp. butter**
- 1 tsp. vanilla**
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- 1/8 tsp. salt**
- 1/2 cup sugar**

1. For crust, mix flour, Crisco and butter in a medium bowl, using a pastry blender or fork, until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add ice water, mixing until fully incorporated. Add more water as needed to make smooth dough. Form into a disk, wrap tightly in plastic wrap, and chill in refrigerator for an hour.

2. Place dough on a lightly floured surface. Sprinkle lightly with flour. Begin rolling from the middle outwards. Try getting it to 12 inches in diameter. Transfer to a 9-inch pie pan, trim within 1/2 inch of the pan and crimp with fingers. Prick the crust all over with a fork. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.

3. Preheat oven to 400 F. Cook crust for about 15 minutes or until light brown along the edges. Remove from oven. Cool on wire rack.

4. To make filling, bring pudding mix and milk to a gentle boil in a medium saucepan.

5. Place egg yolks in a large bowl. Whisk a cup of the hot mixture from the saucepan into egg yolks until smooth.

6. Add beaten yolk mixture back into hot milk mixture in saucepan. Simmer over medium-low heat. Whisk in cornstarch. Cook over very low heat until thickened. Simmer 3 more minutes, whisking constantly.

7. Remove from heat. Add butter

and vanilla. Mix until smooth. Add marshmallows, stirring until they melt. Pour into cooled pie crust.

8. To make meringue, preheat oven to 325 F.

9. In a large metal or glass bowl, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and salt until soft peaks start to form. Slowly add sugar while beating. Beat until glossy and stiff peaks form (around 4 minutes), making sure sugar dissolves so meringue does not weep.

10. Spread meringue over warm filling, smoothing out to edges so meringue will not draw up during baking. Bake until meringue is golden, about 14 to 15 minutes.

11. Remove from oven. Let cool for 4 hours.

MaMa’s German Chocolate Cake

1 box German Chocolate cake mix

Icing:

8 egg yolks

1 1/2 cups sugar

1 12-oz. can evaporated milk

1 tsp. vanilla

1 stick butter

1 1/2 cups coconut

1 1/2 cups pecans

1. Cook German Chocolate cake mix according to directions on the box, using a 9 x 13-inch pan. Allow to cool.

2. For icing, cook egg yolks, sugar and evaporated milk in a medium saucepan for about 20 minutes over medium heat until thickened, stirring constantly with a whisk. Remove from heat to add vanilla and butter. Return to heat and cook until butter melts. Stir in coconut and pecans.

3. Spread icing on cake and enjoy!

Ooey Gooley Bars

1 pkg. Yellow Butter Cake Mix

2 eggs

1 8-oz. stick butter, melted

1 8-oz. pkg. softened cream cheese

2 eggs

1 box powdered sugar, divided (reserve 1/4 cup to sprinkle on top)

1 tsp. vanilla

1. Make thick batter by mixing first three ingredients. Pour into a greased 9 x 13-inch cake pan.

2. Mix last four ingredients. Pour on top of first mixture in pan.

3. Bake at 350 F for 30 to 40 minutes. To make sure bars are gooey, do not overbake!

4. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup powdered sugar.

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