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Few things worthwhile come easy ...

One of my granddaughters turns 7 this month, born only four days after my birthday. As an infant, she mesmerized me — the living replica of my baby pictures. So, when she saw me doing some embroidery and wanted to learn, the proud nana in me was elated. But one morning, as she questioned the next step in her work, and I mentioned an unfinished area, frustration filled her little face. “I know it’s hard. Most worthwhile things in life are,” I said. And the truth of that statement hit me hard.

My 12th grandchild arrives later this month, and the reality of leaving a rich mark on all of their lives wears heavily on my mind. How do I set a good example for a dozen children of varying ages and distinctly different personalities? Sometimes, they love being around me, and other times — not so much. I mean, after all, I am their old nana. Even when understanding their words gets easy, sometimes communicating with them grows harder. But I want to be a good influence for them. I long to teach them — to love, support and encourage them in all they do, leaving sweet memories that last long after I’m gone. None of that is always easy, but it is all forever worthwhile.

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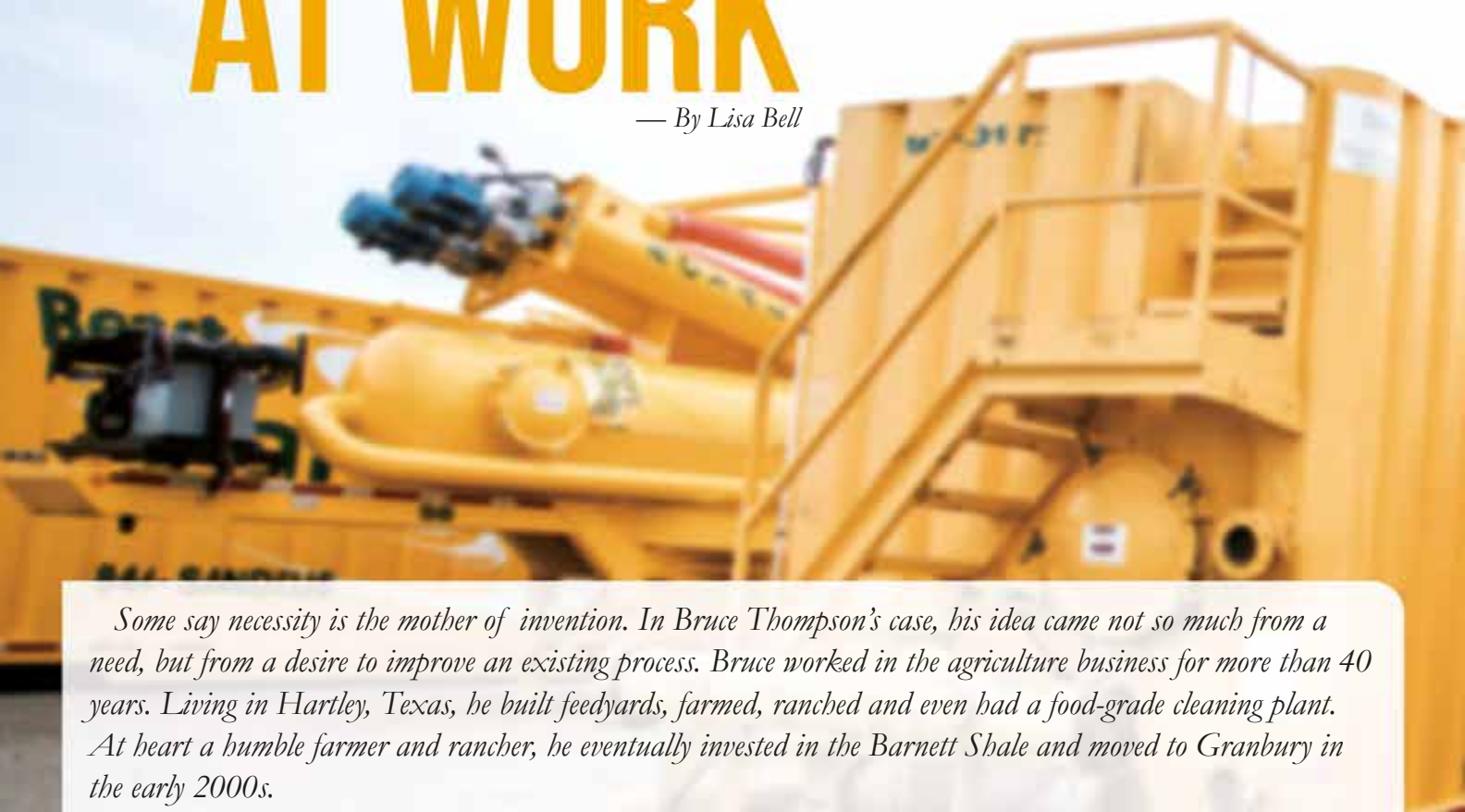
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CREATIVE AT WORK

— By Lisa Bell



Some say necessity is the mother of invention. In Bruce Thompson's case, his idea came not so much from a need, but from a desire to improve an existing process. Bruce worked in the agriculture business for more than 40 years. Living in Hartley, Texas, he built feedyards, farmed, ranched and even had a food-grade cleaning plant. At heart a humble farmer and rancher, he eventually invested in the Barnett Shale and moved to Granbury in the early 2000s.

In his next business endeavor, Bruce started a water hauling and frac tank leasing-service company. Frac tanks are large containers often containing salt water, acid and pebbled mud for pumping into wells to open fissures in the earth during drilling operations. Bruce noted how frac tanks needed the sand cleaned out after hydraulic fracturing and before long, he got the idea he could make that process better.

While Bruce didn't set out to become an inventor, he did want to make the cleaning process easier, safer and less expensive. As a result, he developed a cleaning prototype named

Oliver. Working with fabricators, his company now manufactures SandX®, SandL® and SuperLoop®. According to Bruce, these machines clean sand after oil and gas drilling in a much more efficient way and at a lower cost than other methods used. They are also safer for employees working in the industry.

Bruce said his equipment design saves millions of dollars for oil and gas companies, and it is environmentally friendly. The machines take out hydrocarbons and chlorides, and the oil and water separate. Then the water can be reused and the oil can be sold. His

company, located in Granbury, manufactures and leases most of the equipment, but they also service it and sell some. "The whole world wants what we have," Bruce said. "We're grateful to work in the oil industry and be accepted."

Bruce loves working with his daughter, son and a lot of good friends — about 15-20 people in their shop. His daughter, JoHannah, said, "He's been a great role model and a father figure to many of the employees. He wants others to prosper as he does."

In his 70s, Bruce continues working because it's too much fun and too

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fulfilling. Full-time retirement would leave him “going nuts.” He still works out five times a week and pursues his hobby of flying airplanes. He also enjoys snow skiing, scuba diving, hunting and fishing. He loves to dance with his daughters, granddaughters and wife. “Being involved is good,” he said.

From early on in life, Bruce liked building things. Although Bruce comes up with his own new ideas, he likes running them by trusted friends, like Jim, who is also an employee. As an inventor, Bruce basically sees a need, and then his creative mind goes to work. “You think, *I might could fix*

that. And then you dig a hole so deep you can’t stop,” Bruce shared.

“My dad is a genius — really good with math,” JoHannah bragged.

Once an inventor has an idea and creates drawings and perhaps a prototype, the next step is applying for a patent to protect the work. “You give an attorney money and meet with him when he wants to spend time with you,” Bruce said. “Fortunately, ours is an old farm kid, so he understands [the importance of these inventions].” But he’s also a patent attorney, which is critical. Not all attorneys understand the process of obtaining a patent.




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Bruce now holds five patents. He created something that changed the energy industry, revolutionizing sand disposal. His work earned the 2017 World Oil Award for Best Health, Safety, Environment/Sustainable Development — Onshore Award. He also won the 2016 Texas VZ Environmental Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship. In 2015, his company won the Southwest Manufacturer of the Year Award. In an industry known for resistance to change and technology, these awards hold even more meaning.

But that's what gives an inventor an edge. When they figure out a solution that makes the world a better place, everyone wins. And that is the heart of Bruce Thompson. He sees the





people around him as the best part of his life — valuable in many senses. By mentoring others, he changes even more lives at a personal level. It is a way he gives back to the community, his family and employees.

Bruce readily admits God is a part of his life. “He’s all of it,” Bruce clarified. He credits God with the ability to work out solutions to any problem, whether it results in an invention and patent or not.

It helps that his wife, Verena, is very supportive. According to Bruce, she values family but also helps with meals or entertainment for business.

The couple has been married for 55 years and has four children and six grandchildren. “Verena’s the best grandma,” Bruce said, his eyes shining with pride. “The kids and grandkids are the loves of her life.”

Bruce is undoubtedly a smart businessman and inventor. But at heart, he’s still a simple country man filled with good ideas and the courage to make visions come alive. In the process, he brings others with him, truly making the world a better place for many, leading others to success and providing a shining example of a humble soul with the capacity to create something great. **NOW**



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AT HOME WITH MAC AND BELINDA WHIDDON

Belinda Whiddon's parents bought land on Lake Granbury in 1973 for a few thousand dollars. In fact, it was less than the cost of a good used car in today's market. For years, the land housed a pavilion for family outings and such. Now, it is the site of Belinda and husband, Mac's, three-bedroom, three-bath home.



The site had always been special for the couple. They'd been coming for years, and when her parents put it on the market a few years ago, Belinda and Mac decided they wanted to buy. Fate had the same idea.

"Mac got an inheritance for the exact amount of the property price. We put our house in Fort Worth on the market and immediately got three bids," Belinda said.

"It sold so fast, we hadn't had time to build out here yet," Mac added. "We had to live in an apartment for a year."

Almost two years ago, they moved into their new home. They kept the family involved, as it is filled with artwork created by Belinda's mother, Pat Zimpelman, and the couple's daughter, Mika Goldstein, a gymnastics coach in Phoenix who was ranked No. 22 in the nation in high school (and a two-time New Jersey state champion).

"My daughter caught my mother's gene. She can draw beautifully," Belinda said. "My mother is very



talented. She has many commissions people have requested.”

Mika and their son, Robert Jr., have blessed Mac and Belinda with a total of seven grandchildren. Mika has two boys and Robert Jr. has four boys and one girl. When the extended family visits, their favorite place is outside on the huge patio that could seat a small church congregation (and even has an outside fireplace built into the wall), or swimming by the dock about 50 yards from the back porch. “We just had the grandkids here a while ago, and I don’t think we even went inside — except to sleep,” Belinda said, chuckling. “They probably wouldn’t mind if we slept out here.”

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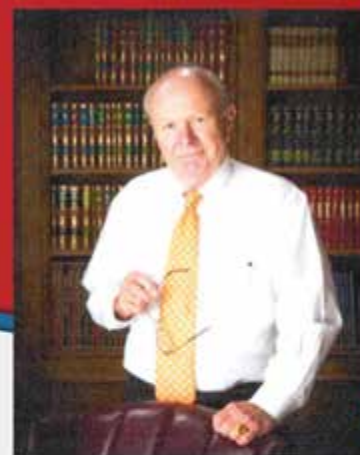
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enough to entertain for a party — which they’ve done. “We can put two banquet tables in here,” Belinda said.

Sliding barn doors hide extra storage closets. A glass pocket door opens to their shared office, revealing a lake view through French doors opening to the porch. With views like this, it’s sometimes hard for the couple to concentrate on their work in interior design and law. Belinda’s side of the desk faces the lake, a view

that is present throughout the home. “Actually, the light is better behind you,” Mac said, smiling.


The children’s guest bedroom is highlighted by several photos of bunnies done by Belinda’s mother. On the opposite wall is a set of first edition Chinese plates given to them from a friend. In the couple’s master bedroom, which has the second-best view of the lake, along with a calming fountain outside





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the window, is a cabinet with more Chinese china — family heirlooms given to Mac's stepfather.

Prior to Mac practicing law, he was in the Air Force for more than two decades. They did some traveling and living in a variety of places as a result, including the Philippines twice. Belinda has been an interior



decorator for nearly three decades and did most of the designing of their home's interior.

The other guest bedroom, or "Pat's room" as Belinda calls it, features a dresser made in a reflective mirror-like surface, matching the bathroom countertops. "It's cheaper than granite, but it's like water, and we are at the lake," Belinda said. "There's just something so peaceful about the water."

The home is filled with a variety of flooring, including herringbone tile in the greeting area and hickory wood in the Great Room. At 30-by-40 feet, the room is great in size and has the most magnificent view of the lake in the whole house. It's also on the exact site of the aforementioned pavilion.

The Great Room features a large fireplace and is actually several rooms in one. There's a small office area, a dining area, a lounging area and no separation from the kitchen, allowing

anyone working there to always be part of whatever's happening elsewhere in the room. Next to the kitchen is a butler's pantry, which acts as a second kitchen.

"There's lots of little points of interest in this big room," Belinda said, pointing to an area that includes a plethora of grandchild photos. On the opposite side, just outside the kitchen, is a piece of art from her mother entitled *Betrayal*, depicting the betrayal of Jesus.

Out back is Bent Oaks B&B, which they created together. Belinda, of course, did the interior design and painting, while Mac did the trim carpentry. It's a charming place with a small front porch perfect for having morning coffee or evening wine and includes its own washer and dryer. "People love coming here, and we want them to love it as much as we do," Belinda said. "We were meant to be here. We know it." **NOW**



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In the Kitchen With

GENEVIEVE AND LLOYD DODD

— By Lindsay L. Allen

Genevieve and Lloyd Dodd, a brother and sister duo, grew up in a military family, giving them the opportunity to experience a number of flavors and styles of cooking. “One great motivator in learning to cook was to be able to eat kalua pork and shoyu chicken whenever I wanted. The more I traveled, the more foods I wanted to recreate, so I could enjoy them at home and with friends. I lived over an Indian restaurant for a couple of years and loved popping in to grab a curry on Friday night to celebrate surviving another week. I still make an Indian dish once a week or so,” Lloyd said.

Genevieve owns Tea Punk Teas in Granbury, where they both work. Together, they volunteer around the community. **NOW**

Kalua Pork

3 Tbsp. coarse salt (Hawaiian or kosher)
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 clove garlic
Few drops liquid smoke
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 small piece ginger, crushed
1 bunch spinach leaves
5 lb. pork roast
Sticky rice

1. Combine and mix salt, soy sauce, garlic, liquid smoke, Worcestershire sauce and ginger in a small bowl.
2. Wash the spinach leaves; remove stems.

Line a roasting pan with half the spinach leaves; place the roast in the middle of the pan.

3. Pour salt mixture over the pork; rub mixture into the meat.
4. Place remaining spinach leaves over the roast; cover with aluminum foil. Roast the dish at 250 F for at least 5 hours.
5. Shred the pork; soak it in the roasting juices before serving with sticky rice.

Grampian Chicken

Chicken:

1 haggis (or 1 large can Scottish pudding, removed and broken up)

4-5 chicken breasts
1 lb. bacon
3 Tbsp. oil
1/2 cup chicken broth

Sauce:

4 cups water
Sprigs fresh rosemary, to taste
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 medium onion
1 pkg. mushrooms
3 cloves garlic
1/2 cup Scotch whiskey
1/4 cup cream

1. *For chicken:* Preheat oven to 350 F. Steam haggis for 1 hour.
2. Trim extra fat from chicken breasts; set fat to the side.
3. Take the breasts by their large ends, and using a sharp knife, make an incision. Carefully make a pocket in the breast that goes the length of the meat.
4. Stuff this pocket with haggis; wrap each breast with 2-3 strips of uncooked bacon.
5. Heat the oil in a large skillet; sear bacon-wrapped breasts for a few minutes on each side. (You may also use a griddle or a grill.)
6. Remove breasts from the skillet when the bacon is crispy. Place in an oven-safe dish with broth; cover and cook for about 1 hour.

7. Place reserved chicken fat and any extra bacon (diced) into a saucepan. Sauté until thoroughly cooked.

8. For sauce: Carefully add water, about four cups, to mostly fill the pan; bring to a boil. Add fresh rosemary and a pinch of salt; reduce to a simmer for about 20 minutes.

9. Dice up the onion, mushrooms and garlic. Add garlic and onion to a large skillet with the oil and sauté for several minutes, until the onions are translucent; add mushrooms. Cook until mushrooms are well cooked, but still slightly firm.

10. Add whiskey and 2 cups of the broth; simmer for 2 to 3 minutes. Add cream; continue to simmer until desired consistency is reached.

11. Add salt and pepper, to taste; serve over stuffed chicken breasts.

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2/3 cup confectioner's sugar

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1 1/4 cups apricot marmalade

1 cup, minus 1 Tbsp., granulated sugar

1 tsp. vanilla extract

2 Tbsp. ground coffee beans

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix together flour, butter, confectioner's sugar, 2.5 oz. almonds, cinnamon, cloves and egg yolks into a dough.

2. Let this sit for 20 minutes; roll out onto a parchment-lined baking sheet to 1/4-inch thickness, or thinner.

3. Bake for 12 minutes; decrease temperature to 320 F. Brush crust with marmalade.

4. Whisk together egg whites and granulated sugar to stiff peaks; gently fold in vanilla, remaining almonds and coffee.

5. Spread mixture over the crust and bake again for 25 minutes.

6. Cut into squares; serve.

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Loving the Written Language

— By Lisa Bell

Imagine trying to complete a job application or understand a simple agreement, but failing because the words make no sense. For an adult who never learned to read, life can be difficult to maneuver. Karen Haggard understands the stigma and frustration for adults who can't read. But she, along with a group of volunteers, does something that changes lives. Although Karen leads the Hood County Adult Literacy organization, she takes little credit for its success. "The volunteers make it work," she said.

Ten years ago, the average adult reading level was seventh to eighth grade. Today, the average level lies between fifth and sixth grade, which is considered a functional level of reading. While many factors contribute to the drop in literacy, Karen admits about 20 percent of all people have some form of dyslexia.

Any adult who cannot read at a functional level is considered illiterate. Many won't admit it because of the shame associated with that term. "A huge majority of illiterate adults are undiagnosed dyslexic, which is a language processing disorder," Karen shared.

In reality, those with dyslexia often have above-average intelligence. They can get creative in figuring out ways to learn without reading. Often they are big-picture thinkers and have other strengths because of dyslexia. Their brain chemistry is different, but with time and intervention, it can be changed.

HCAL's first-ever student was pushing 80. His wife told Karen he couldn't read in spite of the fact that he was a successful retired rancher and had several entrepreneurial businesses through the years. He managed with a great deal of help from his wife. These days, he relishes reading a newspaper and being able to sing new songs at church because now he can read the words.

Acknowledging the issue allows a person to get help, and Hood County Adult Literacy is about helping everyone who wants to read. Karen is careful to protect identities, and the program runs through the Hood County Library. "No one knows

a student is meeting with a reading tutor,” she said. They use the Barton reading and spelling system and follow Orton Gillingham methodology for dyslexia.

In Karen’s experience, groups don’t work well for adults learning to read. She and the volunteers tutor on a one-to-one basis. And, although sessions are intensive, sessions can be repeated when needed. Also, the curriculum spirals. While one element is reinforced, they keep moving forward.

Karen owns Literacy Consulting Specialties, a business which offers one-on-one tutoring for children. Noticing there were not similar services for adults in Granbury, however, Karen thought about the issue.

When Karen Rasco came onboard as the director for the Hood County Library, the two women joined forces. They needed \$10,000 to purchase a site license for curriculum, and Ms. Rasco somehow found the money in her budget. Now the library absorbs printing costs and some volunteers put together materials, while others train and perform the actual tutoring. No one receives any pay for their work with the organization, enabling the county to offer this service for free.

Karen Haggard previously taught college English and holds a Bachelor of Arts in special education and a Master of Education in reading. “I provide hope,” she said. “When potential adult literacy clients come to me, they have tried other things. But there’s a light in their eyes, hoping this time it’ll work.”

Hood County Adult Literacy has a 100-percent success rate, with participants completing the 10-level program reading at a ninth-grade level, above the national average. Karen encourages anyone who suspects adult illiteracy to encourage the friend or loved one, but ultimately it has to be the non-reader who seeks help. She simply makes sure the resources exist in Hood County. **NOW**

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- monster
- scream
- zombie
- october
- halloween



FINALLY a way to fix the PAIN of a BULGING DISC



Are you suffering from back pain, arm or leg pain, numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs? Then it's likely you're suffering from a Bulging DISC. That's when one of your spinal discs are bulging and causing these, sometimes severe, symptoms because of the effect it's having on your nerve system.

You may have already had this diagnosed on an MRI and thought that there is little that can be done about it. That's a major problem: bad information, because in the right hands, a lot can be done for you.

To end the misery caused by Bulging DISCS, you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy some important myths and give you the facts.

MYTH: Bulging DISC problems will just "go away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a Bulging DISC specialist immediately. If left untreated, the problem can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

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

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

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

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure Bulging DISCs.

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

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

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to let the Bulging DISC recover...

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve the pain and prevent the pain from getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: DISC Bulges or herniations require surgery.

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MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

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MYTH: Getting a Bulging DISC properly diagnosed is expensive.

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Lake Country Furniture

— By Lisa Bell

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Since March 1987, Lake Country Furniture has been part of the Granbury community. Elaine and Don White, both retired from education, started helping with the store as Elaine's dad aged. A former Bassett sales representative, Don always wanted his own store, and pursued that dream after he retired.

The Whites took over management when Elaine's father finally decided to stop working at 87, keeping it a family-owned and -operated business. Two of their four daughters,

Brenda and Brandi, now work at the store, ushering in the third generation. "We plan to pass it down to our kids," Elaine said.

Although the store focuses primarily on beds and mattresses, it also carries a large selection of all types of furniture. Adjustable beds are a popular item stocked. And the family welcomes anyone to stretch out and experience a mattress before buying one. But roaming through the store, you also find sofas and loveseats with or without cup holders, comfortable recliners and dining-room sets of all sizes, among many other items. They can meet the needs of most anyone who comes in and pride themselves on the one-on-one attention they offer customers. Both Don and Elaine enjoy working with the public, although Don works mostly with inventory. He still does some deliveries, though. "It's nice to work with people on a personal basis," Elaine said.

Because of the store's longevity, Elaine and Don often see customers return. Even more special, they enjoy seeing children come back as adults, and sometimes grandchildren of loyal customers come in for furniture. The personal relationships built over generations make Lake Country Furniture a first choice for many of their customers.

Elaine likes greeting customers, then sitting down to discover their needs and desires. All of their furniture is made to last, which is primarily what their customers want. They carry a variety of furniture in varying price ranges and offer free local delivery, always including setup. The staff does its best to work with a customer and accommodate personal schedules when determining the best delivery time.

Elaine suggests having an idea of the desired color scheme when shopping for furniture, even bringing in samples of flooring or paint colors. Doing so helps the staff direct a customer to complementary colors. If a customer has pets, children or grandchildren, they can help determine the best options and can also provide recommendations for cleaning. For instance, some furniture is less suitable for lake houses where wet swimsuits abound. By asking questions, the staff can make recommendations that result in happier customers.

The staff at Lake Country Furniture also has the ability to help with assisted-living purchases. And because of personal relationships, staffers often can help make suggestions for a customer facing such big changes.

As choices in furniture move toward comfort, reliability and longevity over formal styles, the store responds by offering the best brands at competitive prices. The store's inventory allows customers to find the perfect fit at a price they appreciate, with genuine customer service. Don and Elaine White continue the practice of building relationships with hopes of new generations coming together at Lake Country Furniture. **NOW**

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— By Michele Goldberg

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Positioned at the junction of I-90 and I-91, Western Mass is regarded as the “Crossroads of New England.” Boston is a 90-minute drive, and New York City can be reached in less than three hours.

MGM Springfield promises tons of excitement, but there’ll be no shortage of activities to keep young ones busy. Visitors to MGM Springfield will discover a movie theater, a classic New England bowling alley, restaurants and more than a dozen specialty retail outlets. An ice-skating rink operates in the winter, and a farmers’ market offers local produce in the summer. You don’t have to be a grown-up to get a huge kick out of this place!

Near MGM Springfield, the esteemed Springfield Museums offer access to four world-class museums, plus the new Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden, all under a single admission. Minutes away, is Springfield Armory National Historic Site — America’s first armory, established by George Washington.

We also invented basketball here in Springfield, and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame proudly traces its history. The Hall is completing a renovation featuring upgrades in their exhibits. A few miles north in Holyoke, there’s the Volleyball Hall of Fame, because we invented that game, too!

For more fun, there’s Six Flags New England — home to an array of fabulous rides and attractions. During the month of October, the park transforms for its annual Halloween festival, Fright Fest, and winter brings Holiday in the Park.

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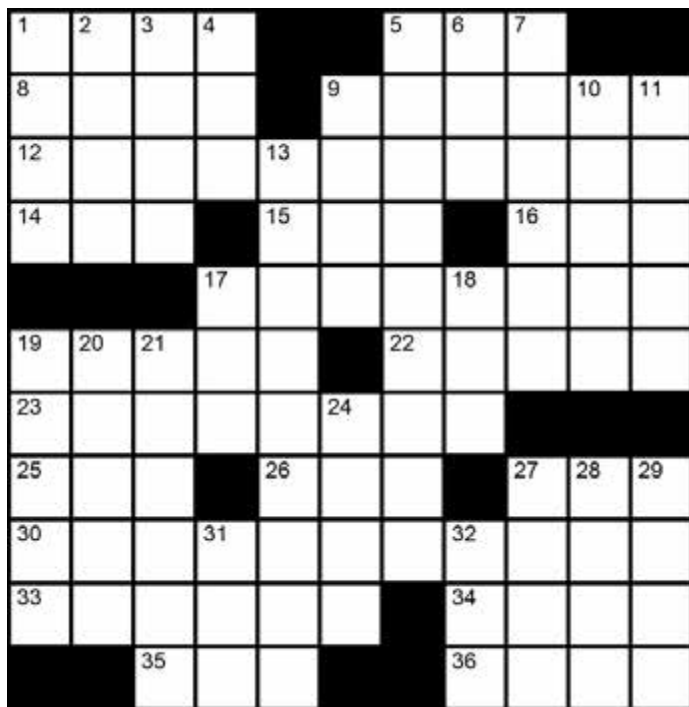
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Across

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- 5 Opposite of 'tain't
- 8 One of the WWII Allies
- 9 Circles and such
- 12 Stand-in
- 14 Lock opener
- 15 Ask for a loan
- 16 Fuss
- 17 Interrupted
- 19 Diplomat's department
- 22 Tend the roast
- 23 Quixote's opponent
- 25 Well, --- monkey's uncle!
- 26 Air-pressure measure
- 27 Meet
- 30 They get elected
- 33 Wears slowly
- 34 Hess or Breckinridge
- 35 Deity
- 36 Noble

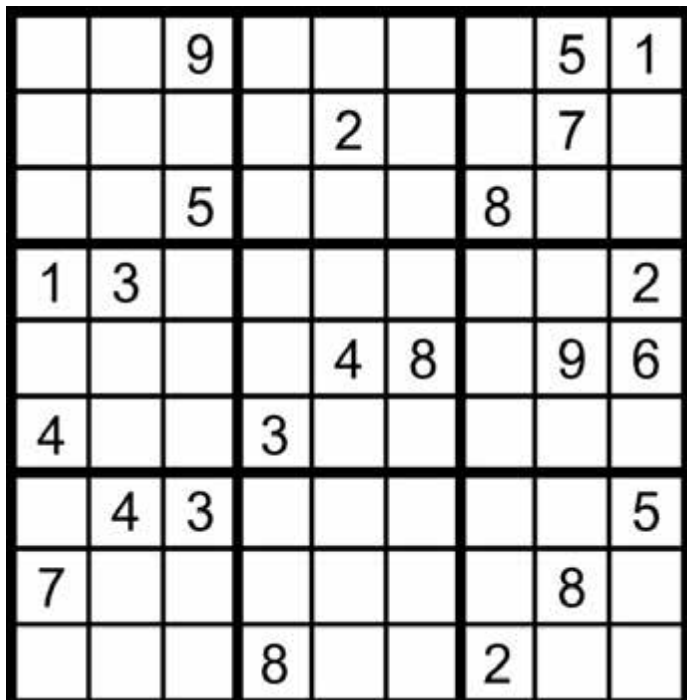
Down

- 1 Wait in ambush
- 2 Now it makes sense!
- 3 Catch sight of
- 4 Online address
- 5 An event might be open to it
- 6 "--- the Walrus" (Beatles tune)
- 7 Talks
- 9 Mark left by a healed wound
- 10 Initiate the break-up
- 11 Rock
- 13 Went for
- 17 Usual amt.
- 18 Record-holder --- Ripken
- 19 Hit
- 20 Indonesian island
- 21 Not digital
- 24 Horn-wearing goddess
- 27 Jack's "Chinatown" co-star
- 28 Concerning, in legal memos
- 29 Former Russian ruler
- 31 Words to wed
- 32 Mischievous child

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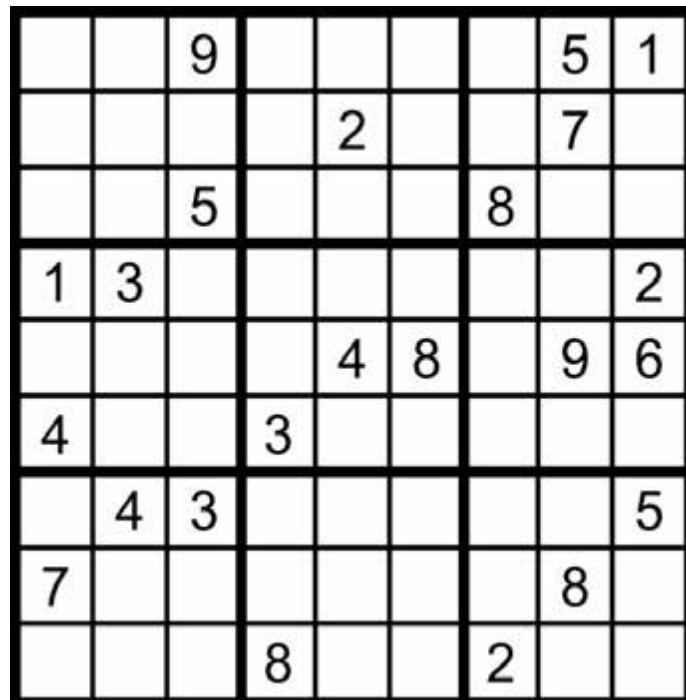
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Zoomed In: Eddie and Jane Lane

By Lisa Bell

The Granbury Opera House has many fans — some local who are season ticket holders and those who visit once or perhaps regularly. But the theater influenced Eddie and Jane Lane. “The Opera House was the main reason we chose to move to Granbury when we retired,” he said. Eddie was an athletic trainer at SMU, and Jane worked as the events director. The couple often came to Granbury and always enjoyed taking in a play.

When they retired in 1993, they became season ticket holders and have been ever since. “The plays keep getting better,” Jane shared. They also donated two front row seats, which have their names beside the numbers. Look for them the next time you see a play.



While moving to Dallas, Amy and Chris detour through Granbury, which he visited many years ago.



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Bentley, the therapy dog, proudly shares his new book with friends at the GISD School Board meeting.

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North Texas Civil War Roundtable: 5:30-8:00 p.m., Spring Creek BBQ, 317 E. Hwy. 377. Visitors welcome. For more information, visit www.ncentexcwrt.com.

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Salvation Army Women's Service League: 10:00 a.m., DeCordova Bend Country Club. Optional lunch (order off the menu).

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