

Meaning Of Memorial Day Given By VFW

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It's a sacred day to all war veterans: None need to be reminded of the reason that Memorial Day must be commemorated. But what about the general public, and more important, future generations? Do most non-veterans really recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war? Judging from what Memorial Day has become—simple another day off from work—the answer is a resounding no. Perhaps a reminder is due, then. And it is the duty of each

and every veteran to relay the message. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. American's collective consciousness demands that all citizens recall and be aware of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime. Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. Those freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day. This should be guarded as a

civic obligation. For this is a national debt that can only be truly repaid by individual Americans. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and this their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations. They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common—love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends. We remember the loss of loved ones, a sense of loss that takes group form. In essence, America is commemorating those who made the greatest sacrifice possible—giving one's own life on behalf of others. Means of paying tribute vary. Pausing for a few moments of personal silence is available to everyone. Attending commemorative ceremonies is the most visible way of demonstrating remembrance: Placing flags at gravesites,

marching in parades, sponsoring patriotic programs, dedicating memorials and wearing Buddy Poppies are examples. Whether done individually or collectively, it is the thought that counts. Personal as well as public acts of remembering are the ideal. Public displays of patriotism are essential if the notion of remembering war dead is to be instilled in youth. As America's older war veterans fast disappear from society's landscape, there are fewer and fewer standard-bearers left to carry the torch of remembrance. Such traditions will live on only if there is a vibrant movement to which that torch can be passed. Now, more than in past years, the enduring relevance of Memorial Day should be clearly evident. With two wars under way, the public has no excuse not to remember. This much is owed to the more than 5,400 Americans who have died thus far in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Lou Thomas Kelly

Kelly Featured Speaker at President's Day Luncheon

The Eagle Lake Study Club gathered for the annual President's Day luncheon at Wintermann Library, Friday, May 7th. Featured speaker for the event was Lou Thomas Kelly. Lou Kelly gave an entertaining presentation about her twenty-one year career as the voice for the television cartoon character, "JOT". Lou, the daughter of the late Harold and Inez Thomas, grew up in Eagle Lake during the 1940-1950's era. Near the end of her high school days, while eating at Campbell's Cafe with several girl friends, a stranger seated nearby approached the table of high school friends before leaving the cafe. He said to Lou, "Young lady you need to begin seeking a way to capitalize on your that voice". Lou has a very unusual, gender neutral, child-like voice. The stranger's advice prompted Lou to begin considering what she wanted to pursue in education and career following high school. Beginning with a year of college in Missouri with excellent coaches working to eliminate her Southern drawl, she returned to Texas to attend the University of Houston. U. of H. speech/ radio/ television was/is considered the tops in the nation with it's operation of Channel 8. Excellent teachers, voice coaches and advisors encouraged

her to seek an appointment to audition with an agency in Dallas where much in radio-television-film activity was happening at that time. Lou arrived for her appointment with audition tapes, etc. in hand but after rather brief introductions, the gentleman receiving her asked to be excused and left the room. She was perplexed. He returned after a bit with another man and announced, " We have finally found JOT!". JOT was a gender neutral, cartoon character being developed by the Southern Baptist Church for a children's TV program. It was a non-denominational cartoon in character, not religious but teaching moral platitudes of right and wrong behavior. JOT had three friends in the story line thus Lou worked with many, many children through the years as the script and songs were being recorded. As the children's voices matured they were replaced but Lou remained as her voice never grew up...she remained the same. The finale of the program was three brief JOT cartoon episodes. Lou Kelly concluded by saying, "I did not gain fortune or fame but I realized my dream". It was a delightful presentation to end the 2009-2010 club year.

Wintermann Library Announces Summer Reading Program

The Wintermann Library announces the annual Summer Reading Program for 2010. The theme for the program will be "Catch the Reading Express". Registration begins on May 26 with programs beginning on June 9. The program is for age 4 through 6th grade students. Parents must come by and sign up their children for the program. They can also get their child a library card at that time. If they have a card and there is a fine on that card, the fine must

be paid before the child can participate in the program. To get a library card, the parent must have a valid driver's license or ID and two items with their name and correct mailing address on them. These items can be a check, letter, bill, proof of insurance on their car, etc. If they need to replace their child's card, the cost is \$2. Programs for this year include June 9 – Jeffrey Gardner, Magician; June 16, Kara Matheney, County Extension Agent; June 23 – Claude Sims, Comic Juggler; Ted Lashley, Magician; Lesley Carey, Fun and Games; and the Closing Pizza Party will be held on July 14. At the time of registration, parents will be given a schedule and the rules for the program. The Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Donations are given to the library in order to fund the prizes, special performers and supplies for the different programs. This year LCRA has once again given the library a grant for the program. This grant is funded through the LCRA Employees' United Charities, which is funded through a voluntary payroll deduction plan that their employees participate in and then support worthy programs such as the Summer Reading Program. The library has also received additional donations from the Eagle Lake Lion's Club and the Dollar General Literacy Grant Program. If you are interested in contributing to the Reading Program you can drop your tax-deductible contribution off at the library or through the mail. We look forward to having another successful program and encourage all parents to bring their children by and get them registered prior to the beginning day.



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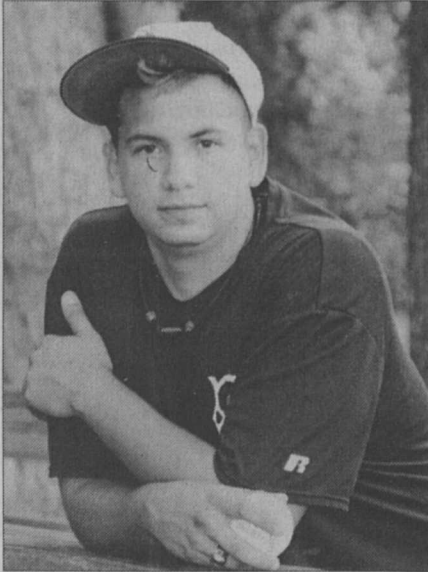
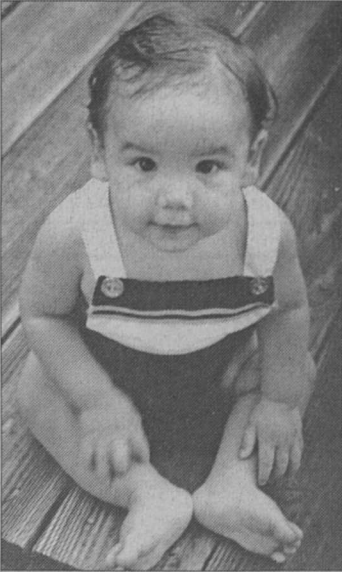
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