

Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

April 11, 2013



Grayson County
Lincoln Day
Event



Grayson College Concert Season

School Bond Election Information
Tom Bean Independent School District May 11, 2013 Election

Important 2013 Dates

- April 11**
Deadline to become a registered voter
Website: <http://www.texas.gov> register to vote
- Town Hall Meetings**
April 15 at 6:30PM Elementary Cafeteria
April 29 at 6:30PM Middle School Cafeteria
- April 29 - May 7**
Early Voting
Tom Bean City Hall
201 S. 8th St
Tom Bean
8:00AM - 12:00PM
and 2:00PM - 4:30PM
- May 6 - 7**
Early Voting (extended hours)
7:00AM - 7:00PM
- May 11, Saturday**
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Tom Bean
7:00AM - 7:00PM

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Improve Education, Safety, and Alleviate Overcrowding
On Saturday, May 11th 2013, a school bond proposition will be presented to the voters of our community. The bond proposition addresses the educational needs of our growing community of elementary school students.

PROPOSITION 1
The issuance of \$10,000,000 school building bonds for the construction, acquisition, removal, and equipment of school facilities in the district and voting of the tax to pay for them.
Vote For Against

After many committee meetings involving research, analysis, and community input, a creative, cost-effective, long-term solution has been developed that will address our students' educational needs and allow room for growth in a safe and secure environment.

The Creative Solution
The District's plan involves one proposition which includes new construction and park removal on of the elementary campus.

What is the Cost of the Proposed School Bond?
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Tax Exemptions for Seniors and Disabled
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Example New Cost of Bond to Tax Payer

Home Value	2014 Estimated Increase (Proposed School Bond)	
	annual	monthly
\$50,000	\$ 70.00	\$ 5.83
\$75,000	\$105.00	\$ 8.75
\$100,000	\$140.00	\$11.67

Tom Bean School Election



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GC presents Spring Concert Series

Grayson College's Spring Concert Series and Recitals open April 20 and conclude May 10. Presented by the college's Music Program, the events begin at 7 p.m. and take place in Cruce Stark Auditorium, located in the college's Arts & Communications Center on GC's Main Campus in Denison. All programs are free and open to the public.

April 20: GC Symphonic Orchestra Concert, conducted by Dr. Fred Freeman, adjunct professor of music (strings).

April 23: GC Choir Concert and Voice Studio Recital, directed by Amye Derix, adjunct professor of music (voice).

April 25: Classical Guitar Recital, presented by sophomore Misty Hebert.

April 29: GC Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Studio Recital, directed by John O'Neal, adjunct professor of music (percussion), Inna Staneva, adjunct professor of music (woodwind), and Jeremy Stones, adjunct professor of music (brass).

April 30: Jazz Piano Recital, presented by sophomore Michael Brooks.

May 3: GC String and Guitar Recital, directed by Freeman and Dr. David Tercero, adjunct professor of music (guitar and bass).

May 7: Classical Piano Studio Recital, directed by Tatiana Bays, adjunct professor of music (classical piano).

May 10: Classical Piano Recital, presented by sophomore Timothy Jenkins.

For more information about the concert series, contact the college at 903-415-2610.





*Lincoln Day Dinner — April 20; 6:30 9:30 p.m.
At: Wright Center Austin College*

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- AG Greg Abbott;
- Ag. Comm. Todd Staples;
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- St. Rep. Larry Phillips;
- St. Rep. Dan Branch;
- County Judge Drue Bynum;
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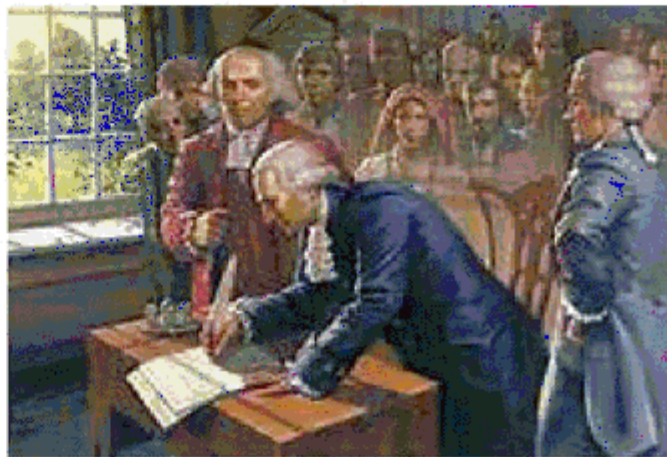


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- Silver: Table for 4 - - - - - \$1000
- Palladium: Seating for 4 - - - \$500
- Bronze: Seating for 2 - - - - - \$250

Sponsors are asked to reply by March 14

Stand Up Along Side with Us



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Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

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By Lana Rideout

I came across this word (Schadenfreude) several weeks ago and just this week went to the Internet to find out what it means. Below is a partial explanation.

Schadenfreude (German) is pleasure derived from the misfortunes of others. This word is a loanword from German, and is also borrowed in some other languages. It has been *calqued* in Danish and Norwegian as skadefryd, in Swedish as skadeglädje, in Finnish as vahingonilo, and in Ukrainian, Russian and Bulgarian as zlo'radstvo.

Other words for this word are morose, Roman Holiday, suffering, enjoying someone's pain, gloating.

Also, as I was reading a book this week, I came across someone offering a **hot beverage**. It made me think of *The Big Bang Theory* and how the character Sheldon is always offering them to make people comfortable.

No- Bake Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 stick margarine
- 4 Tbsp cocoa
- ½ cup evaporated milk (or reg. milk)
- 1 Tbsp white Karo
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 cups quick oats (1 minute)

Mix sugar and cocoa, put in large saucepan with margarine. Add milk and Karo. Cook for 2 minutes only. Stir in peanut butter and vanilla, then add oats. Stir only until mixed, then quickly drop by teaspoonsful onto foil. Cool. Store in airtight tin or container.

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Howe Founders Day Set for May 11

Howe Founders Day will begin on Saturday May 11 at 8am and run to 1 pm (depending on FD Car Show times and ok with 5K times)

Street to be closed will include will be Davis St and Haning St (if Haning is needed).

Starr Stanley to handle revising vendor form, donation request letter, and flyers getting vendors arranged.

howefoundersday@yahoo.com pw faith2013

Michelle Lankford to be contact at City Hall for form drop off and pick up/check with Pam Savage to get vendor contacts from Howe High School Band Booster Craft Show and the school contacts

Robert Maniet FD- Car Show times and what area needed FBC parking lot or if big enough do we need Haning St closed too.

Food Vendor does FD want to cook hamburger/hotdogs or BBQ for a FD fundraiser before we allow other vendor.

Police Chief Carl Hudman will make sure okay to have an officer lead the 5K runners on course vendor booth spot lighting Howe Police Department.

Doug Haun- Great Days of Service director to get local business sponsors for T-shirts for 5K as well to pick up vendor forms from city hall to take to business for a possibly booth

John Orozco in charge of 5K, to begin at 9 am; start and finish at the First Baptist Church.

LeAndra Beckemeyer Post Office will make sure Flag ceremony by Howe Cub Scouts Pack 45 is OK.

For more information, contact Howe City Hall.



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Howe Elementary "Top DOGS" for March 18th- March 28th are: Raul Hernandez, Ethan Quintero, Avery Snapp, Ramie Mosse, Austin Jones, Noah Miller, Christian Moody, Kelly Caballero, Camryn Boatman, Garrett Gibbs, Jade Neyland, Dallas Neyland, Shelby Gard, Bailey McDonough, and Charlie Turner.



Howe Middle School

Teacher, Students of the Month for March: Left to right Ms Kelly, 7th Math/Th. Arts; Kailey Holloway 8th grade; Layton Elvington 5th grade; Caleb Lankford 6th grade, Shellby Armstrong 7th grade



Celebrate Earth Day

Clean out your house.

Tom Bean Friends of Library
will help you reduce, recycle, reuse.

*Donate good, usable items **(No clothing)**
for resale to our spring

Book & Rummage Sale

Items may be brought to the Community Room of City
Hall Fri. 19th all day or Sat. 20th, a.m. only.

Come and shop Friday and Saturday
April 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the
Community Room in Tom Bean City Hall

We have a **fine collection** of
rare and collectible books,
plus many hardbacks and
paperbacks in all genres.

District 11-2A Tom Bean 7, Whitewright 3

Caroline Henderson had two hits and drove in three runs, two on a single in the seventh, as Tom Bean pulled away to beat second-place Whitewright in district action on Tuesday, April 9.

Alex Hendry was 2-for-3 with three RBI and three steals for Tom Bean (9-12, 4-8).

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Tom Bean ISD

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Candidates File for May Election Tom Bean ISD Calls for a Bond

Tom Bean Independent School District will hold an election in May to fill three vacancies on the TBISD Board of Trustees. The four candidates up for election are Chris Curd, Marion Williams, and incumbents, Jinger Peeples and James Harris. Current interim board member, David Ellis, did not file to run for election.

In addition to the Board of Trustee election, the District will be asking voters to support a \$10 million dollar bond proposal for a new elementary school. The proposed project includes mostly new construction and partial renovation of the elementary campus. This will bring the District into compliance by providing Texas Education Agency (TEA) compliant classrooms and library facilities, ADA compliant restrooms, secure entrances and exits, and a multi-purpose gymnasium with air conditioning and heat. The complete bond project will improve our students' educational needs and allow room for growth in a safe and secure environment.

The District will hold its first community Town Hall Meeting regarding the bond proposal on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 PM, in the Elementary Cafeteria. The second Town Hall Meeting will be held Monday, April 29, at 6:30 PM, in the Middle School Cafeteria. All community members are encouraged to attend.

Early voting begins Monday, April 28, and Election Day is Saturday, May 11. The voting public is encouraged to visit the District's website at www.tombean-isd.org for detailed information regarding the bond proposal and its impact on tax payers. You are also welcome to contact the Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Kathy Garrison, at 903-546-6076 for additional information.

This is a very exciting time for TBISD! We pride ourselves on "*Achieving Excellence*" by putting kids first. On behalf of the Board, we appreciate our community and their support of our kids.

Best regards,

Jinger Peeples
President, TBISD Board of Trustees

Achieving Excellence

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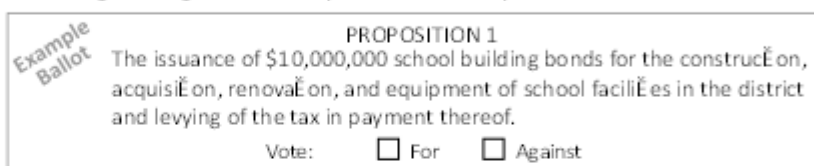
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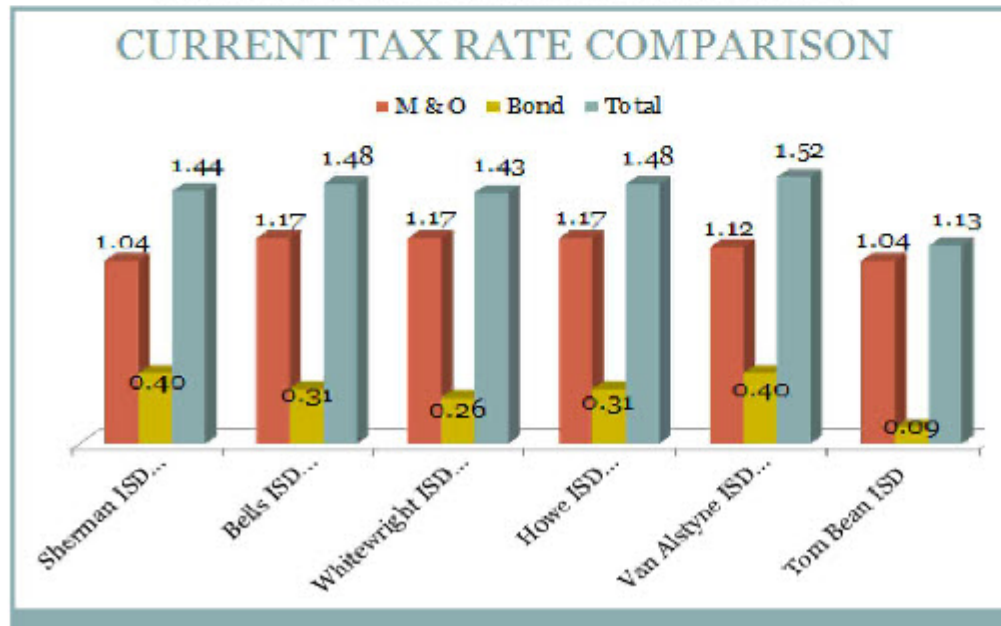
What Would the Bond Provide?

The bond proceeds would be used for new construction and partial renovation at the elementary campus in order to bring students under one roof. This project will alleviate many of the security and safety concerns by relocating the playground away from the highway, separating the bus and parent pick-up and drop-off locations, adding security entrances and exits, surveillance, and fire alarm systems. The complete project will include the following:

- ✓ Multi-purpose Gym (AC/Heat)
- ✓ Cafeteria/Kitchen
- ✓ Additional 7 Classrooms
- ✓ Conference Room
- ✓ Principal & Office Spaces
- ✓ ADA Compliant Restrooms
- ✓ Additional Parking
- ✓ Speech Room
- ✓ Nurse's Office
- ✓ Library/Media Center
- ✓ Fine Arts/Music Room
- ✓ TEA-Compliant Classrooms
- ✓ Special Needs Classrooms
- ✓ Teacher Workspaces
- ✓ Computer Labs
- ✓ Security Fence
- ✓ Twenty First Century Technology
- ✓ Storage



With the passing of the bond, taxes will have a net effect of \$0.14 bringing the total tax amount for TBISD to \$1.27 beginning 2014. Below is a chart of Tom Bean tax rates compared to nearby communities.



For more information, visit www.tombean-isd.org or www.facebook.com/TomBeanISD.



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Civil Air Patrol To Host Open House

DENISON, Texas - The Texoma Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will hold an Open House on Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 3 pm at their squadron building located at North Texas Regional Airport in Denison.

The open house will feature demonstrations, presentations, and exhibits to educate visitors on how CAP supports youth and the local community, and how they can become involved. Activities scheduled include model rocket flights, a flight simulator allowing visitors to try their hand at flying, equipment and uniform displays, and a CAP vehicle on display. Adult members (ages 18 and up) and Cadets (ages 12-18) will be available to discuss CAP's history, missions and programs, and to answer any questions.

A special invitation is extended to former CAP members living in the Texoma area (regardless of whether they were Cadets or Senior members, or of when or where they may have served). All former members who visit during Open House will receive a certificate in recognition of their service.

For more information about this event or the Texoma Composite Squadron, call (903) 786-6227, e-mail to info@captexoma.org, or visit the squadron website at <http://www.captexoma.org>.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 71 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

PARD Offers Spring Children's Workshop

It's time! Spring has sprung, tulips have bloomed, and summer's on the way! It's time to plan for Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts! (Didn't we just celebrate Christmas?) The Whitesboro Parks and Recreation Department is ready to help the kiddos with those special gifts for mom and dad, and there will be lots of fun and games to go along! The PARD will host its annual Spring Children's Workshop.

The Whitesboro PARD will sponsor this special event on Saturday, April 27 from 10 am to 2 pm. Children ages 5 to 12 can take part in this special activity at the Jimmie O. Rector Community Center. The participants will make a Mother's Day gift, a Father's Day gift, and make other art and craft projects. The cost is \$10, and a sack lunch will be provided. There will also be music, games, and crafts!

Participation is limited, so register now to insure a seat at the workshop! Call the PARD for more information at 903.564.5964 or visit the website at www.whitesborotexas.com/pard.

Heard-Craig Center for the Arts

"Ladies Night Out"*

The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts will hold its popular fund-raiser, "Ladies Night Out," on Thursday, April 18, 2013. "Ladies Night Out" is an evening designed to celebrate the spirit of friendship with best buddies; favorite confidants or new acquaintances you've been wanting to get to know better. The event will be held from 6:00 -- 9:00 p.m. in Heard-Craig Hall at 306 N. Church Street in beautiful, historic downtown McKinney.

Guests will enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts, memorable music and appreciate the good fortune of being able to shop at some of the most unique and elegant retailers in the area (all in one location)! Fabulous door prizes will be given out and raffle items from Warthan Dermatology, Griffin's Jewelry, Tomes Auto Group and more will be available.

Buy your tickets early and receive pre-event savings! Tickets for the event are \$20 for Heard-Craig League members if purchased in advance, \$25 for non-members in advance or \$25 for Heard-Craig League members at the door or \$30 for non-members at the door.

*Tomes Auto Group will provide coupons for a nitrogen tire fill up OR a mini detail to everyone who purchases a ticket to the event. *

Restaurants, caterers and retailers (at press time) who will provide food and shopping opportunities are A Touch of Italy, Annie Royer Art, Blu Rayne, Blue Mesa Grill, Bobitt's Advertising, Carter's Creativity, Celebrity Spa & Slimgenetic, Creative Memories, Crump's Garden, Confetti Monkey, Cynthia Elliot Boutique, Dee's Dish Catering, Design Ten, Diggin' It, Edward's Floral Design, Fair and Square Imports, Funky Junky, Heard-Craig Gifts, Kiss & Make-Up Boutique, Griffin Jewelry, It Works!, Judy's Personalized Interiors - Judy Showalter, Just Piddlin', Lasting Impressions Apparel, LC Tobey of Dream Artglass, Market Street Dish, Market Street Catering, M. Cole Adornment, McKinney Wine Merchant, MNY Designs, Nan Lee Jewelry, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Origami Owl, Orison's Boutique, Park Lane Jewelry, Pastry by Christine, Pavitra Organics, Premier Designs Jewelry, Nothing Bundt Cakes, RaceTrac, Rick's Chophouse/Sauce, Scarves by Theresa, Sharla's, Snug on the Square, Stella & Dot, Succulent Cuisine, Sugar Monkey, Three Hands Cross Creations, Warthan Dermatology Center, and Whole Foods Market.

Sponsors of the event are *Adriatica Women's Health, Donna & Dennis Baker, Bank of Texas, Brandon Industries - Jan & Brian Hall, Debbie & Mark Denissen, Ann Dowdy, Guaranty Insurance, Terry Turrentine Irby, GERALYN & MARK KEVER, LegacyTexas Bank, Sherri & Jerry Long, Patty & Stan McWilliams, Metro Linen, Seat by Design, Sandra & Erich Reins, Seat by Design, Daryl & Johnnie Sorrells, Joan & Bill Taylor, Tomes Auto Group - Ford - Subaru, Patricia & Brad Wysong, and Warthan Dermatology Center.

Proceeds from "Ladies Night Out" will benefit the preservation of the historic Heard-Craig House and Carriage House. Tickets are available at the Cynthia Elliot Boutique in historic downtown McKinney, the Heard-Craig House (205 W. Hunt - McKinney) or call 972.569.6909 to purchase tickets with your Visa or MasterCard.



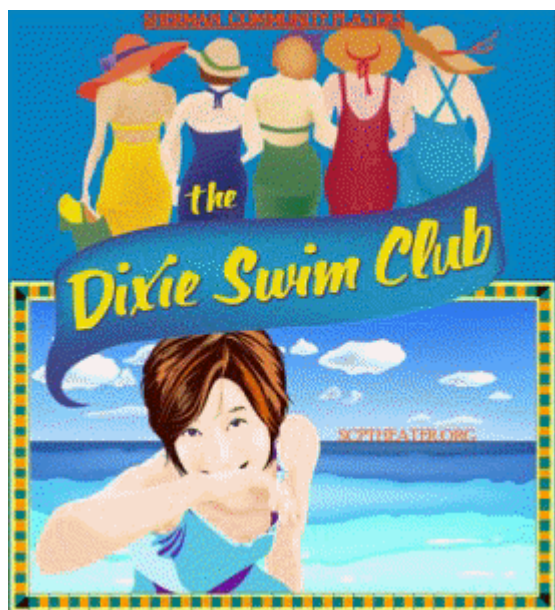
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SHERMAN COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENTS

“The Dixie Swim Club” and Written by: Jones, Hope, and Wooten
Directed by: Anthony Nelson

What: “The Dixie Swim Club” is a comedy which follows the lives of five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team. They set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships; free from husbands, kids, and jobs they meet to catch up, laugh, meddle in each other’s lives, and help each other through personal crisis. Often referred to as the “Steel Magnolias” of our time, “The Dixie Swim Club” is one of the more popular all female cast shows being produced around the country. Written by the Jones, Hope, and Wooten, this trio has written dozens of plays that are geared towards a southern audience, “Southern Hospitality” and “Red Velvet Cakes Wars” to name a few. They also are responsible for the long-running hit television show “The Golden Girls”. The play features the acting talents of: Allison Minton, GayNell Doshier, Lisa Avila, Jessica Adams, and Morgan Morgan.

“We are also really putting a lot of extra work and detail into the overall production, not only do we have a great cast for this show, but Webster Crocker has designed a terrifically detailed set. We are also collaborating with local Sherman artist Darrah Dunn who is handling the set dressing for the play. He has been working closely with Knight’s Furniture and Daresa Sofey Home Design Studio in downtown Sherman. They will be furnishing the set; which is a huge opportunity for the SCP Main Stage, in having local business directly involved with the production.” - Artistic Director of SCP Anthony Nelson.

When: April 12th – 28th.
Thursday – Sunday, evening performances begin at 8pm, Sunday matinees begin at 2pm.

Where: The Historic Finley Theater in Sherman. 500 N. Elm. Sherman TX, 75090

Tickets: Box Office will open for season members of SCP on April 8th and 9th, 2013 at 9am and will go on sale to the general public on April 10th at 10am. Box office phone is 903-892-8818 and is located inside the Honey McGee Playhouse at 313 W. Mulberry in Sherman. Visit scptheater.org for more information or follow the action on Facebook. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for students.



Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

On Saturday night, April 20th. the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals. Our special guest this month is Thelma Pearl, from Whitesboro, Texas.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7 o’clock. Admission for this program is \$7. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs, soda, coffee, water, candy and popcorn is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half miles west of Tom Bean (or 6 miles east of Howe) on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.



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Kick Back And Say Cheers in Denison

“Kick Back and Say Cheers” at Denison’s arts and wine weekend April 25-28, 2013. “Moving Forward, Kicking Back: A Celebration of Arts, Wine, & History” will feature various community groups working together to showcase Denison’s Heritage. Special activities include an ARTini Stroll, a Hoedown, Art Walk, wine trail, and culinary delights with wine pairings.

During 2013, we honor renowned viticulturist Thomas V. (T.V.) Munson and the 125th anniversary of him receiving the French Legion of Honor Award in 1888 for saving the French wine industry. The T. V. Munson Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association’s sanctioned Texas Non-commercial Wine Competition. This awards ceremony will take place during the Hoedown at the DDI Corral (Heritage Park) sponsored by Downtown Denison Inc. on the evening of Saturday, April 27. Music starts at 5:30, chuck wagon opens at 6, and the awards will be announced at 7:30 pm.

Munson’s invaluable contributions to the science of horticulture as well as the French wine industry have led to the noteworthy recognition of Cognac, France as Denison’s sister city. This historic “French Connection” embodies the importance and appreciation of the flourishing Texas wine industry and the variety of savory wines that still use Munson’s varieties of grape root stocks.

You can purchase your own grape vines from T.V.’s collection during the Denison Arts Council’s Art Walk & Heritage Celebration on Saturday from 10 am - 6 pm. The Art Walk will continue on Sunday afternoon from 1-5 pm in Downtown Denison. It will feature various artist demonstrations as well as remembrances of early-day Denison.

“Vinita” is the lovingly restored, classic, Italian Victorian home of T.V. Munson. It is located at 530 W. Hanna in Denison and will be open for free tours on Saturday from 10 am-2 pm. The book “Grape Man of Texas: The Life of T.V. Munson” written by Sherrie S. McLeRoy and Dr. Roy Renfro, Jr. will be available at Vinita.

The festivities will kick off with an “An Educated Evening” held on Thursday, April 25 at the historic home of T.V. Munson. The Grayson College Culinary Arts program will provide a five course meal with commentary and wine pairings presented by the Viticulture and Enology Department. The reception begins at 6 pm followed by the meal at 7 pm. This is a ticketed event with limited availability. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased by April 18. Reserved tables of 8 are available for \$750, and proceeds go to scholarships for Grayson’s Culinary Arts students and Viticulture students.

On Friday, a Wine Trail bus tour will be available until all seats are sold. Tickets are only \$35 and include transportation, a meal, and wine tastings at three wineries. A local vineyard and the home of T.V. Munson will also be on the tour led by Dr. Justin Scheiner, Professor of Enology and Viticulture at Grayson. It is expected to last from 10 am until 4 pm.

Friday evening’s ARTini will feature wine-based martinis mixed at 10 stops throughout Downtown Denison. Wristbands, which allow for visiting all 10 locations, are only \$20. They can be purchased in advance or at any of the martini stops that will be clearly marked along Main Street. Other downtown businesses will have even more to offer with special activities and sales planned from 5-8 pm. Those not wishing to share in the martinis can still enjoy the event as it is open to the public. Espresso stops and sober stations will be available along with abundant shopping.

This is a perfect time to check out the best that the Denison Arts and Culture District has to offer. The galleries, boutiques, shops and restaurants make for an enjoyable & memorable evening that includes some new businesses. From 8-10 p.m., everyone is encouraged to attend the Gateway Opera House production free of charge at the Peanut Gallery at 114 W. Houston. Singing vignettes and comedians will entertain the crowd. No chairs or concessions are available, so attendees are welcome to bring their own snacks and seats.

This year’s art exhibits will be featured in various galleries throughout the entire weekend. It promises to be a diversity of artworks from artists across the greater Texoma area. Student, amateur, and professional artists alike will be represented and styles ranging from traditional to contemporary will be on display. No matter what your preference, there will be something for everyone with mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, mixed-media, and more. Artworks in the exhibit will be for sale.

Denison’s Heritage will be another highlight as demonstrations, characters, music, and historic photographs will be on display in businesses and along the sidewalks. You never know who you might meet from Denison’s first 30 years. Those coming out on Saturday and Sunday will be able to enjoy artisans showcasing their talents at Denison Arts Council’s Spring Art Walk.

The main event is Saturday, April 27th at Heritage Park -- Hoedown at the DDI Corral “Kick Up Your Heels & Say Cheers” will feature the band Little Big Iron beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 and include a meal beginning at 6 p.m. catered by Hickory House Barbecue and Paper Plate Catering. The wine competition awards will be given at 7:30 p.m., and the band will play until 10 p.m. Put on your boots, grab your cowboy hat, and join the excitement. Dancing under the stars will be allowed at this fun-filled evening. The popular Sister Cities’ Cognac tasting booth is sure to be a hit. Proceeds from the ticketed event benefit Downtown Denison Inc.

Tickets for all events are available at The Denison Area Chamber of Commerce (313 W. Woodard) and Main Street Mall (500 W. Main). Call (903) 465-1551 for more details or e-mail ddow@cityofdenison.com or visit www.downtowndenison.com or Denison Main Street’s facebook page for the latest updates.



TxDOT to Kick Off

*National Work Zone Awareness Week
April 15 - 19, 2013*

Turn off the computer, lay down the pen and head home. Not to worry. Most of us are fairly confident that we will be home at night with our families. However, for the men and women who work in construction zones, each day is a risk.

More than 150 people, most of them motorists, are killed in work zones across Texas each year. Four out of five work zone fatalities are motorists and not the workers on the highways. The two leading causes of work zone crashes are excessive speed and the failure to remain alert while driving. As a result, one in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision.

Texas Department of Transportation Paris District, along with other transportation partners, will observe the 14th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) April 15 - 19 with a press event for our local media. The purpose, of course, is to raise awareness of the hazards of work zones for both the worker and the motorist.

What: Work Zone Awareness Week Press Event

When: Monday, April 15, 2013 @ 11:00 a.m.

Where: Denison, Texas - TEXAS Travel Information Center near TX\OK border. US Hwy 69\75 exit #74.

Who: Texas Department of Transportation - Paris District, Local law enforcement and local construction contractor representatives.

North Texas Pond Management Conference

April 16, 2013, 8:00am to 12 noon

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, Visitor Center

Texas A&M Agrilife and The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation are hosting the North Texas Pond Management Conference. Conference will cover topics; such as pond building considerations, creating fish habitat, stocking rates, aquatic plant management, record keeping, and water quality. Some of the special guest presenting will be Mr. Bob Lusk, owner of Texoma Hatchery and Pond Boss Magazine, and Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Texas A&M AgriLife Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and programming starts at 8:30 AM and concludes at noon. Two CEUs will be issued to Private Applicators. \$12 door charge. RSVP required call Chuck Jones, 903-813-4202

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

Texoma Patriots

April 22 (Monday) from 7 to 9 pm, Location: Buck Snort BBQ in Van Alstyne, 238 E. Jefferson

The Texoma Patriots brings you another film viewing – RUNAWAY SLAVE with Rev C. L. Bryant, Herman Cain, Glenn Beck, Dr. Thomas Sowell, Dr. Alveda King, Deneen Borelli, Allen West, Pastor Stephen Broden, and many, many others.

Runaway Slave, a New Underground Railroad, deals with why growing dependency on BIG GOVERNMENT is destroying America. The size and scope and reach of government is the “New Plantation.” Watch the trailer: runawayslavemovie.com.

The film is a brave and powerful documentary which exposes the economic slavery of the black community to the Progressive, big government policies of the U.S. government. The film’s heroes are black conservatives who are speaking out so that all Americans can truly be “free at last.” The film’s central figure is Rev. C. L. Bryant, a self-professed “runaway slave”. A former NAACP chapter president, Garland, TX, CL is a former Democratic Radical who escaped the bondage of Progressivism and denounced the shackles of entitlements. He has committed himself to helping others secure the blessings of liberty that are guaranteed by the Constitution. Rev Bryant is an active FreedomWorks Fellow and inspirational TEA Party speaker. (111 minutes)

Come early and enjoy Jim’s delicious BBQ buffet – cost \$9.99 incl beverage.

Our events are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – everyone is welcome!
Invite family, friends, church members, and business associates.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

SHERMAN, March 27, 2013 - Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments, announced the schedule for the 2013 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections in the Texoma Region. The collections will be held on April 20, 2013 in three separate locations including the Criminal Justice Center located in Gainesville, Grayson College in Denison, and the Precinct 4 County Warehouse on the east side of Bonham. All collections will begin at 9 am and close at 1 pm or earlier if funding is exhausted.

Waste in and around our homes that cannot be composted, put in the trash, or in a recycling bin is called “Household Hazardous Waste”. HHW around the home includes fluorescent light bulbs, cleaners, paints, batteries, televisions, and computer monitors. Other items considered HHW are tires, fuels, pool chemicals, automotive batteries, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, pesticides, and herbicides.

All of these products contain potentially hazardous ingredients that require special disposal measures. The best way of knowing if a product is a hazardous waste is to read the label. Words such as caution, warning, danger or poison indicate the product is flammable, reactive, corrosive, and/or toxic. Improper disposal of these products would include pouring them down the sink, on the ground, in a storm drain, burning, and in some cases putting them in the trash. Without proper storage and disposal of these wastes, it is possible for them to become harmful to the environment and human health.

It is important that HHW are not put into landfills because they could have a chemical reaction with items around them and become explosive. The possibility of HHW leaching through the ground and contacting groundwater and surface water can create contaminated drinking water and damage aquatic habitat. An E-waste company will be accepting anything that runs on electricity including items such as old refrigerators, window unit air conditioners, or your old kitchen mixer.

There will be some restrictions at the collection events. Paint, oil, and other liquids will be limited to 10 gallons or less. Tires are limited to 4 or less per vehicle that brings material to the events. Only car and light truck tires will be accepted. Tires with rims are not allowed. Ammunition, explosive materials, and compressed gas cylinders will not be accepted.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

[Click Here for more Area Events](#)



Texoma Earth Day Festival Offers Variety of Entertainment

The 2013 Texoma Earth Day Festival is planned for April 20th on the Sherman Municipal Grounds. Key Note Speaker for the 2013 festival is Terry Jensen of DFW Ecovillage. DFW Ecovillage is in the planning stages. The sustainable community will be built in Hunt County. Homes will be built from compressed earth blocks and will include solar energy and rainwater harvesting. Residents will practice permaculture to help support the community. While in the planning stages, the principles of the community are conducting workshops to educate potential residents in all of the aspects of sustainable living.

Entertainment at the Oliver Dewey Gazebo will include a variety of music and demonstrations of karate, gymnastics, and tai chi. The S&S Children's Choir, here for the 5th year kicks, off the entertainment schedule at 8:30 am with a program of Earth Day and Patriotic songs. The choir includes 60-70 children who do this for the love of singing. The choir has received a first place rating for three years at the Sandy Lake Fun Fest Competition and have also sung with Sherman and Denison High School Choirs for their Christmas Concerts. Grayson College Music Department will offer a variety of musical styles between 9:30 and 10:30 am. From 10:30 am – 11:00 am, Chrystal Music Circle, an Autoharp Dulcimer Group specializing in songs from a variety of genres such as Gospel, Bluegrass, Country, Calypso, Folk, DooWop, and Blues, will perform. This group is made up of women who didn't find time for music until family and job responsibilities lessened and are now passionate about music, playing and singing. The dulcimer group Sonshine Sisters will perform between 11:30 am and noon. Jan Fletcher is performing for the fifth year at the Texoma Earth Day Festival between 12:00 and 12:30 pm. She has been associated with the Dallas Symphony Chorus, Lone Star Sound and Vocal Venue, all in the Metroplex. Since moving to the Texoma area in 2007, music performances include an ensemble part in the Sherman Community Players 2008 production of "The Music Man", Rehabilitation Center's "Search for the Stars" 2010-2012 and The Villager's Chorale since 2010. Jan hosts a monthly acoustic music circle in her home. Jan's Musical Memories began in 2005 in the Metroplex to provide vocal entertainment for a variety of senior living facilities.

Allen Hurt has been entertaining music fans since an early age and has written more than 1500 original country songs. Over the years, Allen's music has gained airplay on radio stations throughout the US and Europe. His career would cross paths with music legends such as Ray Price, Don Williams, Bobby Bare, and Del McCoury along with his mentor Porter Wagoner. His musical talents have earned him 14 Gold and 2 Double Platinum music sales awards along with The Texas Music Legends Award in 2005. Continuing to write songs and play the Country music he loves, Allen proudly performs today with his band "The Mountain Showmen" and is a 2012 Inductee into the Texas Country Music Hall Of Fame, Member of the Country Music Association (CMA) and is also an honorary member of the Fort Worth Songwriters Association. He will perform between 1:30 and 2:00 pm. Singer / Songwriter Roy Harkey will perform between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. Roy started making and writing music in his youth. During his college days, he co-wrote (with Harlow Wilcox) and played on a Country song "Groovy Grubworm" that went to #1 on the country charts, and was nominated for a Grammy that same year. Growing up in Norman, he played string bass with the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra, and the Oklahoma University Lab Band and Symphony, and sang and played guitar with local "Rock & Roll" and "Motown/Soul" Bands in the North Texas & Oklahoma areas. In addition to having a "normal" corporate career, Roy has been a "gigging" solo guitar player/singer for most of his adult life. He has performed a One-Man-Show in Las Vegas, and now specializes in private parties and special events. He has a very large musical repertoire, and covers most musical styles. Roy enjoys playing Old & New Country, Blues, Folk, Ballads, Folk/Rock, Soft Rock, Rockabilly, Doo Wop's, Golden Oldies and Easy Listening music; and can 'mix' enough different types of music during his sets to please everyone in the crowd. Melody Ranch Bits & Pieces, performing from 2:30 to 3:00 pm, specializes in Bluegrass & Gospel. These veteran musicians play together often and share their talents with various groups in Texomaland.

This group of musicians has a combined experience of over 150 years! Instruments include guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dobro and bass. Jill Brown Studios is a vocal/piano performance studio located in Sherman, Texas. Jill Brown has been training children and adults for 30 years in the area. Jill is a professional performer who has performed for President George Bush, opened up for Reba McEntire, Joe Nicols, Willie Nelson's Fourth of July Picnic at the Ft. Worth Stockyards. Brown has also performed the National Anthem for the Texas Rangers many times at Ameritrust Field in Arlington. Brown performs in Branson, Missouri and so have many of her featured students. The students performing at the festival will offer a variety of music including country, Broadway, some gospel and also inspirational.

Demonstrations include offerings from Sherman Karate, Tai Chi for Health and University of Gymnastics. Sherman Karate will offer a Musical Karate Demonstration. Martial arts classes are available to ages 5 and up. Tae Kwon Do forms systems are incorporated as well as self defense techniques derived from Aikido and Jujitsu. Sherman Karate classes are taught by Terry Templeton, a 4th degree black belt with 18 years of martial arts experience and 13 years of instructional experience. Mrs Templeton believes: "It is my mission to guide every student to their potential and to see beyond it. I strive to instill in each student a desire to learn and to achieve their personal best." Tai Chi For Health's Demonstration is from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. Tai Chi is a very old Chinese martial art form. It can be thought of as a slow moving meditation. You get the same benefits of an aerobic workout without the jarring on the joints – which is great for arthritis. In Tai Chi you will learn how to release your stress, improve your balance and prevent falls, strengthen your muscle and bone mass, relax your mind and body, breathe properly, improve your circulation, flexibility and posture. Tai Chi is also known to lower your blood pressure and help with depression. Although you would not think so, every movement is also for self-defense. You are never too old to begin. Debra Williamson is a 4th degree black belt with 28 years experience in the martial arts. She currently is teaching Tai Chi and Karate in the Sherman area at her Dojo in Westwood Village. University of Gymnastics is celebrating more than 30 years in existence as a company, and three years here in Texomaland. U of G is a full service gymnastics studio offering classes for boys and girls ages 18 months to 18 years. University of Gymnastics is home to the U of G Learning Academy (a state licensed Preschool Program) and provides gymnastics, cheerleading and tumbling classes year round. U of G was established in 1979 by David and Lynda Rose in Plano, Texas. Director Em Sneed has been an athlete of all sorts throughout her life, focusing on gymnastics, cheerleading and tumbling. She trained for eight years at Paris School of Gymnastics and cheered scholastically.

Please visit www.earthdaytexoma.org to view the full entertainment schedule.



Texas Senate sends signal to gun manufacturers that they are welcome in Texas

Senate passes SB 1467, encouraging firearm manufacturers to relocate to the Lone Star State

Austin - As many states continue to consider ways to limit or effectively ban firearm manufacturing, the Texas Senate today passed Senate Bill 1467. This bill sends a strong message to gun manufacturers under assault elsewhere in the country that they are welcome in the Lone Star State.

“There is no more pro-business state than Texas,” Senator Craig Estes said. “We’re a gun-friendly right to work state with low taxes and reasonable regulations. With SB 1467, there is no better place in the country for a firearms related business to set up shop.”

Senate Bill 1467 gives the Governor's Office formal authority to use financial incentives to facilitate the relocation of gun manufacturers to Texas.

“I am really disappointed in the way some states are treating their job creators, like Beretta in Maryland and Magpul in Colorado,” Senator Estes said. “However, their loss is our gain as Texas is more than happy to take all the good-paying manufacturing jobs other states want to give up because of their ill informed decisions to take away citizens constitutional 2nd amendment rights.”

The bill will now be considered in the Texas House of Representatives.

Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

Meat cuts get confusing new monikers

By Amanda Hill

I came across a news story this morning from NBC’s Today Show that reported a group within the meat industry is moving toward renaming some of our favorite meat cuts in order to make them “more consumer-friendly.”

The group heading up the new meat monikers is the Uniform Retail Meat Identification Standards—URMIS, for short. They claim that consumers are confused by names of meats like rump roast, pork butt and others. So, to clarify the consumer’s choice of pork and beef, URMIS has suggested new names for more than 350 cuts in your local meat case.

What are some of the new meat monikers you might look for? If you’re planning on serving up a juicy pork chop for dinner, look instead for “Porterhouse chops,” “Ribeye chops” and “New York chops.”

Need a pork butt for your dad’s famous slow-cooked, pulled pork sandwiches? Keep an eye out for a “Boston roast” instead.

If pot roast is on the menu at your house, you’ll need to find a Denver roast -- even if the cow came from right here in the Lone Star State.

I don’t know about you, but these names confuse me more than the meat cuts I’m used to buying at the grocery store. When I pull out my favorite family recipe, I’m going to look for what Mom or Grandma wrote on the recipe card -- not what URMIS renamed the cut of meat.

The news story did note that the new meat monikers are voluntary and at the discretion of the grocery stores. And, like everything in our free market society, the consumer will have the final say.

I just hope I’m not the only wondering which city my meat will be named for next week.

‘Extreme Weather’ topic of Hagerman’s Second Saturday

Dr. David Baker, co-author of *The 50 Most Extreme Places in Our Solar System*, will speak at Second Saturday at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on April 13. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Visitor Center Multi-purpose Meeting Room at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, 6465 Refuge Road in Sherman. Second Saturday programs are free and open to the public.

Baker’s topic will be “Extreme Weather on Earth and Beyond.” As a research scientist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Baker successfully launched high-tech weather balloons in the Marshall Islands and developed sophisticated weather models to simulate extreme storms on Earth. He earned his doctorate in geophysics and space physics from the University of California Los Angeles. At Austin College, he serves as associate professor of physics, chairman of the Physics Department, and director of the Austin College weather station. His students have conducted research on a variety of topics in physics and environmental studies: the energy efficiency of residential windows, astro-imaging of the Moon and planets, and weather and climate in north Texas. A recipient of multiple teaching awards, Baker routinely leads adventure-oriented science courses to remote places in Patagonia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Australia, Peru, and the Galapagos.

Katie Merrick will lead the Second Saturday for Youth series. Youngsters ages 5 to 10 years of age will meet from 10 am until 11:30 am to learn about fossils, rocks and minerals, with some hands-on nature activities. The program will be in the Audio Visual Classroom at the refuge’s Friends of Hagerman Center. The program is free but reservations are requested and can be made by calling 903-786-2826.

For more information, call the refuge or see www.friendsofhagerman.com.



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Area Churches

Cannon

CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,
903/482-6761
**SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

BAPTIST CHURCH,
6335 FM 1753, Denison
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11,
evening 6; Wednesday, 7pm

Dorchester

**DORCHESTER BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Hwy. 902W, 903/476-5525

Gunter

**COLLEGE HILL
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
304 E. College, 903/433-4835
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Bruce Stinson
Brooks Plaza
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship
www.thegbf.com
VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Howe

APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
405 S. Collins Frwy,
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun.
10am & 6pm
**NEW BEGINNING
FELLOWSHIP/AG,**
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon
Hutson, pastor, 903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kcvin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
903/813- 3263. S- School
10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

Luella

**LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
3162 St. Hwy. 11,
Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,
150 Fellowship Ln, Luella
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST
903/546-6620
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
903/546-6898

Church Page



Isaiah 1:1-9 (KJV)

- ¹ The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- ² Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.
- ³ The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.
- ⁴ Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.
- ⁵ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
- ⁶ From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.
- ⁷ Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
- ⁸ And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.
- ⁹ Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Christian Fellowship

Mike Taylor will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Each Sunday morning begins at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages beginning at 9:30 and worship service at 10:30.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual for all our services.

A Christian Fellowship is a part of the "One" church in Texoma.

The church also celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service. "If you are looking for a church home we have it for you".

Bring the kids out and join them in a program they have going for kids from 2-10. It is called Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus. They learn Bible verses, play games, learn about the bible and have puppet shows just to name a few things. Plus let's not forget the "Candy Man" who comes to visit after the class has concluded.

Wednesday night begins at 6:30pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

For more information on any of the events of the church contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.



Texoma Enterprise

INSPIRATION POINT

COWBOY CHURCH

FM 2729, 2.5 miles

South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,

903-815-2278

PILOT GROVE

BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.

903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

FRIENDSHIP UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450

WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH

OF CHRIST

800 Baker Park Dr.,

903/892-9635, Sun. 10

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,

601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

Rev. Mack Rogers

RED RIVER

COWBOY CHURCH

3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75);

Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

Van Alstyne

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County

Line Rd.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Hopson,

Shannon Jackson, minister,

903/482-6033

EAST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,

minister; worship 11am

ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,

903/482-6356

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,

corner of Pearl & Nash,

Pastor Kenneth L. Price,

972/547-0243,

LIFE CHURCH,

201 W. Marshall,

Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker

903/433-8089

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,

Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

206 Waco, 903/482-5515,

Gary Gibbs, pastor

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

903/482-6646,

Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH

301 S. Preston,

Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

WORSHIP CENTER

On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen,

903/482-6700;

Chris Jones, pastor

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,

972/562-0752

MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.

Arnold Baker, pastor



Thumbs Up?

Roger Ebert, the famous film critic, passed away recently at the age of 70. He began his work as a film critic in 1967 with the *Chicago Sun-Times*. In 1975, Ebert teamed up with Gene Siskel, film critic for the *Chicago Tribune*, for a television show that began on Chicago's Public Broadcasting Station before going nationwide with their own syndicated show. From a set resembling a theater balcony, the two film critics sparred with one another with their opinions of new movies, each giving a "thumbs-up" of approval or a "thumbs-down" of disapproval. After Siskel died from a brain tumor in 1999, Ebert continued the show for a while with *Sun-Times* colleague Richard Roeper.

Ebert continued the work he loved through some serious struggles with his health. After cancer surgeries in 2006, he lost parts of his jaw and the ability to speak. Yet he came back to writing fulltime and even returned to television. In addition to his work for the *Sun-Times* and in television, he became a prolific user of social media in the last years of his life, connecting with hundreds of thousands of fans on Facebook and Twitter.

"You couldn't ask for a more extraordinary champion of films both large and small," said Sony Pictures spokesman Steve Elzer. "We all paid attention to whatever direction his thumb was pointing."

Please consider this question: To whom do YOU look for a "thumbs-up" or a "thumbs-down" as to the value of your life?

There are many "critics" in the world to whom people turn for approval for their lives. The problem is that these critics can be RIGHT or they can be WRONG.

For example, writing in 2010, Ebert wrote that he didn't fear death because he didn't think there was anything "on the other side of death to fear."

According to the Word of God, Ebert's statement is correct IF one is a Christian. The faithful child of God has nothing to fear "on the other side of death" because he is

cleansed of his condemning sins by the blood of Jesus (Revelation 1:5; 1 John 1:7).

But Ebert's evaluation is wrong, according to the Word of God, if one is outside of Christ. When Jesus, the Son of God, comes again, "He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

The TRUTH is that even though we are condemned because of our sins, God wants to save us and give us eternal life (Romans 6:23). He loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16).

God will save and give eternal life to those who: place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse those who live out their lives seeking the approval of One: the Lord Himself. After all, His is the only "opinion" (judgment) that counts.

What joy it will be to receive a "thumbs-up" from God and hear Him say,

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord" (Matthew 25:21).

Won't YOU accept God's offer of forgiveness and life?

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Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Hall Supports Jobs, Energy Bill

WASHINGTON, DC . . . This week, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) voted with the House to pass H.R. 678, The Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act. The bipartisan legislation passed 416-7.

“Americans need jobs and more affordable energy, and I continue to fight for legislation that boosts these priorities,” said Hall. “I am pleased to support H.R. 678, a bill that would create new American jobs and increase America’s energy independence by expanding production of clean, renewable hydropower – one of the cheapest and cleanest forms of electricity.”

“In addition to lowering energy costs for American families and small businesses, this bill would generate federal revenue over 10 years at no expense to American taxpayers, according to the Congressional Budget Office,” Hall stated.

H.R. 678 would also streamline the regulatory process and reduce administrative costs for small canal and pipeline hydropower development projects.

“As the year progresses, I will continue to use my seniority in Congress to further the concerns and values of my constituents.”

Cornyn Statement on the White House Budget

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after the President released his budget, 65 days late.

“By delaying his budget and neglecting to meet his obligations, the President chose to lead from behind and put off the task of governing.

“Even with the extra time, the President has offered a budget that isn’t serious about putting our nation back on a path to long-term economic growth. He's holding necessary reforms hostage to more tax increases, failing to take serious steps towards deficit reduction and pushing a budget that never balances.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Fairfax, Va. - Expanding background checks at gun shows will not prevent the next shooting, will not solve violent crime and will not keep our kids safe in schools. While the overwhelming rejection of President Obama and Mayor Bloomberg's "universal" background check agenda is a positive development, we have a broken mental health system that is not going to be fixed with more background checks at gun shows. The sad truth is that no background check would have prevented the tragedies in Newtown, Aurora or Tucson. We need a serious and meaningful solution that addresses crime in cities like Chicago, addresses mental health deficiencies, while at the same time protecting the rights of those of us who are not a danger to anyone. President Obama should be as committed to dealing with the gang problem that is tormenting honest people in his hometown as he is to blaming law-abiding gun owners for the acts of psychopathic murderers.

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Sticking with what works when it comes to Medicare

-- Lessons for Republicans and Democrats

By Douglas E. Schoen

The Democratic and Republican Congressional budget plans proffered by House and Senate budget committee chairs must be viewed more as acts of political theater than serious fiscal roadmaps.

Even though symbolic votes have taken place, neither plan has a chance of passing the other chamber or becoming law.

Making moderate spending cuts while preserving key pro-growth investments in job creation, infrastructure, health care, and education is critical.

However, getting the calculus right requires necessary balance and making a point to replicate what's already working. In many ways, this is the key to moving beyond symbolism and ideology in our governing process, and enacting legislative proposals that the American people can really behind.

Consider the example of Medicare, which will be a focal point in every budget debate for the next several years. There are ways to drive cost savings in Medicare while delivering high quality health care for seniors and those with disabilities.

This has already been tested and proven under the newest major part of Medicare: the Part D drug benefit, which provides prescription drug coverage to millions of seniors and disabled Americans. It relies on private sector competition, has a 90 percent approval rating among seniors and is on track to cost more than \$340 billion less during its first 10 years than originally forecast.

And that's one major place where I've seen problems with various proposals in recent weeks: some of them are focused on gutting Part D. While this often constitutes a talking point both in Washington and on the campaign trail, Republicans and Democrats would be wise to recognize the political value of sticking with what works in Medicare.

Turning it into a voucher system, despite significant savings over time, isn't the solution as millions (especially those under 56) will be negatively impacted.

Baby boomers already in retirement and those about to turn 65 are by most accounts paying closer attention as Medicare dominates political news cycles.

The same governing principle also applies to the need for comprehensive fiscal and budgetary reform, as well as an overhaul of the tax code to reduce rates and minimize or eliminate deductions.

All should happen in a balanced fashion, but Americans will reward those policymakers who address our nation's fiscal challenges head on without going overboard and pursuing policies that will result in greater economic uncertainty.

This will be increasingly important as the job market continues to improve and the economy finds its footing.

In aggregate, the Democrats' vision presents a more practical approach to the country's future. But members of my own party should take into account the importance of striving for balance, without disrupting what's already working.

For both parties, offering a sincere, realistic and innovative vision for how we drive cost savings will send a signal that Washington is serious about enacting common sense reforms.

Five months into the new campaign cycle and with the economy beginning to turn around, this can't be discounted.

Douglas Schoen is a political strategist and author of Hopelessly Divided: The New Crisis in American Politics and What it Means for 2012 and Beyond, published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Let's Arm Educators — With Information

Systematic Identification of At-Risk Students is Key

By: Dr. Mariam Azin

Can guns in the classroom prevent the next school shooting tragedy? The National Rifle Association has proposed arming teachers as a deterrent to the next Adam Lanza or T.J. Lane. While school districts will need to find the security solutions that they and their communities are comfortable with, I'd like to see our teachers, principals and staff armed with something potentially more powerful -- the tools and information to identify students who are headed for a mental health crisis.

Every time a troubled young person commits a horrific act of violence, we try to understand what went wrong. The media is still looking into Adam Lanza's upbringing, mental health status, and school records for clues to the Newtown, Conn., tragedy. We've done the same for James Holmes, Jared Lee Laughner, TJ Lane. In every case, we find that there were warning signs, usually years in advance. One thing we know: a mentally healthy, socially secure and well-balanced teen doesn't just wake up one morning and decide to kill a dozen people. Teachers, neighbors, peers and relatives always are able to look backwards and identify things that just "weren't quite right."

Mental health experts estimate that one in 10 teens has a mental health issue, and as many as 80 percent of them may be undiagnosed. Mental health problems like schizophrenia, depression and bipolar disorder often manifest between the ages of 14 and 24. It is no accident that many of the most publicized mass shootings have been carried out by young people (often men) in their teens or twenties.

What role can schools play in ensuring that teens who need mental health services are identified, referred and receive services? We may want to exempt schools from this responsibility and insist that they focus only on academics. But the reality is, they cannot focus on academics unless they have first established a safe environment for learning. Students who are in a mental health crisis are a disruption to the learning process in the best case, and a danger to themselves, their peers and school staff in the worst case.

We can -- and should -- talk about appropriate security precautions. But this addresses only one piece of the problem. If we could make our schools perfectly secure, a troubled student intent on homicide would then take his weapon to the theater, the mall or the public park. We need to figure out how to prevent these kinds of attacks from happening at all, without turning ourselves into a police state.

The way to do this is to focus on early identification of students who are showing signs of risk, and establishing a strong referral and monitoring program to make sure that students in need of mental health services actually receive and benefit from them. It's not enough to simply log an incident report and walk away. We need to ask what kind of services does the student need? The family? And make sure they have access to appropriate resources. And then we need to follow up, to make sure that the connection was made and interventions are working. If they're not, we need to try something else.

Why should schools be involved in the identification and referral process? Because that's where the students are. Our high schools and colleges are the front lines, and the last place where we will have young people all gathered together. We cannot count on every family being able to recognize potential problems and self-refer. But we can train our teachers, school counselors and administrators to do a better job of recognizing emerging issues, and give them the tools and resources they need for appropriate identification, referral and management of school- and community-based resources.

Keeping our children and communities safe requires more than security precautions. We have a responsibility to potential future victims to do everything we can to prevent future tragedies like Sandy Hook. We also have a responsibility to potential future perpetrators to find them before their demons carry them too far away from us to save.

We may not be able to rescue every future Adam Lanza from the demons within. But recognizing and treating signs of dangerous mental illness at the onset will do more to keep our communities safe than all the guns, locks and metal detectors our money can buy.

About Dr. Mariam Azin: Dr. Mariam Azin holds a doctorate in applied social psychology and has more than 20 years of experience in educational research and evaluation. She has been the principal investigator on numerous large-scale evaluation efforts related to at-risk learners; curriculum and instruction; educational technology; and community programs spanning mental health, substance use and criminal justice. She served as joint principal investigator on three federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students evaluations. In 2012 she founded Mazin Education (www.mazineducation.com), an educational company focused on software solutions that help schools to better assess, identify and serve at-risk students.





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Do-It-Yourself Will Leads to Unwanted Result

If you choose to write your own will, you run the risk of not having your estate distributed the way you want, as a recent Pennsylvania case illustrates.

George Zeevering apparently wanted his estate to go to two of his five children. Instead of seeking out an elder law attorney to advise him on drawing up an estate plan, he decided to write his own will. The will gave his pickup truck to his daughter Diane and his summer property to his son Wayne. Mr. Zeevering also wrote in the will that he was intentionally leaving out his other three children.

The problem with the will was that Mr. Zeevering did not specify what to do with the remainder of his estate (called a "residuary clause"). While Mr. Zeevering probably intended that the rest of his estate – which totaled \$217,000 – would go to his favorite children, he didn't state that in the will. Because the will had no residuary clause, the remainder of Mr. Zeevering's estate passed under the state law that specifies who inherits when there is no will. Under Pennsylvania law, this meant that the rest of Mr. Zeevering's estate would be divided equally between his five children.

A state court confirmed this result, but only after the children had spent much more in attorney fees than their father would have paid a lawyer to have his will done properly. While you may save some money drafting your own will, you are in danger of making mistakes that can cause unneeded conflict and don't get the result you want. Always seek the advice of your elder law attorney before creating an estate plan.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



House Passes the Budget

Last week, I spoke about the budget process, and on Thursday, April 4, the House took up and debated the budget. Senate Bill 1 was passed by a large majority on Thursday evening. Now the bill will go back to the Senate, which will vote to either accept all of the House's amendments or go to conference on the bill. Most likely the Senate will choose to go to conference, and a conference committee made up of members from the House and the Senate will be appointed to reconcile the differences between the two versions of the bill. The reconciled bill is then voted on by all members of each chamber for final passage. No changes to the bill will be able to be made at that time.

A bulk of the legislative work continues to be in the committee process. Committees are hearing more and more bills in an effort to move the process along. In the House Committee on Transportation, we heard 23 bills in one day. Next week, we are scheduled to hear 24 new bills before the committee. Other committees have similar work loads. However, as bills are passed out of committee, more and more bills will be taken up on the floor of the house, and the members will spend a majority of the day debating bills on the floor.

Spring is also the time of year when many schools take a field trip to Austin. Recently, I was excited to meet with students, parents, and teachers from Van Alstyne Elementary School. The 4th-graders sang a collection of songs about Texas in the Capitol rotunda and toured the Capitol building. I enjoyed talking with the Van Alstyne students, and was happy that I was able to meet with them while they were here.

For information on any other matter of state government, please contact my office. You can contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.

Converting to the Society of Friends

Rabbi 1: We've got to do something. Many of the young people in our synagogue are converting to the Quaker faith.

Rabbi 2: I've noticed that too. In fact, some of my best Jews are Friends!

It a Day

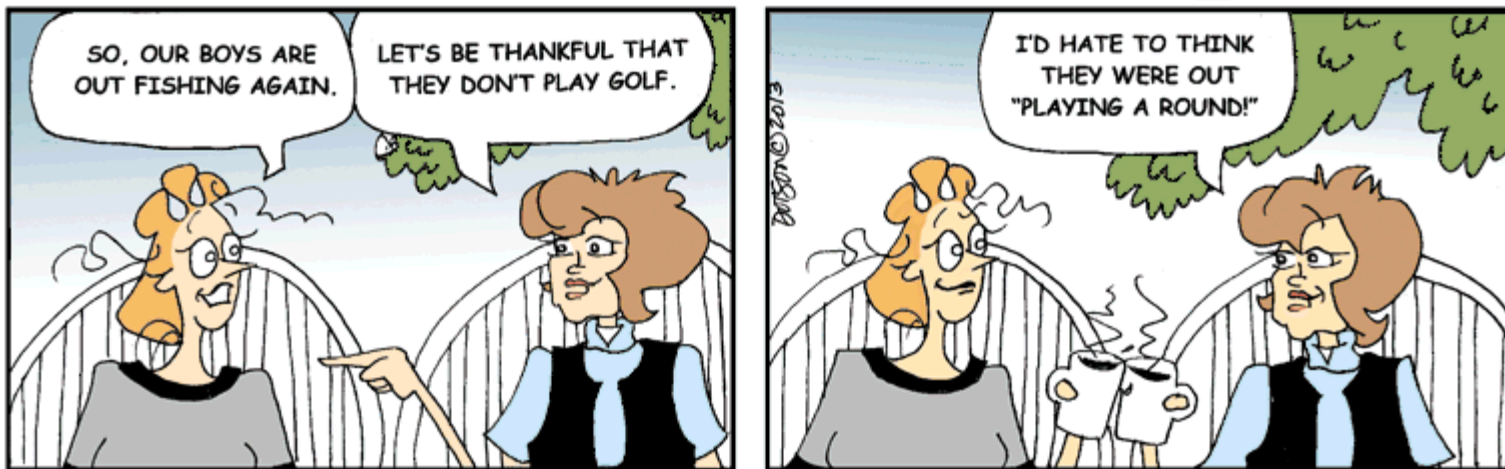
God: "Whew, I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on earth."

Angel: "Oh yeah? What are you going to do now?"

God: "I think I'll call it a day."

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LET'S REMINISCE: History And A Movie

By Jerry Lincecum

Although I did not see John Ford's movie "The Searchers" when it was released in 1956, it has long been on my list of favorite westerns. John Wayne plays Ethan Edwards, who along with his adopted nephew (played by Jeffrey Hunter), is searching for Ethan's young niece, who has been captured by a Comanche chief.

Although Ford's script was adapted from a novel by Alan LeMay, the story is based on the abduction of Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured in 1836 at Parker's Fort in central Texas, near Groesbeck, located within two dozen miles of the farm where I grew up.

The teen-aged Cynthia Ann became the wife of Comanche chief Peta Nocona and bore him three children, including Quanah Parker, who became the most important and influential Native American of his generation. He built a mansion in Indian Territory, not that far from my present home of Sherman, TX. Thus I feel a double connection with the movie based on Cynthia Ann Parker's story.

In a new book entitled **The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend**, Glenn Frankel, director of the School of Journalism at UT-Austin, makes it clear that director John Ford was more interested in myth-making than in history. For one thing, the film was shot in Monument Valley, Utah, one of this country's most dramatic and remote settings. It bears little resemblance to any part of Texas.

"When the legend becomes fact, print the legend" is often attributed to Ford, but in fact it was spoken by one of his characters in "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." But the sentiment applies to "The Searchers." Both John Ford and John Wayne were making a legend.

Wayne's character in the movie is based on Cynthia Ann's uncle, James, and Ford presents him as a vicious racist who wants all Indians wiped out. When he finally catches up with his niece (played by Natalie Wood), we don't know whether he will rescue her or kill her for committing the ultimate sin of sleeping with the Enemy.

To create one of his best movies and one of the greatest westerns of all time, Ford tapped into Wayne's all-American persona and showed a neurotic dark side beneath the surface. Giving us the myth and undercutting it at the same time makes the film outstanding.

In his book Frankel shows that Quanah Parker also understood and used the mythology of the American West (including the legend of his mother's story) to maximum advantage. When he died of a heart attack in 1911, he was laid out in full Indian costume and buried beside his mother's grave. The previous year he had moved her remains to Post Oak Mission Cemetery near his home in Cache, OK.

His red granite headstone, quarried from the sacred Wichita Mountains, reads: "Resting Here Until Day Breaks and Shadows Fall and Darkness Disappears is Quanah Parker Last Chief of the Comanches."

The legend of Quanah and Cynthia Ann Parker goes on and on.

-30- Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject: jlincecum@me.com



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Dr. John R Brinkley



John R. Brinkley – Millionaire, Mountebank, Medicine Man

by Don Mathis

My dad used to tell me stories about a doctor in the Great Depression who would broadcast his services on the radio. Folks from the Rockies to the Appalachians could pick up his advertisements for live baby chicks – and for goat glands. Thousands of men were swayed by the idea that a gonad graft would improve sexual performance.

Years later, I listened to the Doors' tune, "Texas Radio," as well as the ZZ Top song, "Heard it on the X." These recordings were about XER, the radio transmitter in Acuña, Mexico, that used to broadcast early rock from disc jockeys like Wolfman Jack and others. The beat of rock and roll could be said to improve sexual performance as well.

Then I learned of the connection between the powerful radio station that pushed airwaves from Arkansas to Alberta in the 1930s and laid the Big Beat across America in the 1960s. Laws in Mexico were more lenient than in the U.S in the early days of radio. More wattage could be broadcast. Less content was censored.

The Playhouse in San Pedro Park presents "Roads Courageous" (February 22 – March 17), a musical about the implanter of goat glands and the implementer of electronic media manipulation. John R. Brinkley (born in 1885 in Jackson County, North Carolina, died in 1942 in San Antonio) may be an unusual subject for a song and dance or a comedy/drama, but he was an unusual man.

Dr. Brinkley took advantage of the nebulous distinctions in professional medicine and the advent of electronic technology in the early 20th century. He made his cash registers ring. At a time when distrust in big government was at its highest and faith in corporate power was at its lowest, disapproval from the American Medical Association only strengthened his appeal.

Two reasons the AMA (or the Amateur Meat-cutter's Association, as he liked to call them) considered Dr. Brinkley a quack was for his propensity to prescribe pills over the radio and his collection of kickbacks from participating pharmacies. He had a showmanship that stretched the boundaries of professional decorum. And then there was that goat gland business.

Dr. Brinkley was an astute observer of the human psyche and he knew what people wanted to hear. He perfected the art of stroking the ego of men who had been kicked to the curb by the Great Depression. He offered better health, more energy, and increased libido. His sheer enthusiasm and promises for a better life may have helped many with a placebo effect.

But he did so much more than promote sexual vitality. Dr. Brinkley owned one of the first commercial radio stations in the country. KFKB in Milford, Kansas, broadcast regional weather reports and news of Chicago stocks – and farmers and ranchers turned in. The careers of Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Hank Williams were also enhanced from Dr. Brinkley's broadcasts. The doctor even offered college courses over the air. Listeners could get a degree from the Kansas State Agricultural College which was every bit as valid as Dr. Brinkley's own credentials.

When State authorities finally revoked Dr. Brinkley's medical and broadcasting licenses, he ran for governor of Kansas in an effort to restore them. He pioneered the use of radio and aviation to further his political ends. Dr. Brinkley championed a message of the common man. He rejected elitism and embraced rustic values. His political rallies were a mixture of religious revival with a touch of state fair flamboyance. The crowds were huge.

We see a lot of the same attractions in today's political and health-care fields. Some candidates take pride in covert racism and anti-intellectualism. And who hasn't seen the draw for 'alternative health' zealots? A campaign for education reform, assistance to the elderly, a fair tax system, and free health care still holds appeal to a lot of voters.

Although he gathered 240,000 votes, Dr. Brinkley failed in his 1932 election attempt and his attempt to maintain his accreditation in Kansas. By the mid-30s, he was broadcasting again, this time from the powerful XER in Acuña and running a very successful hospital on this side of the river in Del Rio.

Armed with an assortment of eclectic degrees and foreign diplomas from a variety of quasi-medical schools, he attained a level of authenticity. The cost of his goat gland operation increased from \$750 to \$1,500. The signal from his radio station reached all 48 states with enough power left over (as the Chicago Daily News reported) "to light the street lights in Calgary." Whether or not South Texas ranchers could listen to XER on their barbwire fence or screen door, on a clear night the signal could be received in Europe and China.

Times were good. About 4,000 patients a year visited his facility in Del Rio for dysfunction. More visited his hospital for rectal diseases in San Juan, Texas. Dr. Brinkley's goat farm in Oklahoma was doing extremely well. He bought 6,500 acres in North Carolina, a ranch in Texas and opened up two more hospitals in Arkansas. At one time he owned three yachts, a Lockheed Electra airplane, and a dozen Cadillac cars.

It all came crashing down rather quickly. He claimed he was libeled by the editor of an AMA publication but the jury decided in 1939 he had been accurately identified as a charlatan. A 'cut-rate' competitor appeared in Del Rio, siphoning off his customers, some right from his waiting room. Dr. Brinkley filed for bankruptcy after getting hit with several malpractice suits and a government claim for \$200,000 in back taxes.

Then, in 1941, Mexico had to reallocate the wavelength assigned to his radio and the voice of the people's physician was silenced forever. The next year, on a spring day in San Antonio, Dr. Brinkley died from heart disease and complications of a leg amputation brought on by a blood clot.

His house in Del Rio still stands (512 Qualia Drive). Where he lived in San Antonio is a mystery. But for a generation, Dr. Brinkley riveted the imagination with the symbolism of the billy goat and the prowess of Pan.



Texoma Montage

Back to Enterprise

In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

This section of the website will only be updated every other month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Dale and Lana Rideout

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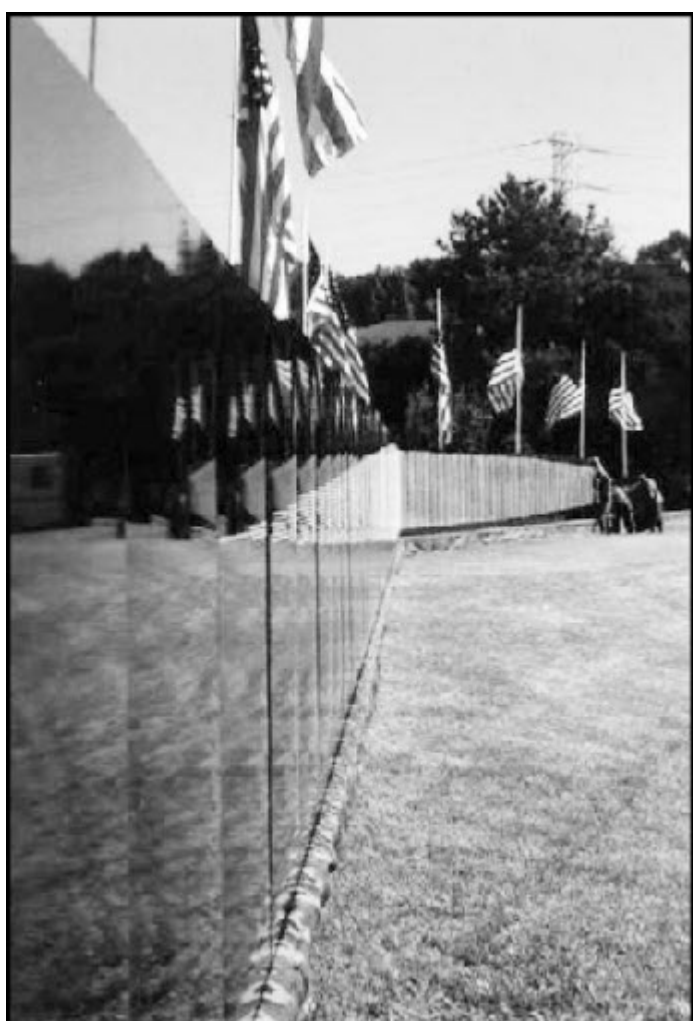
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

by Dorothy N. Fowler

The first time I saw the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., I was with my 80 year-old mother. She broke down and cried as she looked at the wall bearing the names of more than 58,000 dead and missing in action.

"Such a waste," she said through her tears. "Such a waste."

Mama had opposed the war to start with, not because she believed members of the armed services were doing anything wrong, but because she thought the policy behind it was a failed policy and that the United States had no vital national interest there.

When the war began, I was a hawk, but as it dragged on, I wanted nothing so much as to bring home the men and women whose lives were in danger every day in a cause that clearly seemed to be lost as a result of policy failures. I watched helpless every year as some of my brightest and best students were drafted, went to fight, and either came home in military caskets or terribly wounded either in body or spirit.

When I saw the wall for the first time, I visualized a baseball stadium that seats 60,000. I saw it full and then suddenly irrevocably empty. As I walked the length of the wall, seeing the gifts that had been laid beneath some of the names, watching people take rubbings of the names of their children, their friends, their husbands, brothers, sisters, lovers, I too began to cry.

I was not alone. Many of the people who were walking near me were crying. Nothing outside the sudden death of my three-year old granddaughter has ever affected me as much as that first visit to the wall.

It's a fact that the Vietnam War Memorial is the most visited National Park Service Site in Washington, D. C. It's also a fact that most Americans will never get to Washington to see the memorial.

That's why, when the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial comes to Denison on July 22, sponsors will keep the practice field at Denison High School open 24 hours a day for its three day stay.

"We want as many people as possible to be able to visit it," Horace Groff, former Grayson County Judge and one of the organizers of the wall's visit, said. "There is never any charge whatsoever to visitors to the wall."

After his retirement from political life, Groff went to work part-time for Bratcher Funeral Home, which is now part of Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation and Cemetery Providers. The company commissioned the traveling replica, which was completed in 1990.

"Sponsors who want the wall to come to their city put their names in and Denison got picked for this summer," Groff said. "Sponsors make contributions and sometimes individuals who visit the wall make contributions to have it come, but the wall is truly a service that the company makes possible."

At 240 feet long and eight feet high, it is sometimes hard to find a place large enough to hold it and the crowds of people who visit it. Security is also a problem. "We needed to have it in a place that was accessible and at the same time secure," Groff said. "The practice field at DHS was the best spot."

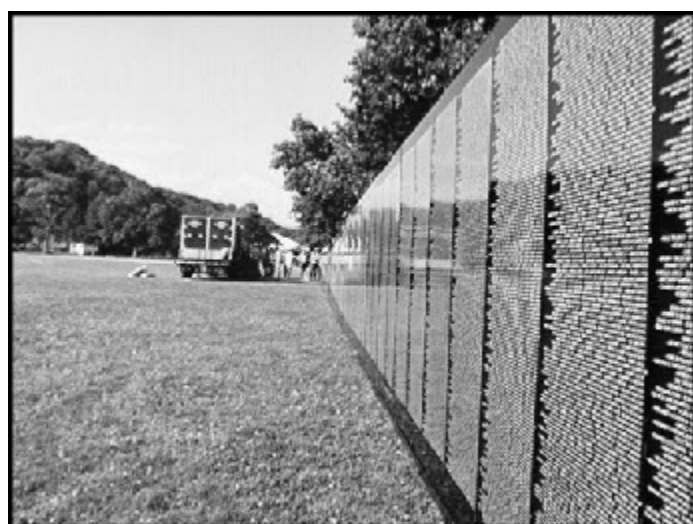
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

Learning that the wall was coming to Denison sent me on a quest for other war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Bryan and Collin Counties. I didn't find all of them, probably overlooked some that were right under my nose, but looking for them and thinking about the uncommon valor that each represented was a life affirming experience.

If you and your family go looking for the memorials described on page 14 and following, I hope you will come away from the experience with a renewed sense of the sacrifices that others have made to make it safe for you to travel freely, to speak freely, to read whatever you choose to read, to attempt any job you want to do. I hope you will think what it means to be free.



The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



What's Cookin...

Texoma Montage

By Lana Rideout

Cooking During Wartime

War time is a difficult time for all involved: the soldiers on the battlefield and the family members back home.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 just as Americans were coming out of the Great Depression. People were used to doing without and making do with what they had. They were used to sharing with others.

The folks back home did all they could to get those American soldiers back home. They participated in scrap iron drives; they rationed gas and many food items such as sugar and eggs.

One creation of the time was a sweet treat known as the "Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake" also known as the Depression Cake.

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups HOT Water
- 2 Tablespoons. Shortening
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Package Seedless Raisins
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Cloves
- 3 Cups Flour (Sifted)
- 1 Teaspoon HOT Water

Boil together the Sugar, Water, Shortening, Salt, Raisins and Spices for five minutes. When Cold, add the Flour and the Soda (dissolved in a tsp of Hot Water). This makes two loaves--Bread Pan Size.

Bake in 325F oven for about 45 minutes. This Cake is of good texture and keeps moist for some time. Note: You can Ice this cake with your choice of Icing.

My friend Betty Weaver of Sherman was 10 when the U.S. entered WWII. She remembers her mom baking this cake usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would store it in an old pressure cooker, wrapped in waxed paper and a heavy towel (trying to hide it from the children). Betty says the cake is a favorite at her family reunions and usually sells for upward of \$40. Her recipe calls for lard, but she uses canola oil which makes for a very moist cake.

In researching this recipe, I found several versions: Some use brown sugar and others white sugar. Spices include nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and/ or allspice. One recipe said that 1 cup of nuts adds flavor to the cake.

During WWII people on farms did better than some of the city folks since farms had chickens for a steady supply of eggs. Also vegetables grown in the gardens were plentiful. On the farms and in the towns lots of folks grew "victory gardens" – vegetables they could eat or can.

Although sugar was rationed, folks on the farm who did their own canning were allowed more sugar.

My Dad served in the Army and was overseas in England when I was born just two weeks before D-Day – June 6, 1944. My Mom was living with her parents in Fort Worth; all of them were praying for a speedy end to the war and the safe return of their loved ones.

Another recipe used during World War II is the Spam and Egg Sandwich - good any time of day--breakfast, lunch, dinner, or midnight snack!

WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

- chopped onion
- 1 Slice fully cooked luncheon meat (e.g. Spam)
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 2 Slices bread
- 1 Slice American cheese (optional)
- 1 Slice tomato (optional)

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the onion in butter until soft. Mash up the slice of luncheon meat with a fork, and add it to the skillet. Cook for 2 or 3 minutes, until browned. Pour the egg into the skillet so that it covers all of the meat and onion. Cook until firm, then flip to brown the other side.

Place the egg and meat onto one slice of the bread and top with cheese and tomato if desired. Place the other piece of bread on top. Bread can also be toasted first.)

I also did a little research on recipes from the American Civil War or the "War Between the States." From some of the websites I visited, it looks like some folks are still fighting that one. While no one advocates a return to slavery, the issue of states' rights versus the federal government is a hot issue in many southern political discussions.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side was a plantation overseer in Tennessee. He was off serving in the Confederate Army when his daughter was born near the end of the war. I remember my great-grandmother. She died when I was six and I still remember receiving hugs from her. Her daughter, my mother's mother told me many stories about the family members.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides carried an item called hard tack. It is a simple cracker made of flour, salt and water. They could be very hard and some soldiers called them "tooth dullers" or "sheet iron crackers." The soldiers softened them by soaking them in their coffee, frying them in bacon grease, or crumbling them in soup.

Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

Mix the flour and salt with just enough water to bind the ingredients. Flatten the dough to about ¼ inch thick on a cookie sheet. Cut into 3 inch by 3 inch squares. Pierce with 16 holes about ½ inch apart. Bake at 400 degrees F. 20-25 minutes.

Another popular recipe during the Civil War time is Southern Johnny Cake – a cornbread variation good with your favorite beans or stew.

Southern Johnny Cake

- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2/3 Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoons Lard (Vegetable Oil)
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt

Mix into a stiff batter and form into 8 biscuit-sized "dodgers." Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees F 20-25 minutes or spoon batter into hot cooking oil in a frying pan over flame. Optional: spread with a little butter or molasses for a real southern treat.

As a part of this new magazine, I will be sharing recipes and stories with you. If you have recipes or ideas you would like to share, contact me at lanarideout@texomamontage.com or call 903/532-6012.



WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.

Betty Weaver of Sherman found this one-piece metal tube cake pan in an antique store. It was made by E. Katzinger Co. of Chicago (date unknown) and printed on the bottom of the pan is the following: "Swan's Down Cake Flour Makes Better Cakes." On each side of the pan is a movable vent so the cake won't sweat and to aid with removal of the cake. Does anyone know the date it was made or have other information?

Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

Bryan, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties all have monuments honoring their veterans who gave their lives in support of our great nation. While we know that we have missed some, we have tried to give good examples from each county.

by Dorothy N. Fowler

“This will be a lead pipe cinch,” I said to myself. “After all, this is the place where everywhere you look there is an MIA flag and there is more red, white and blue than any place you’ve ever been. You’ll be able to find dozens of war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, and Bryan Counties.”

Thus armed, with more enthusiasm and optimism than information, it seemed to me to be good sense to start at home on the quest for photographs and information about memorials to men and women who have died serving the United States in any one of its last eight major wars. Named, those wars include the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq the First and Iraq the Second.

It seemed equally good sense to start the quest by visiting the VFW in Sherman to talk with people who had been combatants in one or more of those wars. Surely those folks would have a special interest in war memorials.

VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

If anyone in the main room at Sherman’s VFW is watching or listening to the wall mounted television set, it isn’t obvious on this wintry Thursday night.

Nearly all the people present are men. One woman is a server behind the bar and at 7:30 or so, another woman comes in and joins a group at a large round table. It isn’t clear whether she is a member of the auxiliary or a veteran, but whatever her status, it is clear from her reception that she is well-liked. The easy conversation at the table continues, punctuated by soft, well-controlled laughter.

The men at the table with me are Henry Salisbury, Doyle Sloan and Jessie Goodman. Later in the evening, Franklin “Andy” Anderson joins us.

Salisbury is the memorial chairperson for VFW Post 481-2772 and is a past commander of the post. He’s an army veteran of the Vietnam War. He arrived there in 1968 just in time for the TET offensive. He was there through 1969.

Sloan, nicknamed “Mr. VFW” by his comrades, fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Salisbury says Sloan has held nearly every office possible in the local VFW.

Anderson, a Vietnam veteran, and chaplain of the post, is personable as he pours his Sprite. He provides snippets of information about how VFW members went about building the war memorial in Sherman’s Fairview Park.

It is clear that these men, along with the other people in the room, and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have shared the experiences unique to war, are living memorials. But they are not interested in being living memorials. People die, they say. Families get separated. Kids either don’t remember or don’t care about the role their parents played in wars. The only way to be sure that future generations remember is to build memorials of granite and cement, to inscribe the names of the dead in stone.

“It’s a shame it took so long to get the memorial for World War Two,” Salisbury says. “I don’t think we can do enough to honor the people who serve their country, especially the ones who paid the ultimate price and didn’t come back.”

The other men nod agreement.

Doyle Sloan says the most recent memorial in Sherman is at Fairview Park. “H. K. Lyde was instrumental in getting it started. He was the Grayson County Council Commander and he wanted the VFW, the American Legion, the AmVets and the DAV to be involved in building it. About 10 years ago the veterans organizations raised about \$40,000 and combined it with lots of manual labor to build that softball field and the granite monuments.”

It’s the same with most war memorials, they say. It’s a dream that starts with one or maybe a few people and they work at raising the money for a memorial that has to be placed somewhere. Someone has to design it. Someone has to raise the money to pay for it. Someone has to navigate the myriads of red tape with local, state and sometimes the national government before the monument can be built. Someone has to plan the dedication ceremony, arrange for the speakers, the music if there is to be any.

These men have done all those things and helped others do them. Each year on special days, they visit the memorials, lay wreaths or light candles, leading the public as they remember their wars and the wars of fathers and grandfathers.

They do much more, working to improve the lives of veterans who are facing hard times, visiting veterans confin-ed to nursing homes, taking people to the nearest veterans hospitals for their check-ups, working with young people in the community.

“May I take some pictures?” I ask. There is a moment of hesitation.

“Most reporters want to take a picture of someone sitting at the bar, drinking,” Salisbury says. “But we’d like to have our picture taken with the national award the post won for its work on Poppy Day.”

“That’s just the picture we want,” I say.

“Thanks.”

“Wow! What nice people and what a treat to meet them,” I thought as I made my way through the parking lot to my maroon pickup. “They’ve given me two new ideas and the location of a war memorial that must be pretty close to brand new in Gainesville. If the weather holds, I can visit the memorials in Sherman, go to Gainesville and Bonham the next day and into Bryan County the next.

The weather did not hold. Rain and cold were the order of the day for the next two weeks. I had surgery on my right foot and the ensuing swelling kept me out of the pickup except for the brief ride to the doctor’s office for follow-up.

Undiscouraged, I went to the Internet, typing in war memorials Grayson County Texas, war memorials, Fannin County Texas, war memorials Bryan County Oklahoma, war memorials Cooke County Texas.

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Doyle Sloan, Henry Salisbury, and Jessie Goodman stand in front of the VFW Post 481-2772 Poppy Project Award.

Photo by Dorothy Fowler

Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Texoma Montage

The notice that the search engine had found thousands of bits of information about war memorials in each of the counties was misleading, at best. The truth was that there was a plethora of information about the subject of war memorials and that there were a few privately produced reminiscences about coming home from WWII, but there was almost nothing about war memorials in general and nothing at all about war memorials in any of the counties included in the question.

Questions to local historians elicited interest in the project, but no new information. "I guess you already know about Ely Park," one Austin College professor said. "And there's that newer one at Fairview Park. Those are the only ones I know anything about."

"What about the statue on the courthouse lawn?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted to know about memorials for men and women who died in the service of the United States," he replied. "That's a monument to men who died in service to the Confederate States of America. If you want to broaden your search, you'll find many more monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy than to the soldiers of the United States."

Ely Park World War II Memorial

At first glance on this almost balmy February Sunday afternoon, Sherman's Ely Park, bordered on the east by Rusk Avenue, on the north by Steadman, on the west by Austin and on the south by Moore, looks like the kind of family-friendly park one might find anywhere in the country.

There is a softball diamond on the northeast end, a big covered picnic pavilion on the south, typical playground equipment nearby and in between, a vast expanse of grass.

The abundance of crepe myrtle trees, planted at regular intervals around the perimeter of the park are a bit unusual, considering the sparse plantings in the rest of the park. Closer inspection indicates they are unique, for each of the 72 trees flanks a small white concrete marker that bears the name of one of the 72 men from Sherman who died during World War II.

Also on the markers is the birth year and the death year of the man commemorated by the marker. Most were in their late teens or 20s. A few were older. About one-third of the 72 died in 1944-45, which makes me wonder if they were part of the D-Day invasion or perhaps part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Beyond their names, which are also inscribed on a plaque placed on the west side of the park as part of an Eagle Scout project, there is no information at the park. However, people who are looking for more information might find it at the Sherman Public Library, which has a fine genealogy section and which also maintains excellent newspaper files.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and other national holidays, veterans groups and others place flags and flowers beside each marker.

The location of the park, bounded as it is by neat, well-kept houses that look as if they belong to blue collar workers, adds to the poignancy of the markers, for it's likely that most of the men whose names are on the stones lived in neighborhoods much like this one.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk the perimeter of the park if you stop to read the names and to think about how young were the people memorialized there.

Fairview Park War Memorial

In late winter, almost warm but not yet early spring, two of the three flags at the Liberty Memorial Garden in Sherman, Texas, crackles in the southwest wind.

The stars and stripes and the dark flag bearing the acronyms MIA and POW straight out from the poles from which they are suspended. The top of the third flag, the Texas flag, worked itself loose from the hooks that should have held it, leaving it drooping, hanging only by the lower grommets.

There is no way a passerby could repair the damage. The poles are state-of-the-art, with the mechanism that raises and lowers the flags locked behind plates in the substantial poles. People who frequent the park have no doubt that the flag will be back in its proper place before sunset.

Local veterans organizations are proud of the memorial they built with what one of them described as "an excess of sweat" after they raised \$40,000 to build the monument.

The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer players, on the field immediately east and north of the monument do not make enough noise to be heard.

Two well-maintained park benches provide places for visitors to sit and examine the memorial, which consists of four gray marble stones on which the names of every man or woman in Grayson County who died in World War II, Korea, or the Vietnam War carved. There is also a list of MIA's.

Two hundred and forty men from Grayson County died in action during World War II, 26 in Korea and 26 in Vietnam. The names of the five MIA's are at the end of the list.



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium

Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Members of the local veterans' organizations are always on the alert for the names of men and women they might have overlooked when the memorial was first erected. Several names are obviously new, their black outlines much darker than the names that were part of the original monument.

The names of the dead are inscribed on four slabs of granite, each about five feet tall and set in concrete. The granite slabs face each other. On the north, a fifth granite slab bears the names of each branch of the United States armed forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard are there, along with the names of local veterans organizations that helped build the memorial. They include the Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and the American Legion.

The monument is open every day of the year. Because it is near the park, it's a good place to bring a picnic on days when the weather is good.

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

Thirty-one years after the United States Civil War ended 20,000 people gathered on the northeast corner of the block where the Grayson County Court house stands in Sherman to witness the dedication of the first Confederate monument erected in Texas.

An article in the Sherman newspaper, dated April 21, 1897, said "(the statue) represents not only the confederate dead who are sleeping in West Hill (the oldest cemetery in Sherman), but those who are sleeping from *Gettysburg to the Rio Grande, from Missouri to the Atlantic Seaboard.*"

The monument is 45 feet tall, including the six foot statue of a Confederate infantryman standing at parade rest and gazing toward the north east. Most of the monument is made of light gray granite mined from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Georgia. The blocks that bear the inscriptions came from quarries at Lexington, near Atlanta.

Ironically, the statue of the soldier, which is crafted of a material characterized as "white bronze," was created in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In 1996, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the monument was rededicated.

The inscriptions on the sides of the base are typical of the prose of the Victorian age in general and Southerners in particular.

One of them reads, "*And the fame of that nameless nation on history's page shall shine as our heroes' grand oblation in our hearts has found a shrine.*"

Another reads, "*Sacred to the memory of our Confederate dead: true patriots. They fought for home and country. For the holy principles of self government—the only true liberty. Their sublime self-sacrifice and unsurpassed valor will teach future generations the lessons of high born patriotism, of devotion to duty, of exalted courage, of southern chivalry. History has enshrined them immortal.*"

Three Texas historical markers are clustered near the monument. One of them tells the story of Grayson County. Another tells of the exploits of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, which started with about 1,000 men and by war's end had only 110. The third tells the story of the 11th Texas Cavalry.

Because the soldier is perched so high on the shaft of the monument, it's not possible to see him in detail without binoculars, but you do get the feeling of just how important it still is to many people to have him there, overlooking the business at the intersection of Travis and Lamar 140 years after his war was lost.

For visitors who want to just sit for awhile, the citizens of Grayson County provided benches in honor of much-loved Grayson County Judge Horace Groff when he retired and re-entered life as a private citizen in 2002.

The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

An eternal flame honoring veterans of all wars burns near Katy Depot in Denison, but the most impressive and surprising monument stands north of the city, in the northwest corner of Fairview Cemetery.

The existence of a monument honoring Union soldiers may be the best kept secret in Grayson County. A quick survey of 10 lifelong residents of Grayson County netted 10 people who not only didn't know it exists, but also doubted that it does.

The monument, which is 15 feet, six inches tall, includes a five foot square base. It appears to have been made of limestone. The statue of the Union Infantryman wears a cap, a coat, brogans and other items typical of soldiers of his era. He is carrying a rifle that may have been a Springfield rifle.

Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

He also noted that the gaze of the statue, which faces southeast, intersects at some point with the gaze of the Confederate soldier on the Grayson County Courthouse lawn.

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

G. A. R.
1906
Erected by
Nathaniel Lyon
Post No 5
Department of Texas
In Memory of
the Loyal Soldiers
and Sailors

Texoma Montage



Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Texoma Montage

Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery, each identified by a federal shield on the headstone.

After visiting and photographing war memorials in Sherman and Denison, I turned east, toward Cooke County and the monument to veterans of 20th Century wars. On the way, I stopped in Whitesboro, a small town about half way between Sherman and Gainesville on Highway 82.

In Whitesboro, at the intersection of Highway 56 and Main Street, students from Whitesboro High School maintain an informal and surprisingly touching memorial. It is nothing more than an open space on the northwest corner, but the corner is filled with American flags and tied to a post nearby are tattered yellow bows and ribbons.

“There used to be a lot more ribbons and bows,” a man who works in a nearby building says. “But they got pretty torn up and I think the kids took some of them down and haven’t put up replacements yet.”

Dozens of such monuments may exist in small towns across the nation and where you find them, it’s a good thing to stop and think about what they mean.

The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

A big renovation project makes it difficult to get access to the war memorial in Gainesville.

The renovation is to the small zoo and the park that holds it and has nothing to do directly with the war memorial, but signs denying access to park roads and parking can confuse the faint of heart. But faint heart ne’er won anything much, so I went into the park on a road clearly marked “Construction Workers Only,” and found at the end of the lane, not only construction workers, but also a good many park visitors.

Where I needed to be, however, was at the entrance to the park, so I turned the pickup around, threaded my way through the traffic and parked on the shoulder of the highway so I could walk up the steps to the newest of the war memorials that I visited.

The Stars and Stripes hold center stage at the monument. To the left of the pole, a large marble slab holds the names of those killed in the service of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Like the similar monument in Sherman, there are recent additions to the original list, which was dedicated in 1996.

War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

If there were other memorials in Cooke County, no one could tell me where they were, although everyone seemed familiar with the one at Frank Buck Park, so I turned east, to drive back through Grayson County and into Fannin County to the county seat, Bonham.

A police officer in Bonham told me the only war memorials he knew about in Bonham were on the courthouse square. “I guess there might be some out at the VA hospital, but I don’t remember seeing any,” he said.

Bonham’s courthouse square is typical of every courthouse square in North Texas, surrounded as it on four sides by businesses of almost every stripe, but it does have something that most squares don’t have: a statue of the man for whom the county was named.

The metal representation of James Butler Bonham wears boots with spurs, carries a hat and a powder horn and over his left shoulder, there’s a strap that supports a pouch. If the statue looks like Bonham, Bonham was a handsome fellow.

There are two inscriptions on the base of the statue. One of them provides a brief biography of Bonham. The other reads: “*At the call of his boyhood friend William Barrett Travis, He came to Texas in 1835 and engaged in the war for independence as aide and messenger for Travis. He was faithful unto death at the Alamo March the sixth 1836.*”

Bonham’s statue is the only one I found that made mention of Texas’ war for independence from Mexico.

The other memorial, a statue of a Confederate soldier, is on the northwest corner of the courthouse. The soldier is not nearly so high as the one in Sherman, but it is still too high to permit viewers to make out details clearly without binoculars.

Inscriptions on each face of the base, however, are for the most part, quite clear.

The inscription on the east face reads: *Battles fought, 2242. Total enlistment Confederate Army 600,000. Total enlistment United States Army 2,278,304. Federal Prisoners captured by Confederates 270,000. Confederate prisoners captures by federals 270,000. Co. E 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th TX CAV.*

On the south face, between crossed sabers are the words from 1861 to 1865. Below are the following words: “*They fought for principle, their homes, and those they loved. On fame’s eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, and Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.*”

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words:

“*To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.*”

On the north face are the words: “*The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)*”

From the court- house square, I went to the VA hospital, but found no statues dedicated to the servicemen and servicewomen who seek treatment for their wounds and their illnesses there.

While I was looking for memorials in Bonham, my colleague Dale Rideout was in another part of Fannin County, in Leonard, where he found two memorials. Both of them are dedicated to all veterans of all wars.

One of the memorials is located near the center of town. On both front and back of a granite slab, the citizens of Leonard, who maintain both memorials, have had engraved the names of all service personnel from the town who have died in the service of their country.

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam.

The other memorial is at the cemetery.

Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

On the same day he visited the cemeteries in Leonard, Dale also visited cemeteries in Collin County. He found a variety of memorials, including the gravesite of John Abston (1761-1856), a soldier in the American Revolution.

Abston is buried in the Old Belew cemetery, near the city of Lavon.

Rideout also visited the cemetery at Farmersville, where he found Freedom Plaza, a memorial that includes a granite slab on which are engraved the names of "*Farmersville heroes (who) died to keep the torch of freedom burning.*" The names of veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam are listed on the slab.

At the bottom are words attributed to Audie Murphy, "*The real heroes of the war are those who never came home.*"

The memorial was dedicated in 1998 by the community of Farmersville.

Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

In the Pecan Grove Cemetery, Dale found a granite marker engraved with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and the names of all Civil War veterans buried in the Pecan Grove Cemetery. A historical marker in the Pecan Grove Memorial Park "*commemorates the courageous and compassionate pioneer men and women of this vicinity.*"

It mentions in particular Dr. James Webb Throckmorton, who was a Texas legislator during the 18950's, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, Governor of Texas from 1866-1867 and a member of Congress intermittently between 1875 and 1888.

In the same cemetery there is a medallion, dedicated in 1970, dedicated "*To those who served for freedom's just cause.*"

In McKinney, Dale found a granite marker "*Dedicated in honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country.*"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, William H. L. Well Camp #1588, dedicated a marker to Confederate soldiers in Plano in 2000.

Fort Washita

There are probably other memorials in North Texas that we overlooked, but it wasn't because Dale and I didn't try to find them all. As soon as I was through with the Texas side of Texoma, I went looking in Oklahoma.

Lifelong residents of Durant told me they didn't know of any monuments, but directed me to Ft. Washita, about 18 miles west and north of Durant.

"It isn't really a war memorial, I guess," one man said. "There aren't any statues or anything out there. But in another way it's better than statues or plaques because you can almost hear the way it was when it was a fort."

Restoring the fort, which is on Oklahoma State Highway 199, is a work in progress. The fort office, made from a building that once was officers' quarters, is complete and so is a barracks building across the road and to the south. Several smaller buildings are also in good repair.

One of the major barracks buildings is in ruins, however. It is covered by vines with branches thick enough to be tree branches.

Two burial grounds are on the fort grounds. The post burial ground is at the north end of the road into the fort. It is an active cemetery. On the day I was there, flowers from a recent funeral were still fresh on the mound of red earth that covered the grave. A visitor told me she had "put my husband here two years ago."

The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

Ft. Washita, which was established in 1842 to keep peace among the Indians and white settlers, was abandoned by the federals in 1861 and was used by Confederate troops until the Civil War ended in 1865.

It has a resident ghost, Aunt Jane, who is listed among the prominent ghosts of the frontier.

Each of these places is worth a visit. A little planning would make it possible to visit several memorials in the same day and get home before dark. It would be a good thing, if you're interested in history or you want to teach your kids to be proud of their heritage, to set aside a day every now and then to visit one or more of them.

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- *editing stories and books for publication
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Telling Our Stories

DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham

It was one of those awful years during World War II. We were all subservient to "The War Effort", and we were convinced that it would be unethical to complain, under the circumstances.

Since Betty and I had married cousins, both of whom were serving their country in the armed forces, we determined to live together "For the Duration."

Betty was a devout person, I attended the community church with her. The minister, living alone, was an admirable gentleman whom we considered to be in the category of the elderly. Betty, devoted to the church, had a wild idea. She suggested to me that we invite the minister to a Saturday, early-evening dinner. We did. Because of the "War Effort", we all worked six days a week. By the greatest happenstance, she and I expected to be free at noon on that certain Saturday.

We checked our ration books and found meat was a possibility. A trip to the neighborhood grocery market was reasonably productive. The meat looked good, and we were able to get enough for three servings. Sugar was in very short supply, but we were able to get one pound. We would be able to make a little custard or pudding. At the right time, the gentleman arrived. We were not at all embarrassed about the fact that our tiny apartment was so unpretentious. Anyone who was able to acquire more than one room during that period was happy.

After our greetings, we sat at our little table and prepared to enjoy a delightful meal. The minister politely asked us about our husbands and we told him what we knew, although the actual location of any of the military men was a secret.

I was having difficulty cutting my meat. I glanced at Betty and found her having no less trouble. At last, I hacked off a bit, but masticating it was another problem. I looked at the minister's plate.

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

The War Effort always offered subjects for discussion. I repeated the story my husband had told. In England, where there was no ice, the bartender would sally forth with the jolly admonition, "Drink 'er up, Boys, afore she gets cold!" We laughed. We tried the meat again. We were having no luck.

Betty told of an experience concerning her brother and sister-in-law. The couple wished to drive to another town 120 miles distant so the young lady could visit her ailing mother. Their tires were bald, and buying gasoline was a near impossibility, but the young man thought he could manage. Betty ended the tale by revealing that the couple had experienced six flat tires before arriving back home. She laughed. Our hesitation was hardly noticeable as we joined her.

"Well, maybe the war will be over soon," the minister offered. We were all worrying with the meat. Betty wondered aloud about it and I made a remark.

"You know what I think?" the minister said. "I think this is horse meat!"

"Horse meat!" Betty and I gasped in consternation.

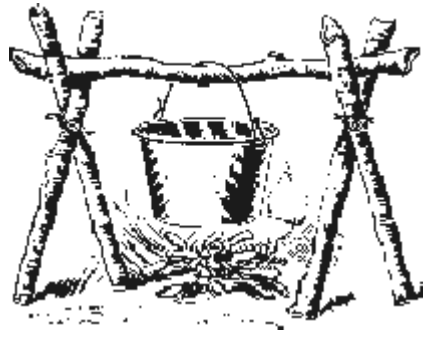
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



Ruby Frizzell Draisey

Cookin' Out



Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

I have enjoyed cooking since I was a very young boy. It is a real treat to hear others comment about my cooking, when it is a success. If it turns out to not be the success I hoped for, then I can take the heat.

Cooking outside is especially rewarding. You can cook over an open fire, over a grill, use the fancy propane cookers of various types, or just put a hot dog on a stick and roast it. My favorite is using cast iron Dutch ovens for cooking. You can prepare just about anything in the Dutch ovens, and with a collection of several sizes you can accomplish some great feats of culinary delight.

Do not start out with a brand new utensil. A new Dutch oven needs to be properly seasoned or it just won't do the job intended. A new oven is covered with a waxy type of material to protect it from rusting. This must be thoroughly washed off with soap and water. Rinse it well, and quickly dry it. Your oven will rust very quickly if you do not use care.

Now you must coat your Dutch oven with salad oil, Crisco, or lard using a cotton cloth. Make sure the entire oven, inside and out, including the lid are coated with your shortening. Now put it in your home oven, with the temperature set for 350 degrees. Be careful on you timing for this because there will probably be a slightly unpleasant odor, along with some smoke. You wouldn't want to do this when planning a formal party for friends. "Cook" that oven for one hour. Turn the oven off, and when your Dutch oven has cooled, but still warm, wipe it again to make sure the oil film covers all all surfaces. Your oven will now be a golden color, and is ready to use.

Do not wash you Dutch oven with strong soapy water, or you will need to re-season it. Clean it with a very mild soap, or plain water.

The more you use your oven the better. It will develop a dark color with use, even turning black. It will have a surface that is almost stick proof. Store you Dutch oven in a warm, dry place. Put a sheet of paper towel or newspaper in the oven to absorb any moisture that may get in, and keep the lid slightly ajar.

Cooking with your Dutch oven is easy. Temperatures are controlled by counting the charcoal briquettes used. You will need to experiment some, but a general rule of thumb is to multiply the diameter of your oven by 2 to get the number of briquettes to use for a 350 degree oven temperature. When you do your cooking use more coals on top and fewer on the bottom. This chart will help get started.

8 inch oven - 10 briquettes on top – 6 briquettes on bottom.
10 inch oven - 12 briquettes on top – 8 briquettes on bottom.
12 inch oven - 14 briquettes on top – 10 briquettes on bottom.
14 inch oven - 16 briquettes on top – 12 briquettes on bottom.
16 inch oven - 18 briquettes on top – 14 briquettes on bottom.

Two additional briquettes, one on top and one on the bottom will increase the temperature by about 25 degrees.

Dump Cake

A favorite dessert of mine is quite simple. In the Boy Scouts we call it Dump Cake, because all you need do is dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven. You will need:

¼ pound butter or margarine

1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)

1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)

Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.

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Southern Algebra

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. We challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam administered by the University of Mississippi Engineering Department. (Well, maybe/maybe not. Who knows?)

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?
6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?
7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?
10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?

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Turkey Vultures

Turkey Vultures are plentiful here in North Texas. They make their roost in groups as the evening approaches. This tree has been serving for several years as the night resting place for this group. In the morning these birds will spread their wings to dry in the sun before departing on their day's activity of cleaning up the environment of dead and dying critters. You will often see them individually or in groups of two or three on the roadside cleaning up the roadkill that gets left behind when other animals are not quick enough to make it across the road.

One Vote

This is an election year. Just how important is ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE? The following facts may astound you, however, they are true.

In 1645, One Vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, One Vote caused Charles 1 of England to be executed.

In 1776, One Vote gave America the English language instead of the German language.

In 1839, One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of the State of Massachusetts.

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, One Vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.

In 1875, One Vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, One Vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

In 1923, One Vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, One Vote saved Selective Service twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor.

In 1960, Richard Nixon lost the Presidential election and John F. Kennedy won it by less than One Vote per precinct in the United States.

Dining Out with my Grandson

By Dale Rideout

Of course every grandchild is special. Also each one is unique. Old grandpa loves them all equally but they all have their differences, too. Our experiences with each one make those differences special, as well.

Our first grandchild was a boy. His name is Phillip Jordan Roe. He was born in 1990 and took the place of just about everything of any importance in Papa's life. Jordan's Mom and Dad both worked, so we (Nanny and I) often would get to baby-sit with him. As he grew older he would go everywhere with Papa, and we both enjoyed it.

When Jordan was about two years old, his family moved to San Antonio for four years, then back to Howe. During that four-year time period, Papa did not have the opportunities to take Jordan on the outings we used to take. When he moved back to Howe, he was in school, he had a sister, and there were five other grandchildren who joined the family. All of this slowed down the Jordan and Papa routine of going everywhere together.

This brings us to the story I want to tell you, about eating out. You need the background to help understand the rest. When Jordan was about seven years old I invited him to go with me delivering newspapers. My wife and I own a weekly newspaper and every Wed-nesday it is my job to deliver them to the various stores where they are sold and to various post office locations in about three counties. Jordan liked the idea, so he took off with me for a full day in the car together.

We were getting hungry as it neared dinnertime. I began to ask what he would like to eat, and he said it didn't matter. Well, I knew that he was a little picky about what he eats and didn't want him to get hungry because he couldn't find something he liked.

Our discussion of available menus was somewhat limited because we were approaching Tioga and there were limited choices. I asked Jordan if he liked catfish and he answered with a big "Yes." I told him about the Tioga Catfish Restaurant and asked if he would like to eat there, and again received a "Yes."

Our waitress for the day was Kim Hilliard. She and her husband, James, were the owners of Tioga Catfish Restaurant, and they did an excellent job. The food was always superb, served fresh and tasty. The portions were generous and satisfying. The service was great, anticipating your every need.

I am sure Jordan felt like the "Big Man," eating out with Papa and getting to choose for himself what to order. In fact he placed his own order for the meal. I ordered the fish basket, which included a large serving of fish, lots of french fries, a bowl of red beans, and hush puppies. I chose iced tea for my drink.

Jordan's turn to order came. I tried to explain to him that there was a smaller fish dinner, more to the size of a seven year old, but I let him order what he wanted. Much to my surprise he ordered the same fish basket and iced tea that I had ordered. The little fellow was trying to be just like Papa. I felt flattered, but at the same time remembered again that we should be careful of our actions because there are little eyes watching us all the time. Often they imitate what they see us do.

We sat there enjoying our table conversation. You need to know that Jordan has a certain look when something is going on. It is a grin that differs from his usual grin but is quite unmistakable. He sat there with that grin as our food was served. We began to eat.

I certainly enjoyed my entire meal, as usual when dining at Tioga Catfish Restaurant. Jordan began sampling his fish and did a good job making it disappear. He only nibbled at the hush puppies. The french fries he really enjoyed, though like a seven year old he began to get silly and dipped some of them into his iced tea before eating them. I prefer catsup on mine.

During this whole time, Jordan had that grin on his face. I knew something was up, but just couldn't figure it out. At first I thought he was just really pleased to be eating out with Papa. Finally I ask him why the big smile.

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Jordan replied, "I've never had catfish before!"

To this day, catfish is still one of Jordan's favorites when he eats out.

Well, that was seven years ago. Jordan is now 14, nearing 15. The Hilliards have bought Clark's Outpost, a fantastic bar-b-cue restaurant in Tioga. For several years they operated both restaurants, but staffing difficulties and increasing competition forced them to close the catfish restaurant.

During our past Christmas holidays I invited Jordan to join me again for a day of newspaper deliver as we had done so many years ago. He readily agreed. The day we set off was icy and snowy. We had storms the day before, and while the weather was much nicer the roads were still a lot of "fun" to negotiate. We stopped a couple of times to help others get out of the ditch. We carefully made the trip, and Jordan served as chief cameraman taking quite a few pictures as a record of our trip.

Lunchtime arrived and we were nearing Tioga. I asked if Jordan likes bar-b-que and he answered, "Yes." Déjà vu all over again.

We entered Clark's and were showed to our seats by a very helpful waitress. The walls are covered with old west memorabilia. One wall has a beautiful mural of a wild west scene. Furnishings are rustic and you feel sort of like you are in a bunkhouse eating your main meal of the day.

Looking over the menu, which has an extensive listing of gourmet foods, we began to make our choices. I took a full rack of ribs, with the deep-fried corn on the cob, cole slaw, and french fries.

This time, Jordan was a little more selective in ordering. After asking about some of the various items, he asked if they had just meat on a bun. I directed him to the brisket sandwich. He ordered a side of french fries to go with it. Again I took iced tea, but Jordan had a soda to drink. We were both more than pleased with our meal. I shared some of my ribs with Jordan so that next time he would know what they were and could try them without worrying if he would like them.

Clark's Outpost slow smokes all their meat. Everything is cooked over hickory from eight hours to 20 or more depending what is being cooked. The meat is tender, falling off the bone and flavorful from the natural smoke. Nothing artificial is added and no shortcuts are taken in making this authentic old time bar-b-que.

Let me know if you plan to make this little trip. Maybe Jordan and I can go along. We sure enjoy the travel and eating.

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REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

The Jefferson School was located on Chaffin Street in Sherman. Students gathered in the yard, and when they heard a bell, they all ran to see which teacher was standing in the doorway. On a bright November morning in 1918, Miss Knox called her second grade class. We lined up and marched single-file up the steps, down the hall, and into the cloakroom. There we hung up our coats and carried our bookbags into the classroom.

Our opening exercise was a recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then we started our reading lesson. On this morning we were interrupted by Miss Evorie, who came in to announce that "the war was over" and we should go home to "celebrate."

I knew what "cele-brate" meant. At our house we celebrated holidays and birthdays all the time. It meant fried chicken and blackberry cobbler and all the aunts and cousins coming in to eat with us. It meant the dining room filled with grown-ups and the children waiting or being served at the kitchen table. It meant deviled eggs and pickles and, if it was a picnic, bread-and-butter sandwiches made from that delicious brown bread.

As I hurried home that morning, I disobeyed a standing rule: I cut through the park and walked by the Interstate Cotton Oil Mill.

Goodness! The whistles were stuck and they kept going off. They were awfully loud, and someone was shooting a gun! It, too, kept going: Bang! Bang! Bang! Then the streetcar came down Grand Avenue and the bell was ringing. The noise around there was really something!

But I hurried on thinking of our celebration. Then when I reached home, I stopped in my tracks. My grandmother was dressed in her Sunday clothes. She was even wearing her hat. How could she fry chicken and make pies dressed like that? What's more, she said, "Put your things away and come with me, we're going to town to celebrate the end of the war."

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us. She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

I wondered how he knew we were coming and if he could fry chicken. He sure didn't look like he could bake pies. He wore a black suit and a white shirt and his tie was black too. He seemed like maybe he would preach or lead us in prayer. He seemed friendly, though, when he pushed my chair up to the table. Then he left and another man came with big cards. I thought surely this one was going to have a reading class; but Mother talked to him using words I didn't know, like "oyster" and "a-la-mode." I was anxious to get through with this visit so we could go celebrate with maybe a cake and candles to blow out. Pretty soon that last man returned and set some plates of food in front of us. It wasn't chicken or black-eyed peas but Mother said I should taste it and see if I liked it.

It was oysters! That was the most delicious food I'd ever eaten. I ate all of mine and was about to ask for more when Mother said, "Wait a minute! You have a surprise coming." It was pie—cherry pie, my favorite that we rarely had at Grand-mother's house—and on top of it was a big serving of ice cream.

Well, this was a celebration after all. I knew "celebrate" meant a big fancy meal. I just had never eaten fried oysters or pie-a-la-mode before. We really did celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

Jack Frost McGraw

Jack Frost (on right) waiting with a friend and her grandmother to ride the trolley to downtown Sherman for the first Armistice Day celebration, Nov. 11, 1918

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*This was the backpage for our first issue.
Hope you enjoyed our magazine.*