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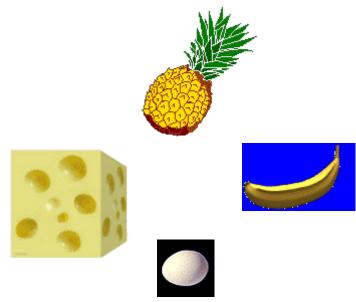


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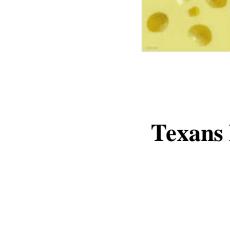




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SE JazzFest scheduled for April 21

DURANT, Okla. - The Southeastern Oklahoma State University Jazz Ensemble will be hosting the annual SE JazzFest on April 21 at Sports City Café in Calera.

This festival will be from 1-9 pm and feature several high school and college age jazz groups from the southeastern region. Groups already slated to appear include: Durant High School Jazz Band I and II, McAlester High School Jazz Band, Dickson High School Jazz Band, SE High School Honor Jazz Band, Cat 5 Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and the Southeastern Jazz Ensemble.

The SE Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Brian Walker, will feature guest artists Micah Bell, trumpet, and Sarah Roberts, saxophone. There is no admission charge.



GED Exam Offered in Bonham

Those in the Bonham area who are ready to take the GED Exam should mark a calendar for April 30. The Grayson College Testing Center will begin accepting reservations April 23.

Contact the GC Testing Center at 903-463-8724. Seating is limited to 15, and pre-registration is required.

A GED candidate must be a resident of Texas, must be officially withdrawn from school and must not have received a high school diploma from an accredited high school in the U.S.

Examinees will report to the TEAM Center at 806 W. 16th Street in Bonham at 7:45 am. Examinees must bring government-issued photo identification (Texas driver's license, Department of Public Safety ID card, passport, military ID card), Social Security card (if they have a Social Security number), and \$65 exact cash. Seventeen year-old candidates must provide additional forms available from the GC Testing Center. Testing will last all day, from 8 am until 6 pm with a short break for lunch. Examinees should bring a sack lunch and beverage.

Examinees will receive official GED scores (and diploma if passing scores are earned) directly from the Texas Education Agency about three weeks after testing.

For information or GED test dates at the GC Main Campus in Denison, call 903-463-8724.



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Climate change has been in the news a lot for several years. Some scientists say that the planet is experiencing "global warming." Others say that climate changes run cycles.

As a person who believes in God and the Bible, I believe that there is very little we can do to change the so-called global warming.

I do believe that we must try our best not to pollute our planet. We need to use our resources carefully. God has given us a beautiful planet and we must try to keep it clean.

We need to discard harmful chemicals, etc. properly. We need conserve our water resources.



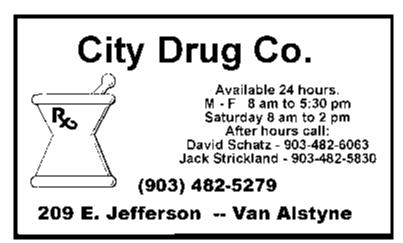
Broccoli Bake

1 large head broccoli, or 3 (10-ounce) packages frozen broccoli 16 ounces Velveeta cheese, cubed

- 1 (10-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 package corn bread stuffing mix

Discard the tough end of the broccoli stalk. Separate into florets and slice the tender part of the stalk. Steam the fresh broccoli just until al dente, or cook the frozen broccoli in a saucepan for 2 minutes; drain. Arrange the broccoli in a 1-1/2 quart baking dish.

Combine the cheese, soup and garlic powder in a double boiler. Cook until the cheese melts, stirring frequently. Pour over the broccoli. Sprinkle with the stuffing mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until brown and bubbly. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.



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GARAGE SALE

Neighborhood Garage sale April 14th, at the Prairie Crossing subdivision, on Old HWY 6 between Dicken and Blythe road. Saturday only, begins at 8 am.

Events coming up

Howe Founders Day

April 28, 8 am to 1:30 pm in downtown Howe. Includes the Fire Department Annual Car Show, food, booths and lots of fun for everyone.

Annual Grandma, Mom and Me Tea Party

The Howe Community Library will hold the 4th annual Grandma, Mom, and Me Tea Party on Saturday, April 21, from 1 to 2 pm.

Wear dress up clothes, gloves, hats, Activities include: Make a "ladies" paper fan, select from the candy bar, and make a fruit kabob. And of course, use tea bags to make a cup of tea and enjoy dainty sandwiches and cakes.

Cost is \$5 per person. Suggested age for children: PreK-5th grade. Preregister at the library -- Space is limited.

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Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending March 30th are: Valerie Langford, Kaleigh Smith, Jenna Honore, Ashlyn Wahrmund, Holly Cavender, Cameron Murphy, Jonathon Meneses, Ava Bader, Ethan Turner, Lindsey Hymel, Donna Mendoza, Yair Ayala, Anthony Gardner, Pariz Menjivar, and Mary Burris.

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Pre-K And Kindergarten Registration Tom Bean Elementary

Saturday, April 14, 2012; 8 am – 4 pm

Pre-K registration space is limited and is a half-day program. Students who qualify for Pre-K will be placed in Pre-K first. Students not qualifying but wishing to attend will be charged \$1000.00 and allowed to fill slots on a first come, first serve basis. You must meet one of the following criteria to qualify for enrollment in the pre-k program:

* Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2012. * Your child must be income eligible, a child of an active military parent or limited English speaking.

* Your child may be non-English speaking (child will be given a Language Proficiency Test-4 years only).

* Your child may have a special need/disability.

To qualify for enrollment in the kindergarten program:

Your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012.

Please Bring The Following Documents With You To Register: Pre-K And K

* Child's Birth Certificate (Pre-K and K)

* Child's Social Security Card (Pre-K and K)

* Child's up to date Immunization Record (Pre-K and K)

* Medicaid care or Insurance card (if applicable) (Pre-K only) * Proof of residency within the Tom Bean ISD boundaries (Must show the physical address, such as a water or electric bill within the previous or current month). (Pre-K and K)

* Income Verification -- Previous or current months pay stub, TANF or Food Stamp documentation letter or letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often paid. (Pre K only)

For More Information, Call Tom Bean Elementary at 903-546-6333



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Working To Lower Our Insurance Rates!

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On February 24th, the City of Tom Bean and TBVFD scheduled a Fire Protection Rating Schedule with the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The national rating schedule is a local evaluation of public building size and locations, the receiving and handling of fire alarms, available water supply, and fire department staffing, equipment, training, and geographic locations. This evaluation leads to determining a Public Protection Classification or PPC. In 1995, Tom Bean was rated an "8" and we are hoping for a 4-5 rating after the review. Tom Bean's new PPC will affect most every home and business owner who live within five road miles from either Tom Bean Fire Department station and within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.

Most insurance companies use a community's PPC rating for marketing, underwriting, and to help establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance. In general, the price for fire insurance in a community with a good PPC is substantially lower than a community with a poor PPC, assuming all other factors are equal. A PPC rating is a number on a 1 to 10 scale. The lower the number, the better the area's fire suppression program has been determined to be.

Both the TBVFD and Public Works Department are working the effort and hopefully by June we will be able to schedule an audit of our efforts. We will continue to keep you updated on this very important event for our citizens and surrounding area.



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Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

VAN ALSTYNE - MJ Presley opened this week's Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Garrett Shaw gave the Word of the Day, revival- new beginnings, starting over!

Merrill Hazelton spoke on "Legends of Branding Irons." MJ Presley gave a speech entitled, "The Decision Is Yours."

Juanita Hazelton won Best Table Topics, which are short, impromptu speeches to develop impromptu speaking skills.

General Evaluator was Juanita Hazelton and evaluators were Bob Bishop and "round robin" evaluations.

Plan to attend the Frontier Division Table Topics & International Speech contests, Saturday, April 14, 2012, Intuit Corporation, 5601 Headquarters Drive, (@ Parkwood Blvd), Plano, TX 75024.

For more information on these contests, go to d50toastmasters.org MJ Presley and Dorothy Bishop will represent Van Alstyne Voices!



Texoma Earth Day Festival 2012

Entertainment scheduled for the Texoma Earth Day Festival 2012 on Saturday, April 21 will offer demonstrations in karate, Tai Chi and gymnastics as well as music throughout the day featuring local talent. The Main Stage Gazebo on the Municipal Lawn at 405 N. Rusk in Sherman begins at 8:30 am with the return of the S & S Children's Choir for their 4th year performing Earth Day & Patriotic songs. Students from 3rd to 5th grade audition for the after school program to perform with local high school choirs and compete in fun events in North Texas. At 9 am, the Festival presents a Choctaw Blessing to the public. Next on stage at 10 am will be the Dillingham Intermediate Trojan Choir of 6th graders displaying their passion for choral music. Jan Fletcher returns to the Festival, also for her 4th year, from 10:30-11:30 am with Musical Memories for all ages. Entertaining from Texoma to the Metroplex, Jan's songs reflect a Hit Parade of Classic Country, Big Band, Pop Standards & Rock 'N Roll.

Em Sneed brings her University of Gymnastics students' demonstrations to the Main Stage at noon. At 12:30, the Chinese martial art group of Tai Chi for Health led by Debra Williamson takes the stage showing how you can release stress, improve balance, breathing and much more. The Denison Family Karate students follow at 1 pm.

From 1:30 - 3 pm the entertaining Red River Valley Dulcimer Club returns for the 4th year. Their acoustical instruments include hammered and mountain/lap dulcimers. The Main Stage events conclude with Jill Brown Studios from 3 - 5 pm. Jill has professional performance credits throughout the States and has been training area children and adults in vocal and piano performance for 30 years.

But the Main Stage Gazebo is only a part of the Festival entertainment. In the Municipal Ballroom from 12:30 to 1:20 pm, you can hear music by the Devonshire Recorder Consort, a local quartet playing music of 16th century composers, folk tunes and patriotic songs. And from 2:30 - 3:20, Fannin County native Lanny Joe Burnett presents "200 Years of Texas Legends". This entertaining workshop for all ages includes poems, stories and songs by the often nominated "Cowboy Poet of the Year".

So, this year's Texoma Earth Day Festival, 2012 offers workshops, vendors and entertainment at the Sherman Municipal Lawn on Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 am to 5 p.m. at 405 North Rusk. For more information on entertainment, workshops and vendors go to www.earthdaytexoma.org.

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Register Now for Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

AUSTIN, Texas -- Mark your calendars and register today for the next Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on April 14, 2012.

Groups and individuals can register for the Texas Trash-Off now at www.ktb.org or by calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the states' largest oneday litter cleanup event. It is a partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"Trash-Off allows us to show off our state's natural beauty from wildflowers to rolling hills -- helping rid our state of litter," said Phil Wilson, executive director of TxDOT. "Volunteers are extremely important in helping us maintain clean and safe Texas roadsides, and I encourage new and longtime volunteers to join us in April."

In 2011, 75,872 volunteers participated in 848 Trash-Off events across the state, and more than 6,000 miles of highway were cleared of litter and debris, totaling nearly six million pounds of trash.

"Each year this event brings together thousands of volunteers, and we expect this year's event to be even more successful," said Cathie Gail, executive director of Keep Texas Beautiful. "This program not only beautifies our roads across the state, it also educates and changes the attitudes and behavior of would-be litterers, preparing us for a litter-free future," added Gail.

New Litter-Fighting Tool -- Trash-Off volunteers are ambassadors for the Don't Mess with Texas campaign. These volunteers, and many other Texans, will have a new tool to fight litter -- a mobile app.

For years, the "Report A Litterer" program has allowed Texans to notify TxDOT via www.dontmesswithtexas.org when they witness trash being tossed out of vehicles. Now, there's a new, free mobile app. For instance, with the single press of a button, the littering incident and type of trash are recorded via GPS.

The new Don't Mess with Texas app allows Texans to identify the litter they see as one of four prevalent types of trash: fast food; cigarette butts; cups, cans and bottles; and miscellaneous trash. The data is then compiled into a map that illustrates what's being littered and where throughout Texas.

Don't Mess with Texas Mobile App Safety Features As a promoter of safe behavior on roadways, TxDOT has taken precautions to prevent distracted driving. When a user opens the app for the first time, the user is prompted with a reminder not to use the app while driving. Users cannot text or type into the app at any time -- only tapping on the touch screen is allowed, and only one tap is needed to report litter.

About Don't Mess with Texas Don't Mess with Texas, a campaign by TxDOT, has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. TxDOT's litter prevention program also includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. For more information, visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org or our Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dont-Mess-with-Texas-Program/8635676303





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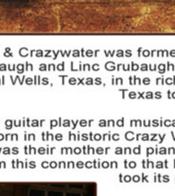
Payton & Crazywater was formed in 1997 by brothers Payton Grubaugh and Linc Grubaugh. Both brothers were born in Mineral Wells, Texas, in the rich history of that North-Central Texas town.

Bass guitar player and musical arranger, Linc Grubaugh, was born in the historic Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells, as was their mother and piano player, Doris Ashley. It is from this connection to that historic hotel that the band took its name.

> On their new CD, "I Come From Texas", Payton & Crazywater are joined by renowned multiinstrumentalist Milo Deering. Deering is most noted for his recording and touring with Lee Ann Rimes, Jack Ingram, Trout Fishing In America, and Slim Whitman, and even appeared briefly in the Sandra Bullock movie, "Hope Floats".

Milo Deering











LET'S REMINISCE: KNOW ANY ECCENTRICS By Jerry Lincecum

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Where I grew up in Central Texas during the 1940s, there were quite a few eccentrics. My impression is that nowadays there are fewer of these interesting non-conformist types, or maybe we just don't know about them.

My mother had an aunt whose husband had abandoned her and her young son, leaving her penniless. By the time I knew Aunt Roxie, she lived alone in a small house with no electricity or running water. Most intriguing to me, she walked the roads wearing a pair of high-topped men's shoes. Getting to spend a night with her was fun.

There was also Mordecai Oakley, known to be very "windy" (for stretching the truth), who visited my family often and told entertaining tales. He claimed to have worked as a cook at a hotel in the spa town of Marlin, saying "I'd put a piece of popcorn under those silver dollar size pancakes, and they'd flip themselves."

Shoe-polish Smith was an elderly man known for his skill at hymn singing. Fancying himself a ladies man, he used liquid shoe polish to blacken his bushy gray moustache.

Later I learned that these interesting folks were penny-ante eccentrics. Upon arriving at Austin College in 1967 to begin my teaching career, I met some older professors whose antics were off the charts. Dean Foreman was a brilliant man whose mind operated so fast that he often forgot what he started out to do.

For example, when his wife called for him to pick her up, he drove the car downtown, passing her by with a wave, and returned home. Another time, he and a friend drove a lady home after a concert. Upon arriving, the friend, a gentleman of the old school, walked the lady to her door. He then turned around just in time to see the Foreman back out of the driveway and speed away by himself.

A history prof decided one day to wake up his class by dramatizing the history lecture. Clambering atop a table, he role-played a herald reporting on the casualties suffered in a disastrous battle. Unfortunately, when the bell rang to end class, he forgot he was on the table and stepped off, breaking an ankle.

Dr. Horton, an extremely intelligent physicist, could focus on a problem to the point of forgetting where she was. In class one day she filled several blackboards with a very complex equation. Suddenly she took notice of the students, exclaiming "None of you has the security clearance to see this!"

She erased the boards hurriedly and left the room. Later they were told that she was doing research for NASA and had just slipped into working a problem they had asked her to solve.

My generation of college profs did not produce anyone to match these extra-ordinary eccentrics. Conformity became the accepted rule, and normal was good. Do you have any stories of unusual people you have known? Send them to me by email: jlincecum@me.com. I'd love to hear from you.

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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.



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Pistol-packing Preacher

By Bob Bowman

In 1903 the Texas Conference of the Methodist Church sent 28-year-old Jesse Lee to Trinity County as pastor of the Groveton Methodist church.

Licensed to preach in 1897, and coming from peaceful communities like Malakoff and Beaver Valley, Lee was appalled at the lack of law enforcement and the rampant sales of liquor in Trinity County despite prohibition elections.

Men openly defied the law and operated their saloons in renegade towns like Tight Eye, Battle Axe and Last Chance.

On his first morning in Groveton, Lee presided at the funeral of a young church member who had been murdered. He soon named criminals from his pulpit and where they gathered.

Threats against Lee became so commonplace that he started carrying a pistol when Sheriff John Stanley made him deputy, allowing him to enforce the law.

After a particularly heated Sunday night church service, Reverend Lee was called to Crockett by his superior, Reverend J.B. Sears, who had concluded Lee should be moved from Trinity County.

While in Crockett, Lee learned that his church and parsonage in Groveton had burned and, in the words of the messenger, "all you have are three shoes, four books and a typewriter." Sears changed his mind about relocating Lee and told him, "Go back and clean them (the criminals) out."

Lee's courage instilled enthusiasm among Trinity County's honest citizens, who employed a detective to gather evidence against the illegal



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Staying out of the current political fray is almost too hard. After all, I spent nearly 40 years teaching government and economics. Both disciplines required constant study and constant updating from every legitimate source I could afford to buy.

My house was littered with copies of **Time**, **Newsweek**, **Fortune**, **The Wall Street Journal**, **Forbes**, as well as many of the so-called women's magazines. All this represented a sizable investment, all of it out of my pocket and not tax deductible because I didn't itemize.

The above listing is not complete, of course. Other sources included newspapers from various large cities, radio and television newscasts, late-night radio talk shows (some of which would make a maggot sick) and conversations with local elected officials of all political persuasions.

During the years when the John Birch Society was in its heyday in West Texas, I attended one meeting held somewhere in Midland. I never went to another because what the members were saying was unintelligible to me. Other people who were there seemed to understand exactly what was being said, nodding their heads in agreement and applauding enthusiastically from time-to-time. I was probably not intellectually able enough to understand and too disinterested to try.

When I began teaching at Permian High School, the man in the room next to mine was an ultra-conservative who, if not a member of the Birch Society, certainly provided for me an example of why I did not understand what had been said at the meeting I attended.

"John (not even close to his real name), what do the Birchers consider to be the most pressing problem of the 20th Century?" I asked.

"Overpopulation," he replied instantly.





BOB BOWMAN'S

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saloons. But as the lawbreakers were being tried, a key witness and County Attorney Howard Robb were murdered.

Lee called together Groveton's businessmen and asked each of them to help him smash every illicit saloon in Groveton and board up the buildings.

Each of the ten men in the room signed a pact and used sledge hammers to break open whiskey barrels and bottles. The doors of the saloons were nailed shut. By the time the last saloon was destroyed, the ten men organized by Lee had been joined by nearly 200 more.

Groveton, according to historian Flora Bowles, then organized the Groveton Law and Order League. "A reign of lawlessness was outlawed by a band of law-abiding citizens in an unlawful manner...and from that day to the present, Groveton has never been the lawless community that it was before," she wrote.

During the latter years of his life, Jesse Lee lost much the robustness that served him well in Trinity County. He sustained a stroke, which left him bedridden fourteen years, and passed away at New London on September 12, 1964, at the age of eighty-nine.

One of the reminders of Lee's courageous ministry in Trinity County -- the typewriter salvaged from the fire that destroyed his church and parsonage at Groveton -- is owned today by his grandson, Rev. Clifford Lee.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of more than 50 books about East Texas history and folklore. He can be reached at bobbowman.com)





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"What do you think we should do to alleviate the problem?"

"Nothing."

During the time I was teaching at Midland Lee, I drove to Midland from Odessa every day and about half way there was the tallest, widest bill board I had ever seen. The only other billboard I ever saw that large was in N. Carolina in 1967. It had a picture of a horseman wearing a white robe and a hood with slits for eyes and announced that this was the land of the Knights of the White Camellia. It looked to me like the land of the Ku Klux Klan.

The billboard between Odessa and Midland bore a plea: "SAVE OUR REPUBLIC! IMPEACH EARL WARREN!" In front of a mobile home parked in the distant pasture a careful observer could see a tall flag pole from which the United States flag flew upside down. Flying a flag upside down is a distress signal. The first time I saw it, I called the sheriff's office because I was afraid there was a problem. The deputy who answered the phone assured me that there was a problem, but not one that law enforcement could handle.

I don't remember how many school years passed before I was surprised one morning to find the bill board lying face down in the pasture. The flag pole was still up, but the flag wasn't.

I could hardly wait to get to school to tell my students about this development and to see which of them, if any, knew what had happened.

Several of them thought they knew. "Some of them got into a big argument last night."

"Over what?" I asked.

"We don't know, but they were pretty mad when they left. We think some of them probably took a chain saw out there and cut that sign down," one of the youngsters said.

"Did you go out there?" I asked.

"Now, Ms. Fowler, you know you told us that the fish that opens its mouth is the one that gets caught," one of my favorite young Birchers answered.

No one put the sign back up. It lay there, weathering in the West Texas sun until someone came and carted its remains away. Soon after the sign went down, whoever had been flying the upside down flag moved away, taking his/her mobile home with him/her.

That's when I knew for sure that conservatives are not any more monolithic than are liberals. I think present day conservatives, most of whom probably vote Republican, are about to discover that also.





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges recently issued to the House Committee on Redistricting. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

House Committee on Redistricting

891-7297.

*Study State Board of Education districts to determine whether the size of the districts inhibits the ability of board members to provide representation to their constituents and whether a change to the number of districts or the makeup of the board would enhance the ability of the board to perform its duties.

*Gather information regarding the commissions used by other states in redistricting. Study the differences in the results between states that use commissions versus legislatures during the 2011 redistricting cycle.

*Monitor the pending redistricting litigation and determine any follow-up that may be necessary.

There were several suits filed by various entities opposing the maps that the legislature drew last session. In late February, a federal court issued interim maps for the 2012 elections. As a result of the delay in implementing the new maps, Texas primaries have been moved from March 6 to Tuesday, May 29th.

The House Committee on Redistricting can be reached at 512-463-0296. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903)



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We believe that your local news provided should provide you with news, information, facts, and sources to further study that information. Here are some websites that are providing those facts, at least at the time of their listing on our page. If you know of others that our readers would enjoy send them to us. Or if some of these are no longer working let us know.

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Texas Records and Information Locator (TRAIL) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

The Handbook of Texas Online is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

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1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

 $5~\mathrm{A}$ fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Prov 15:1-9 (KJV)

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship church in Luella begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30; this week's speaker will be Palmer Miller.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The church also celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time.

C. R. Men's Step Study class meets every Thursday night at 6:30 at the church building. This program is for those recovering from drugs and alcohol and finding your way back to Christ.

The church will also be hosting a "movie night" every month. The event is free to the public, with free hot buttered popcorn and candy. Everyone is invited to attend. The movie for April will be "Courageous", and it will be April 30, at 6:30pm. Hot dogs and all the fixing will be served. So bring your family out for a free night of fellowship and fun.

The church will also be having Vacation



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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. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. 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 two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

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

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella, look for the red brick building on the hill, the cross will light your way. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219 found

athttp://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsl etter.





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Before the Firing Squad

The famous Russian novelist, Fyodor Dostoevsky, was found guilty of possessing politically subversive material. He was summoned to hear his sentence on December 22, 1849: he was condemned to death before a firing squad.

The sentence was to be swiftly carried out. Dostoevsky and his friends were told they only had minutes to live. They were ordered to remove their outer clothing and put on hooded white gowns that would also serve as burial shrouds.

Dostoevsky and some others were brought before the firing squad. As they marched him into the courtyard, he felt the heat of the sun and appreciated its warmth like never before. He had never been more fully aware of his surroundings. Facing death, he was seeing the world in a way he had never seen it before. He heard the orders given to the execution squad:

"Ready! Aim!" But the order to "Fire!" never came. Instead, someone, according to the Russian Czar's plan, excitedly announced the Czar's "pardon" (which was actually a change of sentence).

The trauma of facing certain, unexpected death never left the novelist. Dostoevsky would later observe that all the misery that he endured on this occasion caused him to have a new perspective on life and enabled him to become the accomplished writer that he ultimately became. *

You and I have also been found guilty of rebellion against the Holy God.

The punishment for our sins is death: "for the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). In essence, we were brought before the

firing squad of God's judgment: "Ready! Aim!..." But at just the right time pardon was offered because Someone else died in our place: God's Son, JESUS.

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Because of His love for us and in order to fulfill His Father's will, Jesus died, not before a firing squad, but upon a cruel cross, to pay the price for our sins. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by HIS wounds YOU have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

To accept His offer of forgiveness and eternal life, we must: place our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

When we truly recognize where our sins lead us (Matthew 7:13-14; Revelation 21:8), the GIFT of God (eternal life, Romans 6:23), and Who it is that provided that gift (Jesus, God's Son), then we will truly have new life and a new perspective on life: one of eternal gratitude.

He died for us, so that we might live!

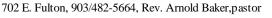
Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life?

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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

By Matt Sullivan, J.D., LL.M. Attorney & Counselor at Law

Many people resolve to improve themselves for each New Year. For example, they promise to change their diet, lose weight, and avoid voting for liberal politicians. Shouldn't estate planning be on your list of resolutions?

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan. The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children.

Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few.

Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

While estate planning may not be the most fun or exciting undertaking, it can be extremely important and beneficial for your family.

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This article is not intended as specific legal advice and you should consult with your own attorney.





Know who we are dealing with

By Wes Ebeling

Growing up as the fifth generation to live and work on the family ranch in Central Texas, 50 miles west of Austin, my family has seen its share of good and bad times in the cow-calf business.

I've seen grass stirrup high, moisture sponge out of the ground and cattle mud fat. On the other hand, there is the extreme of last summer where dust boiled, heat soared to record temps, springs went dry and cattle numbers dropped, along with the fat off their backs, in the drought. Needless to say, we have survived and strive to continue fighting the odds to help feed the world and perhaps grow a sixth generation or more on this land.

As if Mother Nature were not challenge enough, we must face other obstacles -- including working with the consumers of agricultural products who vastly outnumber farmers and ranchers. Some of these consumers are members of organizations, associations, regulatory groups and political ranks that jeopardize the existence of production agriculture.

I have long been aware of the opposition we face in agriculture from hearing stories told by local ranchers, reading farm journals and newspaper articles, and seeing protests at our state capitol. Yet, it took a recent trip to the nation's capital to really instill in me what the agricultural industry must endure, persevere and, above all, overcome to stay in existence and continue to bring an abundance of healthy and safe food to society.

On a recent visit to Washington, D.C. with Texas Farm Bureau's young farmer and rancher leadership group AgLead, I was able to meet with representatives of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Congressional Agriculture Committee, Child Labor Coalition and Congressmen. While all seemed to be in support of production agriculture, history shows that policies, procedures and beliefs of certain factions are anything but supportive.

First and foremost, I would like to thank those who support and continue to improve the vital role of production agriculture. As 2

More Editorial Click Here percent of the population that feeds 100 percent of the people, we may be overwhelmingly outnumbered, yet are able to provide food, fiber and timber that keep families fed, clothed and sheltered.

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In meetings with representatives from organizations that pose a threat to agriculture, it did not take long to realize that these people are highly effective communicators who can entertain any type of audience and pull at the heart strings to touch emotions in every living, breathing person. These people can convey a much skewed vision and outlook that farmers and ranchers are performing horrible atrocities to children, animals and our environment. With funding and massive numbers of supporters, they are able to sway the public's image to side against raising livestock or food crops. The numbers, figures, photos and words spoken were interesting, yet show the so-called "bad apples" that spoil the image for the majority of people making a living in production agriculture.

As I started my next day back from our nation's capital working calves with my parents -- along with a brother and sister who live on our ranch near San Angelo -- I was reminded how blessed I am to be a steward of the land and provide for so many who are not appreciative of my lifestyle. Let's continue to take things in stride while being as proactive as possible. When we must stand up and defend our lifestyle, let's do so honorably without using bogus statistics and photos. Let's show with pride how we provide food, fiber and shelter using our labor and the resources this good earth gives.

Remember the next time you cast a vote, make a donation, or volunteer, be sure to know the foundations and intentions of each group. Support one that helps provide the energy, nourishment and shelter of life's necessities in correlation with production agriculture. Agriculture is the best use of rural America to provide the basis of life allowing for specialized urbanites.

Editor's Note: Wes Ebeling is a rancher and member of the Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.texasfarmbureau.org.





Texans pay less for groceries in first quarter

Texas Farm Bureau's Grocery Price Watch Notes a slight decrease in survey basket

WACO, Texas-Texans saved 64 cents on a basket of 16 staple food items at the beginning of 2012, as compared with prices in the fourth quarter of 2011, according to results of the latest Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Grocery Price Watch survey.

The first quarter results of TFB's Grocery Price Watch record a total balance of \$44.98 for a basket of produce, meat, grains and dairy products. This is a 1.41 percent decrease from \$45.62 recorded in November 2011.

"Grocery prices affect all Texans-from suburban families to farmers and ranchers themselves," said TFB President Kenneth Dierschke. "We are pleased to see that Texas consumers are paying fairly moderate prices at the grocery store."

Shoppers looking for fresh produce paid less for grapefruit, lettuce and tomatoes. These items posted the largest savings from last quarter at decreases of 28.1 percent, 8.2 percent and 5.7 percent, respectively.

"Texas-grown grapefruit and citrus are excellent choices this time of year," Dierschke said. "Citrus fruit is harvested during the first few months of the year, making it a very affordable, nutritious and tasty option for growing families."

Of the 16 food staples surveyed, 10 items either decreased in price or stayed the same, while the remaining six items increased in price from last quarter. Compared to the end of 2011, the food products that noted increases were slight-all under a 5 percent increase with the exception of chicken breasts, which increased 9.6 percent from \$2.82 per pound to \$3.09 per pound.

The Grocery Price Watch results show only a \$1.03 annual increase in the basket, from \$43.95 in the first quarter of 2011 to \$44.98 in the same period this year. A 2.33 percent difference, shoppers did not experience the 5 percent jump in food prices that was predicted.

"All last year, we heard about an anticipated spike in grocery prices. For consumers, a 5 percent increase would have really hit budgets hard. Thankfully, prices were not as high as some had expected," Dierschke said.

TFB's Grocery Price Watch is conducted quarterly by volunteer shoppers at grocery stores across the state of Texas. The current survey data was collected by 35 shoppers from March 28-April 4, 2012. TFB has monitored Texas food prices through its Grocery Price Watch survey since March 2009.

About The Texas Farm Bureau

The Texas Farm Bureau works to provide a voice for Texas farmers, ranchers, rural citizens and everyone interested in preserving and protecting this way of life. More on the Web at:

Texas Farm Bureau website<http://www.txfb.org/> TFB Drought website<http://www.txfb.org/drought2011.aspx>

Hall Applauds Court Ruling to Halt EPA's Job-Killing Assault on Texas, Supporting States' Rights

Washington D.C. – In response to a court ruling vehemently denying the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) attempt to interfere with how Texas adheres to air quality standards under the Clean Air Act, Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman Ralph Hall (R-TX) applauded the judicial branch's recognition of EPA pursuing a regulatory agenda without lawful justification.

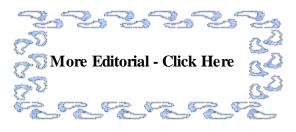
The federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that EPA has "had no legal basis on which to disapprove Texas's program to meet the national ambient air-quality standards," further stating that the EPA "failed to identify a single provision of the Act that Texas's program violated, let alone explain its reasons for reaching its conclusion."

Chairman Hall released the following statement:

"I am pleased that the Court refuted the Administration's attempt to dictate how states meet air-quality standards. This is another example of what has become a pattern by the EPA of pursuing its regulatory agenda, without proper justification. President Obama and his Administration continue to pursue a regulatory regime that will kill jobs and make energy more expensive.

"After a senior EPA official told Congress that the Agency is not 'in the business of creating jobs,' this ruling further illustrates that EPA is out-of-touch. Its unjustified regulatory onslaught is putting real Americans out of work.

"Further, the Science, Space, and Technology Committee has exposed a pattern by the EPA of circumventing scientific integrity, openness, and transparency in an attempt to justify proposed regulations. The EPA regularly fails to analyze and communicate scientific uncertainties, refuses to make key scientific data publicly available, inflates health benefits while understating actual economic costs, and short-changes the peer review process. Now the courts have again ruled that the Agency is concurrently skirting the law. I applaud the court ruling in favor of Texas and in favor of States' rights."





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Hall Receives JFK Astronautics Award

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Last month the American Astronautical Society presented the 2011 John F. Kennedy Astronautics Award to Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX), who serves as Chairman of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and who has been a long-time advocate of America's human space program. The award was presented during the 50th Robert H. Goddard Memorial Symposium.

The award cited Hall's "three decades of national leadership in U.S. space policy as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, steadfastly supporting NASA and convincing others to join in keeping the Nation's space program vibrant and inspirational."

Accepting the award, Hall recognized the ingenuity and hard work of all those affiliated with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and its industry partners. "NASA's achievements were enabled by a blend of engineering talent, program management, industrial partnerships and ingenuity, and scientific curiosity," Hall stated.

"With the recent retirement of the Shuttle, it is vitally important that we develop a follow-on launch system to get our astronauts back into space," Hall noted. "Our country has paid an enormous price to develop the technologies, knowledge and industrial base that have enabled us to lead the world in human space flight, and we need to sustain that momentum."

"T've not been shy about criticizing this Administration for drawing a line through Constellation and throwing our human space flight program into temporary disarray," Hall continued. "This Administration is giving higher priority to the hopes of commercial crew providing access to the Space Station and beyond. While I hope that the commercial industry will succeed, I question whether there is enough of a market to sustain both a commercial venture and a government program. Time will tell, but our space program is far too important to be placed at risk."

Hall expressed concerns about being entirely dependent on the Russians to access the Space Station and about the emergence of China and its strategic intentions in space. "One day we may be defending ourselves from space – so for that reason alone, we need to preserve our leadership and ability to reach outer space."

Sen. Cornyn Statement on Unveiling of Tejano Monument

WASHINGTON-U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, recently issued the following statement regarding the unveiling of the Tejano Monument on the grounds of the Texas Capitol:

"The story of the Tejano is not just a chapter in Texas history - it is the foundation of Texas history. Not only did Tejanos develop Texas' first towns, roads and ranches, Tejano customs and innovations left a rich and lasting imprint on our way of life in Texas. The Tejano Monument is a fitting and long overdue tribute to our earliest settlers and their descendants, and I commend the many individuals and organizations who worked together for the past 12 years to make this day a reality."

Declaración del Senador Cornyn sobre la develación del Monumento Tejano

Washington, D.C. -El Senador Cornyn dio a conocer hoy la siguiente declaración con respecto a la develación oficial del Monumento Tejano en el Capitolio del Estado de Texas:

"La historia del tejano no es sólo un capítulo en la historia de Texas - es la fundación de la historia de Texas. No sólo los tejanos desarrollaron las primeras ciudades, carreteras y ranchos de Texas, las costumbres e innovaciones tejanas dejaron una huella rica y duradera en nuestra forma de vida en Texas. El Monumento Tejano es un merecido tributo que debería haberse hecho hace ya mucho tiempo a nuestros primeros pobladores y sus descendientes, y felicito a las muchas personas y organizaciones que trabajaron juntas durante los últimos 12 años para hacer este día una realidad."

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget 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.

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Converting a Bear

A rabbi, priest, and a preacher meet every Monday in a coffee shop to talk things over about their spiritual life.

One day, the priest makes a bet with the other guys that he could convert a bear in the woods over to his religion. The others nod and say "Yeah, I'll bet we could do it quicker than you could!"

So they all agree that the next time they meet, they'll share stories about how they were able to convert a bear.

They all end up in the hospital, but the priest is in the best shape of all of them. They decide to meet in the rabbi's room. The priest has his arm in a sling and says, "Yeah, it was tough at first, but I was able to dash it with some holy water. The next thing I know, it started saying Hail Mary. He's coming to mass this Sunday."

The other two clergymen nod in approval, and the preacher goes next. The preacher is in pretty bad shape. He's in a wheel chair, and he has a concussion, a broken leg, and a broken arm. He says "Well, when I finally happened upon it, I wrestled that thing to the ground and started beating its head with a Bible. So he lunges at me and we tumble down this hill into the river where I dunked him seven times. Finally, he came to the faith. He'll be coming to church next Sunday."

Both men turn to the rabbi to hear his story. The rabbi looks like he got the worst of it. He's in a body cast and there's no way he's getting out of bed any time soon. He looks at both men and says "Well, I probably should've started with something different than circumcision...."

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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Stepgrandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa" Rideout



"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007