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School Bond Election Information

Tom Bean Independent School District May 11, 2013 Election

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School Bond Project
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, repair, renovation, and improvement of school facilities in the district and issuing of the tax to pay them thereof.

Vote: For Against

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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.

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GC offers two gun courses

Grayson College is offering two recurring gun courses: Concealed Handgun License Course and Lipstick & Lead: Basic Pistol Course for Women. Both courses meet in Seminar Room A in the college's Center for Workplace Learning on its Main Campus in Denison.

"We've had a lot of interest about offering gun safety and concealed handgun licensing courses," said Kate Corder, GC's director of continuing education. "With the availability of the college's shooting range and qualified adjunct instructors, it made sense to offer these programs for our community."

Bob Douglas, a Grayson County constable, is instructor for both courses. He is certified as a classroom instructor and firearms instructor by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. He's also certified by the National Rifle Association for rifle, pistol, shotgun personal protection in the home, home firearm responsibility instructor, and training counselor. Since 1974, Douglas has been a hunter education instructor for Texas Parks and Wildlife and serves as area chief instructor for Grayson and surrounding Texas counties. He's listed in the TP&W Hall of Fame as having certified more than 3,000 students. Prior to serving as constable, he retired from the Van Alstyne and Howe Police Departments and from the Grayson County Sheriff's Office.

GC's Concealed Handgun License Course is offered on the third Saturday of each month; upcoming classes are set for April 20, May 18, June 15 and July 20. Each 10-hour course costs \$99 and runs from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Upon successful completion of the one-day program, participants are issued the state-required Handgun Proficiency Certificate (Form CHL-100).

Course content and length are set by the Texas Department of Public Safety, and both the classroom session and the firearm proficiency demonstration take place the same day. The CHL program's classroom portion includes the application process, license restrictions and rules, nonviolent dispute resolution, rights of citizens involving the use of force and their restrictions, and the safe handling and storage of firearms.

For the handgun proficiency demonstration, participants shoot a timed course of fire consisting of 50 rounds fired at a 24-inch by 45-inch silhouette target. Twenty rounds are fired from the three-yard line, 20 rounds are fired from the seven-yard line, and 10 rounds are fired from the 15-yard line. All firing is highly supervised.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and close-toes shoes. They must provide their own ammunition and complete the prerequisite Texas CHL Eligibility at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/InternetForms/Forms/CHL-16.pdf>.

Lipstick & Lead: Basic Pistol Course for Women introduces female students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. Cost is \$70 for the two-evening course, which meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Upcoming sessions are set for May 21 and 23, and June 11 and 13.

Students learn about pistol parts and operation, ammunition, gun safety and handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol-shooting sports and activities. They also learn about various types of pistols, fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, various pistol firing positions, practical exercises on the firing range, cleaning and storage. The course helps prepare students who want to obtain a CHL.

Registration for both of the gun courses may be completed online at www.cwlgcc.org, in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CWL on the college's Main Campus in Denison, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.

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GC offers three healthcare courses

Three popular healthcare courses will begin again soon at Grayson College. Offered through GC's Center for Workplace Learning, the programs include Certified Nurse Aide, Medication Aide and Medication Aide Refresher.

Certified Nurse Aide is designed for students who have a heart for those in long-term care. Approved by the Nurse Aide Registry and Training Program of the Texas Department of Health, this 80-hour course introduces concepts and skills required for providing basic patient care in a long-term care facility. The curriculum also is appropriate for home health aides.

Course topics include human anatomy and physiology, infection control, safety, basic physical and psychological needs related to developmental stages, patient care skill and principles of nutrition. Students receive hands-on clinical work as well.

The course runs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Silver Wings Building on GC's West Extension in Denison. Students enroll in one of the two-week sessions offered. Sessions are set for May 6-17, June 3-14, July 8-19 and Aug. 5-16. Course fee is \$350 and includes liability insurance. The textbook costs about \$65 plus tax and is available in the GC Bookstore. An additional testing fee is required no later than the first week of class, and varies from \$93 (written) to \$106 (oral) per student.

A background check including criminal history will be completed prior to class start. All monies will be refunded if a registrant is ineligible to attend. Prior to enrollment, all students are required to provide TB Tine test results (within one year) and proof of completed immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria/tetanus (within past 10 years), varicella (chicken pox), and hepatitis B.

Medication Aide teaches the safe, effective medication administration that is essential to patient care. The course begins May 6 and concludes July 9. It meets Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in GC's Silver Wings Building.

Designed for non-licensed personnel employed in healthcare agencies licensed by the Texas Department of Health, this comprehensive course delves into the procedure for preparing and administering designated medication. It also reviews the responsibilities associated with such administrations.

Students must meet four requirements, including: (1) be at least 18 years old; (2) be a registered nurse aide or unlicensed direct care staff person on the first official day of the medication aide training program; (3) work in a facility as a certified nurse aid or unlicensed direct care staff person, and been employed in a facility for 90 days as an unlicensed direct care staff person; (4) have a high school diploma or GED.

Course fee is \$450. The textbook, available in the GC bookstore, is \$102. There also is an additional \$25 state exam fee.

Medication Aide Refresher fulfills the annual education requirement for the certified medication aid. Offered on April 22, June 18 and Aug. 20, the one-day program meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in GC's Silver Wings Building. Cost for the course is \$60.

Registration for any of the healthcare courses may be completed online at www.cwlgcc.org, in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CWL on the college's Main Campus in Denison, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.





Dot's Dashes

By Dorothy N. Fowler

Almost the first task God gave Adam was to name all the animals. If you use a little imagination, you can picture Adam sitting under a luxuriant palm tree as the animals parade before him, two by two. You can see this "first" man frowning a bit, perhaps tapping his forehead with the first finger on his right hand (he had to be right-handed because left-handedness was a birth defect that had to be corrected as soon as possible -- at least that was true when I was in first grade) as he thinks what to call the gecko and the lion and the hundreds of thousands of other animals.

This is a marvelously wonderful and imaginative picture you have conjured up and whether you believe it to be literally true or understand it as a literary expression of ultimate truth, you ought to understand that (1) naming something gives the namer power over the thing that is named and (2) the name received provides that thing's identity and (3) knowing the name gives us a frame of reference for reading, writing, arithmetic, art and music, and speech.

"I want you to take a few minutes and contemplate your big toe," I said to my students at least once a year. Not one time during my 37 years in the classroom did one of my students study his or her thumb. Indeed, I could see them wiggling their big toes at the same time they were thinking, "Well, this time the old gal has slipped the final cog."

When they had wiggled their big toes long enough, my question was, "What makes your big toe your big toe and not your thumb?"

"Well, just because it is. Everyone knows that."

"How does everyone know that?"

"Well, they just do."

"Would you agree that 'they just do' because some group of people, somewhere, sometime arbitrarily decided they would call that big ugly digit on the inside of a human foot a big toe and that probably the same group decided that the most useful digit on your hand would be called a 'thumb?'"

Of course, we couldn't prove any of this with empirical evidence, but good sense and a little imagination told us that we weren't too far off the mark.

"All right. Here is a picture of a little boy whose name is Jorge, pronounced "horehay." His parents named him Jorge, his grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles call him Jorge. Suppose he comes to school and his teachers insist on calling him George. Will he know to whom they are speaking?"

"Probably not, at least not at first. But he will get used to it."

"Why should he get used to having his name mispronounced? Should you have to get used to having a physician examine your big toe when the problem you're having is with your thumb?"

Discussion ensued. "It doesn't matter what you call it as long as you find and solve the problem," one group said. "It does matter, because if you are precise, it saves diagnostic time and there may be specific treatments for thumbs that you would overlook if you were looking at big toes," another group replied.

"Your assignment, due next week, is to write an essay of not more than 250 words nor less than 150 explaining why it is or is not important to properly name a place, person or thing."

I will leave you, Dear Reader, to think about this assignment, should you choose to accept it, and decide for yourself whether telling a lie and calling it truth or telling truth and calling it a lie makes any eternal difference.

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Howe's That Recipe



by Lana Rideout

I have been working on getting more exercise. I sometimes run out of breath. I spend a lot of time reading or working on my computer.

So last Monday, I decided to go for a walk around the block.

As I stepped into the road, I stopped and glanced at the grass in front of our house. A black snake was sunning itself.

Now I have had several encounters with snakes in my yard. We live just in front of a large area of grass and trees.

The snake evidently recognized that I was nearby.

I stood, almost not breathing, as the snake slithered away. I think it may have been a sidewinder.

I almost decided not to go for a walk, but I decided the snake had not gone the way I was planning to go for my exercise.

Cherry Pecan Bars

These bars have a cake-like consistency which combines wonderfully with the chopped pecans and maraschino cherries.

- 1-1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour, divided
 - 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 1/2 cup cold butter, cut into small pieces
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 - 1/2 cup maraschino cherries, finely chopped
 - 1/2 cup flaked coconut
 - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- Preheat oven to 350°F.

Sift together 1 cup of the sifted flour with the confectioner's sugar. Cut in the butter until mixture reaches consistency of coarse meal. Press mixture firmly into the bottom of an ungreased 11x7-inch or 9x9-inch pan. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes. Remove from oven.

While first layer bakes, sift together the remaining 1/4 cup of flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add the eggs, and mix well. Fold in the maraschino cherries, coconut and pecans. Spread mixture over the partially-baked first layer.

Return pan to oven and bake at 350°F for 30 to 40 minutes. Cool. Cut into bars or squares. Makes about 3 dozen bars.

Prep time: 15 minutes; Cooking time: 30 - 40 minutes; Total time: 45 minutes

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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.

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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.

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Howe Elementary April Students of the Month

1st Row: Jessica Bastida, Hunter Shaw,
2nd Row: Jentri Doty, Jacob McGill, Henna Roper, Jacob Campbell,
3rd row: Avery Snapp, Zak Defrange, Grace Brennan, Jackson Adkins



Howe Middle School Teacher and Students of the Month

Left to right, Teacher Craig Griffin - 8th grade math/7th grade honors math along with students Jaime Torres - 6th grade, Hally Bollier - 5th grade, Dustin Woody - 7th grade and Brent Masters - 8th grade





left to right: Kortney Adcock and Candace Johnson

Tom Bean FCCLA Place 4th

Tom Bean High School's FCCLA members Kortney Adcock and Candace Johnson placed 4th in the State STAR event competition on April 11, 2013. Their Focus on Children project, "Flying Fit and Fighting Fat", was one of 29 projects from schools of all sizes entered in their division. They presented their display and delivered a 10 minute prepared speech to a panel of judges. In addition to their competition, they attended leadership workshops and were motivated by inspirational speakers at the Sheraton Dallas hotel.



Left to right: Alexa Newman, Luna McMeen, and Taylor Stephens

Tom Bean FCCLA Members Compete At STATE Competition

Tom Bean High School's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members Alexa Newman, Luna McMeen and Taylor Stephens represented their chapter in the State FCCLA STAR event contest on April 12, 2013. The team presented their Chapter Service Project on the dangers of texting and distracted driving. In addition to the contest, members attended leadership workshops and were inspired by motivational speakers while staying at the Dallas Sheraton hotel.

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Tom Bean Area Track Qualifiers

The HS track teams competed in the District track meet over the last week. Wednesday was a tough day as we battled freezing temperatures and rain; however, lots of us returned with sunburns after a beautiful day for a track meet yesterday. Despite the "wonderful" Texas weather, we are proud to say that we have 13 kids advancing to the Area track meet next week!!!

On the girl's side, all 3 relays advanced. These runners include Raechel Van Horn, Alex Hendry, Katelin Britton, Katie Jones, Randi Cole, and Lauren Khoury. Lexi Fuller and Kelli Gross were the alternates.

On the boy's side, the 4x200 relay advanced as well as 2 individuals. The relay is made up of Dylan Ashlock, Logan LeDane, Daniel Jackson, and Devyn Jackson. Logan LeDane advanced in the 100 and 200; and Brok Shields advanced in the 400.

We are all very proud of not only the kids that advanced, but both track teams for a job well done representing Tom Bean this season!!!

Brittany Roten, Tom Bean ISD
HS Track/Cross Country, MS Teacher

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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

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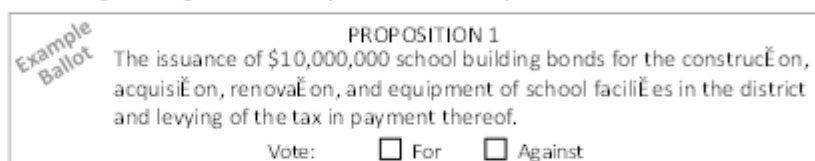
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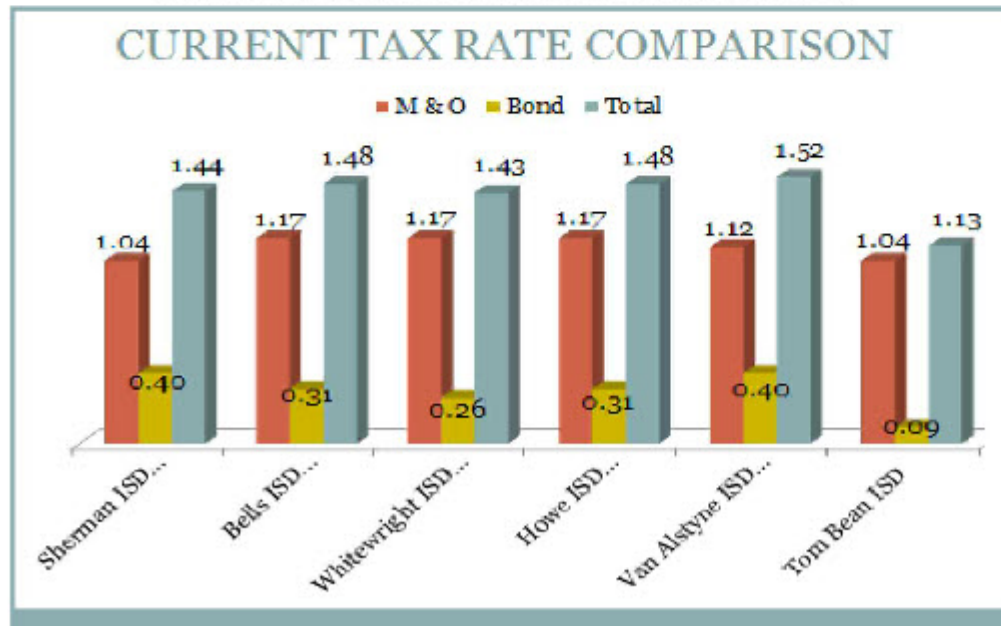
What Would the Bond Provide?

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.

Training for New Master Wellness Volunteer Program begins in May

Finding reliable resources of health and wellness information can be a challenge. Since 1906, Texas AgriLife Extension Service has provided Texans with guidance in various health areas and is now training volunteers to provide more communities with the education and tools needed for healthy living.

The Master Wellness Volunteer Initiative is an AgriLife Extension program that provides volunteers with 40 hours of training in health and nutrition education. In return, the volunteers agree to give back 40 hours of service. The volunteer opportunities are diverse - giving presentations for local community groups, assisting with periodic cooking schools, distributing information at health fairs, and much more. Previous health or wellness training is not required, but an interest in living healthfully and helping others do the same is.

“Volunteers are the heart of all A&M AgriLife Extension programming and we are excited to have this program in Grayson County” says Joyce White, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science in Grayson County.

Volunteer training for the program will be held on Wednesdays from 9 am til 3 pm starting on May 8. The training will focus on physical activity, nutrition, food safety and food demonstrations, child health, various AgriLife Extension health programs, and more. Those interested in participating may call the A&M AgriLife Extension office in Grayson County at 903-813-4203 or e-mail

ja-white@tamu.edu for more information. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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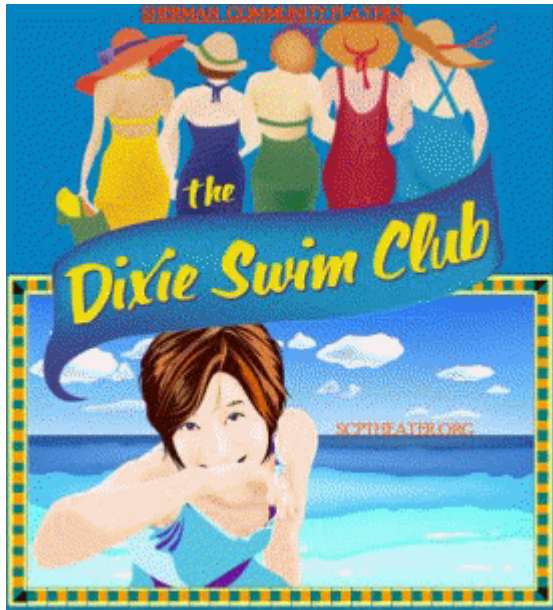
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SHERMAN COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENTS

“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.



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CMT - #1 Video - "Carryin' On" - 1990
CMT - #1 Video - "Damn These Tears" - 1990
Music Row Magazine
Break-out Video Of The Year - "Carryin' On" - 1990

Canyon Unplugged!

This band is a portion of the Steve Cooper and Canyon Band of the late 80s and early 90s. They have appeared on Hee Haw, and the Grand Old Opry. They disbanded in the mid nineties and Steve and Johnny Boatright (from the Bells, TX area) are working with Rebecca Stewart to bring a wonderful, easy listening evening of music to this area. We have had excellent response the two times they have performed at the Chrystal Opry House

Sherman Symphony Orchestra Presents Carmen

SHERMAN, TEXAS-Austin College and the Sherman Symphony Orchestra join together to present a concert version of the opera Carmen as the final performance of the 2012-2013 Community Series season on Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Kidd-Key Auditorium in Sherman. The Community Series website calls the production a crowd favorite and "never a more seductive and memorable opera, filled with recognizable tunes."

The orchestra and its conductor Daniel Dominick of the Austin College faculty are joined by the combined choruses of Austin College, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and the Children's Chorus of the Sherman Symphony to bring the opera to life. Featured soloists from the local community will be highlighted in the production, including Wayne Crannell as Don Jose, Marisan Corzino as Carmen, Sylvia Rivers as Micaela, and Justin Duncan as the Toreador.

Carmen, one of the most frequently performed operas in the world, is written in French and projected text in English provides context for the familiar music. The four-act opera was written by French composer Georges Bizet and tells the story of the downfall of Don Jose, a naïve soldier who is seduced by the wiles of the fiery gypsy Carmen. The opera focuses on themes of life, immortality, and lawlessness and enjoys wide acclaim for its melody, harmony, atmosphere and orchestration.

Tickets for Carmen are \$10 for adults and students are free with ID and may be purchased online at www.communityseries.net or by calling 903.813.2251. For more information about the event or the Community Series, email communityseries@austincollege.edu.

The Community Series Board partners with Austin College to bring a season of musical performance to the area each year.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the College is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book Colleges That Change Lives

Sherman HS 1969 & 1970 Potluck

The 1969 & 1970 graduating class of Sherman High School is having a Pot Luck Luncheon on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Loy Lake Park Arts and Crafts Building. Event starts at 10 am and ends at 6 pm. Please bring a covered dish, drinks, and lawn chairs. All SHS alums are welcome as well as kids and grandkids. Live band performing also. For more information, contact Nancy Shirley at shirleyr@gotsky.com or call 903-564-9819.

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Risk Management Strategies for Farmers

By Jeff Elliott, Chief Financial Officer, MachineryLink, Inc.

Most would agree that farming, by its nature, is filled with risk. Whether growing soybeans or wheat, farming 500 acres or 5,000, growers face risk and worries around weather, input costs, yields, market demand, and volatile grain prices -- just a few of many factors creating risk within farming.

There is no way to completely eliminate risk, but there are strategies to manage it. Our discussions with growers center around three risk management areas:

- * Financial Management
- * Information Resources
- * Marketing and Pricing

Financial Management

Financial risk management entails many aspects of a grower's financial statements: debt/equity ratio, cash position, and access to capital, especially during the inevitable down years. Here are some strategies to consider in overall risk planning:

- * Holding sufficient cash reserves for protection against adverse conditions.
- * Investing capital in areas bringing the most benefit, such as land and appreciating assets.
- * Detailed planning for longer-term capital expenditures that support the operation. Growers must know how to align capital investment with alternative scenarios of forward-looking income potential.
- * Unlocking capital and avoiding investment in depreciating assets by renting lightly-utilized or infrequently-used major equipment.

We ask farmers "what are your priorities for cash or capital?" Why? The list price of a new combine can range from \$280,000 for a basic machine to over half-a-million for a fully-loaded machine. If you're not properly prepared for initial and ongoing ownership costs, they can quickly erode your capital position and reserves. Although a combine purchase can be the right decision for some, a rental agreement can be more economical and frees up capital. Overall, when evaluating large expenditures, consider your operations, output, plans, crop potential and cash position to determine where dollars are best allocated.

Information Resources

We speak with customers about a "smarter harvest," or leveraging the technology and data resources available to them. Growers have multiple resources – USDA reports, weather information, market pricing, and much more. Taking into account your crops, farm size, production capabilities, and other operational factors, consider first what types of information will help you farm more effectively. That will guide you to the right solution – information sources to help drive informed decisions that preserve or improve your profitability and production.

Marketing and Pricing

Two marketing/pricing strategies are hedging, allowing a farmer to determine the current price for which he will sell his crop at a future date (providing a relief from volatile pricing), and contracting, in which markets, pricing or other terms are guaranteed in advance. Both are viable risk management strategies; however, before executing on any marketing or pricing strategy, fully understand all options, then use the best information available to maximize your profitability.

At its core, farming can be a continual risk/reward see-saw. Understanding and executing smart risk management strategies helps keep the balance in your favor.

Jeff Elliott is the Chief Financial Officer of MachineryLink, Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. With a focus on helping customers improve profitability and overall business performance, the company provides combine rental programs and proprietary grower information services to farmers throughout the country.

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2nd Grader from Leonard Wins Summer in Texoma Youth Art Contest

SHERMAN, April 15, 2013 – Dr. Susan Thomas, Executive Director of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) announced today the winner of the Summer in Texoma Youth Art Contest. The winning entry, “Cliffs of Lake Texoma,” was submitted by Erin Hollahan, a second grader from Leonard, Texas.

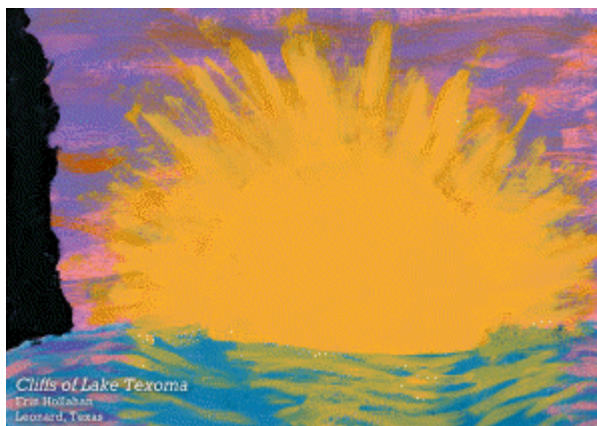
As the Grand Prize winner, Hollahan’s Cliffs of Lake Texoma will be the cover of TCOG’s 2-1-1 publication, Summertastic, a Summer Youth Activity Guide distributed annually to over 70 thousand families in the Texoma Region. The contest was sponsored by Texoma Medical Center with the challenge of creating an art piece which represented summer in Texoma. Over 80 entries were received from 2nd to 4th graders living in the tri-county area. “These young artists presented beautiful, unique artwork that made deciding the winner very difficult for the judges.” Dr. Thomas stated. “We have some very talented young artists in our region.”

“We have some very talented young artists in our region. – Dr. Susan Thomas, Executive Director of TCOG.” The panel of judges included: JoAnne Johnson of Texoma Medical Center, Lisa Avila, artist and Executive Director of The Bonham Creative Arts Center, Allison Minton, TCOG Client Services Department Director, Judy Fullylove, TCOG 2-1-1 Program Manager and Sean Norton, artist and TCOG Executive Assistant.

The judges made two additional selections to be featured in the Guide. The first runner-up was 4th grader Cannen Fellegly from Collinsville, Texas with the entry entitled, “Down by the Water” and second runner-up, 2nd grader Gabriela Chavez from Ravenna, Texas with the entry entitled, “Summer in Texoma.”

The Summertastic publication will be distributed the first part of May and will also be available online at www.tcog.com/summertastic.

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.



**Erin Hollahan, 2nd grade, Leonard, TX.
First Place Winner**



**Cannen Fellegly, 4th grade, Collinsville, TX
First Runner-Up**



**Gabriela Chavez, 2nd grade, Ravenna, TX
2nd Runner-Up**



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Proverbs 14:1-12 (KJV)

¹ Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

² He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

³ In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

⁴ Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

⁵ A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

⁶ A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.

⁷ Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

⁸ The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

⁹ Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

¹⁰ The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

¹¹ The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis 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 6:30 pm 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 7:30 am 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 8:30 am 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.

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The Measure of Devotion

Following the July 1-3, 1863, Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War, a section of the battlefield was designated as a cemetery for the soldiers slain in the battle. A ceremony was planned for November 19, 1863 for the "Consecration of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg." Edward Everett was selected to give the chief oration. President Abraham Lincoln was invited to formally dedicate the site. The organizational committee expressed to President Lincoln: "It is the desire that, after the Oration, you, as Chief Executive of the nation, formally set apart these grounds to their sacred use by a few appropriate remarks."

These "few appropriate remarks" – the Gettysburg Address – that Lincoln would share on that historic occasion have come to be regarded as one of the greatest speeches in American history. In just over two minutes, Lincoln "examined the founding principles of the United States in the context of the Civil War, and memorialized the sacrifices of those who gave their lives at Gettysburg and extolled virtues for the listeners (and the nation) to ensure the survival of America's representative democracy" (Wikipedia).

Although the President was asked to dedicate the ground for the cemetery, he concluded his Address with a challenge to the living:

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

There is an even greater cause for which Jesus Christ, God's Son, was willing to give

"the last full measure of devotion." The "cause" was the plan of God for the salvation of man that would be accomplished through the death (and resurrection!) of His Son as payment for the sins of mankind.

Man's greatest problem has always been sin! And sin leads to eternal destruction (see Matthew 7:13-14). But God loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross that we might be redeemed (Ephesians 1:7). Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). Jesus expressed "the last full measure of devotion" to His heavenly Father and to accomplishing His Father's will by giving His life for us.

In order to accept the Father's offer of salvation and life, one must place his faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31) confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27).

Then (adapting Lincoln's words to reflect spiritual truths), out of gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, we should "take increased devotion to that cause for which [Jesus] gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that [Jesus] shall not have died in vain-- that [all those who accept Christ's offer], shall have a new birth of freedom" -- freedom from the bondage of sin and death.

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." – John 8:36

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

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Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Cornyn: 2nd Amendment Not a Take-It-Or-Leave-It Proposition

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke on the Senate floor this week before a vote on his amendment to S. 649, which would guarantee the rights of gun owners to carry concealed weapons across state lines and within other states that also have conceal-carry laws:

“The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is not merely about hunting, recreational shooting, or marksmanship. Nor is it discretionary. It is not a take-it-or-leave-it proposition.

“In order to bolster the freedom of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, I’m offering an amendment that would allow Americans with concealed handgun licenses issued by their own states to exercise those rights in other states whose state law authorizes the issuance of a concealed handgun license.

“If you’re driving from Virginia to Texas, you don’t have to obtain a separate driver’s license for each state you drive through. But do you have to obey the speed limits and other laws of the state in which you are driving.

“So if it becomes the law of the land, someone with a concealed carry permit in Texas would no longer have to worry about obtaining a separate one when he or she was traveling across the country.

“For all of us who are worried and concerned about these episodes of senseless gun violence, I think we can actually find a solution, not by encroaching on the rights of law-abiding citizens who are exercising their constitutional rights but by focusing on the areas where we can actually make difference.”

You can watch video of his entire speech here<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzWA_kGGFsM>.

The Constitutional Concealed Carry Act of 2013 would treat state-issued conceal-carry permits like drivers’ licenses, allowing law-abiding citizens with conceal-carry privileges to conceal-carry in any other states that also permits it by law. The amendment is supported by the National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

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Cornyn Addresses West Plant Explosion on the Senate Floor

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke on the Senate floor today to offer support for those affected by the tragedy in West, TX. Excerpts of his speech are below.

“I have come to the floor to ask for another prayer for the small town of West, Texas...

“We’re seeing the resilience of a tight-knit, self-sufficient community in the aftermath of this terrible tragedy. Businesses have reportedly stayed open throughout the night and neighbors have opened their doors to help support the victims.

“As is so often the case, ordinary citizens ran toward danger as they offered assistance. One resident loaded up his car with people and made three successive trips to the hospital. And this morning as I was waking up and watching the news, I saw one gentleman who said he made multiple trips into the nursing home to take nursing home residents who were not able to walk out themselves to bring them to safety.

“As one police officer at the scene said, ‘the people of West will not let a person stand out in the rain.’

“We, of course, grieve for those who have lost their lives, and we pray for those who were injured and still missing. So I ask that all Americans keep the people of West, Texas, in their thoughts and prayers.”

You can watch video of his entire speech here<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x390Y0ouB8>>.

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Cornyn: Yesterday Was A Shameful Day

‘Instead of calling the President names and taking the low road, like he did yesterday ... I’m here to ask for his help.’

April 17, 2013 - WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke on the Senate floor today in response to recent Senate votes on gun legislation. Excerpts of his remarks are below:

“[I] say this more with sadness than anger -- I watched the President of the United States say it was a pretty shameful day for Washington on the national news. That was yesterday. And I agree but for different reasons than the President himself articulated.

“When good and honest people have honest differences of opinion about what policies our country should pursue when it comes to the Second Amendment and gun rights and mass gun violence, the President of the United States should not accuse them of having no coherent arguments or caving to the pressure.

“The President could have taken the high road, could have said, ‘Ok now that we have been unsuccessful in these measures, let’s move on to area where we know there is consensus, and that has to do with the mental health element in so many of these mass gun tragedies. But instead, he chose to take the low road. And I agree with him, it was a truly shameful day.

“I, and many of my colleagues, are not worried, as some of the press like to portray it, about the gun lobby who would spend a lot of money and paint us as anti-Second Amendment. I don’t work for them. I don’t listen to them. I work for 26 million Texans, and I’m proud to represent them. And the views I represented on the floor of the United States Senate are their views. And if I don’t represent their views, then I am accountable to them, and no one else.

“And no, those of us who did not agree with the President’s proposals are not being intimidated, as he said yesterday. And it’s false -- it’s absolutely false to say it comes down to politics, as he said.

“For me, it comes down to a meeting I had with the families who lost loved ones at Sandy Hook Elementary School. I told them that I was not interested in symbolism, in things we might be able to do that would have had no impact on the terrible tragedy that day or at Tucson, or Virginia Tech, or at Aurora, Colorado. I’m interested in trying to come up with a solution.

“I told them that day, the family members who came to visit with me, as we grieved with them for their terrible loss, I told them that, as I understood what they were telling me, they weren’t coming to sell a particular political point of view or an agenda or a legislative laundry list of things they wanted to see passed.

“It really boiled down to this: These families who lost both children and parents and spouses want to make sure that their loved one did not die in vain. They want to make sure that something good comes out of this terrible tragedy. And why wouldn’t we want to work together to try to help them achieve their goals?

“Instead of calling the President names and taking the low road, like he did yesterday, and chastising my fellow senators for their good-faith disagreement and the best policies to pursue in order to make sure these families’ loss was not in vain, I’m here to ask for his help. I’m here to ask for every Members’ help, to try to make sure that we actually continue to look for measures that we might be able to get behind to actually make things better, that would have offered up a solution to some of these problems.

“So I believe that there is actually a way forward for us, and I hope that Senator Reid, the Majority Leader, who controls the agenda on the Senate floor, will not choose to quit in our effort to try to find solutions, indeed something we need to pursue, instead of just symbolic gestures which would have had no impact on these mass gun tragedies.”

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Cornyn Introduces National Conceal-Carry Reciprocity Legislation

Allows Permit Holders to Carry Concealed Weapons Across State Lines

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) introduced an amendment to S. 649 which would guarantee the rights of gun owners to carry concealed weapons across state lines and within other states that also have conceal-carry laws.

“Balancing two of this nation's most fundamental rights, this measure ensures that law-abiding Americans are able to lawfully carry their weapons across state lines while respecting the rights of each individual state to pass laws that are right for them.”

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Attack of the Farm Bill zombies

By Gene Hall

It's a curious coalition that always creeps out of the deep woods to oppose the farm bill, which, in one form or another has ensured U.S. supplies of food and fiber since the 1930s.

It's sort of like an episode of *The Walking Dead*. One group of zombies swoops in from the deep woods of the left, believing that attacking modern agriculture in their typical Luddite fashion will produce the environmental utopia of which they dream.

The other group of anti-farm bill "walkers" coming in from the right (you'd have to see the show) pretty much just says no to everything. A dollar spent on anything, in their view—even something like a national food policy -- is just another target for cutting.

Here's the thing: If you like to eat and you like the idea that this country should maintain the ability to grow its own food, you are for a U.S. farm bi -- whether you know it or not.

Chew on these facts:

- The European Union subsidizes its agriculture at a level more than twice that received here. Without an American farm bill, our own farmers are competing against the treasuries of foreign competitors.
- There are the budding agricultural superpowers like Brazil who hold the advantage of really cheap labor. We are obligated to pay our workers a U.S. style living wage.

U.S. farmers, for the most part, depend on U.S. banks to loan the money to plant each spring. A well grounded farm bill -- such as the proposal sent to Capitol Hill by the American Farm Bureau Federation -- is designed to keep farmers working the land to provide a steady supply of food for American consumers. And, it provides assurance to these bankers that the money they loan will be paid back.

Otherwise, most of our food will come from beyond these shores. Don't worry about that, though. We could inspect maybe one percent of that food to make sure it is safe and wholesome with current resources. Feel better?

That's why, despite the wailing of the zombies, Congress ALWAYS passes a farm bill. It's the responsible thing to do.

They will this time, too. And we'll all be better for it.

Gene Hall, Public Relations Director, Texas Farm Bureau

I believe that the only hope for a food secure world is capitalism and reasonable profits for America's farm and ranch families—that the first element of sustainability is economic survival.

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Upton Announces Updates to Subcommittee Rosters

Rep. Ralph Hall Joins Energy and Power Subcommittee,
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rogers Joins Health Subcommittee

WASHINGTON, DC - Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) this week announced that Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) has moved to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) to the Subcommittee on Health.

“Ralph Hall is one of Congress’ most illustrious members - a former Chairman of the Science Committee, a World War II veteran, and the oldest member ever to serve in the House - and he brings a unique and time-tested perspective to the Energy and Power Subcommittee as North American energy independence is within our grasp,” said Upton.

“Cathy McMorris Rodgers was a valuable member of the Health Subcommittee last Congress, and I am pleased she will continue to play an important role in addressing the many challenges facing our nation’s health care system. As a mother of two, and as the fourth highest ranking House Republican, she provides an important voice in our ongoing efforts to help patients, assist doctors, and promote innovation and economic growth,” concluded Upton.

*Note - In taking these new assignments, Rep. Ralph Hall has vacated his seat on the Health Subcommittee while Rep. McMorris Rodgers has vacated her seat on the Energy and Power Subcommittee.

To learn more about the Energy and Commerce Committee’s six subcommittees, including a list of members serving on each, follow the links below:

*Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade<<http://energycommerce.house.gov/subcommittees/commerce-manufacturing-and-trade>>

*Communications and Technology<<http://energycommerce.house.gov/subcommittees/communications-and-technology>>

*Energy and Power<<http://energycommerce.house.gov/subcommittees/energy-and-power>>

*Environment and the Economy<<http://energycommerce.house.gov/subcommittees/environment-and-economy>>

*Health<<http://energycommerce.house.gov/subcommittees/health>>

*Oversight and Investigations<<http://energycommerce.house.gov/subcommittees/oversight-and-investigations>>

Voices for Paternity Testing

A newborn baby does not ask for a blood test. But knowledge of the baby’s blood type, possibility of sickle cell, and propensity towards PKU (phenylketonuria) is essential for the child’s health. So a sample of blood is drawn – despite the fact that the infant’s voice is loud and clear that a pin prick is unwanted.

Fathers contribute half of each child’s genetic makeup. Not only are physical characteristics determined by genes, there are more than 4,000 diseases that are caused by genetic variants. The voice of science speaks of the importance of DNA.

Hospitals require infants and their mothers to wear bracelets for identification. A mother would certainly raise her voice if another woman’s child was placed in her arms. Fathers are also asked to wear identification for security purposes. But there needs to be a voice for men to ensure the infant they hold is actually their child.

If women are the traditional nurturers of the offspring of a family, men are the traditional protectors and providers. The voice of logic dictates that knowledge of the baby’s father is essential for the well-being of the child.

There are more than a quarter of a million men in America who are affected annually by paternity fraud. The Memphis Flyer reported last month that about 17 percent of all paternity tests reveal that a child’s alleged father is not the biological father. Such men are often ridiculed as if their situation was somehow their fault. But for those concerned, their voices scream with outrage.

Although paternity fraud is a crime, perpetrators are rarely punished. Because there is hardly ever a penalty, such fraud must be prevented. Technology permits paternity testing at a fraction of the cost of maternity care, \$100 or less. Preventative measures, not punitive, are called for. We must listen to the voice of justice – and then act on it.

DNA testing has nothing to do with a woman’s reproductive rights and everything to do with a man’s reproductive rights. It would protect the rights of men who are not biologically bound to a child and ensure the rights of the legitimate father. The voice of equality calls for this wisdom.

The state should order a compulsory assessment of paternity at every delivery. According to a New York Times article last year, for women under 30, most births occur outside marriage. The joy and excitement of a child’s birth often cloud any doubt of a prospective father. But the voice of honesty must be heard.

Some men are able to continue in a parental role with a child when they find there is no biologic connection. These men are to be celebrated. But we must not disparage the cuckolded man or hold him responsible when he is faced with his partner’s betrayal. Such is the voice of compassion.

Oftentimes too, the child of a disloyal mother will alienate any affection towards a father figure. The child’s anger at the mother must be suppressed else another parent will be lost. Such tragic scenarios can be avoided if a genetic determination was required at birth. The voice of mercy whispers for such a statute.

We should enact legislation to ensure paternity testing for all newborns. The voice of reason demands it!
– Don Mathis, San Antonio

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Senators Cornyn, Cruz Announce Bipartisan Committee to Fill Texas Judicial Vacancies

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz (R-TX) today announced the members of the bipartisan Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee (FJEC), which is composed of leading Texas attorneys who will screen and recommend to the Senators nominees for vacancies on the federal bench and in U.S. Attorney offices in Texas:

“Texans deserve able, fair, and independent prosecutors and judges, and I’m proud to join Sen. Cruz in reconstituting this bipartisan committee to ensure individuals who are of the highest caliber are confirmed expeditiously and can begin serving Texas as soon as possible,” said Sen. Cornyn.

“It is crucial that we ensure Texans have the best, most qualified judges and prosecutors defending their rights in court,” said Sen. Cruz. “I am glad to work alongside Sen. Cornyn in reestablishing this committee, and thank the attorneys willing to serve this effort and ensure the timely filling of court vacancies.”

Chairman - David Prichard (San Antonio, partner, Prichard Hawkins McFarland & Young)
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Hall Calls For Reduced Spending, Balanced Budget On Tax Freedom Day

WASHINGTON, DC . . . On Tax Freedom Day, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) released the following statement:

“As we recognize Tax Freedom Day – just one week after the President released his two-month-late budget proposal for fiscal year 2014 – Americans are once again reminded of the need to rein in Washington’s out-of-control spending and balance the budget in order to strengthen our economy and help people get back to work.

“2013’s Tax Freedom Day, the first day of the year in which taxpayers have earned enough money to pay their taxes for that year, comes five days later than in 2012. The increased number of days Americans must work to meet the federal government’s tab is primarily due to the fiscal cliff deal that raised taxes (which I opposed), and the implementation of ‘Obamacare.’

“Despite the fact that taxes were raised on hardworking Americans mere months ago and the national debt is nearly \$17 trillion, the President’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2014 does not even attempt to balance the budget. Instead, the President wants to raise taxes by \$1.1 trillion, increase spending by \$964 billion, and add \$8.2 trillion in debt. The Congressional Budget Office projects that in 2013 the federal government will collect \$2.7 trillion in taxes – more revenue than at any other time in the history of the U.S. At the same time, we are on track for one of the largest annual deficits in our nation’s history.

“House Republicans don’t want to raise taxes in order to spend more of your hard-earned money on bigger government; we want to balance the budget, revive our economy, and improve the lives of all Americans.

“Recently, House Republicans offered a plan to get the national debt under control, encourage a healthier economy, and help create jobs.

The House’s budget would:

- * Stop spending money we don’t have by cutting wasteful spending;
- * Fix our broken tax code to create jobs and increase wages;
- * Protect and strengthen important priorities like Medicare and national security;
- * Repair the safety net and expand opportunity to all Americans; and
- * Balance the budget in 10 years.

“I will continue to work for legislation that provides economic security and look forward to getting the national debt under control so all Americans can prosper, both now and in the future.”

Tax Foundation’s “calendar-based illustration of the cost of government. Tax Freedom Day divides all federal, state, and local taxes by the nation’s income. In 2013, Americans will pay \$2.76 trillion in federal taxes and \$1.45 trillion in state taxes, for a total tax bill of \$4.22 trillion, or 29.4 percent of income. April 18 is 29.4 percent into the year.”

Texas veteran releases video documenting his illegal arrest

Freedom to Film Act by Estes confirms the legality of filming the police

Austin – Army Master Sergeant. C.J. Grisham, a decorated war veteran, was recently arrested in Temple, Texas while on a hike with his 15-year old son trying to help him earn a Boy Scout merit badge. Later this week, Grisham released a video of the incident, which shows police mistreating Grisham and accusing him of “rudely displaying” a weapon. Sgt. Grisham was eventually charged with resisting arrest.

The video was taken by Grisham’s son and clearly shows that Grisham did not resist arrest. Police later reduced the charges to “interfering with a peace officer while performing a duty”, which is a Class B misdemeanor.

“Stories like these are why I have filed SB 897, which makes it clear that Texans have a right to film police in the performance of their duties,” Estes said. “Fortunately in this case, Sgt. Grisham was able to document the incident and the proof is on his side.”

As the use of smartphones has proliferated in recent years, there has been a disturbing trend of Texas citizens being harassed by law enforcement for filming, photographing, and recording law enforcement officers, even though doing so is perfectly legal.

SB 897 seeks to clarify that a citizen is not acting unlawfully by filming police officers during the course of their normal duties. Under the bill, if a citizen is charged with a crime for filming the police, such as interference with public duties, failure to obey the police, or assaulting an officer, and is subsequently acquitted, the citizen may recover the costs of defending the frivolous charges.

“My hope is that this bill will cause Texas law enforcement to think twice before arresting and charging a person who is doing nothing more than filming the police,” Estes said. “The police are public servants, so they should not be doing anything that they would not want caught on film.”

Watch the video here: <http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/345714/free-cj-grisham>

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.

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“PUTTING OUR FISCAL HOUSE IN ORDER”

Rep. Ralph M. Hall (TX-04), Opinion Piece

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Every tax season families and small businesses must navigate America’s flawed tax system. With Tax Day on April 15th and Tax Freedom Day on April 18th, we are mindful of the need not only for tax reform, but also for a balanced budget in order to strengthen our economy.

In the past decade alone, over 4,400 changes have been added to the tax code. It is no wonder 90% of us – including former IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman – are either forced to hire a professional or purchase commercial software in order to complete our taxes on time. American families and small businesses deserve a simpler and fairer tax code.

As a longtime supporter of a Fair Tax plan, this year I am again cosponsoring the Fair Tax Act (H.R. 25), which would streamline the tax system by replacing all federal personal and corporate income taxes with a single national tax on retail sales. This would significantly reduce the federal bureaucracy by eliminating the IRS, and would ask all American citizens to contribute and pay their fair share of federal taxes. Today, more than half of all Americans pay no federal income tax, according to the Tax Policy Center*.

While tax reform is necessary, the real problem is spending.

On April 10th – over two months past the legal deadline – the President released his budget proposal for fiscal year 2014. His budget does not attempt to achieve balance but continues his out-of-control spending policies. The tab for this budget will be paid through higher taxes on hardworking Americans at a time when they can least afford it, whether it is on earned or unearned income, family businesses, energy, or health.

The Administration’s history of irresponsible spending is both irrational and unsustainable, and the proof is in the numbers: the national debt is nearly \$17 trillion– over \$6 trillion under President Obama alone, the debt per person in America is now over \$53,200, and the labor force participation rate – currently at 63.3% – continues to decline.

That is why, along with fundamental tax reform, I continue to work for serious spending cuts in order to achieve a balanced budget, strengthen our economy, and encourage job growth.

We need to solve the nation's budget crisis and protect the pocketbooks of American families and small businesses. I appreciate your input and invite you to share your thoughts on this important issue.

*<http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxtopics/currentdistribution.cfm>

Hall Calls For Reduced Spending, Balanced Budget On Tax Freedom Day

WASHINGTON, DC . . . On Tax Freedom Day, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) released the following statement:

“As we recognize Tax Freedom Day – just one week after the President released his two-month-late budget proposal for fiscal year 2014 – Americans are once again reminded of the need to rein in Washington’s out-of-control spending and balance the budget in order to strengthen our economy and help people get back to work.

“2013’s Tax Freedom Day, the first day of the year in which taxpayers have earned enough money to pay their taxes for that year, comes five days later than in 2012. The increased number of days Americans must work to meet the federal government’s tab is primarily due to the fiscal cliff deal that raised taxes (which I opposed), and the implementation of ‘Obamacare.’

“Despite the fact that taxes were raised on hardworking Americans mere months ago and the national debt is nearly \$17 trillion, the President’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2014 does not even attempt to balance the budget. Instead, the President wants to raise taxes by \$1.1 trillion, increase spending by \$964 billion, and add \$8.2 trillion in debt. The Congressional Budget Office projects that in 2013 the federal government will collect \$2.7 trillion in taxes – more revenue than at any other time in the history of the U.S. At the same time, we are on track for one of the largest annual deficits in our nation’s history.

“House Republicans don’t want to raise taxes in order to spend more of your hard-earned money on bigger government; we want to balance the budget, revive our economy, and improve the lives of all Americans.

“Recently, House Republicans offered a plan to get the national debt under control, encourage a healthier economy, and help create jobs.

The House’s budget would:

- * Stop spending money we don’t have by cutting wasteful spending;
- * Fix our broken tax code to create jobs and increase wages;
- * Protect and strengthen important priorities like Medicare and national security;
- * Repair the safety net and expand opportunity to all Americans; and
- * Balance the budget in 10 years.

“I will continue to work for legislation that provides economic security and look forward to getting the national debt under control so all Americans can prosper, both now and in the future.”

Tax Foundation’s “calendar-based illustration of the cost of government. Tax Freedom Day divides all federal, state, and local taxes by the nation’s income. In 2013, Americans will pay \$2.76 trillion in federal taxes and \$1.45 trillion in state taxes, for a total tax bill of \$4.22 trillion, or 29.4 percent of income. April 18 is 29.4 percent into the year.”

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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.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

Capitol Watch, Larry Phillips

In 2009, the legislature passed House Bill 3452, which created the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. This program is designed to encourage students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at colleges. A student must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to receive an initial scholarship award, and must enter into a four-year commitment as a member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air Force National Guard, or as a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

Students can receive up to \$10,000, but the amount may vary from year to year depending on the number of recipients. Every year, the governor and lieutenant governor may each appoint two students, and each state senator and state representative may appoint one student to receive a scholarship, on the condition that the student satisfies all other requirements. A maximum of 185 students per year may be appointed.

In order to be considered for a Texas Armed Services Scholarship, a student must meet at least two of the following academic criteria: is on track to graduate high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) or the International Baccalaureate Program (IB); has a current high school GPA of 3.0 or higher; achieves a score on the SAT of at least 1590 or on the ACT of 23; or is currently ranked in the top third of the graduating class.

Additionally, a student must agree to complete four years of ROTC training; graduate within 5 years; within 6 months of graduating provide verification of a commitment to the Texas National Guard or a branch of the U.S. armed services; and agree to repay the scholarship if the student fails to meet these requirements.

My office will be considering applicants for the scholarship through June 30, 2013. Please contact Sara Haenes in my Austin office at sara.haenes@house.state.tx.us or at 521-463-0297 for more information on this scholarship. Interested students can also learn more about the scholarship through the Higher Education Coordinating Board's website at www.hhloans.com.

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A Very Special Cow

Q. Have you heard of the dyslexic cow who attained enlightenment?

A. It kept on repeating OOOOMMM!

Eve's Steep Price

God noticed that Adam was lonely. He said to him "Adam, I am going to give you the perfect companion. She'll cook and clean and listen, she's perfect."

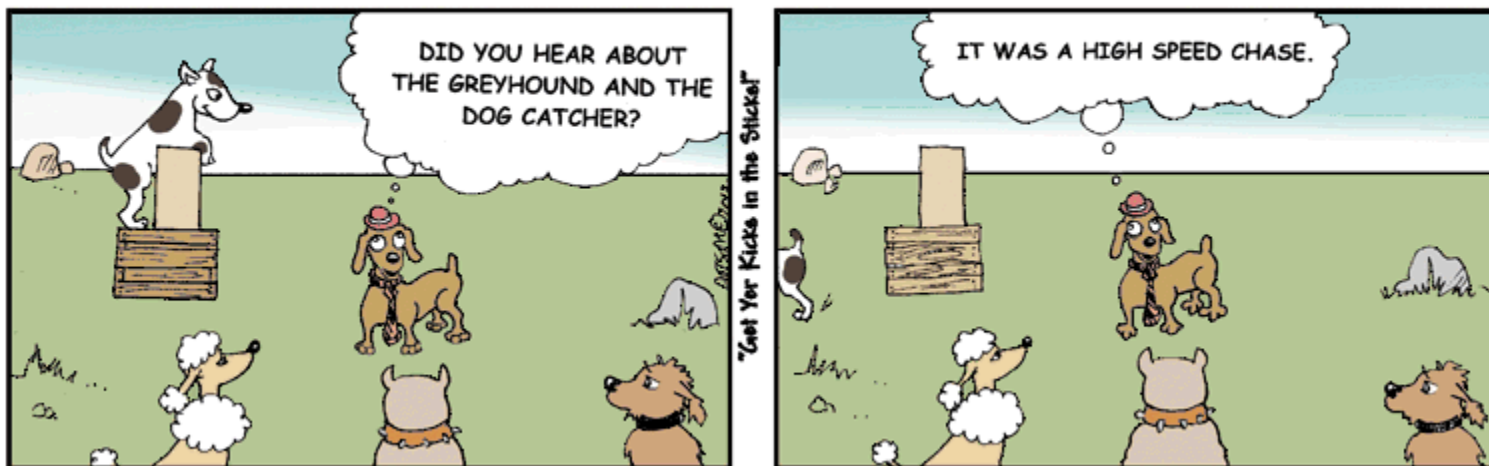
Adam replied, "What will she cost me?"

God said, "An arm and a leg."

Shocked, Adam said, "Well, what can I get for a rib?"

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[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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LET'S REMINISCE: Gone To Texas

By Jerry Lincecum

My first Texan ancestor, Dr. Gideon Lincecum, was born on April 22, two hundred and twenty years ago. To celebrate his birthday a bit early, one week ago my wife and I visited Columbus, Mississippi, the town where Gid made the fortune that enabled him to move his entire extended family to this state.

We were invited to present a Chautauqua-style lecture in which I role-played my ancestor talking about his memories of living thirty years in the Columbus area. His reason for leaving was a desire to remove his children from what he saw as the bad influences of an over-civilized river town and bring them to a more wholesome setting.

The irony is that Gid had arrived on the Tombigbee River of Mississippi in 1818, when that area was a frontier. In fact, when the Mississippi legislature learned that the Plymouth Bluff territory was in their state rather than Alabama, they named my ancestor "Chief Justice" of the Quorum charged with organizing the new county. He also surveyed the lots in what became the town of Columbus, now about the size of Sherman and home to two colleges.

In this era before the Trail of Tears, the Choctaws and Chickasaws both held title to huge chunks of territory nearby, and Gid became an Indian trader popular with both tribes. However, he suffered a heatstroke in 1827 that left him unable to work. Partly in reaction to the poor medical treatment he received from Old School doctors, Gid took up botanical medicine, learning a great deal from one eminent Choctaw physician.

Eventually Gid's success drew so many patients to his clinic in the small town of Wall's Tanyard that in 1841 he moved back to Columbus. In seven years he had amassed a fortune that permitted him to retire and move to Texas. The chief subject of our lecture was some of his medical practice and the heated controversy of that time between the Botanical and Old School systems of medicine. He was often attacked (without being named) in letters to local newspapers from competing physicians.

Parents of today's teenagers would understand why Gid moved his family to Texas. In his words, "My children were beginning to marry off and they seemed to think of nothing but frolicking. They spent from three to five thousand dollars a year and acted as though the source from which the money came was inexhaustible. I determined to carry them to a country where the surroundings and conditions would be more promising."

Apparently the move to Long Point, near Brenham in Washington County, worked. Gid devoted himself to becoming a recognized scientist and let his sons practice medicine. One of the Lincecum boys married a local girl, and their son George became my great-grandfather.

My grandpa George was the only one of his generation to follow Gid's example of sending specimens of Texas plants and animals to the Smithsonian Institution, and now I'm keeping up the family tradition of writing about history and science.

-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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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.



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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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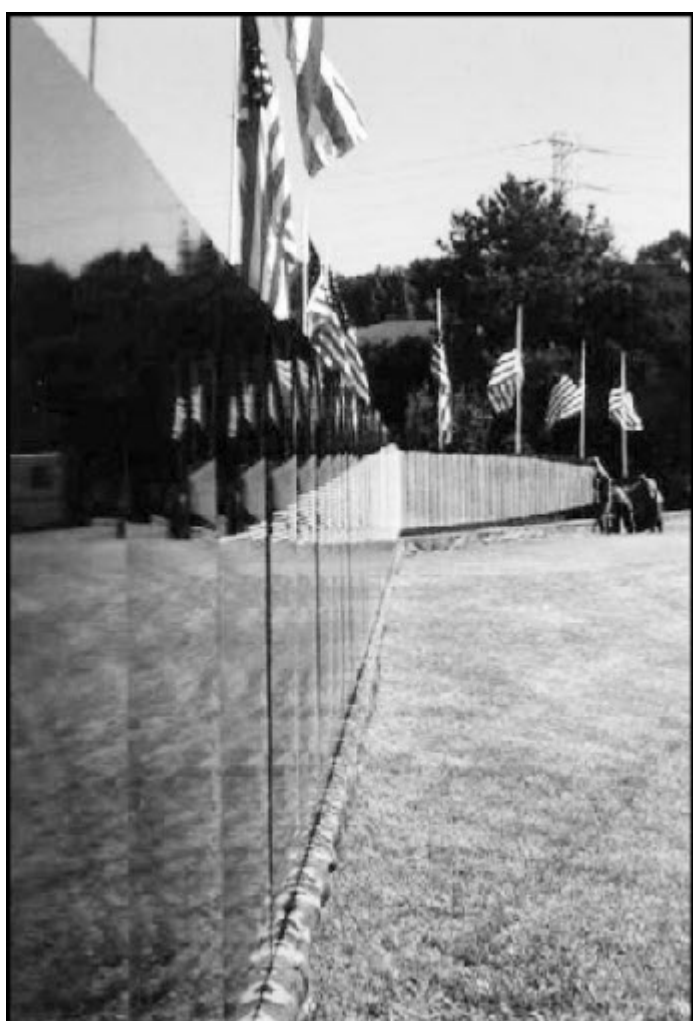
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The Wall, looking East
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Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

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."

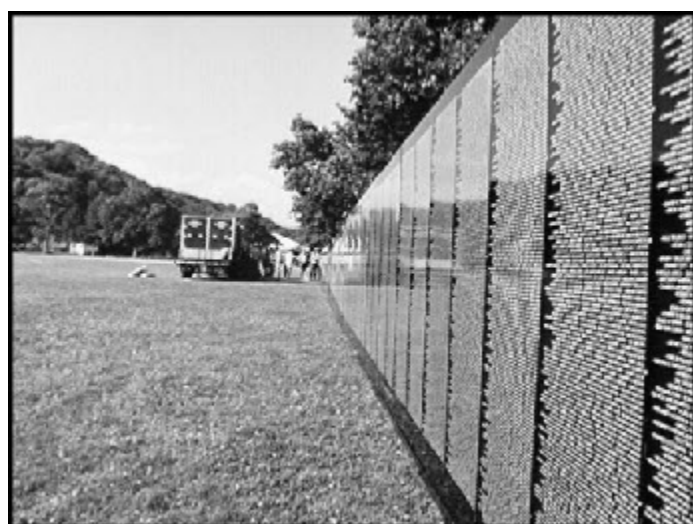
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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.
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The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
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What's Cookin...

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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

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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



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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.

Texoma Montage





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- *Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

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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.

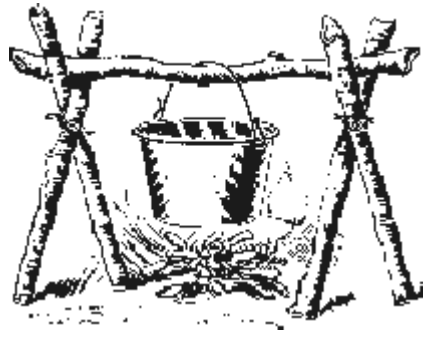
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

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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Telling Our Stories

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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Hope you enjoyed our magazine.*