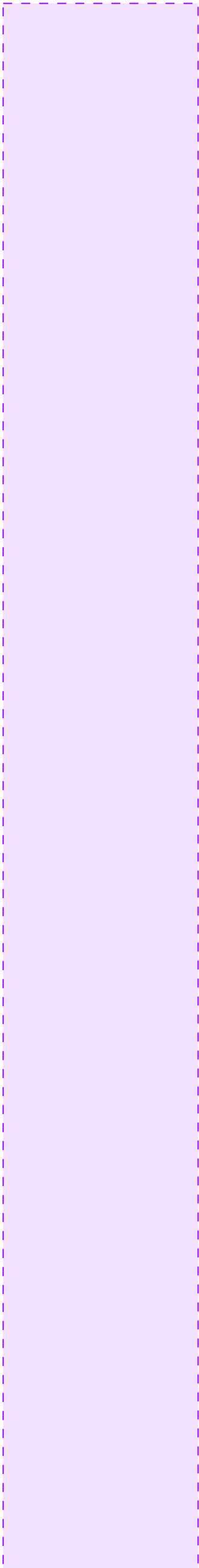


April 5, 2012

# Happy Easter



Starting this week we have a new feature called “Let’s Reminisce” by Dr. Jerry Lincecome. Dr. Lincecome had honored us in the past with various interesting stories in “Telling Our Stories” and now again presents his talent with this new column. Please [Click Here](#) to go to that page.





## Six Austin College Faculty Named Among the Nation's Best

SHERMAN, TEXAS—Six Austin College faculty members are included in The Princeton Review's new guidebook, *The Best 300 Professors*, released this morning (April 3) by Random House/Princeton Review Books.

The Austin College faculty members included are David Baker, physics; Light Cummins, history; Stephanie Gould, chemistry; Kevin Simmons, economics; Howard Starr, psychology and education; and Randi Tanglen, English. Only eight colleges across the country, all with a larger student body than Austin College, have more faculty on the list. Only 10 professors, including the six at Austin College, teaching at Texas colleges and universities are included in the guidebook, with one from the University of Texas at Austin and three from Texas Christian University.

"Having our faculty included on this list comes as no surprise to our students and administration," said Austin College President Marjorie Hass. "The only surprise might be that only six of our faculty are listed; I believe our students would suggest more members of our faculty could be included. Our faculty members are experts in their fields and involved in their own research and scholarship, but teaching is the top priority among our faculty."

Austin College maintains a student body of approximately 1,350 and a student to faculty ratio of 12 to 1. "Students and faculty are partners in education at Austin College and work closely together," President Hass said. "Many colleges and universities have excellent faculty members. However, we believe it truly is rare that students have the level of access to faculty, and interaction inside and outside the classroom, that is a hallmark at Austin College." Hass said the faculty members included in the guidebook include the longest-tenured professor at Austin College and some of the newest tenure-track faculty, evidencing the long-term and continuing commitment to excellence in teaching.

The Best 300 Professors profiles outstanding professors at 122 colleges. All those included received praise from their most

## SE JazzFest scheduled for April 21

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

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

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

important audiences: the undergraduate students they teach. "We developed this project as a tribute to the extraordinary dedication of America's undergraduate college professors and the vitally important role they play in our culture, and our democracy," said Robert Franek, Princeton Review senior vice president and author of Princeton's college guide *The Best 376 Colleges*. "One cannot page through this book without feeling tremendous respect for the powerful ways these teachers are enriching their students' lives, their colleges, and ultimately our future as a society."

The Princeton Review developed the project in partnership with RateMyProfessors.com and selected the professors included in the book based on qualitative and quantitative data from survey findings and ratings collected by both organizations. The Princeton Review and RateMyProfessors.com annually collect data from students at thousands of colleges across the country about their classroom experiences and assessments of their professors.

For this project, The Princeton Review culled an initial list to reveal the colleges at which students highly rated their professors' teaching ability and accessibility. Data from RateMyProfessors.com identified more than 42,000 professors at those schools. Combining this information, a base list of 1,000 professors was formed. After obtaining further input from school administrators and students, as well as from Princeton Review's surveys of the professors under consideration, the editors of The Princeton Review made the final choices of the professors profiled in the book.

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* <<http://www.ctcl.org/>>.



## Howe's That

## Recipe



by Lana Rideout

The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex had a bit of excitement on Tuesday, April 3. A number of tornadoes flew through the air.

Grandson Jordan was attending his college class when a huge hailstorm came through Irving. His car sustained damage as the rear window was broken out and a lot of rain poured into his back seat. Fortunately, he was in class when this happened, so he was not hurt.

Also the city of Arlington suffered the destruction of many home, but no deaths thankfully.

Speaking about flying through the air, the Flying J Truck Trailer business in Arlington lived up to its name. A number of truck trailers were flying in the air as the tornado picked them up and twirled them around as if they were toy truck trailers.

At this time of the year, we all need to be vigilant as to possible tornadoes or heavy storms.

### Rice with Red Peppers and Nuts

- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup long grain white rice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon finely ground pepper
- 3 Tablespoons pine nuts or almonds
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 2 Tablespoons oil
- 1 finely chopped medium onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 2 Tablespoons finely chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring chicken stock to boil in medium saucepan over high heat. Add rice, salt and pepper, and stir with fork. Lower heat, cover and simmer 20 minutes.

Toast nuts in oven for 5 minutes or until lightly browned. In a medium skillet, heat butter and oil over medium heat. Saute onion, stirring occasionally, until soft. Add red pepper and celery and continue cooking for about 5 minutes until vegetables are cooked but still slightly crisp.

When rice is cooked, add vegetables, nuts, parsley, salt and pepper. Toss and serve immediately.

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Doris Hayes, formerly of Elm House Antiques (at 710 N Elm in Sherman) is now located in A Touch of Class Antique Mall on the Square in downtown Sherman, Booth 115. Same fine quality & eclectic collections of fine art, glass, china & pottery.



Howe Senior Alex Torres (second front row from right) has verbally committed to play football at Harden-Simmons University. Also pictured are seated, Howe Coach Tim Rose, Brand Rose and Omar Torres, back row, Coaches Casey Carr and Joe Watson.

## Howe District Tennis Tournament Report

The Howe Bulldog Tennis team was back in action on April 3rd and 4th at the District Tennis Tournament at Austin College. Leading the way for the Bulldogs was Baleigh Hudman finishing 2nd in the Girls Singles Division. Baleigh defeated players from Bells and Gunter on her way to the finals. Once in the finals, she lost to the talented Emily Gray in two sets. Hudman lost the first set 0-6 but battled back in the 2nd winning four games. Both Gray and Hudman will move onto the Regional Tennis Tournament at Tarleton State in Stephenville. The Mixed Doubles team of John Talley (Junior) and Rainea Urbina (Senior) fought to a fourth place finish and Freshmen Jamie Patterson placed 4th as well in the Girls Singles division. The future of the Bulldog Tennis team looks bright as it will only be losing one senior for next year. Varsity players Hannah Debner, Kristen Ross, Billy Roberts, Jimmy Patterson, Olga Rodriguez and Cooper Queen will all be returning as seniors in 2013.

## Events coming up

Community Easter Egg Hunt has been changed to Saturday, April 7, 11 am to 1 pm. at the High School.

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



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

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## Annual Grandma, Mom and Me Tea Party

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

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

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



HES Students of the Month -- Row 1: Carter Layton & Sandra Nitchman, Row 2: Ashley Crees, Luke Catching, Jentrie Doty & Dalton Laisy, Row 3: Molly Wilson, Ethan Sloat, Kaytee Roper & Clay Barnett



## Howe High School Teacher and Students of the Month

Howe High School recently selected a teacher and students of the month for March. Receiving the teacher award was coach and English teacher Derek Lands. Coach Lands graduated from East Texas State University and then began coaching at Bonham High School. He has been coaching girls' athletics at HHS for 9 years. Coach Lands is married to Shannon Lands, who teaches and coaches at Howe Middle School. He also has a daughter, Andrea, who teaches at Howe Elementary School. Outside of school, he plays golf and hunts.

Representing the freshmen and sophomores is freshman Jamie Patterson. The daughter of Trish and Jimmy Patterson, Jamie has attended Howe schools for ten years and participates in robotics, tennis, softball, volleyball, basketball, band, and Business Professionals of America. In her spare time, Jamie enjoys soccer, tennis, and collecting spoons. The junior-senior representative is junior Miranda Casteel. The daughter of Angela and Ron Whinery, Miranda has attended HISD since Kindergarten and participates in track, Art Club, Life Skills, and PALS. In her spare time, Miranda enjoys hanging out with friends and family and reading.

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Pictured front row Gage King, Jared O'Dowd, Clayton Haynes, Adam Gregg, Dawson Mitchell, Samuel Cherry; 2nd row T.J. Knight, Jr, Cody Brussow, Joseph Brennan, Robert Rhew, Lake Taylor. Not pictured Aaron Pratt. 3rd row The Okiciyapi Chapter of the Order of the Arrow Crossover Ceremony Team



**Pack 45**  
**Howe, Texas**  
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**March 11, 2012**

*Pack 45 proudly presents the following young men who are transitioning from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts (◊ denotes Arrow of Light Recipient and ◌ denotes Super 20 Recipient):*

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- Cody Brussow ◌
- Samuel Cherry ◌
- Adam Gregg ◌
- Clayton Haynes ◌
- Gage King ◌
- T.J. Knight, Jr. ◌
- Dawson Mitchell ◌
- Jared O'Dowd ◌
- Aaron Pratt ◌
- Robert Rhew ◌
- Lake Taylor ◌

*A special Thank You to Scott Gregg, John Cherry, Abbie Gregg, Carolyn Cherry, the Pack 45 Committee, Howe Volunteer Fire Department, and all of the Parents for their time and dedication in leading our boys down the scouting trail.*



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## Pre-K And Kindergarten Registration

### Tom Bean Elementary

*Saturday, April 14, 2012; 8 am – 4 pm*

Pre-K registration space is limited and is a half-day program.

Students who qualify for Pre-K will be placed in Pre-K first.

Students not qualifying but wishing to attend will be charged \$1000.00 and allowed to fill slots on a first come, first serve basis.

You must meet one of the following criteria to qualify for enrollment in the pre-k program:

\* Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2012.

\* Your child must be income eligible, a child of an active military parent or limited English speaking.

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

\* Your child may have a special need/disability.

To qualify for enrollment in the kindergarten program:

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

Please Bring The Following Documents With You To Register:

Pre-K And K

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

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

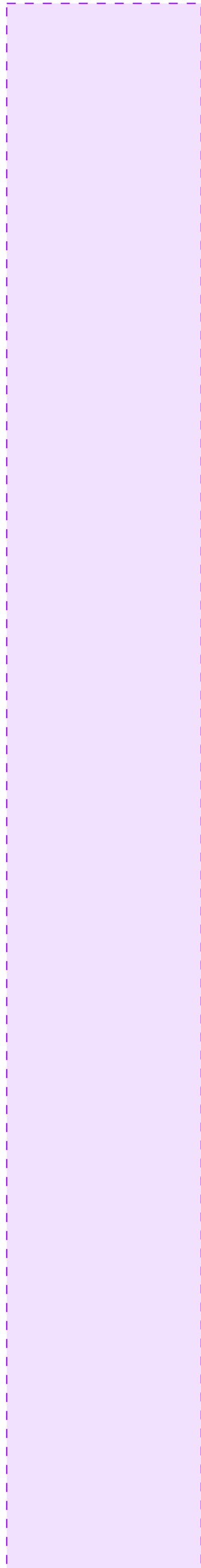
\* Child's up to date Immunization Record (Pre-K and K)

\* Medicaid care or Insurance card (if applicable) (Pre-K only)

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

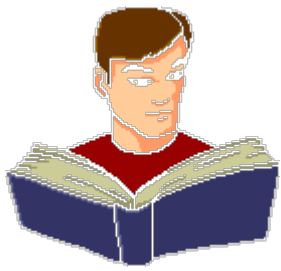
\* Income Verification -- Previous or current months pay stub, TANF or Food Stamp documentation letter or letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often paid. (Pre K only)

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## Van Alstyne Library

### The BookShelf

By Judy E. Spence

More than 130 people passed through the doors of the Van Alstyne Library this past Saturday for our 3rd Annual Open House. We had something for everyone from silent auction items for moms and dads to treats and toys for the kids. Each child was handed a goodie bag at the front door and instructed to visit every booth for some sort of toy or treat. Wiggly snakes, stickers, coloring books, and at the craft table, Mrs. Emily, our children's librarian, would help you create a craft to take home with you.

The purpose of the Open House is to showcase the contents of our library for the public and to dispel the stereotype that all libraries have to offer are stacks of musty, boring books. Au contraire! Libraries are all about information and empowerment and information comes in many different formats. We have DVD's, CD's, magazines, newspapers, books, pamphlets, audiobooks, and more. But don't be too fast to discount the tried and true book. Open the cover of one of those books and learn how to take care of your pet, prepare for the firefighters exam, set up your own chemistry experiment, or build those bookshelves. This, quite literally, is only the tip of the iceberg.

The following booths comprised this year's Open House: Van Alstyne Chamber of Commerce, Arts and Crafts, Van Alstyne Fire Department, Van Alstyne Police Department, Sports, Legal resources, Live animals, Musicians, Texas Folklore, Van Alstyne HS Chem Club, ESL, Woodworking, and Gardening. We had several nice items available for silent auction and a life size figure of the King of Rock himself, Elvis Presley.

*An event this comprehensive is the collaborative effort of many people. The Van Alstyne Library thanks the following:* Petco, Van Alstyne Hardware, Alford Inn & Quilt Shoppe, Mrs. Kanita Larkins, Summit Mercantile, Texas Folklore Society, Teen Council Durning, House Healthcare of Texas, Mrs. Sharon Hayes, Van Alstyne Police Department, Mrs. Tracy Luscombe, Van Alstyne Fire Department, Mrs. Emily Kendrick, VAHS Chem Club - Mrs. Carol Smith, Mrs. Rhonda Real, Friends of the Library, Mr. Pierre La Daux, Express Signs and Shirts, Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benson, Dave Matthews, Mrs. Lynn McCoy, Mrs. Dan Stephens, Mr. Harold Chesley.

Hope to see you at the Van Alstyne Library!





## After the Drought:

*Replacing Trees, Managing Wildlife, and Growing Native Grass*

Friday, April 13

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd floor Assembly Room,  
Sherman, TX

Many, many trees have died or will die due to the drought so a portion of the morning program will focus on reducing stress on living trees, choosing the proper replacement trees, and preventing the most common planting and tree selection mistakes.

Wildlife throughout the state suffered greatly during the drought so the participants will be taught how to manage their property in a way to insure wildlife success. Learn about wildlife management practices that you can implement to help maximize breeding success and encourage wildlife to remain on your property.

Native grasses historically survive and outperform introduced grasses during drought-like conditions. Come learn about the pros and cons of native grasses and how to establish them. This is a great opportunity to learn about three topics that if implemented can make your property more drought resistant.

The program will be held at the Grayson County Courthouse in the 2nd floor Assembly Room (100 West Houston Street, Sherman, TX 75090). The registration fee will be \$10 per attendee and will include snacks and handout materials. The event begins with registration at 8:30 am and concludes at 12 noon. Two CEUs (one hour IPM and one hour general) will be offered for those having Pesticide Applicators License. Space is limited so please RSVP by April 11th by calling Chuck at 903-813-4202.

## Full Depth Concrete Repair on US 75 in Grayson County

Texas Department of Transportation officials met Friday, February 10, 2012 with representatives of Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc. of Grand Prairie, Texas in a pre-construction meeting devoted to traffic safety and construction procedures to be used during the full depth concrete repair on US 75 in Grayson County. The project limits of work will be on US 75 from the Red River to the Collin County Line.

The work to be done will consist of full depth repair of concrete slabs and spalled areas at various locations on the main lanes and the frontage roads.

The Contractor has been granted 30 working days to complete this \$209,936.95 project. The Contractor is expected to begin work on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. The contract is anticipated to be completed by June 8, 2012.

The traveling public is requested to observe signs and to be aware of lane closures and potential temporary detours. Caution and reduced speed is imperative when approaching these work zones due to the magnitude of the volume of traffic. Please remember that it is against the law to cut across on to unpaved surfaces and that traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present.

## Texas Water Smart Campaign Promotes Water Conservation, Common-Sense Tips To Save Water, Money

*Historical drought, growing population call attention to critical need for water conservation*

MESQUITE - Citing the devastating results of water shortages, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, along with a group of state and local leaders and a partnership of private businesses today announced the Texas Water Smart conservation campaign. The result of a public-private coalition, Texas Water Smart encourages households and businesses to adopt everyday habits to curb wasteful water usage.

“We have a choice to make: conserve water now or risk more job losses in the future,” Commissioner Staples said. “Our recent historical drought and booming population point to an unavoidable conclusion; it’s time all Texans take a serious look at individual water-use habits and find common-sense ways to conserve. The recent realities are both alarming and painful as drinking water was jeopardized and businesses and households were faced with scarce water resources. With the launch of Texas Water Smart, I’m reminding all Texans that a few drops saved, when multiplied by 25 million citizens, will go a long way.”

Recent spring rains have not reduced the need to conserve water. Across the state, water managers may be forced to move to severe outdoor water-use restrictions, which could ban all outdoor watering. This would have a major impact on the nursery and landscape industry, which has a \$14.6 billion economic impact on the state. Retail businesses, local government and homeowners could also realize a loss of sales and sales tax revenue, and a loss of landscape investment.

The Texas Water Smart consumer conservation campaign was launched at The Home Depot in Mesquite with several state legislators, Metroplex mayors and business leaders joining Commissioner Staples. A comprehensive consumer education initiative, Texas Water Smart has goals to employ television, radio and print ads, social media and other targeted awareness tools to show Texans easy and practical ways to conserve.

Texas Water Smart asks all Texans to Get Water Smart by adopting more frugal water-use habits such as:

\*Watering only when plants look like they need it, keeping in mind most plants die from over-watering, not under-watering;

\*Checking outdoor faucets, hoses and sprinklers for water-wasting leaks, and making sure to repair them quickly;

\*Adjusting sprinklers so only lawns and gardens are watered – not houses, sidewalks or streets;

\*Cleaning driveways, patios and sidewalks with a broom or leaf blower instead of a hose.

Other recommended methods of water conservation include using watering cans rather than hoses and adding a layer of mulch to flower beds to better retain water.

Inside the home, Texas Water Smart encourages shorter bath times, washing only full loads of dishes and clothes, and fixing leaky faucets and toilets.

For more helpful tips and information, visit [www.TexasWaterSmart.com](http://www.TexasWaterSmart.com)



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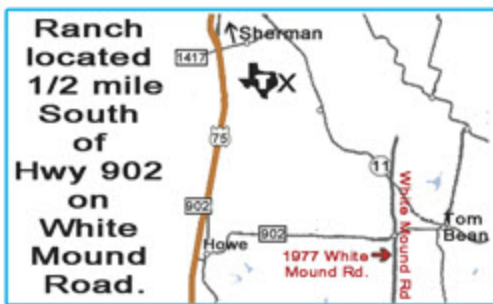
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Payton & Crazywater was formed in 1997 by brothers Payton Grubaugh and Linc Grubaugh. Both brothers were born in Mineral Wells, Texas, in the rich history of that North-Central Texas town.

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



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

**Milo Deering**



More Area Events



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

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

Groups and individuals can register for the Texas Trash-Off now at [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org) or by calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Texoma Earth Day Festival

Oklahoma and north Texas residents are invited to learn ways to improve the health of the planet on Saturday, April 21, with the 4th annual Texoma Earth Day Festival at the Sherman Texas Municipal Building and grounds. The festival will be held in the ballroom and on the grounds of the Municipal Building from 8:30 am to 5 pm. The south parking lot of City Hall will also be used for a recycling collection site.

Attendees and vendors will be serenaded by the S&S Children's Choir starting at 8:30 am, followed by a blessing in Choctaw and English. The keynote address, on the subject of improving the energy efficiency of existing homes, will be given by Robin Sowton of the Dallas Sierra Club at 11 a.m. in the Municipal Building ballroom.

Several events from last year's festival will return at this year's event, including a children's art show, a blood drive, pet adoptions, plant sales and continuing education from the Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center. The Friends of the Sherman Library will also hold their semi-annual used book sale at the Library. Vendor booths will be on the lawn and on S Rusk Street.

Children's activities will be held in the Ballroom and are sponsored by Art From the Heart, Grayson College Art Department, Friends of Hagerman Wildlife Refuge, and Children's Advocacy Center. The Children's Art Show will hang all day Saturday. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded for each grade Kindergarten through 6th. All entries will receive a participation ribbon. In addition, children will repurpose items that would normally wind up in the landfill into headdresses, creature critters, beads, placemats and coasters. Also in the Ballroom will be a recycled sculpture show sponsored by Grayson College Art Department. Cowboy Poet Lanny Joe Burnett will also be on hand for a storytelling time for children and adults from 2:30 to 3:20 p.m. Burnett will mix poems, songs and stories in a workshop entitled "200 Years of Texas Legends."

Workshops will be held in the Ballroom and a tent on the lawn. Topics include the improper disposal of electronic waste, fracking in Texoma, composting in hot dry climates, meeting the recycling needs of the region, and container gardening. Musical entertainment in the Ballroom and Oliver Dewey Mayor Gazebo will include the Dillingham Intermediate Trojan Choir, Jan's Musical Memories, Red River Valley Dulcimer Club, and Jill Brown Studio. Denison Family Karate, University of Gymnastics and Tai Chi for Health will demonstrate their forms of exercise.

The City Hall parking lot on the northeast corner of N. Elm and Pecan Streets will serve as a recycling dropoff station. Area residents with any sensitive documents in need of shredding may go by the document shredding truck in the south parking lot of City Hall from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Or until the truck are full. There will be parking available for people to watch on camera their documents being shredded. Paper shredding is sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors. The paper shredd trucks filled early last year, and we anticipate high demand again this year. The City Hall parking lot will also be the site for free electronic waste disposal for recycling all items that operate with plugs or batteries. There will be no charges for televisions or CRT vacuum tubes, though a \$15 charge will apply for certified hard drive wipes. Electronic Waste Disposal will provide the service from 9 am to noon, followed by Electronic Recycling between noon and 4 pm. The Choctaw Nation will also provide recycling of plastic medicine bottle, ink and toner cartridges, and Styrofoam between 9 am and 2 pm. Red River Unitarian Universalist Church will collect sunglasses and ballcaps all day at the information tent to benefit farm workers, who often suffer permanent eye damage by the age of 30. The Sherman Noon Lions Club will collect eyeglasses all day at their booth on the lawn.

Thursday, April 19, at 7 pm, the Rialto Theater in Denison will screen the movie "Earth" in honor of the Texoma Earth Day Festival. Admission is free.

For more information on the festival, interested parties may visit [www.earthdaytexoma.org](http://www.earthdaytexoma.org)



## LET'S REMINISCE

By Jerry Lincecum

Who was your favorite teacher in school? I could name several good ones, but let me start with Mrs. Maurie L. Seale. She taught English at Marquez High School for decades. The L was for her maiden name, Lanier, and her husband was Dr. Boggs Seale, who had a dentist's office in Marquez.

Miss Maurie (she did spell it with a "u," was my English teacher in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and when Marquez and Jewett consolidated in 1958, she retired. When we studied Shakespeare's play "Macbeth," everybody had to make a poster depicting one scene. I remember how all those posters looked on the wall above the blackboard.

She also taught business math, and I remember how she drilled us by calling out a sequence of simple addition problems and requiring us to write the answers very quickly. That proved to be a valuable skill for me.

But the most important thing she taught me was self confidence and leadership. She did that by having me drive her car down to the Post Office during study hall to pick up her mail and bring it to her. She had a 1954 Chevrolet with PowerGlide, and that was the first automatic transmission car I ever drove. Boy, did I feel important!

There were end-of-school programs when parents came back then, and one year she put me in charge of driving somebody's pickup truck out to her farm and gathering a lot of some flowering vine (I think it was called Smylax) to decorate the stage. I believe we also cut a lot of green briars that were tender and pretty.

Another lesson she taught had to do with the fact that twice a year she and her mother would make a trip to Houston to shop at one of the big department stores. After one of those excursions, she told us about a new thing called the "Charge-a-Plate," which was one of the first credit cards.

Miss Maurie said that she just picked out the clothes she wanted to buy (at Joske's, I think it was) and gave the clerk her Charge-a-Plate. No need to write a check or pay in cash. Just wait for a statement of charges to come in the mail and then write one check for all purchases.

At the time I had no understanding of what she meant, but about five years later, as I was married to Etta Sanders and close to graduating from Texas A&M, the Sears Roebuck store in College Station invited me to apply for a credit card.

When the form asked for a reference who had given me credit in the past, I put down "W.L. Boyd, Route 3, Thornton, Texas." When I was in FFA (Future Farmers) Boyd's Grocery and Feedstore in Seale had allowed me to buy feed on credit for some pigs I was fattening. When the hogs were sold, I paid the bill promptly.

Sure enough, Walter Boyd (actually it was Polly, his wife) responded to a query from Sears to say I was a good credit risk. I got that Sears card and took it with me to Durham, North Carolina, when I entered graduate school at Duke University. Then when Etta and I moved to Sherman, Texas, with two kids, we used that Sears card to buy all manner of things. I remember that we got big boxes of laundry detergent from Sears at a low price, and it was especially good for washing diapers.

Well, I have wandered off the subject of memorable teachers, but Mrs. Maurie Seale had a great impact on my life, since I earned a Ph.D. in English and taught college English for 40+ years. Oh, Yes, I kept that Sears card a long time, although it is no longer in use. She probably deserves some credit for that also.

If you'd like to write a reminiscence about some teacher or any other subject, send it to me by email ([jlincecum@me.com](mailto:jlincecum@me.com)), and we'll see about printing it in the paper.

Dr. Jerry Lincecum lives in Sherman, where he taught at Austin College for more than four decades.



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## A song inspired by John Wayne

By Bob Bowman

The other night, while sitting in a Herty church listening to two Gospel quartets (although one of them had nine members), my mind kept coming back to "It Is No Secret What God Can Do," a gospel classic written by East Texan Stuart Hamblen.

Hamblen, the son of an itinerant preacher, wrote hundreds of songs during his lifetime, but his most enduring composition was the gospel classic inspired by, of all people, John Wayne.

Hamblen was born in 1908 at Kellyville, west of Jefferson, but Strayed from his father's Methodist teachings when he became a western singing success, a radio star and a Hollywood star.

He started drinking, gambling and brawling -- a lifestyle befitting His frequent roles as a bad guy in films with Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Wild Bill Elliott. His wife Suzy frequently prayed for him and Hamblen experienced a religious conversion at a 1949 Billy Graham crusade at Los Angeles. Hamblen stopped drinking and ran for president in 1952 as the Prohibition Party candidate.

He encountered John Wayne, with whom he had appeared in "Flame of The Barbary Coast," and Wayne asked him, "What's this I hear about you, Stuart?"

"Well, Duke," answered Hamblen. "I guess it's no secret what God can do." "Sounds like a song to me," said Wayne.

The casual remark provided a creative spark for Hamblen. That night, sitting alone at home, he began writing a song, but had trouble finding a beginning. When a clock struck the hour, he wrote: "The chimes of time ring out the news. Another day is done. Someone slipped and fell. Was that someone you?"



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

This is a column about absurdities. I am now old enough to have lived through and am still living through any number of things, that if I were to think about them, would either drive me crazy or into fits of laughter. Given a choice, I'll take the fits of laughter, so if you happen to see a gray haired woman driving a maroon Ford Freestyle covered by Wal-Mart dings, and if the woman is laughing, you may guess that it is I.

After I got out of the shower one day last week, I suddenly remembered that when I was a young girl, there were explicit instructions given to girls about how to put on their bras. The one thing all those instructions had in common was that you were never, never, never to hook them in front and then turn the fastened bra to the back. Instead, you were to put the straps across your shoulders, bend over, shake yourself into the cups and then and only then were you to bend your wrists and elbows into position, find the hooks and eyes that are in the middle of your back and fasten them.

Thinking about that led me to think about Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, who were dancers and movie stars extraordinaire. You can catch them occasionally on TCM or AMC. In the long ago when I was a kid, it didn't occur to me that the wonderful dance routines were the result of hours of foot breaking, back breaking practice. All we saw from our seats in the theater were Fred and Ginger gliding or bouncing as the music swelled. Somehow or other, we had the idea that all of it was just spontaneous motion that anyone could do given the right partner, the right moment and the right orchestra.

I wanted to dance, but I grew up in a church that led me to believe that dancing was a mortal sin because it elicited carnal thoughts. My mother assured me that dancing was not a mortal sin and later that

I was an idiot for missing out on something that was potentially so much fun. I, of course, thought she was going to hell because she didn't recognize sin when she saw it. Fortunately, she was tolerant of my arrogance, which explains why I am still alive.



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## **BOB BOWMAN'S**

### **EAST TEXAS, continued**

In seventeen minutes, Hamblen had created, "It Is No Secret," a gospel classic which has been translated into nearly every language in the world.

Following his success with "It Is No Secret," Hamblen wrote more than 225 other songs, including "Remember Me" and "Open Up Your Heart and Let the Sunshine In."

His songs were recorded by Elvis Presley, Eddy Arnold, Pat Boone, Johnny Cash, Hank Snow and Ernest Tubb.

Next to "It Is No Secret," Hamblen's biggest hit was "This Ole House," which was recorded by Rosemary Clooney. Hamblen didn't particularly like the way Clooney recorded the song, but it became a leading hit in seven countries and was 1954's song of the year.

Many people thought Hamblen wrote the song about a deteriorating old country home, but it was actually about the body of an aging Christian.

Hamblen was inducted as a charter member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1970, was honored in 1971 by the Academy of Country and Western Music as radio broadcasting's first singing cowboy, was given a star on Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame in 1976, and received a Golden Boot Award in 1988 for his work in motion pictures.

Hamblen, who made his home at a ranch outside Los Angeles, died at the age of eighty in 1989.

In August of 2001, Hamblen was honored posthumously by the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame in Carthage, Texas. Appearing on stage to accept the award, his daughter said Hamblen was approached by a Christian fan who said her father didn't really write, "It is No Secret" The fan insisted Hamblen "only held the pen."

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

## **Dot's Dashes, continued**

When I became Permian High School's Student Council sponsor, one of my duties was to arrange for live bands to play for the monthly dances the council sponsored. Getting a band to pay for free -- that was one of my duties, also -- was in itself an absurdity and a story for another day. My student council officers couldn't stand it that they had a sponsor who was too square or too stupid, or some combination of both, to dance, so they undertook to teach me.

That was in the early 70's, when many of the dances did not require a partner. Since the dancers touched each other only during the slow dances, usually at the end of the dance, if you could move your feet, your hips and your upper body, you could dance all night with never a carnal thought.

Of course, you needed some sense of rhythm so the trick was to move your body in sync with the beat. I got pretty good at that, but never got the hang of slow dancing because I wanted to lead.

Which gets me back to Fred and Ginger about whom someone has said, "Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, but she did it dancing backward and in high heels."

Marriage was another absurdity. I don't know why any woman got married prior to the 1970's. When I got married in 1957, a woman became mentally incompetent the moment the marriage license was filed. The legal term was non compos mentis and it meant that a woman was not legally competent to manage her own affairs. She couldn't buy a piece of furniture without her husband's consent and she did not have a legal right to her own pay check. She also did not have a right to arrange for her own medical care. Surgery of any kind required her husband's consent. That included correcting an ingrown toenail.

By the 1960's and 1970's women who have been characterized by Rush Limbaugh as femi-Nazis had gotten tired of that state of affairs and they began to burn those bras that had to be fastened in the back. Those bra burnings were symbolic of how tired they were of making 65 cents for every dollar a man was paid for doing the same job, among a host of other things.

Things are better now. Women now make 80 cents for every dollar a man makes doing the same job, which is a gain of 15 cents over a period of approximately 45 years.

But the instructions for how to put on a bra have not changed. You can find them on the Internet.



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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## Interim Charges for House Committees

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

### *House Committee on Public Health*

\*Examine the adequacy of the primary care workforce in Texas and assess the impact of an aging population, the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and state and federal funding reductions to graduate medical education and physician loan repayment programs. Study the potential impact of medical school innovations, new practice models, alternative reimbursement strategies, expanded roles for physician extenders, and greater utilization of telemedicine. Make recommendations to increase patient access to primary care and address geographic disparities.

\*Study the various health registries maintained by the state, including the similarities and differences in reporting, consent, security, and portability of data. Assess registry compliance with standards for the protection and transmission of registry data and identify any additional steps necessary to ensure security, efficiency, and utilization.

\*Monitor implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including any changes that may result from ongoing litigation or legislative modification or repeal. (Joint with the House Committee on Insurance)

\*Identify policies to alleviate food insecurity, increase access to healthy foods, and incent good nutrition within existing food assistance programs. Consider initiatives in Texas and other states to eliminate food deserts and grocery gaps, encourage urban agriculture and farmers' markets, and increase participation in the Summer Food Program. Evaluate the desirability and feasibility of incorporating nutritional standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Monitor congressional activity on the 2012 Farm Bill and consider its impact on Texas. (Joint with the House Committee on Human Services)

The House Committee on Public Health can be reached at 512-463-0806. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at [larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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

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

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## Proverbs 15:1-5 (KJV)

### Varied observations on moral virtues and their contrary vices

**1 A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.**

**2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.**

**3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.**

**4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.**

**5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.**

**6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.**

## Prov 13:1-6 (KJV)

## Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship church in Luella begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30, this week's speaker will be Mike Ball. Easter Sunday service will be a special service so come join them.

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

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

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

The church will also be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the church grounds on April 7, at 2 pm. The public is invited to attend. The church will also be having Vacation Bible School on July 16-20, so mark your calendar for all these fun events! Wednesday night service begins at 6:30 pm with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

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



## 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. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

Our 2012' Spring Meeting will be April 8 - 13 at 7:30 pm each night. This year's theme is: WHO IS MY LORD?

We have two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30 am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on [www.PregnancyDecisions.org](http://www.PregnancyDecisions.org).

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## Treachery

By Willie Sofey

I could not help but reflect back on some of my past articles concerning the “treachery” of our country’s present administration.

The news of the week that caught my attention was:

1) Obama hobnobbing with Russian leaders about assisting Russia with a missile defense system..., (supposedly to thwart any instability in the Arab and Mideast world).

2) In fact, Obama’s main intention is to prevent Israel from knocking out Iran’s nuclear manufacturing capabilities of creating nuclear missiles that would annihilate the nation of Israel.

3) Israel’s intelligence system is the finest in the world. God has given His nation the knowledge and wisdom to defend itself in these “latter days”.

4) As a part of its defense, Israel is forced to destroy Iran’s nuclear war arsenal plant, because of Obama’s impotent diplomacy in keeping Iran from continuing on with its sinister plans of annihilating the small nation of Israel.

5) Israel had secretly negotiated a deal with the nation of Azerbaijan to the north of Iran..., for an air base to make a strategic strike against this nuclear plant.

6) There is good evidence that the Obama administration leaked this secret mission of Israel’s to the press so that the whole world (including Iran) could thwart this attempt of

Israel from killing a weapon that could destroy her and afterwards would subsequently upset the whole balance of North Africa and the Mideast. Tiny Israel is America’s only ally in this part of the world.

This is just another example of the “Epitome of Perfidious” (Pinnacle of Treachery) of the so-called leader of America, the largest nation of the world still delivering the Truth (Gospel) of Jesus Christ to the world.

I’m sure our president is not aware of the prophecy of Ezekiel Ch. 38 and probably most Americans and Christians are not knowledgeable of the prophesy (Word of God) concerning the hatred and planned warring of these Northern nations against the nation of Israel in the “Last Days”... when Almighty God will wipe out this army.

God to Abraham (Gen. 12:3) “I will bless those who bless you (Jewish Nation), and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” John 4:22... Jesus to the Samaritan woman, “For salvation is from the Jews”

I do believe our president is a precursor to the “lawless one” (one who breaks God’s laws) described in the Book of Revelation and other prophetic books of the Bible... Jer. 23:32.

God bless America and Israel, Willie Sofey



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## **Estate Planning & Resolutions**

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

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

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan.

The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children.

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

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

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

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



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## Estes Joins Texas Leaders To Promote Water Conservation

Wichita Falls - State Senator Craig Estes (R - Wichita Falls) supports Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and the Texas Water Smart conservation campaign, which Commissioner Staples announced today alongside several state and local leaders.

“Water supply is critical to all industries and homes, regardless of whether you have a rural or urban zip code. No one is unaffected when you face a drought as destructive as the one we are currently coming out of,” said Estes. “This program will allow our state to preserve resources for the future while maintaining a healthy and stable economic environment today.”

At the launch of the campaign today in Mesquite, Texas, Commissioner Staples spoke about the need for consumer education programs such as these saying, “Our recent historical drought and booming population point to an unavoidable conclusion; it’s time all Texans take a serious look at individual water-use habits and find common-sense ways to conserve.”

In a press release, the Texas Department of Agriculture provided additional information on the program:

A comprehensive consumer education initiative, Texas Water Smart has goals to employ television, radio and print ads, social media and other targeted awareness tools to show Texans easy and practical ways to conserve.

Texas Water Smart asks all Texans to Get Water Smart by adopting more frugal water-use habits such as:

- \*Watering only when plants look like they need it, keeping in mind most plants die from over-watering, not under-watering;
- \*Checking outdoor faucets, hoses and sprinklers for water-wasting leaks, and making sure to repair them quickly;
- \*Adjusting sprinklers so only lawns and gardens are watered - not houses, sidewalks or streets;
- \*Cleaning driveways, patios and sidewalks with a broom or leaf blower instead of a hose.

Senator Estes proudly supports this endeavor and encourages all Texans to follow the advice Texas Water Smart provides.

“By improving consumer awareness and encouraging conservation through partnerships such as Texas Water Smart, we are all working towards a brighter and more responsible future,” Estes said.

For more helpful tips and information, visit [www.TexasWaterSmart.com](http://www.texaswatersmart.com)<<http://www.texaswatersmart.com/>>.

Senator Estes represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.



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## 10 'modern marvels' of agriculture

By Amanda Hill

Last Saturday, I had the rare occasion of a day at home -- with no plans. In my new-found "free" time, I ended up watching a "Modern Marvels" marathon on the History Channel with episodes about corn, milk and soybean production. Agriculture really is a modern marvel, and it's amazing to me what farmers and ranchers do to make sure the shelves of my local grocery store are stocked.

In the spirit of "Modern Marvels," here are 10 modern marvels about agriculture:

One farmer grows enough food to feed 155 Americans for a whole year. In 1960, that number was less than 26.

Each year, farmers and ranchers sell \$1.2 billion in produce, meat, cheese, baked goods and other items direct to consumers through farmers' markets and other outlets. The marvel? That's only 0.4 percent of total agricultural sales!

Farmers grow 262 percent more food with 2 percent fewer inputs -- including labor, seed, feed and fertilizer -- than they did in 1950.

In Texas, most farms are owned and run by families. There are 247,437 family farms in the Lone Star State.

Americans spend 10 percent of their disposable income on food. That's pretty affordable, compared with 14 percent in Italy, 33 percent in China and 46 percent in Pakistan.

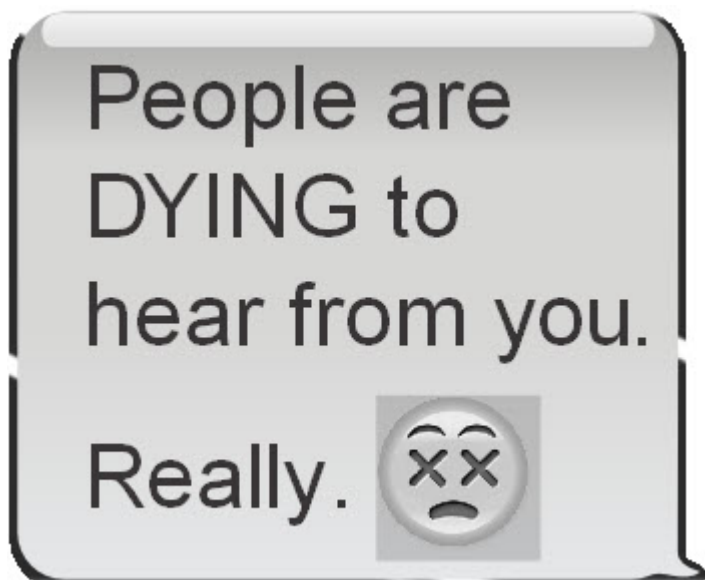
Got milk? About 9 million cows produce the 21 billion gallons of milk that Americans drink each year. One bale of cotton can make 215 pairs of jeans, 690 towels or 1,217 t-shirts.

Texas ranchers lead the nation in beef production, raising nearly 14 million cattle. The next in line is Kansas with 6.5 million.

Agriculture is more than just food. One acre of soybeans can make 82,368 crayons. That's a lot of coloring!

A Texas farmer can plant between 150-300 acres of corn in one 12-14 hour day.

Agriculture truly is a modern marvel! For more fun ag facts, visit Texas Farm Bureau's Be Ag Smart website, [www.beagsmart.org](http://www.beagsmart.org).



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**For information in English:**

<http://www.thinkstreet.net/resourcepages/distracted-driving/>

**Para información en español:**

<http://www.thinkstreet.net/resourcepages/distracted-driving-spanish/>



## Making a Wedding Bearable

Little Johnny was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and then turn to the crowd, put his hands up like claws and roar.

That's the way it went all down the aisle: step, step, ROAR...step, step, ROAR...step, step, ROAR.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing by the time he reached the pulpit. When the priest who was celebrating the wedding asked what he was doing, Little Johnny sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

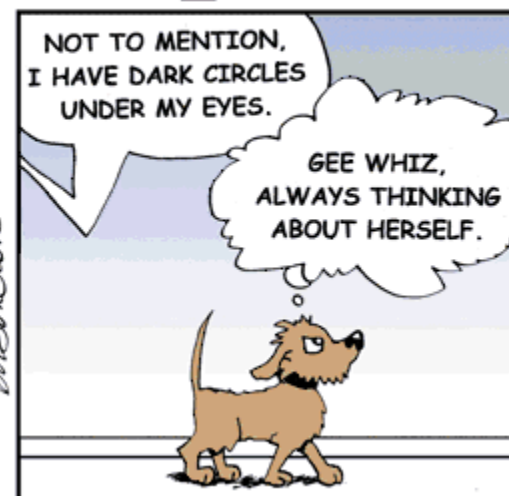
## God is Watching

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, "Take only one, God is watching."

At the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. Moving through the line a boy wrote another note to leave by the cookies, "Take all you want, God is watching the apples."

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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007