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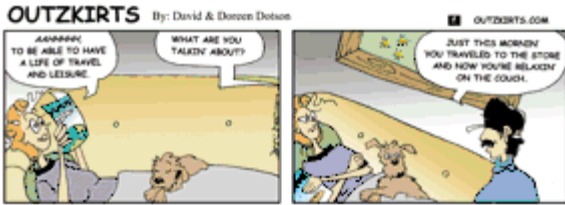
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## CAP Award



## Musical Arts Series



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## Balloon Extravaganza



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## One-Man Play Examines the Life of a Teacher

SHERMAN, TEXAS-Austin College will host the premiere of the one-man show *I Am A Teacher III* on Thursday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in Ida Green Theatre of Ida Green Communication Center. The event, which offers an inside look at the world of public education today from the perspective of a caring teacher, is free and open to the public.

The play, relevant not just to educators and parents, but to business, community, and political leaders, is an update to the highly acclaimed *I Am A Teacher*, which premiered in 1977, with rave reviews from educators and leaders around the country and praise from national media.

### THE BACK STORY

A young, passionate teacher takes his first job, eager to inspire his students with a love of learning and help shape their lives. And, then, one of those students is shot and killed.

Austin College graduate David Marquis of Dallas was that young teacher. His enthusiasm was not diminished by the daily politics of the school system; he continued his creative approach to teaching and his involvement with his students. But when one of his students was killed, where was he to turn in the face of that tragedy?

Marquis focused on writing and theatre. He wrote a play about what it means to be a teacher who cares deeply about his students and their futures. The play took the audience through a day in the life of a classroom teacher, with all types of students from gifted to those labeled at risk-and those lost in between. Social problems, like teenage pregnancy, came to light in the production that demonstrated the challenges American teachers faced every day.

That one-man show, *I Am A Teacher*, premiered at Austin College in 1977 and Marquis performing the play throughout the country in 1980, playing in 40 states, and venues from schools to theatres, corporate boardrooms to college campuses, as well as the Kennedy Center and a Congressional hearing room. The play was presented regularly for 16 years, teacher Ben James also portrayed by actor Bruce Elliott, another 1973 graduate of Austin College.

The play received rave reviews from teachers and critics and in 1990, Simon and Schuster published the book *I Am A Teacher: A Tribute to America's Teachers*, featuring photographs and interviews with teachers from all 50 states, co-written by Marquis and photographer Robin Sachs. A Critic's Choice in Time magazine, the book received a five-page spread in Newsweek. Additionally, the book provided the basis for a national Ad Council public service campaign in the early 1990s, "Be a Teacher. Be a Hero."

Later, Marquis updated the production and presented *I Am A Teacher II*, in which Ben James is a middle-aged teacher trying to decide whether to remain in the classroom. He

would make more money in the family business. Meanwhile, he faces an ethical dilemma as he is pressured by the vice principal to give a passing grade to a capable student from an abusive home who has not completed the work. This version of the play, Marquis said, challenged audiences by bringing to life the reality that teachers are under pressure because of standardized testing without getting the support they need to deal with the most difficult of circumstances. The second version toured until 1997.

### I AM A TEACHER III

Marquis will premiere his 2012 update, *I Am A Teacher III* on September 13 at Austin College. Teacher Ben James, now in his 60s, is considering retiring from teaching and is given a rookie teacher to mentor. He wonders if he has "one good fight" left in him to inspire the young teacher. He shares wisdom from 40 years of experience though he remains unfulfilled because he feels American education should provide so much more to students.

This new version explores decades of American education as well as the potential for new schools and new ways of educating students.

### THE AUTHOR

Teaching is not the only theatrical inspiration for Marquis, now of Dallas, who earned a B.A. from Austin College in 1973 and an M.A. in 1974. He has written six one-person plays in addition to *I Am A Teacher*, all having been produced throughout the country, and has written three other books. His interests have taken him to El Salvador where he was an election observer, to refugee camps along the border of Pakistan to spend time with Afghan freedom fighters at war with the Soviet Union, to South Africa during the apartheid movement, and to Nicaragua and the Philippines for grassroots economic development work. He also is an environmental and education activist. Marquis, named an Austin College Distinguished Alumnus in 1992, dedicates his work as an author and an activist to his grandchildren, "that he might leave the world a better place for them."

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>>.



## Musical Arts series begins September 18

DURANT, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Musical Arts Series will present eight events during the 2012-13 academic year.

This year's sponsors include Southeastern, the Red River Arts Council, the Oklahoma Arts Council, Donna Massey Music Education Fund, and local donors and supporters.

Dr. Jeri Walker, Donna Massey Professor in Music Education at Southeastern, is the director of the Musical Arts Series. Walker directs the Music Education Program, teaching methods, fundamentals and orientation courses, and also supervises student teachers.

She is also the Artistic Director of the Southeastern Hub for Arts Resources in Education (SHARE) Children's Choir.

Walker said, "This year's season will be a musical adventure that includes a wide variety of styles and genre, all performed at masterful artistic levels.

"We are so fortunate to have our sponsors and donors who make this quality of musicianship available in our community. I am very excited about the concerts this year and look forward to a great season."

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. All performances are free of charge and the public is invited.

The series begins Tuesday, September 18, with Mariachi Espuelas de Plata in concert on the lawn in front of Morrison Hall.

The U.S. Navy Country Current Country/Bluegrass Ensemble will perform Friday, September 21, in Montgomery Auditorium.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, will feature Corrado Greco Solo Piano in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. This is presented by the Steger Piano Institute and the Wanda Bass Foundation.

Talujon, a percussion ensemble, will perform in the Fine Arts Recital Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The Zodiac Trio, clarinet, violin and piano, will appear on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Recital Hall.

Hugues LeClere, solo piano, is another Steger and Bass event in the Recital Hall on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Armonia Celeste, Early Music, will perform on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, in the Recital Hall.

The Musical Arts Series will conclude with a performance by Cantus, a Male Vocal Ensemble, in the Recital Hall on Tuesday, February 26.

Performers from the Musical Arts Series will be presenting concerts in the Durant Public Schools and workshops at Southeastern on the days of their performances.

For information, contact Walker 580-745-2385 or [jwalker@SE.edu](mailto:jwalker@SE.edu)<<mailto:jwalker@SE.edu>>.





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## Howe's That *Recipe*

by Lana Rideout

Husband Dale and I had a vacation earlier this month. We flew on an airplane for a visit to his sister, brother, and for a 50th high school reunion.

As you know, traveling on an airplane requires taking items such as watches off.

So at DFW Airport, Dale took off his watch and lost it in the shuffle.

We arrived at Detroit Airport and Dale began telling his sister and brother-in-law about the loss. For a day and a half, he complained about the loss (partially blaming me as I moved one of the airplane boxes before he got a chance to look at it).

From the time he lost the watch, he began to complain about something hurting his toes in his right foot.

To make a long story short, it took a day and a half after we landed in Detroit, but he found what was giving him a problem with his foot.

Did you guess? His watch was pushed to the toe of his shoe.

He had to take a lot of ribbing for the "loss" of his watch for much of the rest of the trip.

### Youngstown Chips

Ingredients:

- 4-1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups melted unsalted butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 4 eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 2 cups cornflakes
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 1 cup shredded coconut or dried cranberries

Sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together. Beat the butter, sugar, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla in a mixer bowl until blended. Stir in the flour mixture. Add the oats, cornflakes, chocolate chips, pecans and coconut 1 at a time, mixing well after each addition.

Drop by 1/4 cupfuls 2 inches apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 14 minutes or until light brown around the edges. Remove to a wire rack to cool.



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## Howe School Board

On August 16, Regular Session of the Board of Education was held with the following members present: BOARD MEMBERS: Leonard Huntsman, Greg Akins, Pat Stewart, Mark Abner, Bruce Dawsey, Brad Anderson and Scott Renfro.

SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Clay Wilson, Julie Snapp, Michael Smiley, Darla Williams, Ritchie Bowling, and Daniel Huddleston.

Howe Elementary School Report: Principal Darla Williams provided the elementary report and provide information about enrollment, Open House and other activities for the beginning of the school year. She noted the hiring of Sarah Nelson and Kelli Vincent as instructional aides. She also spoke about teacher training and the beginning of the year screening processes.

Howe Middle School Report: Principal Ritchie Bowling provided information on the new school year including activities, enrollment and training. He noted the hiring of Stacey Taylor as a 6th grade Math position. His report also included notes on athletic events.

Howe High School Report: Principal Michael Smiley reviewed enrollment and back to school activities including Fish Camp. He also reported on student schedules and athletic events that had already started. He also noted new employees.

Kevin Wilson noted that the district is fully staffed. Greg Sneed was hired for HS Science and Stacey Taylor was hired for 6th grade math. He also noted Summer Winters, Kelli Vincent and Sarah Nelson had been hired as aides in the district. Mr. Wilson also noted the FIRST Report and Audit Disclosure forms that Board members are required to complete for the auditors.

The Board reviewed the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 19, 2012. A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Brad Anderson to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 19, 2012. The motion carried 7-0.

Julie Snapp reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports. Mr. Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as presented. A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Mark Abner to approve the Monthly Financial Reports as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Julie Snapp reviewed the proposed Budget Amendments. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. A motion was made by Scott Renfro and seconded by Bruce Dawsey to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wilson reviewed the Vendor List and made the recommendation to approve the Vendor List as presented. A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Mark Abner to approve the Vendor List as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to update the Elementary Signature Cards by adding Tina Stracener. A motion

was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Greg Akins to update the Elementary Signature Cards by adding Tina Stracener. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wilson made the recommendation to appoint Lana Rideout to the Library Board for two years. A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Scott Renfro to appoint Lana Rideout to the Library Board for two years. The motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to appoint Felicia Salman as the Early Voting Clerk and Julie Snapp and Pam Kirby as Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the September 8, 2012 Special Election.

A motion was made by and seconded by to appoint Felicia Salman as the Early Voting Clerk and Julie Snapp and Pam Kirby as Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the September 8, 2012 Special Election. The motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to appoint Judy Kight and Doug Beck as Election Judges and Georgia Richardson and Sue Lassiter as Election Clerks for the September 8, 2012 Special Election with Doug Beck serving as the Election Judge for the Dorchester site and Judy Kight serving as the Election Judge and Georgia Richardson and Sue Lassiter as Election Clerks for the Howe voting site.

A motion was made by Greg Akins and seconded by Scott Renfro to appoint Judy Kight and Doug Beck as Election Judges and Georgia Richardson and Sue Lassiter as Election Clerks for the September 8, 2012 Special Election with Doug Beck serving as the Election Judge for the Dorchester site and Judy Kight serving as the Election Judge and Georgia Richardson and Sue Lassiter as Election Clerks for the Howe voting site. The motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to appoint Judy Kight, Doug Beck, Georgia Richardson and Sue Lassiter as the Election Ballot Board for the September 8, 2012 Special Election. A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Mark Abner to appoint Judy Kight, Doug Beck, Georgia Richardson and Sue Lassiter as the Election Ballot Board for the September 8, 2012 Special Election. The motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the date to Canvass Special Election Returns on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Howe ISD Administration Building. A motion was made by Brad Anderson and seconded by Pat Stewart to Canvass Special Election Returns on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 8:30 am at the Howe ISD Administration Building. The motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Wilson provided information on the UIL requirements concerning the treatment of concussions. He made the recommendation to appoint Dr. John Prudich, Ricky Ake and Jodi Hough to the Concussion Oversight Team. A motion was made by Scott Renfro and seconded by Bruce Dawsey to appoint Dr. John Prudich, Ricky Ake and Jodi Hough to the Concussion Oversight Team. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.



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## Game Results TB vs. Savoy

Tom Bean- The Tom Bean JV & Varsity volleyball teams both enjoyed wins last night over Savoy in their home opener. In the JV match Taylor Stephens served for 14 total points pacing the Lady Cats to a victory. The young Lady Cats did an outstanding job beginning to run their offense against a scrappy Savoy group. The JV scores were 25-19, 17-25 and 25-15. Their record now stands at 1-0 overall.

The Tom Bean Varsity volleyball team enjoyed its first sweep of the season defeating Savoy in 3 games with scores of 25-21, 25-18, 25-16. Setter Ronni Trentman had a superb outing on the court as she garnered 11 assists, 4 kills and 2 serving aces. Ashley Selman had 7 kills and 5 digs, Alex Hendry had 6 kills and Lauren Khoury followed with 5. Raechel Van Horn collected 12 digs along with 3 kills during the evening to keep the Lady Cardinals from getting close. The Lady Cats are now 4-4 overall and take on the Blue Ridge Lady Tigers Friday night in Blue Ridge.

Karen S. Hodgdon, Women's Volleyball







(L-R) Lt. Col. Jeff Harrell, Texoma Composite Squadron Commander; Cadet 2nd Lt. Nathan Coleman, General Billy Mitchell Award recipient; State Representative Larry Phillips.

## Civil Air Patrol Cadet Honored With Milestone Award

DENISON, Texas - On July 30, 2012, a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet from the Texoma Composite Squadron in Denison received an award in recognition of his achievements in the CAP Cadet Program in ceremonies held in the squadron's facilities at the North Texas Regional Airport.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Nathan Coleman of Whitewright received the General Billy Mitchell Award. Named in honor of the aviation pioneer and advocate for an independent air force for the United States following World War I, the Mitchell award is the second milestone in the CAP Cadet Program, and is awarded to cadets who have completed 8 of the 16 achievements in the program. This award also signifies a cadet's transition from a non-commissioned officer into the cadet officer ranks. Approximately 15 percent of all cadets nationwide receive this award.

On hand to present the award was Texas State Representative Larry Phillips. Phillips has represented District 62 (Grayson and Fannin counties) in the Texas Legislature since 2003.

In his remarks, Rep. Phillips commended the cadets and highlighted the importance of the CAP Cadet Program: "I want to thank each of you cadets for your service and your dedication. I know it takes time and effort to do this, and I'm certainly proud of you. Thank you also to the adult members and sponsors who are involved in these young people's lives because you are making a difference. You never know when you're going to be called upon to use the skills you have learned here to support our communities. Again, thank you for being prepared and standing ready to serve."

In addition to the Mitchell award, Rep. Phillips also presented Cadet Coleman with a state resolution recognizing all of the efforts required to receive the award and congratulating him on his achievement.

For more information about Texoma Composite Squadron and its Cadet Program, please call (903) 786-6227 or visit [www.captexoma.org](http://www.captexoma.org).

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 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 was credited by the AFRCC with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. 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 nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 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](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com) for more information.

## Civil Air Patrol Hosts Open House

DENISON, Texas - The Texoma Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will hold an Open House on Saturday, September 8 from 10am to 3pm 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, search and rescue demonstrations, equipment and uniform displays, tours of a CAP aircraft, and special activities just for kids. 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.

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

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## Texoma Council of Governments

(TCOG) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will host the 7th Annual Texoma Caregiver Celebration Walk on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Fairview Park in Sherman, to raise money for Caregiver support programs in the Texoma area. Registration for the walk begins at 8 am.

Bring your jogging or walking shoes (walking is NOT a requirement) and lawn chairs and enjoy sponsors' booths of free giveaways! Everyone is invited. Texoma has one of the largest populations of senior citizens within the State of Texas and ranks 7th in the nation. As our aging population grows faster than state and national projections, our area is dealing with the realities much sooner than in other parts of Texas and the nation. TCOG's Caregiver program provides group support, counseling, respite care and education to the many caregivers in the tri-county area. The number of caregivers in this region increases daily. There is no better investment than in the lives of these Caregivers and families.

Contributions, sponsors, volunteers or persons walking for the cause are welcome. 100% of all donations will remain in the Texoma Caregiver Program serving the Alzheimer's (AD), Parkinson's, the Kincare Support Network and general Caregivers programs.

For more information, contact Judy Conner at [jconner@texoma.cog.tx.us](mailto:jconner@texoma.cog.tx.us)

## No Rein on the Reign of Rain

by *Don Mathis*

I am rain.  
I shall not be contained.  
When it's time to go,  
I will flow!  
Just when you think you can restrict me,  
you'll find you can't predict me.  
The cycle of water begins as rain  
as I beat mountains into plains.  
I will burst your levees  
on the way to the seas.  
You build dams to make me stay  
but I merely go around the spillway.  
Not even the oceans can make me remain,  
for I will evaporate and come down again  
as rain.

## Van Alstyne Voices

We know you are all saying, the Olympics are over, as we watched the closing ceremony on television the other night. Not so fast!!! There is still an opportunity for a gold medal winning performance.

Because this Thursday, August 16, we will be holding the First Sherman Daybreak Olympic Games. Where you will see fierce competitors in a wide array of Toastmaster Games. Including, but not limited to, the quest for gold in many arenas including Best Speaker, Best Evaluator and for those that are fearless among us, the amazing Table Topics competition. Disclaimer, don't try this at home and as always, no wagering please!!

Location: The Renaissance, 3701 Loy Lake Road, Sherman, Texas 75090.

Last Fall 2012 Opportunity for Leadership Training:  
Toastmasters Leadership Training, Saturday, August 25, 2012.

For more information, call Mr. Bob Bishop 903 815 8788 cell or [r.bishop@ieee.org](mailto:r.bishop@ieee.org) email



## TxDOT Labor Day Holiday Media Event

The Texas Department of Transportation Paris District will observe the 2012 Labor Day celebration with a local media event. The purpose is to raise awareness of the hazards of drinking and driving during the holiday weekend. We will be setting up portable message boards at the Denison Travel Information Center encouraging travelers to \*Drive Safely, Don't Drink and Drive.\*

What: 2012 Labor Day Media Event

When: Wednesday, August 29, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

Where: Texas Travel Information Center, 6801 US Highway 69/75 North, Denison, Texas

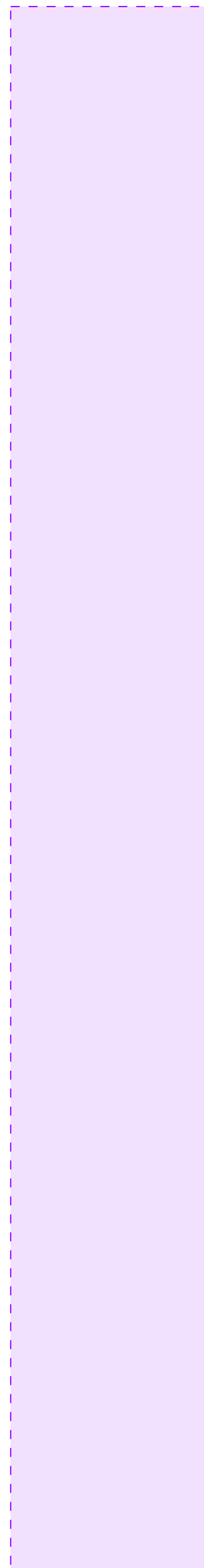
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Gordo, the Monkey Balloon, owned by Elizabeth “Liz” Magee of Columbia, Missouri, will be one of three custom-shaped balloons flying during The Sky’s The Limit Balloon Spectacular September 7-9 in Gainesville, Texas. The custom shapes will join 17 traditional balloons, providing a sky full of color.

Texas Country legend Charlie Robison will be the headline entertainment for The Sky’s The Limit Balloon Spectacular Saturday evening, September 8, in Gainesville. A \$10 admission on Saturday gets you into the festival, and includes the concert.

## Balloon Spectacular Set for Gainesville September 7-9

GAINESVILLE -- The weekend following Labor Day this year will truly be a “spectacular” one in North Texas as 20 hot air balloons take to the sky as part of North Texas Medical Center Foundation’s The Sky’s the Limit Balloon Spectacular September 7-9 in Gainesville, Texas.

The family-friendly weekend event begins Friday evening, September 7, at the Gainesville Municipal Airport with gates opening at 4 pm. Opening ceremonies will begin at 5:30 with a mass ascension and competition flight. At 7:30 pm, balloons will return to the field for the traditional balloon glow. This event features the balloons tethering on the field and lighting their burners to illuminate the envelope which creates a beautiful, sparkling spectacle of color on the ground – a photographer’s dream.

If conditions are favorable and officials deem it safe, spectators will be invited to walk among the balloons and view the beautiful creations up close. Not all festivals allow such intimate interaction, so those attending this show are in for a real treat!

Also featured on Friday and Saturday evenings during the Balloon Spectacular are tethered hot air balloon rides at \$20 each. Prior to and during the event, hot air balloon rides can be booked for \$200 per person. Pre-book at [www.theskysthelimit.org](http://www.theskysthelimit.org). Spots are filling quickly.

Other activities include a multitude of merchandise and information booths, a children’s zone full of unique activities for the kids and plenty of delectable festival foods. Grab some chairs and a blanket and stake your spot. Gates close at 10:30.

On Saturday, September 8, things begin early as the gates open at 6 am, with balloons flying in from outside locations to fly over targets at the airport. The fly-in will begin roughly at 7:15 am and continue until 9 am. There is a slight break in the balloon action until the evening session, which begins with opening announcements at 5:30 pm, and another mass ascension of balloons flying from the airport until 7:30 pm. Around 7:30, the balloons will glow once more before handing over the spotlight to Texas country legend Charlie Robison, who takes to the Sky Stage at 9 pm. Gates close at 11:30 p..

Also on Saturday night, a special “Champagne and Propane Ball” will honor visiting pilots, sponsors and supporters of the North

Texas Medical Center Foundation. Tickets are \$60 each and include a full gourmet meal and a fantastic view of Saturday night’s balloon glow. The event will be held in the Tomlinson Hangar at the airport.

Nine regional chefs from Morrison’s Food Services will each host a station – appetizers, salad, entrée, dessert – as they each compete for a chance to take the top catering prize back to their hospitals. It will be a mouth-watering social event you will not want to miss. Call (940) 612-8600 for reservations. Space is limited.

Sunday morning will be the time to say goodbye and catch one more glimpse (and photo) of the gorgeous cloud skimmers as the balloons fly over targets at the airport between 7:15 and 9 am. Gates close and the event concludes at 10:30 am.

For fly-in events on Saturday and Sunday morning, balloons will be launched from at least two miles away and fly over the event grounds at the Gainesville Municipal Airport. Launch site and time will vary depending on weather and wind direction.

Admission for Friday and Sunday is \$5. Saturday admission, including the concert, is \$10. Children under 2 are admitted free. All proceeds go the North Texas Medical Center Foundation, for the benefit of North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville. Advance tickets (\$2 off) will be available beginning August 13 at North Texas Medical Center and American Bank in Gainesville.

All activities for The Sky’s The Limit are weather-permitting. All times are approximate and schedule may change without notice. Go to [www.theskysthelimit.org](http://www.theskysthelimit.org) or follow us on Facebook for the latest news as the event approaches.

Directions: From Sherman-Denison: Gainesville, Texas, is located 32 miles west of Sherman on US Highway 82 East. Gainesville Municipal Airport is on your left 3 miles past the I-35 interchange. Gainesville Municipal Airport is on your right.



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7pm

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### Colossians 2:16-23 (ASV)

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day:

17 which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's.

18 Let no man rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in the things which he hath seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints

and bands, increasing with the increase of God.

20 If ye died with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do ye subject yourselves to ordinances,

21 Handle not, nor taste, nor touch

22 (all which things are to perish with the using), after the precepts and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; *but are* not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.

## Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be leading the service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella.

Join them at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classed for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads them in praise and worship and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

C. R. Men's Step Study group is on hold for now. Call Jesse @ 903-744-2716 for more information.  
Wednesday night service begins at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner, followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church host's a "Free" movie night each month. The movie for August will be announced at a later date. Bring the whole family out for a night of movie fun. Free popcorn, candy, and drinks are provided.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball @ 903-870-0219 or Cathy Hossle @ 903-814-5381 and we will direct you in the right direction.

## 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.

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

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

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.



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## Unopened

The world has heard of the terrible massacre of 12 people and the injuries of 58 others when James Holmes opened fire on a movie theater full of people on July 20 in Aurora, Colorado.

Now the question looms, “Could it have been prevented?”

This question is asked because Fox News has reported that Holmes mailed a notebook “full of details about how he was going to kill people” to a University of Colorado psychiatrist before the attack. A source told Fox News that the notebook contained “drawings of what he was going to do in it – drawings and illustrations of the massacre.”

However, it has also been reported that the parcel containing the notebook may have sat unopened in a mailroom for up to a week before it was discovered on the Monday following the Friday night atrocity.

Could the massacre have been prevented if the notebook had been opened prior to that Friday night? Perhaps. But, the sad reality is it was not opened. And, as Neal Pollard has stated, “In that the book was not opened, it had no chance of saving any of those whose life was either ended or permanently changed.”

But there is another book that if unopened and ignored could lead to an even greater calamity. But if it is opened and heeded, its contents will lead people to the greatest joy...

Pollard writes: “There is another book that has gone unopened by the majority. It is a book that details life rather than death. It inspires hope and not fear. It details, step by step, where we all came from, why we

are here, what we are to do, and where we are going.” That book is the Bible. It is a book that informs the reader of how to enjoy the abundant life now and eternal life to come (John 10:10; Mark 10:29-30).

The Book also informs us of man’s greatest problem: SIN, and the terrible, eternal punishment that will be administered to those who reject God’s offer of salvation from sin (Matthew 7:13-14).

But God does not want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9). He loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, so that through Jesus, we might have forgiveness and life (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 6:23).

The Book teaches us that if we will only place our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27), then our sins can be washed away by the blood of Jesus (Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16). Then, as we continue to walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

IF --only we will open the Book, read it, and heed it...

Won’t YOU?

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\* Information gleaned from Jana Winter of FoxNews.com and “The Unopened Diary” by Neal Pollard in Daily Bread (7/25/12) – an e-mail ministry of the Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver, CO (see [www.bearvalleycoc.com](http://www.bearvalleycoc.com))





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## Three tragedies

By Bob Bowman

An intriguing family mystery spanning more than 135 years is told by three tombstones lying behind a rusting iron fence in a small East Texas cemetery.

Each of the tombstones provides cryptic inscriptions that, when linked together in time, offer glimpses of three tragedies that stalked the family of Robert and Sarah Smith in 1869 and 1872.

On January 21, 1869, the Smiths' twenty-three-year-old son, Robert Emmett, was buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery near Coldspring in San Jacinto County,

His time-weathered tombstone tells a tale of a probable murder: "In memory of my beloved son, Robert E. Smith, born December 24, 1846. Assassinated in cold blood..."

Smith's body, pierced by gunshots, was found lying by the front gate of his family's plantation home near the Trinity River. His head rested on the removed saddle of his prize horse, Black Prince.

On June 3, less than five months after young Robert's death, his father died, leading the remaining family members to erect a monument with a poignant inscription beginning with four words: "He never smiled again," adding that Smith died "of grief and broken spirits."

Not far from her father's grave, seventeen-year-old Edith Smith was buried on May 18, 1872--some three years after the untimely deaths of her brother and father.

Her inscription, penned by a grieving mother, is perhaps the most intriguing of the three tombstones: "Erected in memory of my darling

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Dot's  
D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

During my 37 years as a public school teacher, I should have learned that the question that makes administrators angrier than any other possible question is this: "Why are we doing this? How is it good for students?"

No administrator, not a single one, ever gave me an answer that made any sense. Instead the answer was some variation of this: "Now, now. Ms. Fowler. You've got to learn to think globally, about the whole district."

If I were feeling particularly combative, I answered with another question that no administrator ever answered. "Can you define the term 'district'? Aren't the students the most important part of the 'district'?"

"You just don't understand. All you are thinking about is the students in your classroom. If you ever want to be an administrator you've got to learn to think globally, about the whole district," was always the reply.

I never got so I could think beyond what was happening to students in classrooms across our school district. We had 32 elementary schools, seven junior high schools and for a time three high schools. There were about 27,000 students in the district. I was so ignorant that I thought it was important that the students attending the south side schools (wrong side of the tracks, lots of minority families and white families like mine who paid cash for everything and so wouldn't take out a loan to buy a house on the right side of the tracks) had adequate lighting and heating in their classrooms.

They didn't have adequate heating or lighting until 26 years after the decision in Brown v Board of Education. In 1980, ECISD desegregated and began busing students from the north side of the tracks to schools on the south side of the tracks. Magical is the word that describes what happened at the south side schools over the summer after the busing program was announced. Paint flowed like a never-ending river, vinyl flooring, new desks, new windows and window coverings, new chalk boards and most important, new heating, lighting and cooling systems were suddenly within the realm of the budget.

Cosmetic changes, however, didn't change hearts or long-held prejudices. Expectations for minority academic success remained low and more than one teacher was told by an administrator that she should not be raising the hopes of minority students who were doomed to failure by virtue of their racial or other ethnic, social or economic identity.

It is a truism that the economic status of parents is a major determinant of how well students do at school, but I don't think anyone quite understands why that is so. My parents and the parents of my south side classmates saw education



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## **BOB BOWMAN'S**

### **EAST TEXAS, continued**

child, Edith...died a victim to an experiment of surgery by Dr. Warren Stone Sr., of New Orleans..."

Robert Smith's murder, if it was such, was never solved. Because the body was carefully placed at the family's gate, with the head resting on the saddle, the death may have been an accident by an unknown friend.

At the same time, there are few clues to the tragic death of Edith Smith.

Edith's mother carried any explanation to her grave, which also lies in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Sarah Carson Smith died at Shepherd, near Coldspring, on February 8, 1891.

Born in 1812 at Barnwell District, South Carolina, Robert Smith and his cousin, John Stephen Smith, were among many Southerners attracted by the prospect of free or cheap land in the new Republic of Texas in the 1840s.

Robert soon acquired about 3,000 acres in the James Rankin Survey on the west side of Trinity River in 1845 at a sheriff's sale on the steps of the Polk County courthouse at Livingston.

During the Civil War, Robert Emmett, his brother John William (Billam), and five of his cousins--Quishenbury William Smith, Robert Eason Smith, James Otis Smith, John William (Big Hoss) Smith, and Edwin Eason Smith--succumbed to the lure of "fighting the Yankees."

All of the young Smith men returned from the war except John William (Big Hoss), who died at the Battle of Chickamauga.

But by 1869--four months after his return from the war--Robert Smith was lying in an East Texas grave, his murder never solved.

(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**

as the way up and out for their children with the result that even when we had a teacher who was less successful than some others, our job as students was to do the best we could to learn and to get along. If learning meant lots of independent study, delving into textbooks that had more words than pictures, that was tough. "There is no royal road to learning," my mother said. "Sit down and get busy with those books." My father was right there as enforcer.

I suppose that same thing was going on with most of classmates. Even though one of our junior high school teachers shook her head sadly as she announced in authoritative tones, "We just don't expect much from our south side students," the sixth-grade class that graduated from Rusk Elementary school (which had neither running water nor restrooms on the second-floor 'new addition') produced several teachers, an accountant, several registered nurses, at least one dentist and lots of salt-of-the earth citizens who bought houses, cars, raised good kids and were assets to the community.

The point of this ramble is that even when school administrators have forgotten that what school is about is students and the teachers who teach them and even when the students face disadvantages that sometimes are hard to imagine, and even when classroom teachers are not as dynamic as we might like them to be, what a student does and what a student learns is up to the student.

"There is no royal road to learning. Sit down and get busy with those books," is the mantra that every student should live by. "It's up to me to be and to become. Nobody else can do it for me. I've got to do it for myself."



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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



Lana, Dominique, Rachel, Briana, Amber, "Santa" Jordan, Caleb, Chris



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007



## **Texas' Leading Energy Regulators-Railroad Commissioners Applaud Federal Appeal's Court Overturning EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule**

AUSTIN - Today, the state's top energy regulators of oil and gas production and coal mining applauded the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's decision this morning to overturn a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule on cross-state air pollution.

Chairman Barry T. Smitherman, who was a party to the lawsuit against EPA, said, "The EPA is clearly out of control, and the courts are agreeing with us. In the last two days we've had appeals courts invalidate two EPA actions that were seen to be illegally adopted. I will continue to fight the Obama EPA in court, and I'm confident we will keep winning."

Commissioner David Porter said, "This court ruling will help ensure that we can keep the lights on in Texas. If the EPA had its way, Texas lignite mines would have been shut down, thousands of Texas jobs would have been threatened, and power prices would have increased."

Commissioner Buddy Garcia said, "The EPA's process for this rule was flawed, and its model was not based on good science. We must work together to base these type of rules on the facts and not attempt to turn rules into 'gotcha tactics.' "

### ***About the Railroad Commission***

Established in 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the oldest regulatory agency in the state. The Commission has a long and proud history of service to both Texas and to the nation, including more than 90 years regulating the oil and gas industry. Additionally, the Commission promotes research and education on the use of alternative fuels and has jurisdiction over gas utility, surface mining and pipeline industries. Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans. To learn more, please visit <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/>.





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## May Someone With Dementia Sign a Will?

Millions of people are affected by dementia, and unfortunately many of them do not have all their estate planning affairs in order before the symptoms start. If you or a loved one has dementia, it may not be too late to sign a will or other documents, but certain criteria must be met to ensure that the signer is mentally competent.

In order for a will to be valid, the person signing must have "testamentary capacity," which means he or she must understand the implications of what is being signed. Simply because you have a form of mental illness or disease does not mean that you automatically lack the required mental capacity. As long as you have periods of lucidity, you may still be competent to sign a will.

Generally, you are considered mentally competent to sign a will if the following criteria are met:

You understand the nature and extent of your property, which means you know what you own and how much of it.

You remember and understand who your relatives and descendants are and are able to articulate who should inherit your property.

You understand what a will is and how it disposes of property.

You understand how all these things relate to each other and come together to form a plan.

Family members may contest the will if they are unhappy with the distributions and believe you lacked mental capacity to sign it. If a will is found to be invalid, a prior will may be reinstated or the estate may pass through the state's intestacy laws (as if no will existed). To prevent a will contest, your attorney should help make it as clear as possible that the person signing the will is competent. The attorney may have a series of questions to ask you to assess your competency. In addition, the attorney can have the will signing videotaped or arrange for witnesses to speak to your competency.





## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### State Agencies Monitor West Nile Virus

As has been widely reported, cases of West Nile Virus are on the rise in Texas, especially in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. This week, I will discuss the state's role during a public health threat.

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) collects information regarding infection rates from local health departments. While there are no mandatory reporting requirements, most local health departments will report infections such as the West Nile Virus to DSHS. Some local departments also collect and test mosquitoes for infection, and may also report that statistic to DSHS. DSHS does not take statewide action regarding such outbreaks, but rather assists local authorities as needed. Local authorities can ask DSHS to provide spray trucks, insecticides, help analyze data, and process other pertinent information. DSHS primary objective is to provide information to the public and local officials regarding any public health threat.

Since the virus also affects birds and horses, DSHS also takes reports from the Texas Animal Health Commission. The Texas Department of Public Safety has also been involved in issuing bulletins regarding the recent cases of West Nile Virus. The State Medical Operations Center helps coordinate between the various state agencies by ensuring that everyone has access to timely and accurate information.

West Nile Virus is spread by mosquitoes and can infect humans, birds, horses and other animals. The symptoms of a severe infection include fever, headache, body aches, and occasionally a skin rash and swollen lymph glands. Since it is a virus, there is no specific treatment for the disease. Preventing mosquito bites is the best way to avoid getting the West Nile virus. The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends adhering to the "Four D's" – DEET, Dress, Dusk/Dawn, and Drain:

- Apply repellent that contains DEET. Spray clothing and exposed skin.
- Dress in long sleeves.
- Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn, so staying indoors when possible will reduce risk.
- Drain any standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

For additional information about the West Nile Virus, please visit:

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/westnile/information/general/;](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/westnile/information/general/)

[http://diseasemaps.usgs.gov/wnv\\_tx\\_human.html;](http://diseasemaps.usgs.gov/wnv_tx_human.html)

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm.](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm)

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## Friends of Hagerman

Entries into the third annual Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Photography Contest, sponsored by the Friends of Hagerman, will be accepted from July 21 through Sept. 5. Rules and entry information are now available online at [www.friendsofhagerman.com/Gallery](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/Gallery).

The contest is open to all interested photographers. Photos submitted must have been taken at Hagerman Wildlife Refuge, and no photos taken prior to 2010 will be accepted. Photo categories will be wildlife, flora and macro, landscape, artistic and youth. The winners will be determined by a three-judge panel who will not know the identities of the photographers. The top three winners in each category will receive ribbons, and a cash prize will go to the entry chosen as Best In Show. Winners will be announced on Oct. 13, and winning photos will be displayed at the Friends website and at the refuge's Visitors' Center.

In addition to the contest, the Friends of Hagerman and the refuge offer a variety of activities for photographers of all levels.

The Nature Photography Club meets every other month at the refuge for technical programs and photo sharing. The next meeting will be at 12:30 pm Sept. 8. Guests are welcome to attend.

Small group photo shoots are held twice yearly, and the Friends of Hagerman select a "Photographer of the Month" every month, exhibiting his or her photos on the Friends website.

Details on these programs and refuge happenings are available at [www.friendsofhagerman.com](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com) or by sending an email to [fohphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com).



## Mother's Driver's License

A mother is driving her little girl to her friend's house for a play date.

'Mommy,' the little girl asks, 'how old are you?'

'Honey, you are not supposed to ask a lady her age,' the mother replied. 'It's not polite.'

'OK', the little girl says, 'How much do you weigh?'

'Now really,' the mother says, 'those are personal questions and are really none of your business.'

Undaunted, the little girl asks, 'Why did you and Daddy get a divorce?'

'That's enough questions, young lady! Honestly!'

The exasperated mother walks away as the two friends begin to play.

'My Mom won't tell me anything about her,' the little girl says to her friend.

'Well,' says the friend, 'all you need to do is look at her driver's license. It's like a report card, it has everything on it.'

Later that night the little girl says to her mother, 'I know how old you are. You are 32.'

The mother is surprised and asks, 'How did you find that out?'

'I also know that you weigh 130 pounds.'

The mother is past surprised and shocked now. 'How in Heaven's name did you find that out?'

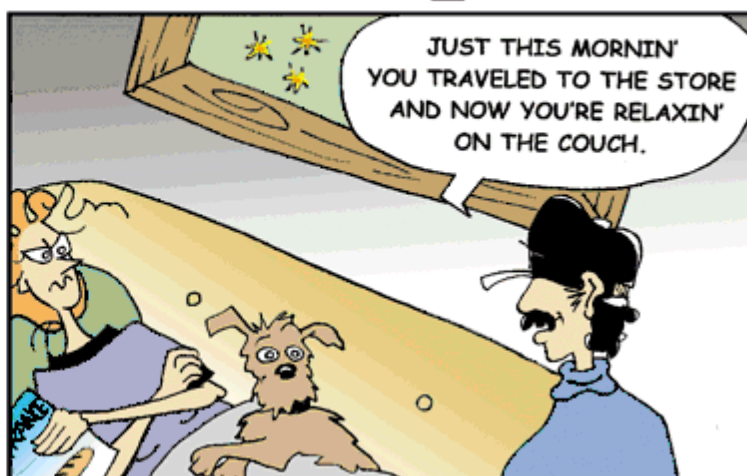
'And,' the little girl says triumphantly, 'I know why you and daddy got a divorce.'

'Oh really?' the mother asks. 'Why?'

'Because you got an F in sex.'

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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.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

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## Let's Reminisce: Scams, Flim-Flams, And Con Men

By Jerry Lincecum

I've read a number of newspaper reports recently about scams, which in my boyhood were referred to as flim-flam or cons. Some of the current ones are rather sophisticated, such as telephoning a senior citizen and convincing him or her to wire money to some foreign country to save the life of close relative.

According to AARP news, this scam is rampant these days, and they cite one woman who emptied her savings account because she was convinced that the caller was in fact her grandson.

This story led me to think about what kind of flim-flams rural and small town folk had to contend with in the 50s and 60s. I'll bet you can recall some examples.

I talked to one friend who was the police reporter for a small town paper in the 1950s. He mentioned one scam so prevalent the police had a name for it. The "Pigeon Drop" still makes the news occasionally. The con man has a big roll of bills that he claims to have found and offers to split it with the victim, who must first show good faith by putting up a large sum of his own. Sure sounds phony, but it has worked many times.

The term "con man" reflects the fact that the flim-flammers could inspire confidence when it wasn't justified. One trick was to pretend to be a minister, since clergy were presumed to be honest. Two men posing as preachers once visited several homes in one town. While one prayed with the resident in the living room, the other ransacked the remainder of the house for money and valuables, which weren't missed until they were long gone.

Some of the most skilled scammers were women. A woman with a small child in a stroller worked a dozen stores in one town during the 70s, giving hot checks to merchants who thought themselves hardened against con games. She was so sincere, and the child was so cute! What a shock to learn later that she had worked the same con on most of the stores on Main Street—and they had ALL cashed her checks!

Here's one a bit more complicated. A customer once left the Eatwell Cafe on Main Street and paid for his coffee (5 cents in those days) with a \$5 bill. A few minutes later, he walked back up to the cashier, saying he had been short-changed, for he had paid with a \$20 bill.

The cashier said "No, it was a \$5 bill."

The man said "Look at the \$20 bills in your register and you will find my initials in the upper left hand corner."

The flustered cashier looked, and sure enough, the top \$20 bill had in the upper left hand corner the initials the man gave him. Confused, he doled out the remainder of the man's change, and the customer left.

It was realized later that a previous customer had paid with a \$20 bill, and it would have been the top one in the register. Nobody remembered the first man, and the second was gone with \$14.95 more than he came in with. And back when coffee was five cents a cup, that was two or three days pay!

Send me your story about scams or con men. By the way, there's a good movie on this subject: "The Grifters," starring Anjelika Huston and John Cusack.

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## Let's Reminisce: Tale of Two Lakes

*By Jerry Lincecum*

Anytime a new lake is built, the local geography changes significantly. I grew up a few miles from the Navasota River and witnessed the changes when Sterling G. Robertson Dam was completed in 1978. As Lake Limestone began to fill in short order, some pastureland my uncle had owned in Running Branch bottom gradually sank beneath the rising water.

Recently I talked with some former residents of the now extinct town of Hagerman in Grayson County. They remembered what had happened in 1944, soon after the completion of Denison Dam. The swallowing up by Lake Texoma of their former homesites and school happened in a matter of months.

My memory of the disappearance of a favorite fishing pond on my uncle's place (stocked with bass and catfish) was nothing compared to the loss of Claud Crook, who entered first grade at Hagerman School in the fall of 1943. After the Christmas Break that December, he had to transfer to another school and soon watch the muddy waters of Red River swirl over the spot where his school had stood.

Jean Shires Hughes, whose family lived in the Katy railroad section house in Hagerman, remembered that they had been among the last to leave town. The railroad wanted her father to look after their track as long as possible.

There are also those who gain from a new lake. In Grayson County, Dewitt Loe had the foresight to lease land that would become the site of a very profitable marina on Lake Texoma, known as Loe's Highport.

We are all beneficiaries of Hagerman National Wildlife Preserve, created in 1946 on the Big Mineral arm of Lake Texoma. It includes extensive habitat for migrating birds and other wildlife.

Back to Lake Limestone: not all of my uncle's pastureland was submerged, and that which remained became valuable waterfront lots. In fact, his sister (my mother) enjoyed a decade or more of selling lake lots (priced by the square inch).

She and my father also built a lake house on the most beautiful lot of all, atop a gravel hill. From the porch of that house I could look down on the top of a large, mostly submerged oak tree, which had been near my lost fishing hole. In fact, when drifting on the lake by boat within sight of the big tree, I could use a depth finder to locate the former pond.

The general area around my uncle's pond seemed to be a favorite of lake fishermen. I would like to think the largest bass (just under 12 lbs.) or the record catfish (a bit more than 30 lbs.) caught in Lake Limestone came from there.

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