

# Texoma Enterprise

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August 25, 2011

## Civil Air Patrol Senior Member Receives Two Honors

DENISON, Texas – On August 22, 2011, a senior member of the Civil Air Patrol's Texoma Composite Squadron in Denison received two awards in recognition of his achievements in a ceremony held at the North Texas Regional Airport.

Capt. Richard Minor received the Grover C. Loening Award. This award, named after the noted aviation pioneer and first civilian member of the National Air and Space Museum's Advisory Board, is given in recognition of completing Level III of the CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program. The requirements for completion of Level III include achieving the Senior rating in a technical specialty, serving in a command or staff position for at least one year, completion of the CAP Corporate Learning Course (CLC), and attendance at two or more CAP Wing, Regional, or National Conferences.

Approximately 350 members nationwide earn this award each year.

In addition to the Loening Award, Capt. Minor was also recognized for his years of service by being awarded a promotion to Major.

Squadron Commander Maj. Jeff Harrell presented both awards, and then changed Minor's uniform epaulets from Captain's to Major's insignia. Following the ceremony, the squadron celebrated Minor's achievements by sharing refreshments and many good wishes.

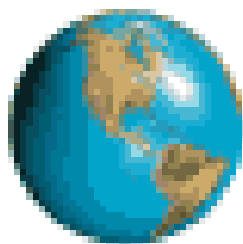
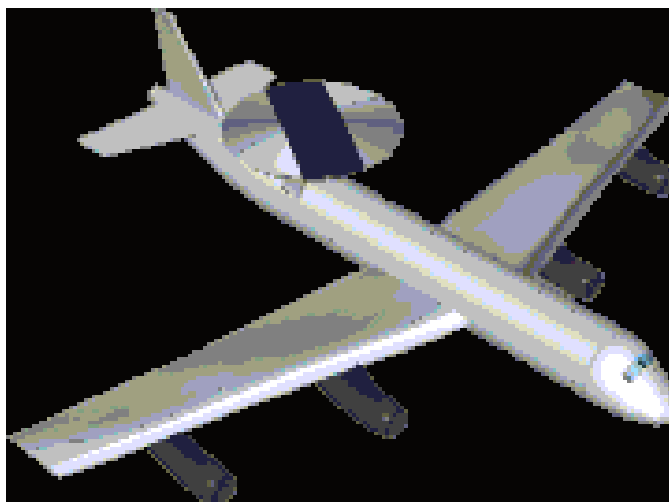
Although he will now be addressed by the humorous but proper title of Maj. Minor, it does not dampen his enthusiasm on reaching this milestone.

"I've been looking forward to it," he said. "It's taken a long time to get here."

For more information about the Texoma Composite Squadron, please 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. 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 113 lives in fiscal year 2010. 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 the more than 26,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 69 years. It is a major partner with Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. For more information on Civil Air Patrol, visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com).

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Senior Ryan Gant (left) and assistant professor of computer science Aaron Block (right) show The Austin College App on iPhones and an iPad. Austin College is among only a few colleges that allow students to create an iPhone application in a course.

## Austin College Releases Student-Made App

SHERMAN, TEXAS - Austin College's newest mobile application is a true innovation: 'The Austin College App' was produced by five computer science students last fall.

Senior Ryan Gant, junior Will Gagne, junior Simon Frazier, junior Phillip Cohen, and junior Jackson Walsh spent their time in their Objective-C course building a sophisticated iPhone app.

The app, available through the Apple iTunes online store, is compatible with the iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch. It includes a campus map, a Roo Route bus map, a searchable directory, a College news feed, College event listing, and access to WebHopper, Moodle, and Give Now.

Aaron Block, assistant professor of computer science, led the course.

"The iPhone class was everything I was hoping teaching was going to be," he said. "It was wonderful." Block is in his second year of teaching at the College.

Ryan Gant, a computer science and business double-major, took a particular interest in the project, spending his extra time after class and during January Term making sure the app was realized.

"Even before the class, someone brought up the idea of an iPhone app. I thought it was a great idea. Then during the class we designed it out in our heads," he said. "The semester ended so quickly, it kind of dropped off. We had all these plans, but nothing actually set in stone. I didn't want it to just go away, so over Jan Term I worked on it some. It was really a collaboration (with Block)."

Though other colleges and universities have similar programs, Block's class is unique. There were no college-level textbooks for Objective-C, the iPhone programming language, and Block had to start from scratch.

"There are very few resources out there, and there are probably fewer than 10 similar classes at the time the class was offered," he said. "My understanding is, right now, Austin College is the only one with a student-made college app."

The best-known iPhone application course was offered at Stanford University beginning in 2008, and the podcasts of the lectures had over 1 million downloads in the first week they were available. But that course was only for programmers who were already highly technical.

Ryan had tried to learn Objective-C through the Stanford class. "I tried, and I just couldn't. Having Aaron there to walk us through it and answer questions made all the difference," he said. "I wouldn't have been able to do it without that class."

More recently, other colleges have offered this kind of course, but the class sizes were large and students didn't work on applications for their school.

"It was definitely an advantage to have a small class. A lot of the work and teaching was done by example. He would code something and show us how it worked," Ryan said. "The fact that I can go 'hold up, what is that' and interrupt and ask questions, it's nice to be able to have that one-on-one with the professor. And after class, if I had trouble, I could go to his office. When you get to college with 50-60 people, the professor can't stop and give you that much time."

At one school, the class size was smaller, but students received money and assistance from professionals. At Austin College, students did all the work themselves, and the only budget was \$100 from the computer science department to host the app on iTunes.

"The one thing I wanted to make sure my students got was a lot of hands-on experience developing and making things that people really use. It's great to talk about the theory, but it's another thing to build something that people actually use," Block said. "The other thing is that I really wanted to teach the language that is used for an iPhone application. It's similar but very different from anything else out there. It's a good chance for students to learn something that is beginning to be widely used."

Block, who checked codes for problems at Microsoft before joining Austin College, made his class part lecture, part product think tank. The Roo Route section of the finished app was a homework assignment.

For the final product, students each picked a segment to tackle individually, and then checked in with the group during class time.

"We came up with a list of what we wanted to get done, and we split it into five parts. For the rest of the semester, it was about trying to refine the ideas, refine the components," Block said. "If we had been writing a group paper in class, it was like we were editing. We were writing and editing for a month."

Block checked the code for errors, and they combined their efforts. The app passed Apple's stringent guidelines and was officially posted for download in iTunes in April.

"It exceeded my expectations. I was hoping we would see something we could put on the app store that students could show to people like 'hey, here's what we did,'" Block said. "Now I would really like to have every student with an iPhone has it and uses it regularly. In the future I'd like to see every student and alumni with an iPhone and an Android uses it every time they think of the College."

The app was posted to Austin College's Connect page just in time for the start of school.

And Ryan has more plans for the app in the future. "I'm hoping to keep adding more and more, as long as I can get partnered with IT (at the College)," he said. "I want to do more social aspects, like 'what is a good place to eat around Sherman?' I'd like to add more interactive things to the app."

Also has Block to offer more app-coding classes in the future, including applications for other platforms like Android. As for this project, he is thrilled. "I hope it works well for the school, and I hope it helps my students get jobs," he said.

Ryan is hoping to one day work for app giant Apple, but he has already heard from Rocket Powered Apps in Dallas for a possible job after graduation. He said the company doesn't typically take new graduates, but his experience with the app impressed them.

Austin College has another mobile app, available on iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android, and Blackberry. The MOX app provides a list of important phone numbers, a College news feed, a College event listing, a campus map via Google Maps, and directions to the Lake Campus. The MOX app is College-run and maintained.



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Photo above - Mt. Pleasant Veterans being honored in front of the court house.

## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

My husband and I took a little trip last weekend. We went to visit friends (the Willis family) who used to live in Whitewright, but have now moved to Winnsboro. We stayed a motel in Mt. Pleasant. (These places are in East Texas along Hwy. 11 and Interstate 30.)

On Friday, while Tex Willis was at work, his wife Chana and son Bobby, went with us to the Winnsboro area to see the shops and boutiques there. We also enjoyed a lunch at a small restaurant. I had the chicken/almond salad. Chana and Dale had Reuben sandwiches. Bobby had a salad and a chocolate chip cookie.

Tex came home shortly after we returned from our trip downtown and we visited a bit longer. Then we went to Mt. Pleasant and checked into our motel.

The next morning, we decided to look around Mt. Pleasant a while. My great-grandparents on my mother's mother lived just outside of Mt. Pleasant and I remember visiting their farm. My great-grandfather Benjamin Landrum had died in 1935 (before I was born), but I remember my great-grandmother Anna Alice Landrum who died when I was six.

I knew that they and other members of the Landrum family are buried in the Center Grove Cemetery just a few miles outside of Mt. Pleasant. We went to the Mt. Pleasant Library, Museum and Genealogy Center. There we found some records of those who are buried in each cemetery in Titus County.

We looked up all the Landrums buried in Center Grove and went to the cemetery to see what we could find there. We took photos of some of the tombstones, of the historical marker, and of the Center Grove Church of Christ building (a church my great-great-grandfather Ephraim Hall Smith was instrumental in the early founding of that church.) Note: E.H. Smith was the father of Anna Alice Landrum.

## Recipe

### Spinach Topped French Bread

- 1 stick melted butter
- 8 ounces grated cheddar cheese
- 8 ounces grated mozzarella cheese
- 1 box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained of liquid
- Garlic powder to taste
- 1 loaf French bread, split in half lengthwise

Mix all ingredients except French bread thoroughly. Spread mixture uniformly on cut surface of French bread. (May be wrapped in foil and frozen at this point). Bake on cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until bubbly.



Above - Photo from Mt. Pleasant Library showing early scenes of the area.

Below - Photo of one block of Winnsboro showing some of the shops and businesses. There are many antique and specialty shops in this community of East Texas.





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## Howe ES/MS Menus

Aug. 29-Sept. 2

### Breakfast

Monday - Cinnamon roll, cereal/toast, diced pears, apple juice

Tuesday - French toast sticks, cereal/toast, pineapple, orange juice

Wednesday - Breakfast burrito, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh apple, grape juice

Thursday - Breakfast pizza, cereal/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice

Friday - Eggs/sausage, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, orange juice

### Lunch

Monday - Not available

Tuesday - Beef fingers or crispy chicken salad, mashed potatoes/gravy, pineapple, green beans, orange juice, hot roll

Wednesday - Hot ham cheese sandwich or turkey club wrap, burger fixings, pinto beans, fresh apple, rice krispy treat

Thursday - Pepperoni pizza or spaghetti with meat sauce, Texas toast, garden salad, broccoli w/cheese, fruit cocktail, orange juice, frozen fruit bar

Friday - Beef & cheese nachos or burrito, cheese sauce, tossed salad, Spanish rice, diced peaches, orange juice

## Howe and McKinney Residents Honored by Air Liquide for 1 Million Miles of Safe Driving

Air Liquide Industrial U.S. LP in Dallas has announced that Howe resident Tom Lowry and McKinney resident John Williams have been honored with the Million Mile Award. The award is given to drivers who have driven at least 1 million miles without an accident or injury.

## Howe Football Schedule - 2011

Aug. 18 - Thur. S&S (Scrimmage) Home TBA

Aug. 26 -Collinsville Home 7:30

Sept. 2 - Oakridge of Arlington Home 7:30

Sept. 9 - \*\*Valley View Home 7:30

Sept. 16 - Wolfe City Away 7:30

Sept. 23 - Honey Grove Away 7:30

Sept. 30 - Open Date

Oct. 7 - Paradise Home 7:30

Oct. 14 - \*Boyd Away 7:30

Oct. 21 - \*Ponder Home 7:30

Oct. 28 - \*Pottsboro Away 7:30

Nov. 4 - #\*Callisburg Home 7:30

\*\* Denotes Homecoming

\*Denotes Dist 5 AA Div 1

#\* Denotes Senior Night



## Howe City Council

met Aug. 16 for a regular meeting.

Mayor Jeff Stanley called the meeting to order with council present: Dale Rideout, Jack Leavenworth, Georgia Richardson and Sam Haigis.

During the Public Request portion of the meeting, Candy Harris, Eric Akins, Janice Akins and J. W. Hall all spoke in support of Scotty Harris being reappointed to the City Council.

Howe Community Library Director Becky Hogensen introduced Sarah Newman (in photo above) who made a presentation of her Girl Gold Scout Award Project that she completed at the Howe Community Library. She outlined the project about the painting of a teen area (The Teen Scene) and bean bag chairs and large letters on the wall. She spent much time and effort on this project which is similar to the Eagle Scout program.

The Council approved:

\*The consent agenda which included Finance Statements from June and July, 2011, Minutes of June 21, 2011 council meeting, Library Services Agreement with Grayson County for fiscal year 2010/2011 and reappointment of Tom Medley to Howe Community Library Board.

\*Denied a request to change name of Farmington Road to Billy Dobbins Drive; vote was 3-1 with Rideout voting no.

During the discussion on the name change, several people pointed out that a number of people living on Farmington Rd have experienced problems with ambulances find them due to several Farmington Roads in the county. Carrie Waller who lives on Farmington Road said she had received signatures from most of the people on the street asking it not be changed.

\*Approved request by M. E. Curtis for subdivision variance.

\*Elected Sam Haigis Mayor Pro Tem.

Steve Davis of Don's Smokehouse addressed the council to request a utility grant for a new business to be located in Howe.

Following an executive session, the council approved Davis' request for a utility grant in the amount up to \$1200.

Council appointed Scotty Harris to the vacant council position; motion carried 3-1 with Jack Leavenworth voting no.



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## HISD Board Meeting

The Howe School Board met Thursday, Aug. 18, and took the following actions:

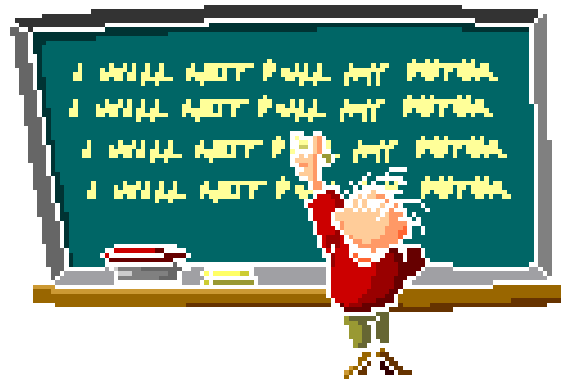
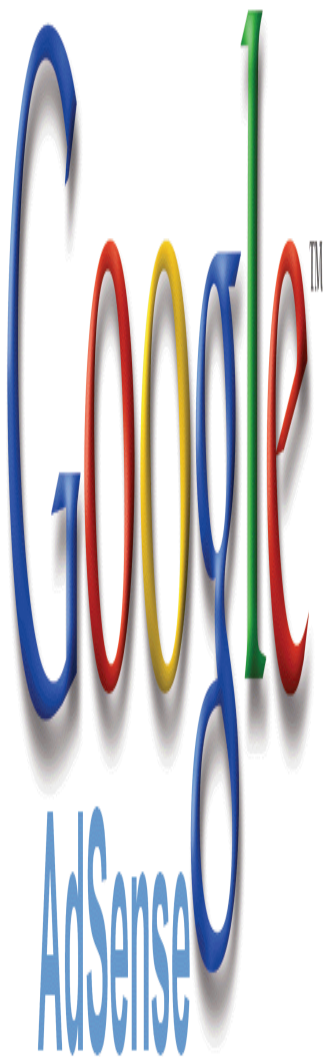
\*Appointed Jean Norman to the Howe Community Library Board.

\*Revised Local Policy FMH to require students to satisfy both state and local graduation requirements, including state assessments, as we had done prior to 2008.

\*Voted not to accept and to request revisions of the special warranty deed regarding a 25 acre property that was part of the Walton development.

\*Revised the employee compensation plan to include raises for the upcoming year. At budget time, we temporarily froze salaries due to the uncertain legislative cuts. While we did incur significant cuts, the board voted to put off the freeze at least one more year. The board will finalize the plan at the September meeting, but proposed to revert back to former salary schedule and 2% for other staff.

The board adopted a tax rate of \$1.34 - \$1.04 for M&O and \$0.30 for I&S. The I&S rate is 1 cent higher than last year, but it is 2 cents lower than what we proposed in June. We were able to lower it because our certified appraisal values came in higher than predicted.







## Van Alstyne Library

By Tracy Luscombe

Fall Vegetable Gardening was the topic of our program last Tuesday night at the Van Alstyne Public Library. Master Gardener Trudy West spoke to a great group who came from as far away as Oklahoma and taught them how to get their fall gardens started for fresh produce straight from their own yards. Trudy was terrific and we hope to have her back in a few months for another program.

Our fall activities calendar is ready for you to pick up on your next visit to the library. Here are a few of the special events.

October 8 – International Observe the Moon Night

October 10 and November 21 – Crafts for ages 6-12 at 11am

October 28 – Teen Council's Monster Masquerade

Come check out these new titles on our shelves:

***Getting to Happy*** by Terry MacMillan

***Cutting for Stone*** by Abraham Verghese

***The Martyr's Song*** by Ted Dekker

***Frommer's Cruises and Ports of Call***

***Angel in the Rubble: the miraculous rescue of 9/11's last survivor*** by Genelle Guzman-McMillan with William Croyle

***U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges 2011 edition***

School is back in session and we look forward to helping your students find what they need for their assignments. The best way we can do that is to know as far in advance as possible what topics they'll be researching. If your child comes home with a reading list or research project please drop a copy by the library so we can be prepared when they walk in the door. If you're a school teacher reading this, send me an email so we can help your students.  
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Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.



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The Tom Bean High School will be marching this fall in new uniforms. Jason Matherly, Band Director, is very excited about the uniforms and is looking forward to the new year. The Board of Trustees approved the purchase at the February board meeting. Officers for this year's band include (lower photo) : back (l-r): Daniela Rodriguez, Morgan Ellis, Jessica Boren; front (l-r): Andrew Putt, Jack Mosich, Tucker Salsman

## Tom Bean Varsity Lady Cats Volleyball

### *Tuesday – Aug. 16*

Van Alstyne- After several changes, the Lady Cats began to settle into what would prove to be a powerful line-up. The Lady Cats eventually dropped the match to Van Alstyne. The evening was a learning experience for the girls and they carried that experience into the weekend matches as they traveled to Paris Chisum.

### *Thursday & Saturday – Aug. 18 & 20*

The Lady Cats traveled to Paris Chisum in the 117 degree heat on Thursday and Saturday and took the Consolation Championship. The Lady Cats battled not only the elements of the great outdoors, but also an extremely tough group of east Texas schools while maintaining composure in the tournament. Ronni Trentman, Danielle Thompson and Ashley Selman were all standouts for the Lady Cats. Ashley Selman averaged 10 blocks per match and finished the tournament with 35 kills on Saturday alone. Unfortunately, on Saturday the Lady Cats suffered an injury that left them in a struggling situation.

### *Tuesday - Aug. 23*

Blue Ridge- The Lady Cats traveled to Blue Ridge and took on a savvy defensive squad in the Lady Tigers and dropped the match in 3 straight games. The Lady Cats second outside hitter, Ronnie Trentman had to fulfill the role of full time setter and did a tremendous job. This category of change is a complete offensive overhaul and tough to change on the spur of the moment. Ronni is young and learning the role of a setter, which can be overwhelming; however, she is adapting well. Maci Chapman was a serving highlight for the Lady Cats as well as Mandy Rohrman with the combined duo gathering 10 ace serves. Hannah Howland was another bright spot for the Lady Cats as she changed defensive roles and helped offer experience from different positions to a squad that is extremely young. The Lady Cats struggled at the net on conversions which was a large contributing factor to the loss. The Lady Cats, 2-7, home opener is Friday night at 5 pm against Dodd City.

## JV Black Volleyball

Tuesday night, Aug. 23, the JV Black girls dropped their match against Blue Ridge in 2 games by scores of 18-25 and 13-25. They served well with a team serving percentage of 88%; however, had a rough passing night. This team is very young, and we are expecting good things from them as they gain game experience. The JV team will be playing in a tournament this Saturday in S & S. Please come out and support our girls.



## Tom Bean Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 13 (Sat) Anna (Scrimmage) Away 10:30am  
Aug. 18 (Thur) Cooper (Scrimmage) Home 5 pm  
Aug. 26 - Lindsay Away 7:30pmpm  
Sept.2 - Valley View Away 7:30pm  
Sept. 9 - Sunnyvale Home 7:30pm  
Sept. 16 - Collinsville Home 7:30pm  
Sept. 23 - Pottsboro Home 7:30pm  
Sept. 30 - Open  
Oct.7 - Gunter Away 7:30pm  
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Oct.28 - Bells Away 7:30pm  
Nov. 4 - Leonard Home (Sr. Parents Night 7:30pm)





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## Golf "FORE" Rotary

Hurricane Creek Rotary Club Golf Tournament  
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Your participation enables our Rotary Club to give back to our communities in the form of scholarships, teacher awards, and international, national, and local service projects.

Date: Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2011

Time: 7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Check In, 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, 2:00 p.m. Lunch

Place: Hurricane Creek Country Club, Anna, TX

Format: Four Person Scramble

### Sponsorship Levels:

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## Hagerman Refuge Visitor Center Closed Temporarily

The Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center will be closed from Monday, August 22nd through Wednesday, Sept. 7, to complete construction and exhibit installation. The public is invited to join the Refuge as they celebrate the grand opening of the new facility at 10 am on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The new building will provide approximately 3,200 square feet of administrative office space plus a 4,600 square foot visitor center that will include exhibits showcasing the important marshland and upland habitat for migrating and wintering waterfowl and native wildlife. In addition a 1,500 square foot multipurpose room will provide space for environmental-education programs and special events hosted by the refuge and Friends of Hagerman. Native plants and outdoor interpretive exhibits will also enhance the experience for all visitors. For more information, contact the Refuge at 903-786-2826.

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### *Melody Ranch's Deep Summer Bluegrass Festival*

Can you believe it? This is our 5th Annual Bluegrass Festival!

This year the dates are August 24-27. We have a kick-off potluck supper on August 24 at 6 pm which is free for campers. There will be fellowship and jamming afterwards.

The gospel section of the festival is focused on Thursday evening beginning at 6 pm. We have the Melody Ranch Ramblers, Grandpa's Neighbors, and Copper Canyon for that evening. There will also be other gospel music performed by a quartet.

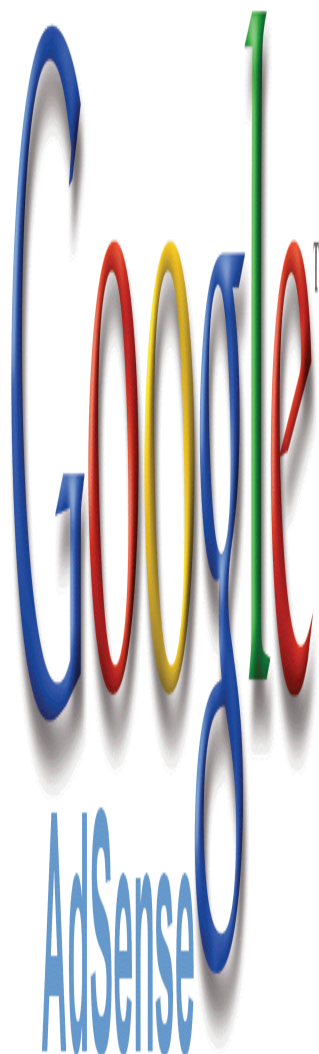
Fridays' events begin at 1 pm with The Upper Grassmen, Bluefield Express, Copper Canyon, and Honi Deaton and Dream which will include a very special appearance by Ray Deaton, one of the founders of Third Time Out. The evening performance will begin at 6 pm.

Saturday's events begin at 12 noon. We have Blue Moon Drive, Grass Notes, Southbound Mule, Shady Grove Ramblers, and Honi Deaton and Dream. The evening performance will begin at 5:45 pm.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided.

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows. We serve hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches, and during the dinner hour on Friday and Saturday evening, we will serve an enchilada, beans, and rice plate.

Individuals or bands interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or "<http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com/>"





## East Texas Place Names

By Bob Bowman

A few weeks back, we wrote a column about the origin of East Texas place names.

A bunch of readers chastised us for leaving out the origins of their local names. So, in response, here is a new collection:

Chinquapin in San Augustine County got its name from nearby Chinquapin Creek and from the chinquapins (also known as dwarf chestnuts) growing there.

The stream is also known Egg Nog Branch, but we haven't found a place by that name...yet.

Cherry Point Gully in Chambers County got its name from either Aaron Cherry, a local landowner, or the wild cherry trees growing there.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

The heat is taking its toll on everything and everyone. I keep remembering how miserably cold I was for the most of last winter and keep my complaints to the bare minimum, but I confess that it will be nicer when the daily high temperature is more like 75 degrees.

NPR reported a study today that claims that wars in high humidity areas are six times more likely to occur when the temperature is elevated. It would be nice to think we have evolved more than that, but apparently we are even more dependent on climate than I would like. However, the one semester that I taught geography, a chapter in the textbook dealt exclusively with the effect of climate on economic development. That was nearly 50 years ago, and I confess that geography was not the most exciting subject I taught.

Someone from up Nawth asked me this week how people ever managed to settle Texas, especially this part of Texas, before air conditioning. To tell the truth, I don't know.

I wonder how people ever managed to settle Vermont and Maine and Buffalo, NY and Massachusetts, considering the severity of the winters. It is no wonder to me that our Yankee ancestors are called "great, grim men," a term that certainly applies equally to the women. A friend once warned me against moving to Maine. "It's beautiful, but there is no summer. You would freeze to death."

One of the Permian High School principals with whom I worked grew up in this part of Texas. He said he could not imagine what "good old days" people were talking about. "I grew up in the wheat and corn fields, working like a slave. I was so tired in the summer after a 12 or 14 hour day in the field and I would go upstairs to bed, but it was always too hot to sleep, so there was never any real rest in the summer. And in the winter, even though the field work wasn't hard, the barn chores were terrible. And then I would go upstairs to bed and there was only one quilt for the bed and I was always too cold to sleep. I couldn't wait to leave that life."

When he bought a house for him and his wife, he bought an older house in an older part of town, a house without central heat or air conditioning, which surprised me. "But you look," he said. "There is a heater and a window air conditioner in every room and every person in this house can get his or her room just the way they want it. And I want mine colder and hotter than anyone else in the house."

There is a whole lot to be said for having your room just the way you want it. Maybe that's the way heaven will be.



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**BOB BOWMAN'S**  
**EAST TEXAS, continued**

## Dot's Dashes, continued

Maydelle in Cherokee County got its name from Maydelle Campbell, the daughter of Texas Governor Thomas Campbell. Maydelle sang on the occasion of opening the new townsite.

In any case, this heat won't last too much longer. Wednesday morning, when I went out to get the paper, autumn brushed across the skin on my arms. It doesn't matter that the temperature was already 84 degrees with a promise of well over 100 degrees by early afternoon. Autumn brushed against me and I was glad.

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Omen in Smith County got its name because, after a series of name changes, postmaster W.W. Orr thought it might bring the town good luck. The town was once known as Round Rock, Clopton and Old Clopton.



Marion was Angelina County's first county seat and was named for General Francis Marion, an American Revolutionary War hero. The community was also known as McNeill's Landing for a crossing on the Angelina River.

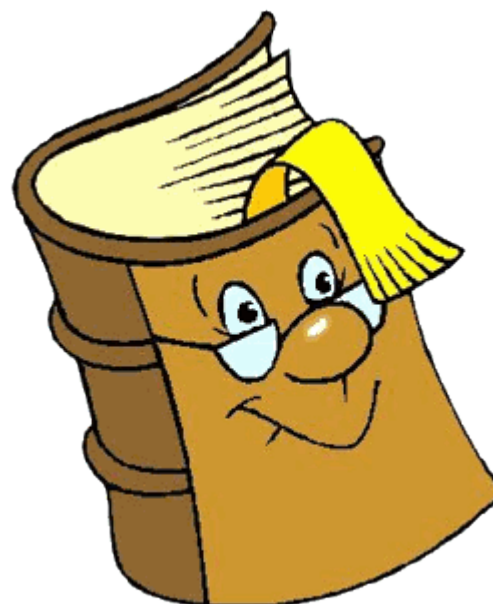
Weches in Houston County was once known as Neches for the river, but postal officials discovered another town had been assigned that name, Local officials settled the issue by changing the first letter from N to W.

Montalba got its name when the local postmaster's wife, Lizzie Hamlett, noticed that snow had covered a prominent hill near the community. The name likely came from a Latin phrase meaning "white mountain."



Swamppoodle Creek in Bowie County refers to a puddle, not a dog, in a swampy area.

(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)







## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

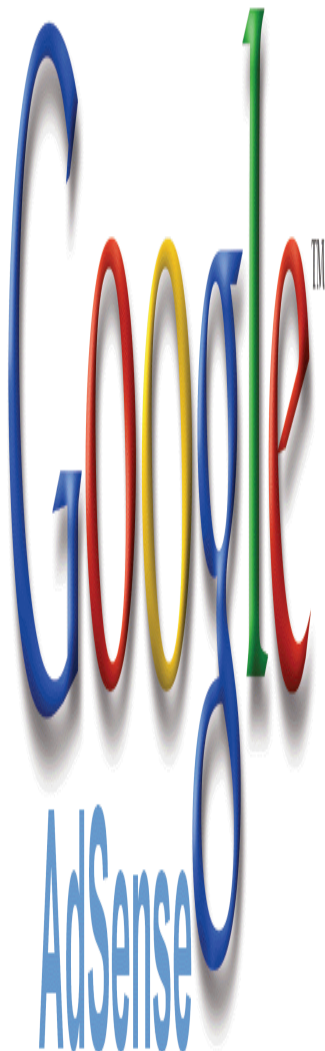
In 2009, the legislature passed House Bill 3452, which created the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. This program is designed to encourage students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs at colleges. A student must meet specific eligibility criteria in order to receive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

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

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

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

The Higher Education Coordinating Board, which administers the program, has requested that legislators submit their nominees for the scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year as soon as possible. Interested students can contact my office for more information 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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**Howe Public Library**

Library information, Language courses, Student events

**Van Alstyne Public Library**

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**Yahoo**

**Alta Vista**

**Google**

**Ask Jeeves**

**Class Tools - for classroom use - games, tests, timer, tools.**

**Quotations Page**

**Royalty Free Music**

**Spanish Dictionary**

## Selected Sites

[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.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.



## Christian Fellowship

Each Sunday morning behind at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship. Classes for all ages begins at 9:30 with worship service to begin at 10:30. This week's service is led by Mike Ball and will be a very inspirational service. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper during worship service each Sunday morning.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Also dress is casual.

C R Men's Step Study Classes are meeting at A Christian Fellowship Saturday evenings from 6-8pm. The church has home study groups throughout the week.

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella, look for the red brick building with a green metal roof on the hill, the cross will light your way.

For more info about the church or its activities contact Mike Ball @ 903-870-0210.



## Tom Bean

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 9:00am 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.

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



## A Make and A Miss

Nate Smith, an 11-year-old Minnesota boy, walked on the ice for a shot at \$50,000 if he could hit a hockey puck into a very small hole from 89 feet away. His father, Pat Smith, had bought a raffle ticket for the charity event that occurred on August 11th.

To the amazement of the crowd, including Nate himself, his wobbly shot went right through the 3.5-inch goal, which was barely wider than the puck. "I was shocked ...

I couldn't believe it," said Nate.

\$50,000! That could pay for Nate's college education! But there was a problem...

The name on the raffle ticket that was drawn was Nick Smith, Nate's identical twin. Their father had only bought one raffle ticket and put down Nick's name because Nate had only recently had a cast removed from his arm. But when Nick's name was called, he was outside the arena. Pat Smith then encouraged Nate to take his brother's place.

Event organizers weren't aware of the "switch" until the next day. "The next day," says their father, "I called back and said it was really Nate who made the shot. We thought honesty was the best policy, and we wanted to set a good example for our kids."

Whether or not the Smiths get the prize money is in the hands of the insurance carrier for the event. # There are some valuable lessons that can be learned from the Smith's experience...

## Local Churches

*continued*



### Cannon

CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH  
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,  
903/482-6761

SOVEREIGN GRACE  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

**Cherry Mound**  
BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison  
Dennis Stewart, pastor,  
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,  
7pm

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

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

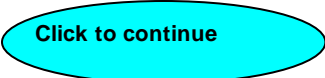
[www.thegbf.com](http://www.thegbf.com)  
VALLEY  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**Howe**  
APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC  
405 S. Collins Frwy,  
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun. 10am & 6pm  
NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,  
912 S Denny St.  
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,  
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45  
BETHEL BAPTIST  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

### Ida

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

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

**Tom Bean**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
903/546-6620  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
903/546-6231  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH 903/546-6898  
INSPIRATION POINT  
COWBOY CHURCH  
FM 2729, 2.5 miles  
South of Tom Bean  
Duane Peters,  
903-815-2278  
PILOT GROVE



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## A Make and A Miss, continued

\* We ALL “miss the mark.” This is the meaning of one of the Bible’s words for sin (Greek hamartia). Even though Nate made the shot, their family “missed the mark” by not divulging Nate’s true identity. The Scriptures teach that “ALL have sinned (Gr. hamartano, “missed the mark”) and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Sin “disqualifies” us from the heavenly, eternal reward and condemns us to death (Romans 6:23).

\* Honesty is the best policy. By acknowledging the fact that it was Nate who made the shot and not Nick, Pat Smith has taught his boys a lesson that is far more valuable than \$50,000. Teaching them to acknowledge wrongdoing and to tell the truth – even if there is a “penalty” for doing

it – is always the RIGHT thing to do, for this pleases the Father.

Even though ALL of us have “missed the mark,” God loves us and longs to forgive us so that we can live eternally with Him. He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay the price for our sins and to give us eternal life (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7).

In order to accept His offer of salvation, we must acknowledge the fact that we have sinned. THEN.... we must place our faith and trust in Jesus and His sacrificial death on our behalf (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess the name of Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Let’s be honest: we have ALL “missed the mark” of the glory of God. Let us therefore trust and obey Christ so that we may reach the eternal goal of heaven.

Won’t YOU?

David A. Sargent, Minister  
Church of Christ at Creekwood  
Mobile, Alabama

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www.foxnews.com and www.cbsnews.com  
Archived issues of “Living Water” can be  
viewed and accessed from our website at:  
www.creekwoodcc.org



## Local Churches Continued

### BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.  
903/450-3708

### Sherman/Denison

#### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

#### FRIENDSHIP UNITED

#### METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST

800 Baker Park Dr.,

903/892-9635, Sun. 10

#### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,

601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

Rev. Mack Rogers

#### RED RIVER

#### COWBOY CHURCH

3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington,

903/463-5840

### Van Alstyne

#### COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Hopson,

Shannon Jackson, minister,

903/482-6033

#### EAST SIDE

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,

minister; worship 11am

#### ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,

903/482-6356

#### FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,

Pastor Kenneth L. Price,

972/547-0243,

#### LIFE CHURCH,

201 W. Marshall,

Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker

903/433-8089

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,

Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

#### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

206 Waco, 903/482-5515,

Gary Gibbs, pastor

#### FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

903/482-6646,

Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH 301 S. Preston,

Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

#### GREYWOOD HEIGHTS WORSHIP CENTER

On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen, 903/482-6700;

Chris Jones, pastor

#### HOLY FAMILY

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk, 972/562-0752

#### MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN METHODIST

#### EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

#### SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev. Arnold Baker, pastor





## Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

In an earlier article I suggested that you should always be ready to do research. This means to have your list of names, places, etc. always with you in some form. You never know when the perfect opportunity will arise to do research.

This past weekend my wife and I took a short vacation. We stayed in a motel in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Our visit was not primarily to Mt. Pleasant, but that was just where we stopped. One morning we were "sight seeing" and stopped in the Mt. Pleasant library. They had an historical museum in their basement along with genealogy books.

As we finished looking through the museum, I sat down at a table with an open book on it. This book was an index to the cemeteries of Titus County, Texas. My wife's great-grandparents had lived in Titus county, so we took time to research the book.

We found the family name and began to take notes on various family members and the cemeteries they were buried in. This is where we were not totally prepared. My wife's grandmother had many brothers and sisters. Of course the brothers last names were the same as the great-grand parents, but we could not remember the married names of all the sisters. Because of that we were limited in our research.

After making notes of all the "Landrums", we looked at the individual cemeteries for each name we found.

Now, let me explain something. These books were one of a kind. They were hand made and likely there was only one copy available anywhere. Books like this are difficult to find. Sometimes there will be handmade copies of these book in other libraries but there will not be hundreds of copies available in many different location. The main index told us the name of the individual, and the cemetery he was buried in. The second group of books gave an index by cemetery of the individual buried there, along with the birth and death dates from their marker, and name of spouse if both were buried in the same cemetery.

As I said, when we finished in the first book, we looked up all the other cemeteries to get the birth and death dates and spouse names and dates. This filled in a lot of information we did not have for those family members.

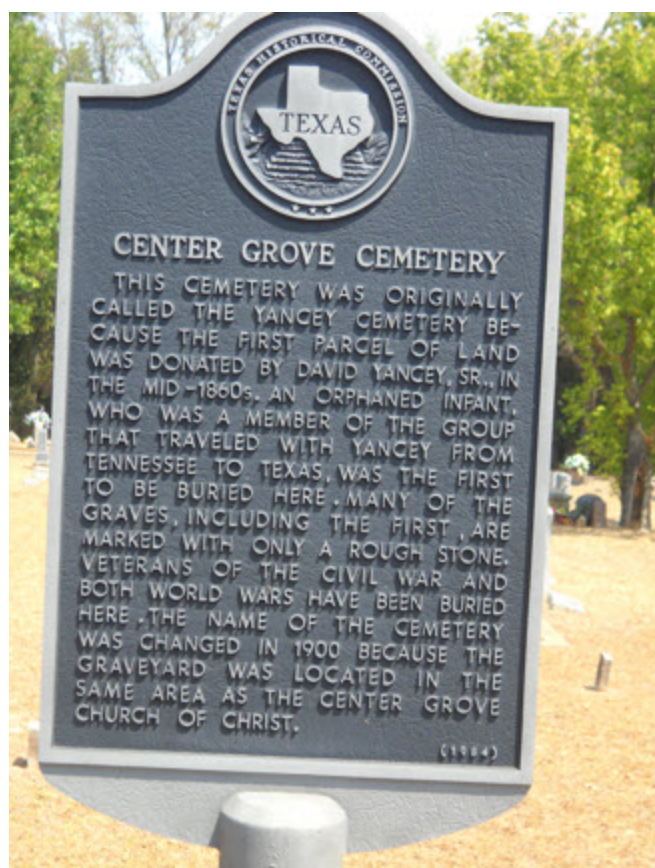
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members. This gave us a good record of information necessary in completing your genealogy.

We had three extra surprises that we enjoyed. First, as we were walking, my wife saw a familiar name. It was the married name of the youngest sister. So we now had her information along with her husbands information, and a photo of the tombstone.

While back in the library reading about the cemeteries, I had read the name of the man who gave the land for a cemetery and church. Our second pleasant surprise was to find his family plot in this cemetery. We photographed that as well to add to our records.

Our third surprise was the church building we found. My wife's family history shows that many of her family were members of the Church of Christ. The cemetery was the Centergrove Cemetery. Across the street from the cemetery was the Centergrove Church of Christ. This was an old building with only the church name on it. There were no other signs. It was difficult to tell whether it was still in use. It was new enough to have air conditioning, and the yard area was mowed. The front door was locked with a chain and pad lock which is unusual for a building that is being used. The electric power lines were still connected, but we could not tell whether they were being used.

We feel that we found a real treasure of information. We also probably missed a lot because we did not know the married names of some of the women. We will have to make a trip back sometime after preparing better with a complete list of family names to look for.





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**LEGAL TIPS:**

Estate Planning & Resolutions

By Matt Sullivan, J.D., LL.M.

Attorney & Counselor at Law

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

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan. The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children. Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few. Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

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

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## GMO mandatory food labeling is a bad idea

*By Mike Barnett*

If I were a betting man, I'd wager that many of the foods that I love -- salad dressing, bread, candy, ice cream, cereal and many others -- contain oil or products made from genetically modified corn. So, if anti-GMO (genetically modified organism) activists logic holds true, I should have cobs for ears. Their logic fails because I don't have to shuck my ears to clean them with a Q-tip.

Silly? Yes. But no more ridiculous than the anti-GMO fanatic nonsense about Frankenfoods and biotech mutants in our food supply. It's an issue that simmers quietly in the backs of consumers' minds but one that is about to come full boil if a group in California has their way.

The group, called Label GMOs, is calling for a ballot initiative in California for 2012 that would require mandatory labels for food products that contain GMOs and livestock that are fed GMO grain. If successful there, you might start looking for GMO labels on food products across the nation.

Mandatory labeling of GMO products is a bad idea. Food labels are meant to provide dietary and nutritional information. What goes on them is determined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

If GMOs were dangerous to human health, FDA and USDA would not allow them to be grown for food products. Europeans, whom the anti-GMO people are so fond of holding up as an example of the way things should be, are starting to see the light. The European Union's 2010 summary of a decade of government-financed research said this about GMO foods: "The main conclusion to be drawn from efforts of more than 130 research projects, covering a period of more than 25 years of research, and involving more than 500 independent research

groups, is that biotechnology, and in particular GMOs, are not per se more risky...than conventional plant breeding technologies." That's what American agriculture has been saying for years.

Looks like this whole thing is a marketing issue to me. Rather than force a mandatory label on a safe product, why don't anti-GMO activists fund a private non-GMO brand and market non-GMO products to like-minded consumers? That would allow anyone with an anti-GMO itch to scratch.

Trouble is, this is about a whole lot more than labeling. This is an attempt to open up a big can of pent-up anti-GMO rage and pour it into the bowls of American consumers, who seem to be pretty happy with the way things are. Dig deeper, and the next step would be placing more restrictions on GMO crops. Ultimately, it's about doing away with GMOs altogether.

Regardless, agriculture has a good story to tell. GMO crops have been developed that have better resistance to pests. Crops are being developed that use less water. More nutritious staple foods are being developed through biotechnology. With GMOs, more food is being grown on less land, and the environmental impact of food production is reduced as farmers use less pesticides and herbicides. All of this is important as we strive to feed 6 billion people now and an additional 3 billion in the next 40 years.

If GMOs were a human health risk, labeling would be a great idea. It is a bad idea, however, as long as we have irresponsible people who use the internet and social media to channel fear of the unknown with outrageous, off-the-wall and untrue claims ... like scorpion genes in tomatoes ... which were widely publicized in cyberspace but had no basis in fact.

Based on science and common sense, there is no GMO debate. Based on scare tactics and propaganda, look for some interesting times ahead.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at [www.txfb.org](http://www.txfb.org).

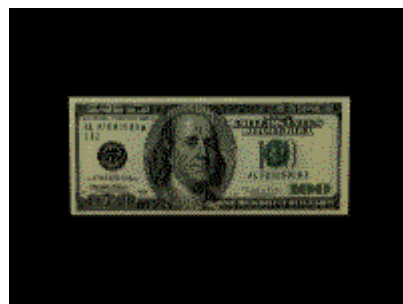


## Budget Cuts

Salary of retired US Presidents .....\$180,000 FOR LIFE  
Salary of House/Senate .....\$174,000 FOR LIFE  
Salary of Speaker of the House .....\$223,500 FOR LIFE  
Salary of Majority/Minority Leaders ..... \$193,400 FOR LIFE  
Average Salary of a teacher ..... \$40,065  
Average Salary of Soldier DEPLOYED IN AFGHANISTAN \$38,000

I think we found where the cuts should be made!

Steve Casey, Louisiana





## It's Soooo Hot....

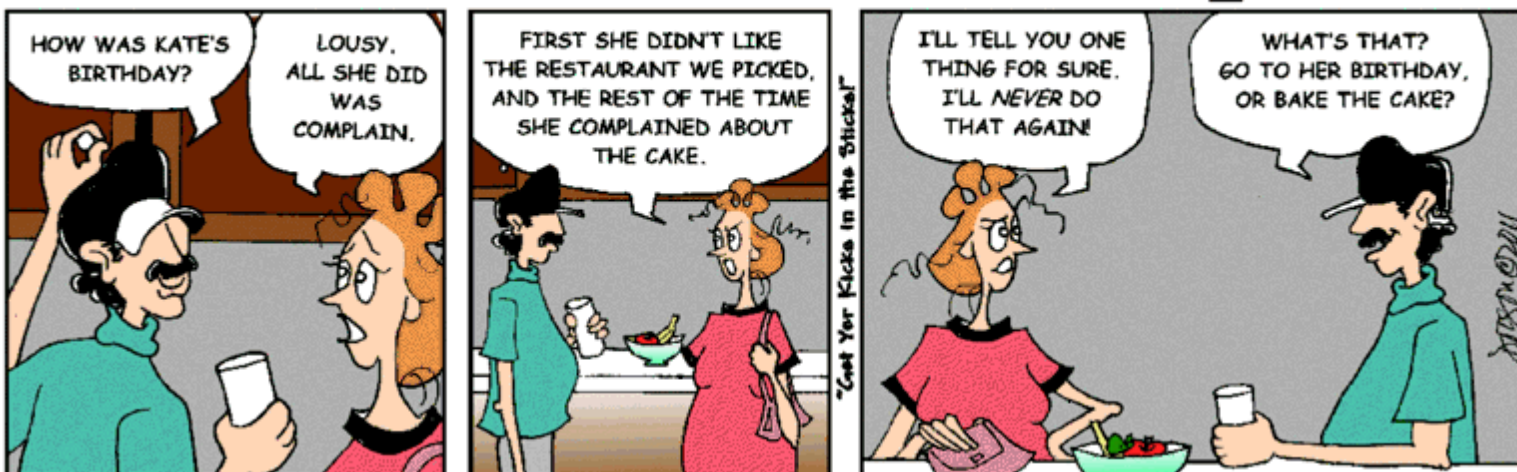
- The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.
- The trees are whistling for the dogs.
- The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
- Hot water now comes out of both taps.
- You can make sun tea instantly.
- You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
- The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.
- You discover that in July it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.
- You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
- You actually burn your hand opening the car door.
- You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 am.
- Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"
- You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.
- The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper. and of course sour cream, diced onions and a few serving spoons of chili.
- Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.
- The cows are giving evaporated milk.

STAY COOL!



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## Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

### Getting out more -

Welcome back to my little epistle. Just wanted you to know that the Old Man is doing much better. He has been getting out and going places and doing things. It has been a dull Summer for me because I usually go with him, but since most of his Summer he has not gone anywhere neither have I.

Let's see...we went to a 4-H banquet a few nights ago. Old Man got to visit with several friends he has not seen in quite a while. One of the young men he visited used to sing with Old Man in the barbershop chorus. The young man had a beautiful tenor voice. He is now doing graduate work in college. How the time flies.

Another family at the banquet has three daughter. They have all taken part in 4-H activities. Over the years it was the two oldest girls who were always winning awards for their work and the youngest was just there to help honour her older sisters. Well, this time the oldest girl was not at the banquet. The middle girl was there to honour her youngest sister, and the baby we have watched won many awards. It is now her time to star in the show.

Now to change the subject a little. I just noticed something. The software we use to write and edit these pages is from England. We like it because it is very economical (about 1/10 what the same would cost from the US.) and does a very good job. I just found a little problem and will let you watch to see if you can catch when it happens. I just ran a "spell check" on something I have written. It came back with a correction. It changed the spelling from American English to British English. As an example, in American English the word "neighbor" is spelled without the extra "u" while in British English it is spelled "neighbour." So now, without telling you, see if you can find where I accepted the British spelling over the American. Now prizes, just fun.

See you next time. Bye for now.





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items and our monthly specials.  
Monday - Friday 8am - 5:30pm Rob Hunt  
Saturday 9am - 1pm 903-546-0024

**WALDO FUNERAL  
HOME**  
619 N. Travis - Sherman  
903-893-1101

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Grayson County Special Education Cooperative purposes to destroy all out of date special education records contained in eligibility folders of students who were served by the Co-op from June 2003 to June 2004 and have been dismissed or graduated.

Parents of former special education students or students themselves, who are now age 18 or over should notify Christy Nolen at 903-696-0015 or at 100 West Pecan, Gunter, Texas 75058, before August 31, 2011, if they would prefer to keep a copy of their records. The records may include referral information, classroom observation data, test protocols, committee minutes and individual plans.

These records are no longer needed to provide educational services to the student.

However, they may be needed by the student or parents for social security benefits or other purposes.

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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

