

Happy Labor Day

August 29, 2013

*We are back after a few days vacation
and hope you had some great days of
vacation this Summer.*



Ghost Ranch

Austin College Art Exhibit



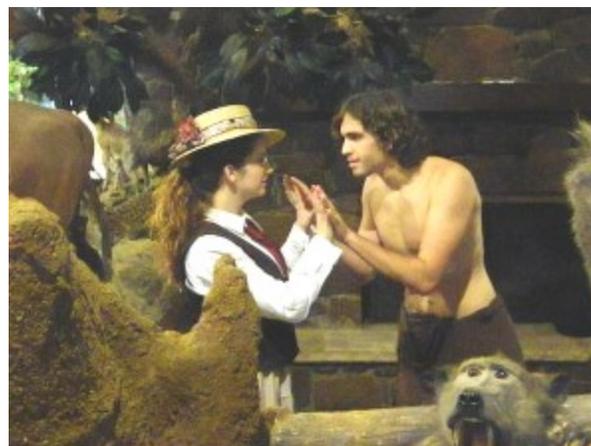
School Night for Scouting



Lucy Williams Honored



Youngest Elite Angler



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Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

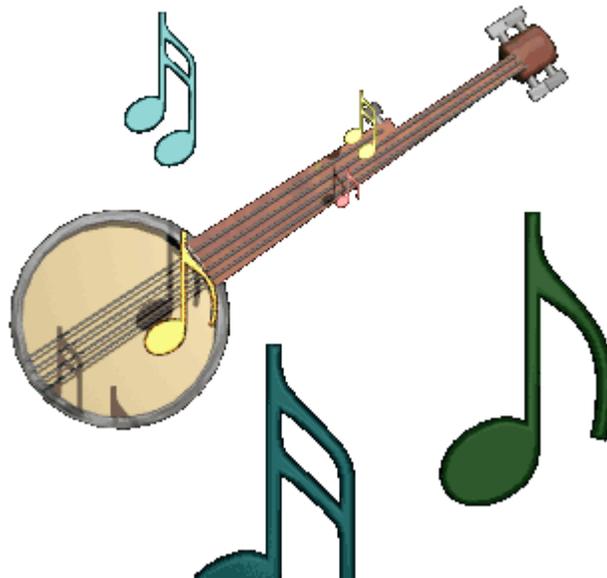
“Bluegrass Day” this month is September 7th. A bluegrass jam begins at 5 pm on the first Saturday of the month. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses. For those staying for the show, we have scheduled an open mic at 6:30 pm. It is a good opportunity to get some stage experience. Our regular show will then begin at 7 pm.

We welcome Grass Notes to our stage this month. Larry Shoemaker plays the banjo and sings. His wife, Jerry, plays the bass. Daughter, Kristi McElheney, plays the guitar and sings. Son-in-law, Walter McElheney plays the mandolin and joins in singing. Grand daughter Rebecca McElheney has joined the band as a singer. Johnnie Luckie provides the fiddle music. This is an energetic band and they will play two sets. Don't miss it!

Admission for the 7 pm show is \$7 per adult with children under 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

The doors and concession area will be open at 6 pm, with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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. Persons interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>. (“Like” us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and (www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com))



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What's Happening?

September 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Sherman Arts Fest
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Dale's Birthday					

This calendar is new to the Texoma Enterprise. It is our intent to include National Holidays, local events, and birthdays/anniversaries. If you wish to include an event please let us know. Email lanarideout@cablone.net with your information.



Capitol Watch
By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week's column will be the first in a series outlining the proposed constitutional amendments on which Texas voters will decide on November 5. These amendments were joint resolutions that were passed during the recent legislative session; however, because they change the Texas Constitution, they need state-wide voter approval before they can take effect. I will be providing information about the proposals in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. This information is taken from a report by the House Research Organization, a nonpartisan agency that provides information to the legislature.

Amendment No. 1 (H.J.R. 62)

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.

The proposed amendment authorizes the legislature to grant a property, or "ad valorem," tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action for all or part of the market value of their residence homestead. The amendment also provides that if a person who receives such an exemption subsequently qualifies a different property as a residence homestead, the surviving spouse is entitled to an exemption for the new home in an amount equal to the exemption received for the first homestead. Surviving spouses would only be eligible for the exemption if they have not remarried since the service member's death. The proposed amendment applies only to a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

Supporters say the surviving spouses of service members killed in action are as deserving as the surviving spouses of totally disabled service members, who were extended a property tax exemption just two years ago. Existing benefits for military widows and widowers can be inadequate, particularly for a newly-single parent. Although the cost of the exemption would be borne in part by local governments with taxing jurisdiction, the amendment would have only a small effect on individual local governments given the relatively small number of eligible surviving spouses and the average amount of Texas homeowner's property tax bill. While the effect on local governments would be small, the tax exemption would provide meaningful relief at a critical time of need.

Opponents have raised questions about the fiscal effect on local governments and whether the exemption would encourage surviving spouses in other states to move to Texas. There is also concern that the proposed amendment excludes other deserving populations and that if the legislature continues to expand the categories of property owners who receive property tax exemptions, local governments may have to raise property taxes on other property owners in order to generate the same amount of revenue.

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Amendment No. 2 (H.J.R. 79)

The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.

House Joint Resolution 79 carries out a decades-old recommendation by the Sunset Advisory Commission and the Legislative Budget Board to repeal a now-obsolete constitutional provision added in 1952 that required the legislature to create a State Medical Education Board (SMEB), establish a fund, and make appropriations to that fund to be used by that board to provide grants, loans, or scholarships directly to medical students who agree to practice medicine in rural areas of this state. The board was not created until 1973 and, once created, was largely ineffective in serving its purpose of attracting physicians to serve in medically underserved communities. Due to its ineffectiveness, the board has not received state appropriations or issued new loans for more than 20 years, and the legislature has since enacted more effective methods of attracting physicians to serve in rural Texas.

Lawmakers and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) now use loan repayment programs instead of direct loans to medical students as their primary method of attracting physicians to practice in rural Texas. These programs help already licensed physicians retire their student-loan debt through annual payments in return for practicing in rural and medically underserved parts of the state. Unlike current programs, the SMEB loan-issuance programs often paid to educate students who never honored their agreement to practice in rural Texas. Many of the loans issued by the SMEB have gone into default and have been deemed uncollectable, leaving taxpayers on the hook.

In an ongoing effort to remove unnecessary provisions from the Texas Constitution, H.J.R. 79 removes the requirement for the defunct medical education board and its related fund. Supporters of the proposed amendment say it would afford an opportunity to shrink state government by eliminating an obsolete governmental office, streamlining the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and simplifying an ever-expanding state constitution. The objectives and functions of the State Medical Education Board are now accomplished by other more effective means.

There has been no documented opposition to this amendment.

You can view a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments with analyses online at www.hro.house.state.tx.us. For more information regarding these propositions, you can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.





Psalm 28:1-9 (BBE)

¹ My cry goes up to you, O Lord, my Rock; do not keep back your answer from me, so that I may not become like those who go down into the underworld.

² Give ear to the voice of my prayer, when I am crying to you, when my hands are lifted up to your holy place.

³ Do not take me away with the sinners and the workers of evil, who say words of peace to their neighbours, but evil is in their hearts.

⁴ Give them the right reward of their acts, and of their evil doings: give them punishment for the works of their hands, let them have their full reward.

⁵ Because they have no respect for the works of the Lord, or for the things which his hands have made, they will be broken down and not lifted up by him.

⁶ May the Lord be praised, because he has given ear to the voice of my prayer.

⁷ The Lord is my strength and my breastplate, my heart had faith in him and I am helped; for this cause my heart is full of rapture, and I will give him praise in my song.

⁸ The Lord is their strength, and a strong place of salvation for his king.

⁹ Be a saviour to your people, and send a blessing on your heritage: be their guide, and let them be lifted up for ever.



Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning at 9:00am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes of all ages at 9:30. Worship is to begin 10:30. D'Anna Lodge will be leading worship service.

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

Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus is a class for all the kids from ages 2-10 years old. They meet each Sunday morning during worship time. The children learn Bible stories and take a journey on Rt 66 to learn the books of the bible.

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

The Lords Supper is celebrated each Sunday during worship service. The church is part of the "One Movement".

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 David Ellis @ 903-815-1333 or Mike Ball @ 903-271-1870.

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 9:00am and worship at 10:00am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6:00pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have bible classes for all ages beginning at 7:00pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX..

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

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

"God is Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

If you need to contact me my telephone number is 903-624-2635.

Area Churches

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
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
VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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

More Church Page



How Can I?

Barry Newton recalls a phone conversation...

The phone rang. On the other end was a familiar voice just beyond recognition. Then as he launched into asking, "How do I forgive myself?" I suddenly recalled his name and history.

"How can I forgive myself when I have wasted so many decades?"

Before I could even gather my thoughts he blurted out his current crisis. Even though his speech was not slurred, a slight bit of probing revealed what I feared. Alcohol was involved.

I've heard the ache and seen in people's eyes the pain arising from decades of destructive decisions.

The same satanic mantras tend to dominate those struggling with forgiving themselves:

"There is no hope for me!"

"God doesn't want me, I've done too much."

"I can't be forgiven."

"I will never be able to forgive myself."

Can a new future exist devoid of dragging along self-recrimination for past failures? *

Thanks be to God, the answer to that last question is "Yes!"

The Good News (the Gospel) is that although each and every person has sinned and continues to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), God still loves us. He loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Newton affirms: "As horrible and destructive as sin is, HOPE exists! Forgiveness is possible because Jesus' death can overcome sin's poison."

"In Him [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins" (Ephesians 1:7). Yes, we have sinned. We all have. But the blood of Jesus is greater than our sin.

Jesus will save those who place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Newton declares: "Those who have relied upon Christ, must refuse to listen to how Satan would drag up the past to condemn what God has forgiven."

Won't YOU submit to the Savior so that you may have forgiveness and receive the gift of eternal life?

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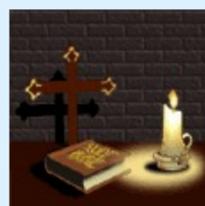
* Barry Newton, "Forgiving Self," in Forthright Magazine --
<http://forthright.net/2013/08/07/forgiving-self/>

Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and accessed from our website at: www.creekwoodcc.org

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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





Photography Exhibit Highlights Ghost Ranch Landscapes

SHERMAN, TEXAS—The Austin College Department of Art and Art History presents the photography of Kent Bowser in the exhibit “Ghost Ranch in Black and White” September 2 through November 8 in Ida Green Gallery of Ida Green Communication Center (1201 East Brockett Street). The exhibit, open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is free and open to the public.

A resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Bowser has taught landscape photography throughout the year at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico since 1991. “The Southwest desert has deeply attracted me and has been a primary subject since 1977,” Bowser said. His courses include composition along with camera and darkroom skills.

Several Austin College students travel to Ghost Ranch every January Term to participate in a variety of courses offered there. In 2014, Bowser’s course is “Photography in the Desert — Going Retro: In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams (Literally).”

Ghost Ranch was the location of a series of 1937 Ansel Adams photographs, as well as the former home of painter Georgia O’Keeffe.

Bowser’s passion for photography began after earning a bachelor’s degree in the history of art from The Ohio State University in 1971. He returned to the university a few years later, earning another bachelor’s degree and a master’s degrees in photography, completing a thesis on 19th century American post-modern photography. He served as a graduate teaching associate, teaching several courses in photography during that time. He spent five years as a lecturer in photography at Denison University in Ohio and has worked as a freelance photographer since 1989, continuing to teach a number of photography courses, including several at the University of Mexico. He also has directed many photography workshops.

Bowser’s work has been exhibited widely throughout the U.S., and his prints have been included in several art publications and calendars. In addition, he has presented many solo exhibitions and received several awards for his work. Also, the Bienen Library at Yale University acquired 50 prints of the Bisti Badlands in 2009 for its research collection.

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*](#).



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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 23rd year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Grandkids singing at the Elves Christmas Tree Farm, 2007



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



By Dorothy N. Fowler

My students were almost 99 percent in favor of English only statutes that require government documents be printed only in English and that limit access to English-as-a-second language instruction at public expense.

They wanted people who live in the United States to speak “pure English.” I told them I would support their movement when they both spoke and wrote “pure English,” knowing full well that I would never have to make good on my promise.

In the first place, even though they were in honors English classes, honors math and science classes, and honors government and economics, only rarely could any one of them write a paper free of error. Some of them made spoken errors that had the same effect on my ears as a fingernail on a blackboard has.

“You see them things over there?” or “I seen that last year,” or “He done that wrong,” were among the least objectionable verbal assaults. Those errors, however, they might have eventually corrected, but there is a second impediment to speaking “pure English.”

That obstacle is that “there ain’t no such animal” as “pure English.”

Banana is a West African word. Other African words include bogus, boogie, chigger, chimpanzee, jive, jazz and mojo.

The Arabs contributed not only our number system, but also algebra, algorithm and assassin. Berserk originated in Old Iceland, cantaloupe and chapel in Italy, chocolate and lettuce in Spain.

Australians gave us kangaroo and koala, Afrikaaners provided aardvark and meerkat. The Chinese provided tea and chop suey, the Dutch, bamboo, berm, bicker, blare, block, blow, boom and cookie.

Germans provided bundt cake, frankfurter and wiener, gummi bear, lager, sauerkraut, and spritzer.

Native Americans talked of caribou, chipmunks, Eskimos, hickory and hominy.

Thousands of words Americans use every day entered American English—and British English—from the languages spoken by immigrants and by merchants and adventurers who brought the words they heard home from their travels.

“Awww, Ms. Fowler, you know what we mean,” students said after a review of “pure English.”

“Indeed, I do,” I said. “But why don’t you define it better for me so there won’t be any mistake.”

Only the most diehard KKK member, white supremacist, bigot wanted to put into words “what we mean,” and most of my students had never thought of themselves as either white supremacists or bigots. They were all horrified by the KKK.

Now it happens that I love the English language with all its peculiar difficulties and I think everyone who intends to live in the United States should learn to speak English, just as I would expect to learn to speak German if I intended to live in Germany. My conviction about speaking the language of the country in which you reside is based on my desire to communicate clearly with the people with whom I live. Communication is a two way street: I speak, you hear and understand. You speak and I hear and understand.

If I want newcomers to the United States to be able to communicate with me, I want to gently encourage them to make the effort to learn English and I need to make the opportunities for them to do so readily available.

That is a concept that is almost simple enough for anyone to understand.



Dear editor,

Regardless of what certain people think, the convicted transgendered Army soldier who now goes by the name Chelsea Manning should be allowed to receive hormone therapy while in prison. If Manning is denied such treatment, she would be relegated to second-class citizenship within the prison population. And since every inmate is legally entitled to medical care behind bars, it is only right that the Army provides Manning the care that she needs to properly transition into womanhood.

A.J. Chilson,
Princeton, Texas

Cornyn Responds to President's New Unilateral Gun Control Effort

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement responding to [new planned gun control efforts](#) by the Obama Administration:

“The President’s end-around Congress to impose new gun control measures flies in the face of Texans and the American people, and is particularly troubling given that *the laws currently on the books are so woefully unenforced.*”

“Any effort to address gun violence must go through Congress and be aimed at the root causes of the problem, not through symbolic gestures.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee’s Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Cornyn Statement on Syria

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement responding to reports of possible U.S. military action in Syria:

“Before any action is taken regarding Syria, it is imperative that President Obama make the case to the American people and consult with Congress. He needs to explain what vital national interests are at stake and should put forth a detailed plan with clear objectives and an estimated cost for achieving those objectives.”

Cornyn Statement on Fort Hood Verdict

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after Maj. Nidal Hasan was found guilty in conjunction with the Fort Hood shooting that killed 13 and injured over 30 others.

“The victims and families have had to wait for far too long for today’s decision, but I hope they can take some relief in today’s outcome as they and the entire Fort Hood community continues to grieve.

“Fort Hood has long been a source of pride for all Texans, and the heroes who put themselves in harm’s way on that fateful day deserve to be recognized for their sacrifice whether overseas or at home.

“We must turn our attention to ensuring that the victims of this horrible tragedy and their families receive the full honors and benefits bestowed upon soldiers who are wounded or killed in overseas



On School Accountability, Reauthorize Don't Neutralize

By Kerri Briggs

Twelve years ago, in an act of bipartisanship that now seems impossible to imagine, the Senate and House passed historic legislation reforming American education. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) bill was championed by President George W. Bush and supported by a nine-to-one ratio, including votes from Democrats Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, and the late Ted Kennedy, as well as Republicans Mitch McConnell and John Boehner. NCLB was the latest iteration of a national commitment to provide a better education for our nation's children.

NCLB was transformative for schools and life-changing for students, particularly poor and minority students, whose achievement increased. It set national goals for America's schools. It required states to test students' knowledge of reading and math annually, and expected that all students would be at grade level in these subjects by 2014. And, when schools didn't make enough progress towards meeting that ambitious goal, there were funding changes and opportunities for students to get immediate help.

NCLB marked the beginning of a new era of accountability in American education. It was an ambitious attempt to jumpstart student achievement within a global economy, and much needed given decades of stagnant achievement.

NCLB is also not perfect - no legislation ever is. There is clear interest in updating the law. Three different proposals for new legislation are under discussion in the House and Senate. And, 39 states and DC have designed new systems by receiving waivers from the Education Department. These actions could be promising developments. Instead, the actions are jeopardizing and potentially neutralizing the foundational principles of accountability.

These waiver-based systems exempt public schools from accountability standards that took decades to establish. Never before has such an important piece of legislation, with such broad and deep bipartisan backing, been so swiftly dismantled. If this trend isn't redirected, our public education system could suffer an unnecessary setback in the effort to improve student performance.

It's no secret that America's students lag far behind those of many other developed nations. The George W. Bush Institute recently released a "Global Report Card" providing a district-by-district account of how American students stack up against their counterparts abroad. The results show just how far we need to go.

Just take Portland, Oregon, a state that received a waiver. Portland has an international mathematics score of 47 percent. That means that more than half the students in the international group perform better than the average Portland student. If you limit that comparison to Portland's closest international competitor, the Canadians do even better.

These poor results were corroborated in two reports released in December by the National Center for Education Statistics. According to those studies, U.S. students ranked well below countries like Singapore in science. Countries such as Russia and Hong Kong, meanwhile, bested us in eighth-grade reading.

Oddly, as our international performance stagnates with some schools failing to live up to the goals set by NCLB, the response by the federal government and some states has been to lower expectations and lessen accountability.

Each state receiving a waiver or hoping for a more relaxed accountability system in a waiver or new law still has students - more than a few - who cannot read as well as their peers and struggle to master math.

The negative impact wrought by waivers can't be overstated. A dangerous precedent is being set: if you can't live up to agreed-upon standards, you get a pass. And, while most congressional watchers do not expect the current proposals to make it to the President's desk, some proposals focus on the wrong issues - control instead of achievement, minutia instead of high expectations. How can meaningful education reform ever take hold if teachers and administrators don't believe meaningful federal policies will actually be enforced?

In this current environment, there are foreboding signs. Eleven states are not meeting the most basic graduation rate reporting requirements, according to a new report from the Alliance for Excellent Education.

We have examples of states dramatically relaxing educational standards in response to the waiver opportunity. In Wisconsin, for instance, a mere 50 percent of students will be required to read at grade level by 2017.

Lawmakers should act and move to improve NCLB. Recognizing its flaws and acting to rectify them is a far more responsible course of action than nullifying the policy's most crucial components and putting our children at greater risk.

Preserving a strong system of comprehensive accountability in American schools is a national imperative.

The global economy grows fiercer by the day. Our students need to be equipped with the high quality education they'll need to land the jobs of the future. Lowering expectations, waiving expectations, and fighting for control takes this country back to the days before accountability. Allowing schools and educators to continue to fail to meet even basic achievement expectations is not what has made this country great and is not the pathway to a better future.

Our students deserve better.

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Cornyn Op-Ed: Voter ID Protects Voter Equality

‘We deserve not to be insulted by a Justice Department committed to scoring cheap political points.’

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) authored the following op-ed<<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/opinion/cornyn-voter-id-protects-voter-equality/nZHXB/>> today in the Austin American-Statesman:

Voter ID Protects Voter Equality

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Austin American-Statesman

August 8, 2013

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/opinion/cornyn-voter-id-protects-voter-equality/nZHXB/>

In June, the Supreme Court held that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act was unconstitutional. The provision, which determined the states and jurisdictions that would have to ask the Justice Department for permission to implement any voting law, was based on outdated data from the 1960s and ‘70s. The data came from an era of obscene racial discrimination that bears little resemblance to the reality of today. In the intervening years, Texas and other states have repudiated that sad and unjust era, and made great strides towards voter equality. In today’s America, access to voting booths and voting information is broad and not subject to discrimination.

So the question must be asked: Why are President Barack Obama and his Attorney General, Eric Holder, so upset about this decision? The answer is as simple as it is disturbing: partisan politics.

Section 4 determined which states were subject to “preclearance,” a procedure under which Texas - and other covered jurisdictions - had to seek permission for any change to voting law. Until the Supreme Court struck down Section 4 as unconstitutional, Texas needed permission from the Justice Department to implement even a change in a polling place. That arrangement was good for Eric Holder.

Take voter ID as an example. In 2011, Texas adopted a commonsense voter ID law. It requires voters to present one of a number of approved forms of photo ID at the polling place, just like you have to do to buy beer or get on a plane. The state offers voter ID cards free of charge. And the law allows voters unable to present a valid photo ID to cast a provisional ballot and return within a week with proper identification. It even makes exceptions for people who have a religious objection to being photographed or lost their ID as a result of a recent national disaster.

The law is reasonable, and it is popular. Protecting the integrity of the voting process is something that benefits everyone. The Supreme Court has held that voter ID laws are constitutional. But Section 4 subjected Texas to preclearance, giving Hoder the ability to block Texas from implementing the law - which he did.

After the Supreme Court struck down Section 4, the Justice Department wasted no time announcing that it would file a lawsuit in federal court demanding that preclearance be reinstated over Texas under a rarely used provision of the Voting Rights Act. The Justice Department accused the State of Texas of “intentional discrimination” against minority voters.

That accusation is offensive, has no real basis, and will not stand up in court. It will come as no surprise to Texans that if Section 4 had been updated to rely on current data, Texas would no longer be subject to the preclearance requirement.

And consider the current facts on voter turnout: According to a Census Bureau report, 68.2 percent of registered Hispanic voters in Texas went to the polls in the 2000 general election. By 2012, with an additional 747,000 Hispanic Texans on the electoral roll, the rate had risen to 71.2 percent. Meanwhile, the rate for African-American Texans rose to over 86 percent in the same period - the highest among all racial groups tracked in the Census Bureau report.

Unfortunately, these facts mean little to a politicized Justice Department bent on inserting itself into the sovereign affairs of Texas. As Texans, we reject the notion that the federal government knows what’s best for us. We deserve the freedom to make our own laws and we deserve not to be insulted by a Justice Department committed to scoring cheap political points.

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee’s Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Hall Votes To Keep IRS Out Of Americans’ Health Care

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Today, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) voted in favor of H.R. 2009, Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013. The bill, which passed 232-185, prohibits the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from implementing or enforcing any provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as “Obamacare.”

“The American people should be able to have the freedom to choose their own doctors and be in control of their own personal health care decisions,” said Hall. “Today’s vote is another effort to prevent the implementation of ‘Obamacare,’ a bad law that limits freedom of choice, increases health care costs, decreases quality of care, and hurts jobs.”

“Opposition to ‘Obamacare’ remains strong across the country,” Hall continued. “Even the President, with the recent decision to delay the employer mandate, recognizes his law is flawed.”

“We must provide fairness and protection for all Americans – not just employers – and the most responsible way to do this would be a full repeal of ‘Obamacare.’ I will continue to support legislation that respects the American people and work to postpone, prevent, and repeal as much of this bad health care law as possible.”

To read Rep. Hall’s press release on bills to delay both the employer and individual mandate, [CLICK HERE](http://ralphhall.house.gov/press-releases/hall-votes-to-delay-obamacare-mandates-for-employers-and-families/)<<http://ralphhall.house.gov/press-releases/hall-votes-to-delay-obamacare-mandates-for-employers-and-families/>>.





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Should You Prepare a Medicaid Application Yourself?

Whether you should prepare and file a Medicaid application by yourself or should hire help depends on answers to the following questions:

How old is the applicant?

How complicated is the applicant's financial situation?

Is the individual applying for community or nursing home benefits?

How much time do you have available?

How organized are you?

Medicaid is the health care program for individuals who do not have another form of insurance or whose insurance does not cover what they need, such as long-term care. Many people rely on Medicaid for assistance in paying for care at home or in nursing homes.

For people under age 65 and not in need of long-term care, eligibility is based largely on income and the application process is not very complicated. Most people can apply on their own without assistance.

Matters get a bit more complicated for applicants age 65 and above and especially for those of any age who need nursing home or other long-term care coverage. In these cases, availing yourself of the services of an attorney is practically essential.

Medicaid applicants over age 65 are limited to \$2,000 in countable assets (in most states). It's possible to transfer assets over this amount in order to become eligible, but seniors need to be careful in doing so because they may need the funds in the future and if they move to a nursing home, the transfer could make them ineligible for benefits for five years. Professional advice is also crucial because there is a confusing array of different Medicaid programs that may be of assistance in providing home care, each with its own rules.

All of that said, the application process itself is not so complicated for community benefits (care that takes place outside of an institutional setting, such as in the beneficiary's home). In short, those over 65 in many cases will need to consult with an elder law attorney for planning purposes, but they or their families may be able to prepare and submit the Medicaid application themselves.

But submitting an application for nursing home benefits without an attorney's help is not a good idea. This is because Medicaid officials subject such applications to enhanced scrutiny, requiring up to five years of financial records and documentation of every fact. Any unexplained expense may be treated as a disqualifying transfer of assets, and many planning steps -- such as trusts, transfers to family members, and family care agreements -- are viewed as suspect unless properly explained. Finally, the process generally takes several months as Medicaid keeps asking questions and demanding further documentation for the answers provided.

Many elder law attorneys offer assistance with Medicaid applications as part of their services. This has several advantages, including expert advice on how best to qualify for benefits as early as possible, experience in dealing with the more difficult eligibility questions that often arise, and a high level of service through a long, grueling process. The one drawback of using an attorney rather than a lay service is that the fee is typically substantially higher. However, given the high cost of nursing homes, if the law firm's assistance can accelerate eligibility by even one month that will generally cover the fee. In addition, the payments to the attorney are generally with funds that would otherwise be paid to the nursing home -- in other words, the funds will have to be spent in any event, whether for nursing home or for legal fees.



Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club

Maggie Goodman of Southlake has been named September photographer of the month by Friends of Hagerman. A virtual album of 12 of her photographs taken at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge will be featured throughout September at www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery.

Goodman is a sophomore at University of Alabama, majoring in chemical engineering, and has always been interested in photography.

"I used to chase my mother's cats around the back yard with a camera, telling them to give me 'cattitude.' Now I chase birds and other wildlife, with the addition of my other pets (horses, chickens, a dog, and, yes cats)," says Goodman.

Goodman began volunteering at the refuge with her mother as part of a program at her school called Success Scholars.

"I love the natural beauty of Hagerman and the peaceful serenity it offers, be it a drive or a hike," says Goodman who uses a Nikon D5000.

Photography is one of the most popular activities at Hagerman and the Friends offer a number of photo activities. Entries for the fourth annual Hagerman NWR photo contest are being accepted through September 6. The next bimonthly meeting of the Nature Photography club will be at 12:30 pm, September 14 in the audio visual classroom at the refuge. John Mead, Blue Lion Photography, will be the speaker for the meeting, which is open to anyone interested in nature photography.

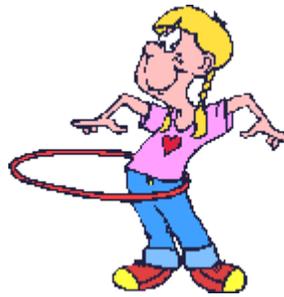
For more information, send an email to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.



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School Night for scouting will be held Thursday, September 5 from 6pm until 8pm at the Howe Middle School cafeteria. Boy Scouts age 5th grade through High School, Cub Scouts 1st grade through 5th grade and Girl Scouts kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to come by and sign up for these programs.



Men Are Just Happier People --

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NICKNAMES

- If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.
- If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

EATING OUT

- When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$42.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.
- When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

MONEY

- A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.
- A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

BATHROOMS

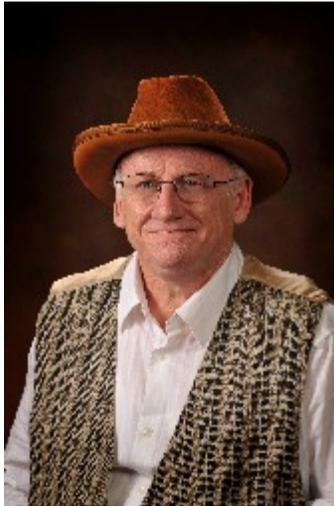
- A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.
- The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

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LET'S REMINISCE: LEARNING HOW TO BEHAVE IN SCHOOL

By Jerry Lincecum

As I received notes from readers of this column about First Grade memories and discussed the topic with a group of ladies in Van Alstyne, one common theme was bullying. Although there is now a lot of emphasis on avoiding this kind of behavior, back in the 1940s and 50s, neither teachers nor pupils thought much about it.

One email I received told this story: "We had a bully in my first grade class (in 1947). He was the biggest kid in the class and loved to punch me and the other boys when he thought our teachers weren't looking. He was wrong. They noticed the abuse.

"One morning we were lined-up after recess going back into the building and Mrs. D-- had her back turned as the boy gave me a punch in the arm. I gave him a shove and he landed in a mud puddle next to the sidewalk.

"Neither my teacher or principal ever said anything to me about this incident. The bully's family moved him to a new school and I never saw him again. I have always wondered how this bully's life turned out."

Girls can be bullies. As I talked with older ladies, they mentioned a couple of ways that elementary age girls could be abusive. One person recalled a classmate who was both verbally and physically abusive. On one occasion the bully took this girl's sack lunch and smashed it hard enough to make it inedible.

As for girls mistreating boys, one lady told us how she and her "partner in crime" (another girl with the same first name) teamed up to make a fellow student miserable by chasing him all over the playground. Whenever they had recess or unsupervised recreation outdoors, he could not escape them.

Another common theme in these stories was the influence of teachers—mostly good, but occasionally terrible, like the one who badgered a child with a speech impediment that kept her from pronouncing her last name correctly. Many of us were painfully shy when we entered school, and the teachers we remember knew how to help us get over that.

We also needed to learn how to move beyond literal thinking. Here's an illustration: One kindergarten teacher spent time discussing her children's home addresses and what those numbers and street names meant.

However, she had one student whose address was a P.O. box, and she wrote his name on the board like this: "Joe Smith, Box 59, Jewett, TX 75846."

A few days later, the mother of another student came to her and said, "I want to do something for the homeless child in your class."

"But I don't have a homeless child."

"Well, my son Billy came home telling me about Joe who lives in a box."

Her son hadn't yet got beyond literal thinking. For some, this lesson is hard to learn. I saw this in a college course where students read Jonathan Swift's satire, "A Modest Proposal." The speaker in that story suggests that poor Irish families ought to sell their babies to wealthy English people to be eaten as a dainty dish.

Swift presents this idea ironically, so that most readers can tell he is using sarcasm to attack England for exploiting the Irish. But I had one student who could not get beyond the literal idea. As a sophomore in college she had not yet learned to think abstractly.

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Keatyn Eitelman of Pottsboro caught this 16.5-inch white bass from Lake Texoma on December 2, 2012, the second fish of five he needed to achieve Elite Angler status.

Eleven-year-old Is State's Youngest Elite Angler

ATHENS--Keatyn Eitelman of Pottsboro became Texas' 25th Elite Freshwater Angler—and the state's youngest—on August 2, 2013, less than two weeks before his eleventh birthday. He finished this task when he caught a 21.25-inch, 5.5-pound largemouth bass from Lake Texoma on July 23 and submitted it for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Big Fish Award.

An Elite Angler is a one-time achievement award for an angler who catches trophy-class fish of five different species. There are freshwater and saltwater categories. To be eligible, an angler must earn five freshwater or five saltwater Big Fish Awards. A Big Fish Award is given for a fish meeting or exceeding a minimum length for each species.

Keatyn began his quest on November 28, 2012, when he caught a blue catfish measuring 39.25 inches from Lake Texoma. Encouraged by his father, Nailen, Keatyn proceeded to collect Big Fish Awards from Lake Texoma for white bass (16.5 inches, December 2, 2012), smallmouth bass (18.5 inches, December 11, 2012), and his largemouth bass. He also caught a white crappie (18.25 inches) from Lake Fork on March 10, 2013.

TPWD offers many ways to be recognized as an angler: state and water body records by weight, catch and release records by length, First Fish Awards, Outstanding Angler, Big Fish Awards, and Elite Angler. Visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishrecords> for all the listings and an application. If you catch a fish you think qualifies, remember to take good pictures of the fish to aid in identification. If the award is based on length, one of the pictures must show the fish on a ruler. Don't forget to take pictures of yourself holding the fish, too.

Your local TPWD fisheries biologist will be happy to help you obtain forms, identify your catch and weigh it on a certified scale. Search for the biologist nearest you at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/management/biologist/>.

Some grocery stores will weigh fish for you, and bait shops or feed stores may have certified scales. Locations of certified scales can be found at <https://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/programs/fishrecords/scales.phtml>.

Official Toyota ShareLunker Program Weigh and Holding Stations also have certified scales; locations are listed at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/sharelunker/holding/>. The fish must be weighed within 3 days of the catch. However, weigh the fish as soon as possible to prevent any weight loss due to regurgitation or dehydration.



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Tarzan Meets Jane

Theatricks swings into action Friday, September 6 at 7 p.m. in the Honey McGee Playhouse with their 2013/2014 season opener musical TARZAN sponsored by Markl and Sons and Texoma Medical Center. This production will feature professional flying effects provided by ZFX and sponsored by Independent Bank, Nautilus Fitness Centers, Brian and Jessica Adams, Hampton Inn and Suites, and the Captain HT Hastings Foundation.

Based on Edgar Rice Burrough's "Tarzan of the Apes" and the smash-hit 1999 Disney animated film, TARZAN tells the story of an infant boy orphaned on the shores of West Africa. Taken in and raised by a tribe of gorillas, the young boy strives for acceptance by his ape father while grappling with his uniqueness. When a human expedition enters the territory, Tarzan--now a man--encounters strangers like himself for the first time.

The first-ever musical-stage version of TARZAN reached New York in May of 2006, the fourth of Disney's major Broadway productions (after BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, THE LION KING, AIDA) and the first to open in New York in six years. Disney's animated film of TARZAN won a Best Song Oscar (You'll Be in My Heart) for composer Phil Collins, and the stage version adds new material and incorporates elements from the original story by Mr. Burroughs.

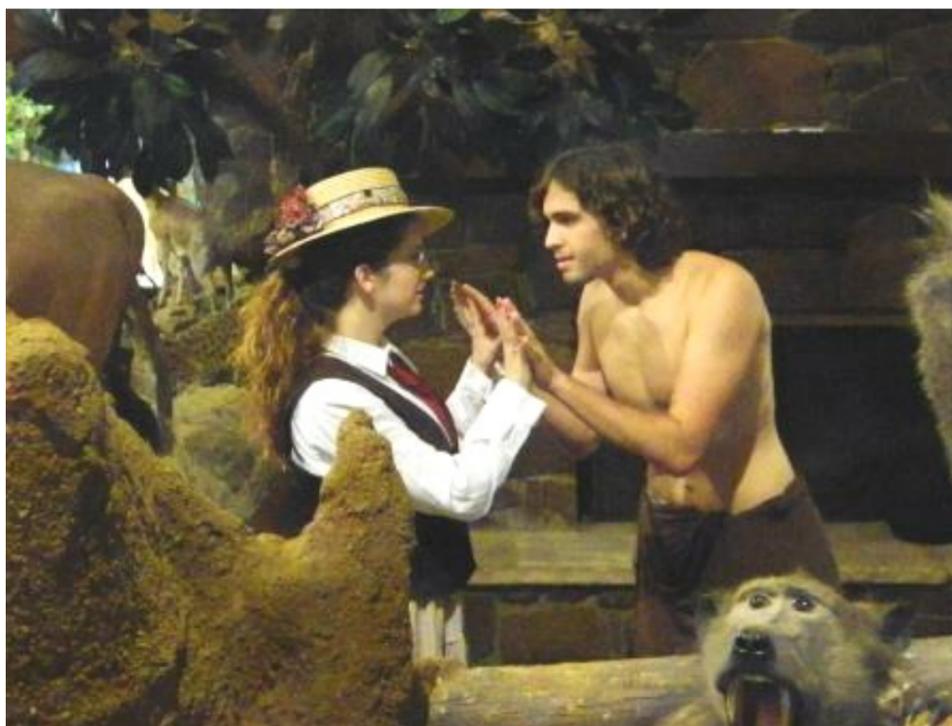
Theatricks Director Webster Crocker along with his artistic crew of Sylvia Rivers, Amy Wallace, and Fred Freeman has assembled a cast consisting of 21 with 18 in the chorus and 12 in the orchestra. For the past two months, the cast and crew of volunteers have been working well over 100 hours to prepare this musical for its opening on Friday, September 6. Many of these volunteers have been working tirelessly to create the uniquely made from scratch gorilla costumes for the tribe of 16, led by head costumers Shelley Anderson-Shurtleff and Tina Ross.

Playing the title role of Tarzan is Austin College student Jesse Baker, and the part of Jane is portrayed by SOSU student Kaela Ganz. Tarzan's gorilla parents are Diana Adair (Kala) and Nick Timmerman (Kerchak). Tarzan's biological parents are played by Drew Crocker (who also plays Clayton the jungle guide) and Emma Boswell (who also portrays a gorilla). Young Tarzan is Dylan Horton, and Jane's father, Porter, is Ken Kozak. Jesse Childress plays Tarzan's gorilla best friend Terk, and Jesse's sister Christina Childress represents the leopard, spider, as well as a gorilla.

The gorilla tribe consists of Hannah Sanza, Mia Wright, Kevin Gautier, Caleb Crocker, Avery Hall, Molly Brown, Luke Rostyne, Brittani Crocker, MacKenzie Kozak, Gracie Gardner, and Anna Nall. The cast is backed up by a chorus of singers consisting of Tana Payne, Nancy Cassidy, Leanne Duigan, Blake Rice, Jeff Sutton, Jamie, Sarah, and Marie Burditt, Elanor Goldsmith, Karah Smoot, Nikki and Emma Crocker, Heather Stewart, and Taylor Hunt.

Assisting backstage and as part of the expedition crew are Saul Wright, Bella Ortleigh-Guthrie, Logan Shurtleff, Emilia and Lillian Gunnels, and Sarah McGinn. The lifters for the flyers are Tom Matthew Rawson, Ken and Josiah Kozak, and Ronnie Blankenship, led by flight captain Steven Mildward and ZFX technician Terry Nelson. Lighting designer is Lisa Miller and operator Matthew Maxwell. Sound technician is Jim Barnes and operator Andrew Hill, and projection designer is Saul Wright. Stage properties were gathered and created by Bella Ortleigh-Guthrie and Logan Shurtleff.

The box office for TARZAN opens Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Theatricks season members, and on Tuesday, September 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the general public. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students. Reservations can be made by calling the box office at [903-892-8818](tel:903-892-8818) or visiting the ticket window inside the Honey McGee Playhouse on 313 W. Mulberry St. in Sherman, TX. 2013/2014 season memberships are now on sale at the box office at \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$18 for students and includes: TARZAN, THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE, and WINNIE THE POOH.





Lucy William - Tom Bean's Finest

Lucy Williams was a pillar of the Tom Bean community & always stood up for what she thought was right. She was indeed Tom Bean's finest!

Private donations were collected this year to purchase TxDOT signs designating Hwy 11 from city limit to city limit as "Lucy Williams Memorial Highway". The Dedication Ceremony for the unveiling of the signs and donor plaque was held Saturday night,

August 24th at 6:00 in the Edwards Community Room at the 1st National Bank of Tom Bean.

First on the agenda was beautiful music by the Red River Valley Chorus group followed by a presentation of a bouquet of red roses to the chorus by great-granddaughter Alexis Paige Williams. Mayor Sherry E. Howard read the letter that she had received from Alexis back in May 2010 to name a freeway after Ms. Lucy.

On hand to help with the celebration was State Representative Larry Phillips and Robin McCoy, Regional Coordinator for Senator Craig Estes.

Catering was done by her sons and daughter-in-laws Ralph and Marion Williams and Joe and Kathy Williams. Refreshments were served by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Ms. Lucy at the event. David Ellis and David Harrison were both instrumental in helping the Mayor spearhead this project.

Testimonials from several people in attendance told of the awesome lady that Ms. Lucy was and how she impacted many people in the community throughout the many years. What a great honor is was to have the privilege of honoring a person in such a way as dedicating a highway in their name!!



