

# Texoma Enterprise

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August 30, 2012



4-H Banquet



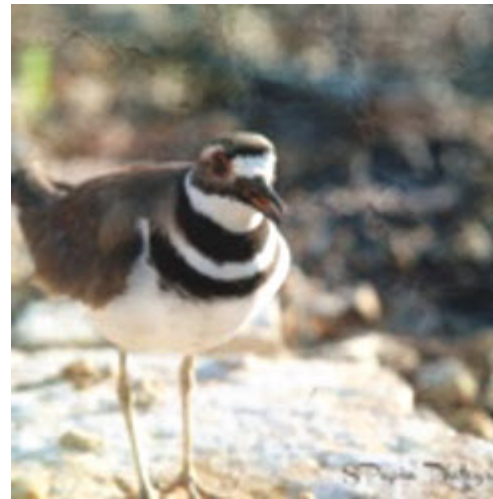
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## GC's PTK chapter begins new year with awards

Omicron Psi, Grayson College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), begins the 2012-2013 academic year fresh on the heels of another banner awards year. For the third year in a row, it was recognized as a Five-Star Level Chapter during the Texas Regional Convention for its activities and services projects. The chapter first achieved the level in 2010, after reaching that distinction in only one year.

"Chapter members complete an exhaustive system of about 50 benchmarks to achieve the rating," said Mary Linder, GC government professor and PTK adviser. "Chapter members go above and beyond in their service to Omicron Psi and the students of GC, and this achievement recognizes that."

GC graduates Shelly Alejandro of Whitewright and Cammie Casarez of Denison were inducted into the Texas Hall of Honors for Outstanding Members. Brad Turner was one of only five recipients of the Outstanding Friend of Texas Award, which is given to PTK supporters who are neither members nor advisers. Turner is the husband of chapter president, Katie Turner, Sadler sophomore.

Dr. Alan Scheibmeir, recently retired GC president, was inducted into the Hall of Honor for Chief Executive Officers. The award cites his outstanding efforts toward promoting the goals of PTK. Scheibmeir also received the Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding support provided to PTK over many years.

Omicron Psi won the Icarus Award, which is given for an Honors Study Topic event and the chapter's written essay detailing the goals, outcome and effects of the event. Additionally, the chapter's participation in both College Project and Honors in Action were recognized. It received the only Honors in Action Award of Distinction for the event, "Language and Communication." After researching the impact of texting and tweeting on the spoken and written language, the chapter hosted a panel discussion geared toward students. The event video is posted on the chapter's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/ptkomicronpsi>

"For the second year in a row, we reached a level 5 Pinnacle Award for chapter growth," Linder said. "We increased our membership by 25 percent."

Omicron Psi members aren't resting on their laurels; they are busy preparing for the next Honors in Action event, "Voter Turnout and the Impact of Negative Campaigning." A panel discussion will present on campus Oct. 9. The chapter's College Project also is under way as they focus on the importance of completing college credentials. The project explores the value of graduating with an associate's degree before transferring to a four-year university.

In addition to Turner, chapter officers are: Rob Czajkowski of Denison, first vice president; Mahawa Diakite of Sherman, vice president of special projects; Cheyene Guedea-Mills of Whitewright, recording secretary; and Sean Ruiz of Pottsboro, public relations officer. All of them are GC sophomores.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for students of two-year colleges. To become PTK members, students must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher

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## Musical Arts series begins September 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





## Howe's That *Recipe*

by Lana Rideout

Last week I told you about our vacation to Michigan earlier this month.

On both Sundays we attended church with Dale's sister, Carol and brother-in-law, Chuck. As Carol was introducing her brother, one young girl about 13 told Carol that she has a "cool brother" (since she liked Dale's Santa Claus beard). When Dale added that he has a red suit to go with it, she nodded and said, "Good idea.")

Dale's sister has a small dog named Peanut who likes to bark and get into a bit of trouble. I let the dog out just as a squirrel went across the deck and Peanut chased the squirrel away. He also likes to snatch napkins from your lap as you sit down to eat. He also picks up socks if you leave them unattended.



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### Chocolate Cream Cheese Brownies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, at room temperature  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup cocoa powder  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1/3 cup butter, at room temperature  
2 3-ounce packages cream cheese, at room temperature  
1/3 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
2 eggs  
3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease bottom and sides of an 9x13-inch pan or Pyrex dish.

With an electric mixer, cream the 1 cup butter and 2 cups sugar. Add 4 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add 2 teaspoons vanilla.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the 1-1/3 cups flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt. Gradually add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture, blending well. Stir in the pecans. Spread half of the mixture into the prepared baking pan.

Cream the 1/3 cup butter and cream cheese in a small bowl. Add 1/3 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons flour, blending well. Add 2 eggs and 3/4 teaspoon vanilla, and beat until batter is smooth.

Spread the cream cheese mixture carefully over the chocolate batter in the pan. Then carefully spread the remaining chocolate batter over the cream cheese mixture. Gently swirl a knife through the layers of batter for a marbled effect.

Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until brownies begin to pull away from the sides of the pan. Cool completely in pan before cutting into squares.

Makes about 24 brownies.

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## Howe City Council, Regular Meeting, August 21, 2012

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Dale Rideout, Georgia Richardson, Jack Leavenworth, Sam Haigis and Dennis Bozeman.

Jack Leavenworth gave the invocation.

Mayor Stanley led the pledges to the United States of America and Texas flags.

*CONSENT AGENDA* - Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Sam Haigis to approve the consent agenda which included financial reports for July, 2012 and the minutes of July 17, 2012 council meeting. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

### *CURRENT BUSINESS*

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Jack Leavenworth to propose tax rate of \$.6479 per \$100 of taxable value on the agenda of the council meeting on September 18, 2012 and to set the dates of September 4, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and September 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm for required public hearing on tax increase. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No – Sam Haigis.

Mr. J. Kenneth Griffin addressed the council on a sewer issue on his property on Farmington Street.

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Jack Leavenworth to authorize city staff to sell surplus vehicles:

- (1) 1986 GMC pickup truck
- (2) 1977 fire truck that has been converted to a water truck
- (3) 1996 Ford 250 pickup truck

Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Howe. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement between TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool and the City of Howe. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

## Vote in the Tax Ratification Election for Howe ISD

The students and future Howe ISD students need this! Howe ISD needs to remain competitive so our children and future students have a school system that they can be proud of - a great place for teachers and administration to work. As a community we should participate in helping support our school system. We need to maintain competitive salaries, campus supplies, technology needs, transportation upgrades, and facility improvements for our district. To do this, we need to VOTE YES at the Tax Ratification Election.

The average homestead in our district is valued at \$113,634, and the proposed increase would be approximately \$11.42 a month or \$137.15 per year. Please help this Tax Ratification Election pass, our tax increase is minimal when you look at the big picture. Taxpayers over the age of 65 whose taxes have been frozen would see no increase on their homestead.

Submitted by Sharla Ross

## Howe ISD Tax Ratification Election

### Early Voting

Aug. 22- Sept. 4, 2012, 8am to 4pm, HISD Administration Office

Aug. 23, 2012, Howe Middle School Gym, 5-8 pm

Aug. 31, 2012, Howe Football Stadium, 7-9 pm

### Election Day Voting

September 8, 2012

Howe ISD Administration Office and Dorchester City Hall, 7 am to 7 pm

For additional information regarding the TRE, visit [www.howeisd.net](http://www.howeisd.net) or school district offices.

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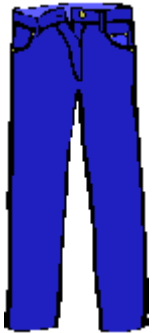
Fresh Cut Meat (never frozen),  
Complete line of groceries, Fishing  
Equipment & Bait, Great Beer & Wine  
selection.



## Two New Businesses in Tom Bean

Denim and Diamonds (corner of Britton and 902) and Texas Iceberg are both now open for business. Denim and Diamonds will be offering t-shirt screen printing, banners, bling jewelry, etc. and Texas Iceberg (corner of Garner and Britton) will be offering snow cones and then later hamburgers, breakfast tacos, etc. We are excited to have these new businesses in our town!! Welcome to Tom Bean!!

Posted on August 29th, 2012 by Mayor Sherry E. Howard





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

## Civil Air Patrol Cadet Honored With Milestone Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com) for more information.

## Civil Air Patrol Hosts Open House

DENISON, Texas - The Texoma Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will hold an Open House on Saturday, September 8 from 10am to 3pm at their squadron building located at North Texas Regional Airport in Denison.

The open house will feature demonstrations, presentations, and exhibits to educate visitors on how CAP supports youth and the local community, and how they can become involved. Activities scheduled include model rocket flights, a flight simulator allowing visitors to try their hand at flying, search and rescue demonstrations, equipment and uniform displays, tours of a CAP aircraft, and special activities just for kids. Adult members (ages 18 and up) and Cadets (ages 12-18) will be available to discuss CAP's history, missions and programs, and to answer any questions.

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

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## Hagerman reunion

POTTSBORO -- The annual Hagerman Reunion is set for Sept. 3, 11 am until 2 pm, at Hagerman Baptist Church in Pottsboro.

The gathering has been taken place for more than 60 years and is open to anyone with ties to the former Hagerman community, as well as those interested in its history. There will be articles and photographs to view.

Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share for the noon luncheon. Tea, coffee, plates and utensils will be furnished.

After lunch, the Hagerman Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting. All board members and anyone interested in the upkeep of the cemetery are encouraged to attend. Dues of \$10 are collected each year for the cemetery's upkeep and donations are appreciated. Dues and/or donations can be mailed to the Hagerman Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 208, Pottsboro, TX 75076 or can be paid at the reunion.

## Senior fishing festival

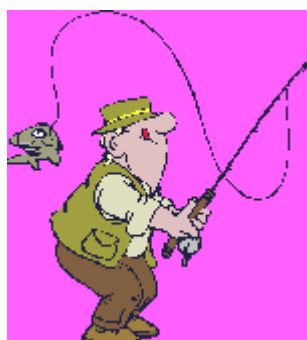
The 20th annual Tri-County Senior Fishing Festival will be held Sept. 21 at Waterloo Lake in Denison. The festival is open to persons age 50 and older who are residents of Grayson, Fannin or Cooke Counties.

Fishing will be from 8 am until 11 am, followed by lunch and prizes. Awards will be awarded for the biggest and smallest fish and for the most fish caught. There also will be casting contests for men and women.

The cost to compete in the festival is \$5 which will include lunch. The cost for lunch only will be \$3.

Event sponsors are Denison Parks and Recreation, the Sherman Senior Center, Texas Parks and Wildlife, a local health care agency and a health care center.

For more information or to register, contact the Sherman Senior Center at 903-893-7316 or Denison Parks and Recreation at 903-463-5116.



## Bark & Paws Saturday, Sept. 8 in Denison

Downtown Denison will be calling out the dogs on Saturday, September 8. Pet lovers are encouraged to bring their dogs for fun and games from 10 am until 4 pm. Heritage Park at Main and Burnett will be the center of activities. All dogs are required to register at this location, and the first 100 will receive an event dog tag.

Perhaps the funniest event will be the Wienie Dog Races. An obstacle course contest has been added new for this year as well as a retriever contest. The pet parade is certainly the most popular and colorful event. The theme is patriotic, and owners may even enter to win if they dress or look like their pets. Obedient dogs will get to follow their owner's command while others will show off their trick or talent. Other contests will be held for the biggest, littlest, ugliest, oldest, and one that traveled farthest.

The parade will travel from Forest Park to Heritage Park at 11. Parade Grand Marshal will be Luke Robinson, founder of 2 Million Dogs and the Puppy Up walks for dog cancer research. The story of 2 Million Dogs began with a man and his two dogs who embarked on a walk from Austin, TX to Boston, MA inspired by the loss of his Great Pyrenees to cancer. For more information on the story of Hudson, Murphy, and Luke Robinson, visit [2milliondogs.com](http://2milliondogs.com).

Dachshund races and other events requiring dogs be let off leashes will be held at Forest Park. Vendors will set up on Burnett next to Heritage Park. Santa and Mrs. Claws will be on hand for photographs with pets and owners--great Christmas cards. Those already signed up include a watercolor pet artist, chair massage, pet massage, veterinarian, groomers, trainers, pet adoption, and more.

The day's events will begin at 10:00 am with Wienie Dog Races at Forest Park. At 11:30, a Blessing of the Pets will occur in Heritage Park. Another special highlight of the day will be a Doghouse Auction presented by Salyer Auctions. The custom-created palaces are currently receiving their finishing touches and will be on display throughout the day. The houses and a professional dog training session will be auctioned off at 12:30 with proceeds going toward purchase of pet waste stations for Downtown Denison.

Event t-shirts and dog bandanas will be on sale throughout the day for \$15 and \$5 respectively. Dog registration will begin at 9 am. Registration is free, but those entering contests will be charged \$1 per event and will be given a chance on door prizes for each \$1 spent. Anyone can purchase \$1 tickets for door prizes. Every dog must abide by leash laws and have proof of current rabies vaccinations.

The event is organized by the City of Denison's Main Street Department and led by volunteers who love their dogs. The day of fun is made possible by Big Dog Little Dog, KTEN Television, a memorial for Max and Harley Waterloo, KXII Television, and Hot Dicky Dog.

For specific event times, more information or volunteer forms, visit [www.downtowndenison.com](http://www.downtowndenison.com) and see current events or call 903-464-4452.







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## 4-H Achievement Banquet

Whitewright 4-H members sponsored the annual Achievement Banquet Saturday, Aug. 25.

Current Council Officers are: President Kasey Hamilton, 1st Vice President Erika Fairchild, 2nd Vice President Bethany Holt, Secretary Maria Hayes, Treasurer Trey Bradshaw, and Reporter Adrienne Clark.

Adult Leader Council members are President Susan Holt, Vice President Kara Hamilton, Secretary Erin McCollum, and Treasurer Susan Bradshaw.

This year's outstanding adult leader is Erin McCollm.

An award presented in memory of an outstanding volunteer (Richard Kremer) was presented to Ron Wilson who dedicated many hours to the 4-H program and the formation of the Whitewright Honor Guard.

The Friend of 4-H award was presented to Diane Smotherman, Mahard Egg Farm, for supporting 4-H by donating cases of eggs for the 4-H Concession Stand.

Scholarship awards to graduating senior were presented to Turner Coulson - \$5000, State Fair of Texas; Josi Ridenour - \$10,000, Texas 4-H Foundation - Richard Wallrath Scholarship; and Turner Coulson, Texas 4-H Foundation, Houston Scholarship. Since

college classes have already begun, the recipients were not present at the banquet.

Giving back to our communities is important for all the clubs. This year the Animal Science 4-H Club is recognized for outstanding service including collecting and delivering supplies to the Veteran's Home in Bonham.

Receiving Medallions for their first place record books at District were Jillian Hackett, Morgan Bradshaw, Trey Bradshaw, and Adrienne Clark.

Outstanding record books were Junior category to Morgan Bradshaw; to Intermediate category to Kasey Hamilton; and to Maria Hayes for Senior record book.

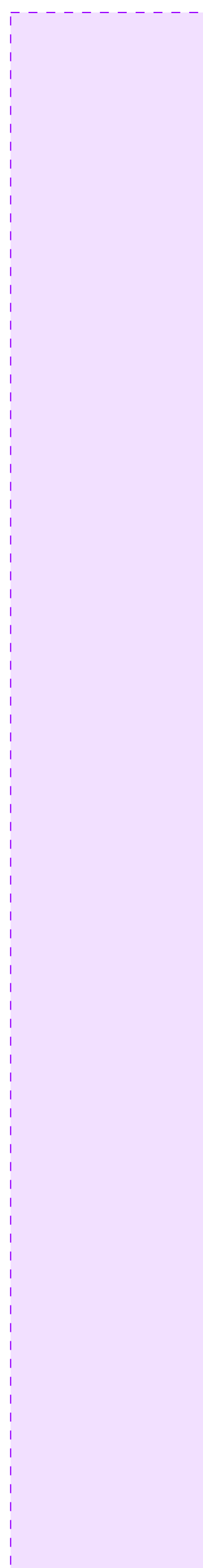
Junior Rookie of the year is Abigail Dick.

Cody Johns, Animal Science 4-H Club, won the Danforth "I Dare You" award and The Farm Bureau awards went to Hannah Debner and Martha Hayes, both of the Hoppers n Friends Club.

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

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

## Balloon Spectacular Set for Gainesville September 7-9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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903/532-6032  
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903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse  
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## Psalm 96:1-4 (ASV)

*<sup>1</sup> Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song: Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.*

*<sup>2</sup> Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name; Show forth his salvation from day to day.*

*<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, His marvellous works among all the peoples.*

*<sup>4</sup> For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.*

### Christian Fellowship

Palmer Miller will be leading the service this week @ A Christian Fellowship Church in Luella. Join them each Sunday morning at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service and dress is casual.

C. R. Men's Step Study Group has been put on hold. If you are interested in this class to help with controlling of drugs and alcohol and getting a closer walk with God, contact Jesse @ 903-744-2716.

The church hosts a movie night each month. The movie for September will be on September 21 and will be the movie *Dolphin Tale*. The public is invited and everything is free including popcorn candy and drinks. Movie starts at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday night begins with a pot-luck dinner starting at 6:30 pm followed by a class for the children @ 7:15 and 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 the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more info contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219.

### Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

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

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

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## Unending Love

Maria Garcia has been described as “a happy lady with a sweet and easy laugh.” She also suffers from dementia and cannot remember things very well. However, when Garcia awakens each morning, she walks into the living room and asks one of her caregivers a routine question: “Is my mother up yet?”

Garcia’s mother, Rosario Schielzeth, continues to be Garcia’s primary caregiver and companion. The remarkable thing about this is that Garcia is 86-years-old, and her mother is 104! This mother and daughter have rarely been apart during their lives. In fact, they have spent over 60 years living together in the same house. And when Garcia’s health began to fail, her mother has always been there to help her.

Schielzeth reads the newspaper each morning and seeks to keep her daughter’s mind active by keeping her updated on current events. She also reminds Garcia of what day it is, if she has eaten, and the whereabouts of their dog, Frankie.

“She lovingly reminds her, which is a difficult thing, I would imagine, at 104 to have patience over and over again,” said Carol Festari, one of Garcia’s 24-hour caregivers.

Sprinkled throughout their Sarasota, FL home are some stunning paintings done through the years by the talented Garcia. One of her paintings hangs over her mother’s bed. It is of two people sitting together in the countryside, near some serene water, having a picnic lunch on a beautiful day. The two people in the painting are a mother and daughter, a tribute, no doubt, to the lasting love that is being lived out each day between the painter and her mother. \*

Their love also reminds us of the love of the Creator for His creation...

It was because of His love that God created mankind, and a world that was perfectly suited to sustain man’s life. But man “messed up” God’s perfect creation by disobeying God’s will (see Genesis 3).

We all have followed suit: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). But God still loves us and cares for us!

He loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we might be forgiven of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7).

God 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 Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38).

His Word (The Bible) is a “constant reminder” of His provision for man. It is the cross of Christ that stands as the emblem of God’s unending love for His creation (see 1 John 4:9-10).

He has assured us of His continued care and eternal life, if we will just accept His offer of salvation on His terms.

Won’t YOU?

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\* Information gleaned from “Mother, Daughter Inseparable at 104, 86” by Chris Anderson of the Herald-Tribune -- [www.heraldtribune.com](http://www.heraldtribune.com). Many thanks to Carrie Hankins for sharing this article with us!





## Two courthouse fires

By Bob Bowman

Some of the most delectable historical desserts of East Texas are found in the yellowed documents of the thirty-plus county courthouses scattered across the pineywoods.

One such morsel is the little-known story of two courthouse fires in Trinity County, one of the rowdiest of our early counties.

From Anna Hester of Groveton comes a pair of old affidavits by J.P. Stevenson, a frontier lawyer, and J.B. Gipson, the son of a county surveyor. Both lived in the turbulent 1870s.

Their affidavits were transcribed in 1909, apparently in an effort to clarify property deed records which may have been in dispute.

Stevenson and Gipson recalled a November, 1, 1872, fire which destroyed most of the county records at the first county seat at Sumpter. The only surviving documents were some criminal records of a peace justice and the surveyor's records of properties in the county.

At the time, Gipson's father, George, was the county surveyor and was holding the survey records at his home in Trinity, about twenty miles west of Sumpter. Stevenson had a good reason to remember the fire. As a lawyer in Trinity and Walker counties since 1868, his life revolved around the courthouse and the records lost in the fire.

Why and how the courthouse burned is not clear, but Sumpter was a hotbed of violence during the 1860s and early 1870s when federal reconstruction gripped the South in the aftermath of the Civil War. Out of this violent era came a Sumpter preacher's son, John Wesley Hardin, who killed three Union soldiers near Sumpter in 1868, and went on to become Texas' most notorious gunfighter.

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Dot's  
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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Reed Wightman, who teaches history and English at Sherman High School shared this with my daughter, Lucinda Laro, who is now teaching ninth-grade students English at Sherman High School. She was particularly touched by it, as am I. Because the author said it's an open letter, I'm sharing it with all of you, who, whether you are being paid for teaching, are, nevertheless, teaching. Be sure what you are teaching is what you want them to learn.

<http://kylenebeers.com/blog/2012/08/20/why-i-hated-merediths-first-grade-teacher-an-open-letter-to-americas-teachers/>

### Why I Hated Meredith's First Grade Teacher:

#### An Open Letter to America's Teachers

By Kylene Beers

When my first born headed off to first grade, 21 years ago, she held my hand as we walked down the hallway of Will Rogers Elementary School in the Houston Independent School District. We walked into Ms. Miner's room and Meredith's steps grew more hesitant. This wasn't the University of Houston Child Care Center, the place she had gone for years while I was a doctoral student at UH. This place looked different -- bigger, more official. There were big-kid desks pushed together in clusters. And though there were centers, they were not the dress-up center or the cooking center or nap center or water play center of the Child Care Center.

The room was filled with children she did not yet know, with books she had not yet read, with a math center that had lost-teeth and birthday charts, and with a big poster by the door labeled, "Our Classroom Rules" that was still blank. "I don't want to stay," she said. I didn't want her to, either. I wanted her still with me, only me. I didn't want to give up those first six years of childhood just yet, those years when her world mostly revolved around her parents and new baby brother and a silly dog with big ears and afternoons spent in our local library reading book after book after book or playing in our neighborhood park, sometimes just sitting on the grass, watching the ants march by. With every ounce of courage, I said, "Oh, you will love first grade. It was my favorite year in school. I loved my first grade teacher, Mrs. Allen, and I bet you are going to love Ms. Miner, too." Meredith looked doubtful and so very small. And then Ms. Miner, long blond hair pulled back into a ponytail, saw us, came over, and bent down to Meredith's level. A first year teacher -- the one I had told the principal that if he was willing to listen to requests I wanted -- Ms. Miner was full of energy and excitement. She loved books, wanted to be a great teacher, and had obviously spent weeks making her room look inviting to these 22 six-year-olds.



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## BOB BOWMAN'S

### EAST TEXAS, continued

When the Sumpter courthouse burned, the county seat was located at Trinity in 1873. It remained there only until 1874 when it was relocated at Pennington, where, according to Stevenson, another courthouse was burned in 1876, again destroying some county records.

The county's land records and criminal documents, however, were saved. J.T. Evans, the clerk of the local district court, kept the criminal records in an iron safe, which survived the fire.

Evans also carried the property deed records to his home the night of the fire after "a number of bad parties had been indicted" and he became "fearful they would undertake to destroy their indictments" by burning the courthouse.

Gipson said his surveyor father saved the land surveys at Pennington by entrusting them to Deputy W.M. Freeman who kept them "in a safe place not in the courthouse."

"By reason of this fact, they were again saved from fire at the burning of the courthouse at Pennington," wrote J.B. Gipson in his affidavit.

Although the Trinity County survey records were saved from two fires, the records of the district clerk were stolen on the night of March 5, 1880 and Gipson said other documents were later partially destroyed "by rough, bad handling by parties who had access to them."

Trinity County moved its courthouse from Pennington to Groveton in 1882, not only because it was a central location, but Trinity County Lumber Company donated the site for a town square and materials for a new courthouse. It remains there today.

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## Dot's Dashes, continued

"Oh, you're Meredith! I recognized you from your picture! Come here and let me introduce you to some others. And let me show you all around the room. And, hey, you brought Corduroy as your favorite book and that's one of my favorite books, too!"

And then, somehow, without me even realizing, Meredith's small hand moved from mine to Ms. Miner's and she was gone. She was swallowed up by the sheer joy this other woman brought into her classroom, into learning, and into my child's life. "I guess I'll be going now," I said to Meredith who was busy putting school supplies away in her desk. "So, I'll be just around the corner at our house," I said blinking hard to keep away the tears." I think she nodded. Perhaps she even paused to wave. My feet couldn't move and Ms. Miner gently helped me and a few other moms out of the classroom. "She's really shy," I said to Ms. Miner just as Meredith sped by holding a new friend's hand showing her "all these hooks where we can hang our backpacks."

Meredith was breathless with excitement at the end of that day -- every day -- and by the end of the first week, our family had a new member: Ms. Miner. Each afternoon and for long into the evening, I had to listen to "Ms. Miner said . . ." and "Ms. Miner thinks . . ." and "Ms. Miner showed us . . ." and "Ms. Miner suggested . . ." and when I slipped and said, "Oh damn" as dinner burned in the oven, I was reminded that "Mom, Ms. Miner would never say . . ." Right, I smiled through gritted teeth. "Ms. Miner says that manners are important," Meredith said as she explained why we must always put our napkins in our laps, something that I swear I had mentioned a million times.

For the entire year I watched my child fall in love with school, with learning, with figuring out, and most importantly, with her first grade teacher, Ms. Miner. Meredith, who had once hated ponytails, now only wanted to wear ponytails. And blue skirts, "just like Ms. Miner's." "And Mom, my name starts with an M and Ms. Miner starts with an M. Isn't that great!! We match!!" Yes, Meredith, just great. Really great. Oh damn.

Though I had been a teacher for years before having Meredith, before sending her off to first grade, I had never truly understood the power of a teacher in a child's life. We give our most precious and priceless to you -- dear teachers -- each year, knowing you will teach them, but also hoping you will care for them, help them discover how very much they matter, watching over them, and being there when they have been hurt by the ones who won't let them sit at the "popular" table -- and then you do just that and they fall in love with you. It shows up in different ways, as they grow older. But it's still there, this deep affection and respect. And, certainly, it's harder to forge those bonds when there are 150 students instead of 22, when the day is fragmented into 45 minute segments, when education seems to be more about the test than the child. But I promise, underneath that bravado of the seventh grader or swagger of the tenth grader you will find that small first grader who wonders, "Will my teacher like me?" And when that child -- that teen -- knows that you believe he or she matters, then that student will do most anything for you.

To this day, Meredith remembers you, Ms. Miner, and to this day, I so hated how much she loved you that year. And, simultaneously, I am so grateful that she did.

And so, teachers, across this country during the next two weeks, most of you will be opening your classroom doors in a first-day welcoming for your students. As a teacher I am proud to stand beside you in all that you do. But as a parent, well, as a parent I stand in awe of all that you do. And to Ms. Miner, thank you.



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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007



## Stewards of the land

*By Si Cook*

The picture accompanying this article was taken on a piece of ground that I like to call “mine.” The oak tree has been standing there for probably a couple of centuries, oblivious to who “owns” the ground in which it is rooted.

As I considered this, reality set in and I came back to my senses. I really do not own anything in this picture. The good Lord is simply allowing me to take care of a part of His creation for a short time. My goal is to be a good steward and to leave what has been entrusted to me in better shape than when I found it.

That is the attitude shared by most folks who make their living in agriculture.

In this picture, you see green grass, a calm sky and a brilliant sunset. Those who make their living from the land know that is not always the case.

Storm clouds form and test that big oak to its breaking point. The rains sometimes cease, and that green grass disappears for long periods of time. Insects, disease and even manmade challenges are ever-present to threaten the survival and prosperity of the oak.

In the face of all of those challenges, however, this old oak has been around for a very long time.

People who make their living in agriculture are a lot like this oak tree. They have no control of most of the things that happen around them, yet they endure through good times and bad to feed and clothe the rest of us.

I am glad there are still solid folks like that out there. They deserve our respect -- and our thanks.

Si Cook is Texas Farm Bureau’s director of Organization. Si also is a rancher and tends to his land in Lavaca County, where this photo was taken.

[\*Click Here for more Editorial\*](#)





## Social Security Statements Now Available Online

By Jason Alderman

Until last year, Social Security sent taxpayers an annual personalized statement showing a complete record of their taxable earnings as well as estimated retirement, disability and survivor benefits based on those earnings. Unfortunately, budget constraints brought put an end to those yearly mailings.

But there's good news: Social Security has resumed mailing paper statements to workers 60 and older who aren't already receiving benefits. And, they recently launched a new Social Security Statement tool that allows you to access the same information online.

- Once you've created an account, you can log in anytime and:
  - Estimate the retirement, disability and survivor benefits available to you under different work, earnings and retirement age scenarios.
  - Estimate benefits for which your family would be eligible when you receive Social Security or die.
  - View a list of your lifetime earnings to date, according to Social Security's records;
  - See the estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid over your working career.
  - Find information about qualifying and signing up for Medicare.
  - Review topics to consider if you're 55 or older and thinking about retiring.
  - Apply online for retirement and disability benefits.
  - Access a printable version of your Social Security Statement.

To create your online account, go to [www.ssa.gov/mystatement](http://www.ssa.gov/mystatement) and follow the directions. You must have a valid email address, Social Security number, U.S. mailing address and be at least age 18.

You'll need to verify your identity by providing personal information (birth date, Social Security number, current address, etc.) and answering several questions whose answers only you should know. Social Security contracts with credit bureau Experian to design these questions based on their records about your credit history.

Once your identity has been verified, you can create a password-protected account. Social Security emphasizes that you may sign into or create an account to access only your own information. Unauthorized use could subject you to criminal and/or civil penalties.

It's important to review your Social Security statement at least annually to ensure your on-file information is correct. For example, make sure that your taxable earnings have been reported correctly by your employer – or you, if self-employed. Otherwise, when Social Security calculates your benefits at retirement, disability or death, you could be shortchanged; or, if your earnings were over-reported, you could end up owing the government money.

If you spot any errors, contact Social Security at 800-772-1213, or visit your local office. You'll need copies of your W-2 form or tax return for any impacted years.

Another valuable piece of information found in your statement is an estimate of what your retirement benefit will be at age 62, at full retirement age and at age 70. Use those numbers to start estimating your retirement needs. These online calculators can help:

The Retirement Estimator at [www.ssa.gov/estimator](http://www.ssa.gov/estimator) automatically enters your earnings information to estimate your projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, such as age at retirement, future earnings projections, etc. You can also download a more detailed calculator to make more precise estimates. AARP has a retirement calculator at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) that helps determine your current financial status and what you'll need to save to meet your retirement needs.

Bottom line: Understand what Social Security benefits will be available to you and how much more you'll need to save in order to have a comfortable retirement.

*This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It's always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.*

## Cornyn Statement On Neil Armstrong

AUSTIN-U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, last week issued the following statement on the passing of Neil Armstrong:

“Today we have lost one of our nation's finest heroes and a timeless symbol of the American spirit.

“Forty-three years ago, his was the voice that came through loud and clear at Johnson Space Center's Mission Control to alert an anxious nation and the world of man's first steps on the surface of the moon. Neil Armstrong's immortalized words, ‘that's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind,’ ushered us into a new era where we believed anything was possible.

“I know all Texans join me today in paying tribute to this true American legend and offering our sincere condolences to Carol, the Armstrong family and the NASA community.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget 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.



## Letter to the Editor, Misandry in the *New York Times*

Dear Editor,

The New York Times must have employed Murphy Brown on their editorial staff. On Aug. 11, the Times ran "In Defense of Single Motherhood" ([http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/12/opinion/sunday/in-defense-of-single-motherhood.html?\\_r=1&pagewanted=all](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/12/opinion/sunday/in-defense-of-single-motherhood.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all)) and followed it up Aug. 24 with "Men, Who Needs Them?" (<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/25/opinion/men-who-needs-them.html?ref=opinion>), both imbued with the hatred of men. If 'Single Motherhood' didn't kick fathers to the curb far enough, then 'Who Needs Men' was a well-placed kick to manhood itself.

Many people see only the financial contributions men make to their families or society -- but there is more. All of the police and fire-fighters who died on 9-11 were men. Coincidence? I think not. Who builds our buildings, fixes our machines, and dies in our wars? Mostly men. Other evidence of the importance of men becomes apparent when they are removed from the family unit.

We should not forget that 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes, 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes, 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes, 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes, and so on.

True, there are some great examples of well-behaved, educated, and successful children raised in single-mother homes. The statistics may show that most kids reared by single-moms turn out OK. But statistics also show that most drunk drivers make it home without getting into a wreck. Nevertheless, there are enough alcohol-related accidents to warrant stringent drunk-driving laws.

And there is enough evidence to show that men are not only important, they are essential to society. I read a lot about a so-called war on women. It is time to stop the media's war on men.

*Don Mathis, San Antonio, Texas*





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## Five Things to Discuss With Your Spouse Before You Retire

You may have a vision for your retirement, but does your spouse share that vision? Spouses often disagree about many key retirement details. It is important to work together to come up with a plan you both can accept.

A 2011 study by Fidelity Investments found that many husbands and wives are not in accord about retirement. For example, the study found that one-third of couples disagreed or don't know where they were going to live in retirement and 62 percent didn't agree on their expected retirement ages.

Here are some important things to discuss with your spouse as you get ready to retire:

**Timing of retirement.** There are many factors that can go into a decision about when to retire, including job enjoyment and financial needs. But couples also need to think about how best to maximize their Social Security benefits. Because Social Security doesn't just pay benefits to a worker but also pays benefits to the worker's spouse, couples need to work together to figure out how to get the most out of their Social Security benefits. For example, a husband can wait until his full retirement age to take benefits on his wife's record. When he does, he can get half of her full benefit. The husband can then wait until age 70 to file on his own work record. At that point, the wife can file a spousal benefit on his record. Each circumstance is different and couples should talk to a financial planner about the best strategy for them. For more on Social Security's spousal benefits, [click here](#).

**Finances.** The first hurdle is that both spouses need to understand their financial situation. The Fidelity survey found that wives were much less involved in retirement finances than their husbands. Both spouses need a clear understanding of their finances and whether they are working in sync.

**Type of lifestyle.** What do you expect to get out of retirement? Do you want to travel? Do you want to volunteer? Or do you want to relax on a beach somewhere? It is important to have a conversation about your hopes and dreams for retirement. You can start the process by creating individual wish lists and then comparing them.

**Health care.** Make sure you and your spouse have adequate health care coverage either from Medicare or an employer-based plan. You also need to understand the rules regarding Medicare coverage. For more information about Medicare, [click here](#). For more information about when to sign up for Medicare, [click here](#).

**Long-term care.** Unfortunately, most couples are going to need some type of long-term care for either one spouse or both spouses at some point. There are things you can do to make it easier on yourselves if this need arises. Talk to your elder law attorney about putting a plan together. Doing it early will save lots of headaches and expense later.





## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Hunting and Fishing in Texas

September 1 marks the beginning of a new year for hunters and anglers in Texas, as well as the start of dove season. That is the date when the previous year's statewide licenses expire and new licenses take effect. This week I will provide some basic information on hunting and fishing licenses and hunter's education in preparation for the upcoming season.

Texas residents have many options when it comes to purchasing hunting and fishing licenses. Separate licenses can be purchased for different types of hunting and fishing, or combinations thereof. Residents also have the option of purchasing the "Super-Combo" package. This package includes a Resident Hunting License, a Resident Fishing License and all 5 state stamp endorsements (archery, freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing with a red drum tag, upland game bird, and migratory game bird) at a discount price. Federal stamps are not included in the package. The Super Combo is \$68 for most residents; for senior residents, the cost is \$32; for resident disabled veterans and for resident active duty military, the package is free. Residents may buy hunting and fishing licenses valid for the lifetime of the license holder. The lifetime license exempts the holder from state stamp endorsement requirements, but not the Federal Duck Stamp requirement. Most licenses can be purchased over the phone, online, or at one of the 1600 places where licenses are sold across the state. All fees collected from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in Texas are dedicated to support state-wide conservation efforts by Texas Parks and Wildlife such as wildlife management, habitat restoration, fish stocking, land conservation, and game wardens. A portion of the sales tax collected on sporting goods is also used to fund these projects.

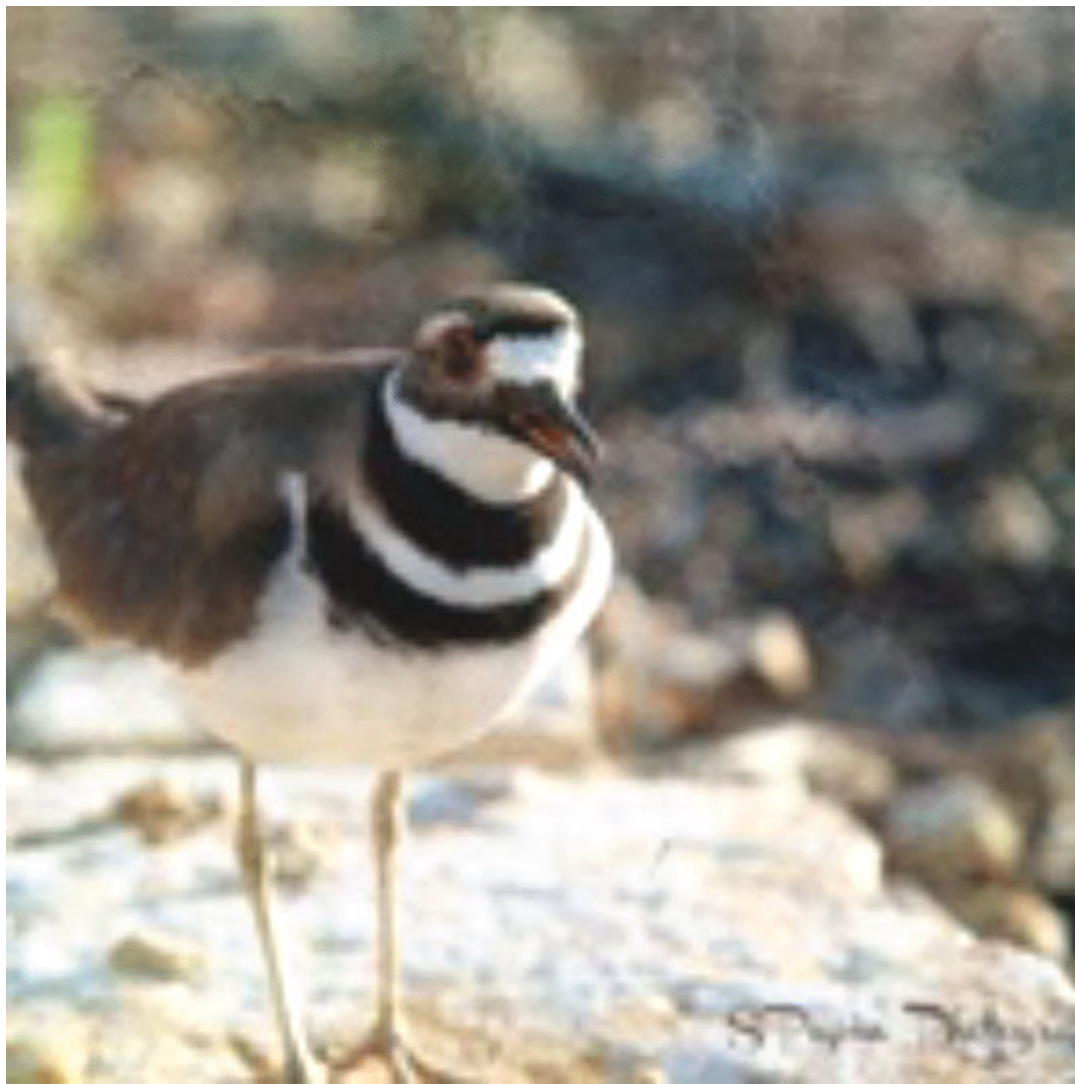
Hunters (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Hunters have the option of enrolling in a traditional two-day course, or an online course plus a one-day field course, or a home-study course plus a one-day field course. Please note that some federally controlled areas require all hunters using that site to have hunter education certification. In Texas, this includes Corps of Engineers property and most military reservations. Be sure to check with the specific area prior to going hunting. The cost of the course is \$15, and more information regarding hunter education is available through the Parks and Wildlife website.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers a comprehensive public hunting program, which offers the opportunity to participate in low-cost, family-oriented hunts for many different species. Each year, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department publishes maps of land open for public hunting. There are nearly 1.2 million acres of public hunting lands that are accessible during various times of the year; access to these lands is available through either an Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit or a Limited Public Use (LPU) Permit.

For more information on hunting and fishing in Texas, visit the Department's website at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)<<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>>. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's toll free phone information line at (800) 792-1112. 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](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.







## Hagerman Photographer of the Month

Durant resident Sally Papin has been named the “Photographer of the Month” for September by the Friends of Hagerman. A dozen of her Hagerman photographs will be exhibited on the Friends website. [www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery) throughout the month, as well as on the USFWS National Wildlife System Face page.

Papin says she started out photographing sports shots of animals and dogs, and moved to an artistic approach as she studied the work of other photographers. Today her goal is to get each image to tell its own story and reflects her and her love of nature and composition.

Papin said, “I use a Canon Rebel Xti, with a dedicated Macro lens a Signa 150 mm, and a Sigma zoom 100-300. I have a great street lens, a Tamron 28-75.

Once she downloads her images onto her computer, Papin, says she uses Lightroom, processing and deleting images before she moves on to Photoshop Elements 10 and the artistic work. Call her work “chinecolle,” Papin says it is a takeoff on a printmaking technique. She provides a background color behind the image that is different from the surrounding background, and uses digital pasting, papers and ephemera.

The Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club meets bimonthly at the refuge, located as 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman.

The next meeting is set for Sept. 8 at 12:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to join; memberships are available at a nominal cost. For more information send an email to [fohphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com)



## Cookies in Heaven?

An elderly man lay dying in his bed. In death's agony, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled down the stairs.

With labored breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven: there, spread out upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies. Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

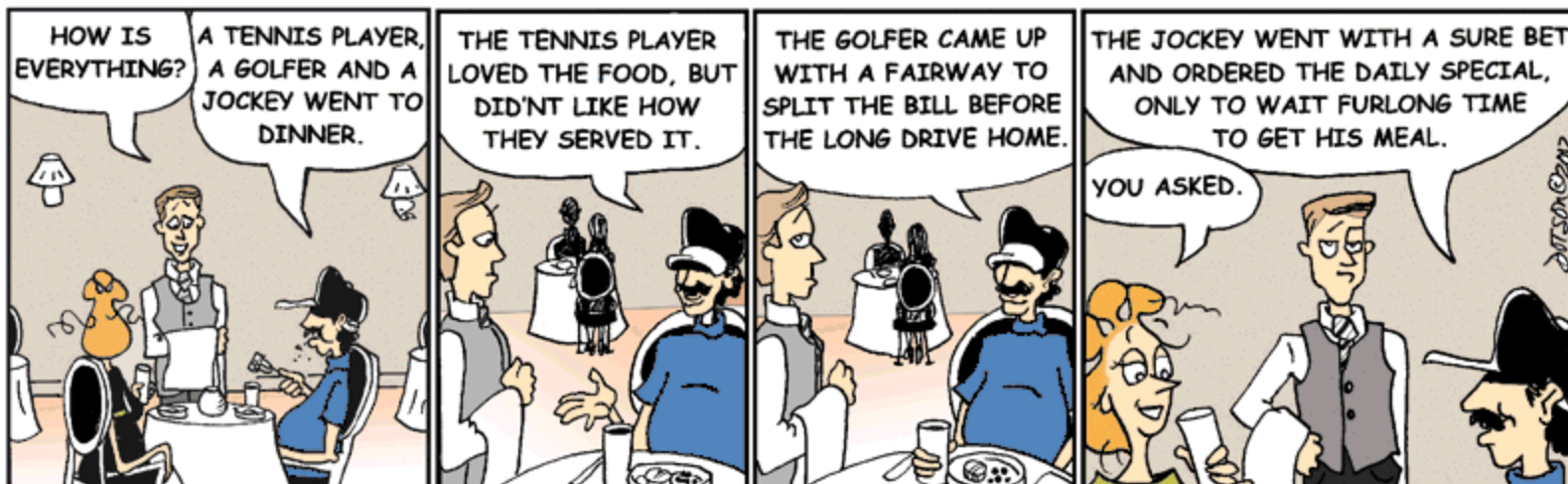
Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees in a rumped posture. His parched lips parted: the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life.

The aged and withered hand trembled on its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those," she said, "they're for the funeral."

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

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

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

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## Let's Reminisce: More Country expressions

*By Jerry Lincecum*

My request for readers to send me more colloquial expressions they remembered from childhood brought in some I'd never heard before, such as looks like Ned in the First Reader, a phrase to rebuke a child who hadn't combed his hair or looked sloppy. An internet search revealed that Ned was a naïve character in McGuffey's Reader from the early 1900s.

Some interesting expressions were used to let kids know what would happen if they misbehaved. One that had been passed down from an older generation was I'll tear you up like a patch of new ground. The reader who sent it to me commented that her son said he understood the general idea but never knew exactly what it referred to until he bought a piece of "new ground" and began to clear the brush and timber off it.

Here's another threat: I'll be on you like a hen on a June bug. Since we had free-range chickens on our farm and also June bugs, I could visualize that one.

The admonition - Never buy a pig in a poke was lost on me until I learned that a "poke" was a tow sack or burlap bag. You had better look a pig over before you pay for it.

It turns out that quite a few of my favorite expressions relate to pigs, including the famous one about self reliance: Root hog or die. According to Wikipedia, this old saying was included in folksongs before the Civil War and also quoted in "A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett" (1834).

In view of today's problems with feral hogs, it's ironic that "root hog or die" derived from the common practice of turning pigs loose in the woods to fend for themselves. Acorns were the principal food being rooted for, which explains the adage Even a blind hog finds an acorn once in a while. I take that to mean "Success comes to even the most handicapped" (or feckless).

In some cultures pigs are the animal of choice when it comes to swear words, according to one of my elderwriters, Henri de Wet, who grew up in Rhodesia during WWII, when it was still part of the British Commonwealth.

He reported on his experience with a couple of Italians who had become POWs after being captured by British soldiers. They had been sent to work on his parents' farm (just as German POWs worked on farms in some parts of Texas).

Henri wrote: "When the Italians were angry, they always brought a pig into it. With boring regularity they used the words porca miseria for 'miserable pig.' When they were really mad, the second word became Madonna."

Calling the Madonna, the mother of Christ, a pig, was the signal for Henri to leave the scene for a while. His mother would let him know when tempers had cooled sufficiently for him to return.

To end on a more positive note, pigs are sometimes invoked to make fun of excess ambition: "Jerry, your goal of becoming a millionaire will be reached when pigs fly."

*Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject: [jlincecum@me.com](mailto:jlincecum@me.com)*



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## Lynda Maxine (Haizlip) Hartwig (1920-2012)

SHERMAN - Lynda Maxine Haizlip Hartwig, "Oma" 92, of Sherman, Texas, passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital-WNJ. Funeral services were held at Dannel Funeral Home on Friday, August 31, 2012 at 11 am with Dr. Jamie Knapp officiating. Interment followed at Akers Cemetery in Sherman. Pallbearers were: Gary Anderson, Gary Ball, John Ball, Jerry Caylor, Larry Lehaie, Jr. and Ronald Simmons.

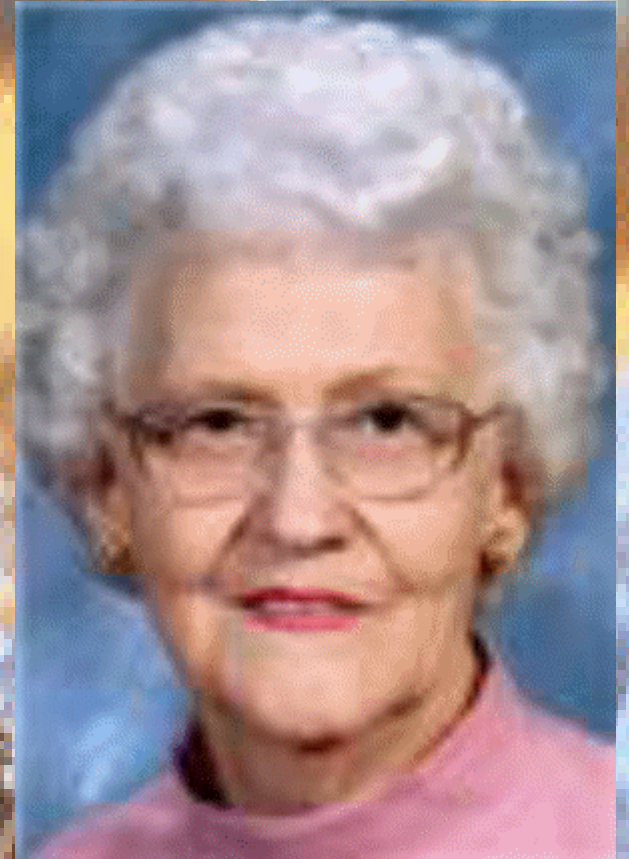
The family received visitors on Thursday, August 30 at Dannel Funeral Home.

Maxine was born in the Celtic community near Howe, Texas on Feb. 12, 1920, to Vincent H. and Estelle (Rankin) Haizlip. She was educated in the public schools, graduating from Howe High School. She worked for Sears Roebuck and Co. for 34 years before retiring from their credit department. A long-time member of the Church of Christ, she had been active in the Walnut Street, Travis Street, and Western Heights Church of Christ congregations. Maxine served on the Grayson Co. Sesquicentennial Committee and the Millenium Committee along with Judge R.C. Vaughan. She enjoyed weekly games of 84 with good friends.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, four sisters, and one granddaughter, Lynda.

Survivors include two daughters, Dolores Ann Allen of Sherman and Joyce Lou Murter of Sherman; two grandchildren, Lisa Oyen and Lora Isherwood and husband James; 10 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren, a sister, Mary Lahaie of Kilgore, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 8900 John Carpenter Frwy, Dallas, TX 75247.





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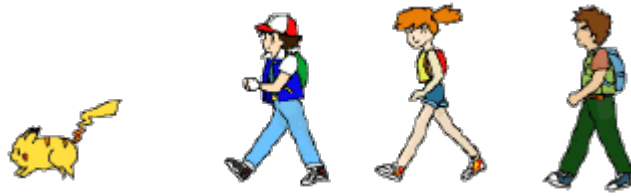
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						1 10:00 a.m. Hagerman Walk See notes section for details
2	3 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	4	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	8
9 1:00 p.m. Waterloo Lake	10 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	11	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	15 Sherman Arts Festival Fun Run Details TBA <small>Email update will be sent</small>
16	17 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	18	19	20	21 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	22 9:00 a.m. Pickens Lake at Herman Baker
23	24 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	25	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	29 9:00 a.m. Waterloo Lake
30	NOTES: The Hagerman walk on 09/01 will encompass the Meadow Pond trail. Sign in will be available at the trail head from 9:45 to 10:15. Stop by the Visitor Center before you hike for a trail map. By signing in, you will receive credit for walking the entire length of the trail. so be sure to let us know if you turn back early. thanks!					