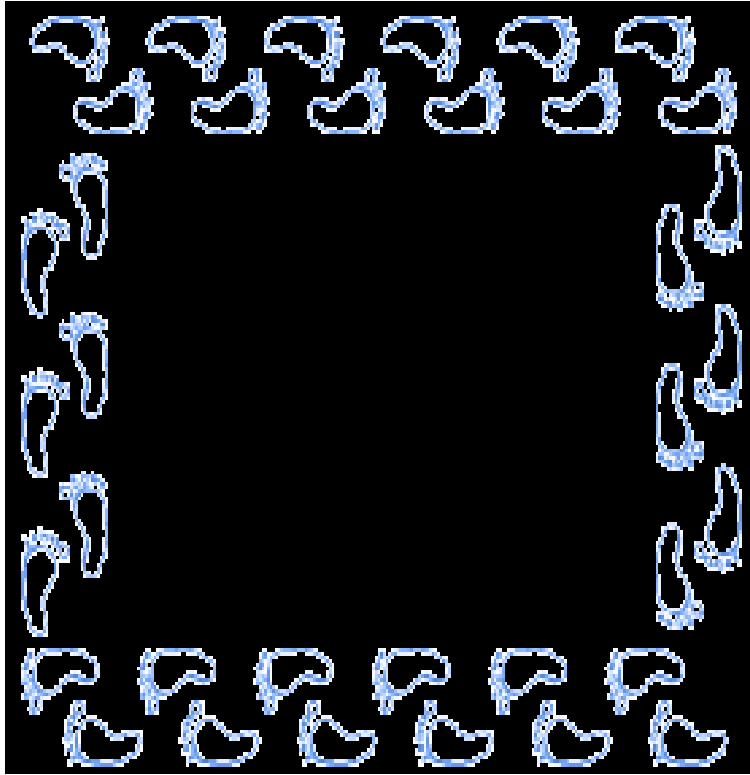


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Dr. David Conway was recently elected chairman of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Dr. David Conway elected chair of Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission

DURANT, Okla. - Dr. David Conway of Durant was recently elected chairman of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, succeeding Tulsa's Rick Armstrong whose chairmanship ended June 30.

Conway, director of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Aviation Sciences Institute, will lead the seven-member board that is responsible for encouraging, fostering and assisting in the development of aviation in Oklahoma. This includes the preservation and improvement of the Oklahoma Airport System and promotion of the state's top employer -- the aerospace industry.

"It's a privilege and an honor for me to serve as the Aeronautics Commission's next chairman. The success of our state's aviation and aerospace industry is critical to our state's economic future. I am looking forward to working with my fellow board members to expand and strengthen this vital industry in our state," Conway said.

Conway previously served as chair of the Southeastern Aerospace Department and has been a member of the faculty since 1998. In 2003, he received the University's Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Service.

An avid pilot who holds commercial, instrument, CFI and multi-engine ratings, Conway retired as a command pilot from the United States Air Force, where he served as an instructor pilot and evaluator pilot in the Cessna T-37 and Boeing KC-135. He is also one of a handful of flight-rated aerospace physiologists.

Conway earned his Bachelor of Science at Texas A&M - Commerce, Master of Science at the University of Southern California, and Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University, and has completed coursework in human factors and physiology at specialized schools across the country, including OSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He has had numerous articles published in various journals and magazines focusing on human factors in aviation. In addition, Conway recently completed three programs at Harvard University: The Art of Discussion Leadership, Management & Leadership in Education, and Crisis Leadership, as well as a fellowship in Higher Education Management at Vanderbilt University. He is currently attending Harvard's Institute for Educational Management.

Other newly elected officers are Joe Harris of Blackwell, vice chairman, and Dave Amis III of Oklahoma City, secretary. Besides Armstrong, the other members of the Commission include Michael Ray of Guymon; Tom Stephenson of Oklahoma City; and Wes Stucky of Ardmore.

Oklahoma's aviation and aerospace industry is one of the state's largest employers, resulting in approximately 144,000 jobs statewide. The industry yields an annual industrial output of \$12.5 billion and generates an annual payroll of \$5 billion. One in 11 Oklahomans derive their income from the aviation and aerospace industry with an average salary of nearly \$55,000 compared to about \$30,000 for the average Oklahoman.

Oklahoma is also one of seven centers in the world for the modification, maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft, boasting the world's largest military aircraft repair facility, Tinker Air Force Base, and the world's largest commercial aircraft repair facility, the American Airlines Engineering Maintenance and Engineering Center in Tulsa. In addition, Oklahoma has 111 publicly owned airports, placing it 10th nationally for the number of public airports per capita. A total of 43 of those airports are jet capable, meaning their runways are at least 5,000 feet long, the minimum distance needed by most jet aircraft to safely land or take off. Approximately 93 percent of the state's population lives within 25 miles of an airport with a jet-capable runway.



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Howe's That *Recipe*

by Lana Rideout

From pennies to dimes to pencils!

Some people believe that if you see a penny on the ground you should pick it up for good luck. Others think the pennies are messages from heaven, a reminder of someone special who has passed on.

Recently, instead of pennies I have found dimes on the ground. I guess that inflation has kicked in.

But last week, two days in a row at two different locations, I found pencils. The colorful, whimsically decorated pencils had been sharpened but probably not used much as the erasers are still pretty clean and the pencils are almost as long as they would have been if brand new.

I am not sure what message if any these pencils were to convey to me. Possibly I am supposed to write a letter to someone or maybe I need to pass them on to school age students who might put them to better use than I could.

Of course, with computers in use for homework and text messaging going on maybe the pencils are a reminder that we can still use pens and pencils to create a message.

Quote for the week - A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic -- on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg -- or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. -- C.S. Lewis

At church on Sunday morning, our minister preached about the commitment of marriage. He had researched our congregation and found that there were 20 couples who had been married for 50 years or more.

After asking them to stand, he introduced them. Next he asked those in the next bracket - 45 or more, then 40 or more, then 35 or more, and down to 25.

It was inspiring to see so many committed couples.

He then gave some tips on having a long and healthy marriage.

*Remember your commitment

*Remember the Golden Rule

*Defend your spouse, never put your spouse down

*Express your appreciation

*Control your anger

*Forgive

*Don't nag

*Watch your attitude toward the material

*Spend time with your spouse

*Set your spouse free

*Grow in your trust

*Learn to love !

God created marriage when in the Garden of Eden he gave Adam a wife named Eve. God's intention was one wife for one husband. Some people change that because they follow the world instead of God's plan.



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Brownie Pie

- 1 stick oleo or butter
- 1 square unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup sifted flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Melt oleo with chocolate. Remove from heat and stir in sugar. Stir in flour and eggs. Add vanilla and pecans. Pour into a 9-inch pie plate that has been sprayed with Pam. Bake at 325 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Top with vanilla ice cream or chocolate sauce.

Cucumber Cake

- 1 pkg. butter cake mix

Place 1-2 cups of raisins in hot water

- 1 stick of butter at room temperature

Spray cake pan or 2 loaf pans with "Bakers Delight"

Take 4-5 medium cucumbers, cut off and discard both ends, and then chuck cucumbers, no need to peel. Place them in food processor with soft butter, and add:

- 1/2 cup rum (or water)

- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

- 3 large eggs

Blend until fully pureed and fairly smooth.

Dump into large mixing bowl with cake mix and drained raisins. With a hand beater, beat mixture for about 3 minutes. Pour batter into prepared cake pan(s).

Bake in 375-degree oven for about 35-45 minutes. Test with table knife to see if it is done.

Cake can be frosted or just dusted with sifted powdered sugar.



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50th Wedding Anniversary

DORCHESTER -- Stanley Rush and Patricia Ann Stewart of Dorchester were honored on July 21 with a 50th wedding anniversary dinner. The celebration was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Dorchester. Hosts were the couple's children.

The Stewarts were married July 21, 1962 at the First Baptist Church in Dorchester. Officiating was the Rev. Bobby Layman, now of Van Alstyne. Attendants were: Bob Stewart, brother of Stanley Stewart, as best man; Robert Welch of Dorchester, William Powell of Howe and the late Donald Ray Sims as groomsmen; Norma Jean Sims of Houston as matron of honor; and Barbara Welch of Dorchester, Emily Powell of Howe and Beverly Sedar of Aurora, Colorado as bridesmaids.

Patricia Ann Sims was born in Sherman, the daughter of Henry Alonzo and Edith Kathleen Sims. She is a 1957 graduate of Sherman High School, attended Austin College, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, and earned her master's degree from Texas A&M-Commerce. She retired in 2002 after a 37-year teaching career which included 35 years for the Howe Independent School District. She is currently the supervisor for

student teachers and interns at Texas A&M-Commerce. She is active in the community, serving as secretary for the Howe ISD school board, the Grayson County Retired School Personnel Association, and Local Lodge 129 of the RVOS Farm Mutual Insurance Co.

Stanley Stewart was born in Grayson County, the son of Rush Alton and Emma Stewart. He is a 1957 graduate of Sherman High School, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M-Commerce and taught for one year at the Collinsville Elementary School. In 1968, he began working at IBM where he remained until the Sherman plant closed. He then began Stanley Stewart Real Estate and worked for the Farmer's Mutual Protective Association. He retired in 2001, and serves on the Dorchester City Council.

Both are members of the First Baptist Church of Dorchester where she is the pianist and he is a deacon. The couple also enjoyed traveling for a number of years.

The Stewarts children are Kimberly Ann Dodson and her husband, Bryan, of Cedar Park, Kenneth Alan Stewart and his wife, Aura, of Hutto, and the late Sherry Lynn Stewart. They also have two grandchildren.

Reserved seating sale for the 2012 Howe Football season will begin on August 15, 2012

Persons who had reserved seating from last year have until August 14, 2012 to renew their seats. On August 15, 2012 reserved seating will be open to the public for purchase.

Reserved seating of \$25 per seat assures you a designated seat for the varsity games for the five home games of the season. Game admission tickets are \$5.00 and must be purchased at the gate.

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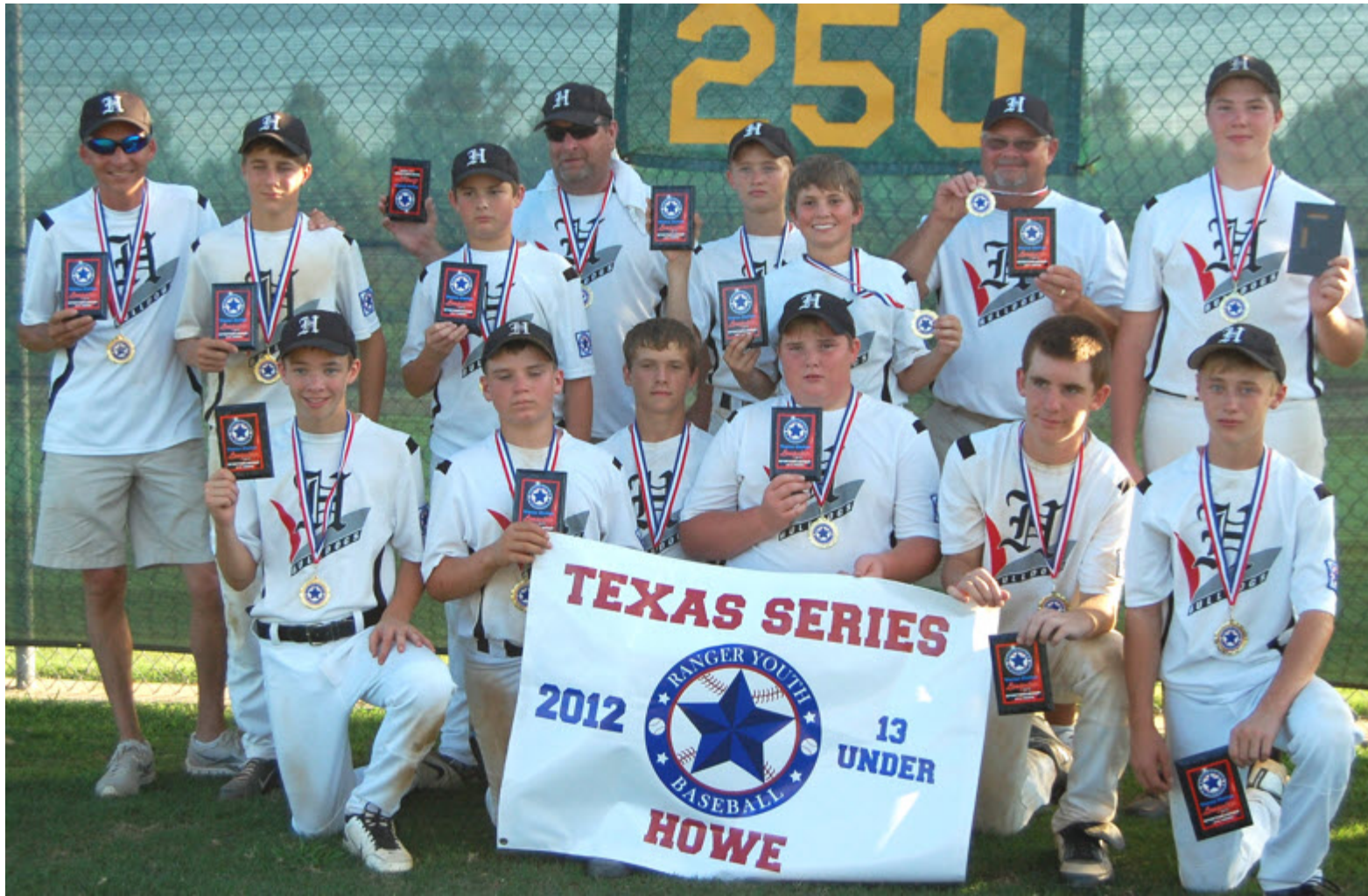
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The Howe 13U All-Stars recently won 3rd place in the State



The Howe 13U All-Stars recently won 3rd place in the State Tournament at Longview Tx. Howe was the only small school in the tournament. They also won the Sportsmanship Award for the tournament.

Front row: Landry Elvington, Matthew Hinkle, Zachariah Braswell, Payton Fowler, Hunter Morrow, Cooper Akins. Back Row: Coach James McDonald, Dawson McDonald, Landry Sutherland, Coach DeWayne Sutherland, Seth Seibold, Gage Underwood, Coach Stephen Braswell, Matt Griffin.



Howe ISD Substitute Training

Howe ISD is currently accepting applications for substitute positions for the 2012-2013 school year. To be eligible for substitute placement, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Undergo a criminal history background check.

All applicants who meet the above criteria are required to attend a mandatory training on Thursday, August 16th @ 9:00 am in the Howe Elementary School before being placed on the district's substitute list. All applicants must provide the following:

- Completed substitute application.
- Consent for criminal background check.
- Two forms of identification (i.e. **Driver's license, social security card**)

You may contact Pauli Stephens at 903-532-3204 for an application or additional information.

Applications and criminal history background check forms can also be found at:

<http://www.howeisd.net/>



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The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, July 16, 2012. President, Jinger Peebles called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Steve Book led the invocation.

The minutes of June 25, 2012, along with the Financial Reports were approved as presented.

The campus principals gave a short report concerning their campuses. The athletic director gave a summer report of conditioning along with his Athletic Handbook of 2012-2013. Mr. Clinton Daniel gave a report on the summer maintenance needs, protocol, and completion of projects.

The Board approved Policy Update 94 which was the Local FFAF policy and approved the Student Code of Conduct for 2012-2013.

The District Personnel Handbook was approved with all policies and procedures for the employees of TBISD. The State waiver for additional professional development and early release days was approved for the next three years by the board. The waiver will now be sent to TEA for final approval.

The High School gym ceiling was tabled until a later date while the reconstruction bid for the repair of the softball and baseball fields was approved.

The board joined other school districts around the state and signed a resolution concerning high stakes testing. This resolution will be sent to the Governor, Congressmen, and our Representative. The hiring of an Architect was tabled until a later date. Portfolios will be requested from several architects concerning updating the facilities of Tom Bean ISD.

Mrs. Garrison gave a short report of the staff in-service schedule, campus handbooks, cheerleading handbook, and the band handbook for 2012-2013. In addition, Tasha Jones, HS Cafeteria Manager, turned in her resignation, and Karen Williams, from Van Alstyne, Texas, will be the HS manager for the next school year.

Tom Bean City News

Posted on July 16th, 2012 at 6:27:49 AM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

As you have already seen the work that is going on down the west end of Ball Street, Precinct 1 is making great progress in renovating this bad road in our city. Due to budget/fund limitations, the city will only be able to do a portion of the street (from FM2729 to Randolph) this year. The reason that this end was chosen to start on was because it was in the worst shape. The Type A Community Development Board generously donated \$5000 to the city to add to the funds required to make this happen this year. Our thanks to the Type A Board!

Two New Businesses In Town!

Posted on July 13th, 2012 at 1:54:36 PM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

Denim and Diamonds (corner of Britton and 902) and Texas Iceberg are both planning to be open sometime in July. 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!!

**Tom Bean Fire Department
Pancake Breakfast will be held
August 18, 2012, from 7 to 10
am at the City Hall
Community Room.**

**Menu includes pancakes,
sausage, bacon,
coffee, water, orange juice,
milk.**

**Price: Donations greatly
appreciated.**

We Are On Facebook!

Posted on August 2nd, 2012 at 12:48:18 PM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

The Tom Bean Type A and Type B Corporations have recently set up Facebook accounts to market/advertise upcoming events and to keep the public more informed of what is going on within their boards. Just do a search on Tom Bean and you will find them!

Attention Tom Bean Citizens and Surrounding Areas

Posted on July 12th, 2012 at 5:46:43 AM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

The TBVFD and the City of Tom Bean have been working to get our ISO rating lowered in order for your insurance rates to also be lowered. BUT in order to make this happen, the Fire Department is having to get some required work done on several of their fire engines in order to meet state requirements. Funds are low at this time and because of this, our rating will remain at a "8" (with "10" being the worst) until funds are received. We are asking you to think about the necessity that we have in our having our fire department and make a donation today! We thank you very much!!



Sherman Daybreak Toastmasters

Sherman Daybreak Toastmasters meeting was called to order by President Billy Hamilton. Juanita Hazelton discussed what makes an effective and interesting Toastmasters Club. Her presentation was "Moments of Truth." Juanita divided us into groups to develop ideas and results for each of these four Moments of Truth: First Impressions; Membership Orientation; Fellowship, Variety, and Communication; Program Planning and Meeting Organization. The result of this meeting? Lots of productive discussion and planning for Fall 2012!

The last Toastmasters Leadership Institute for Fall 2012 will be held, Saturday, August 25, 2012.

Next meeting: 6:30 am, August 16, 2012, at the Renaissance, 3701 Loy Lake Road, Sherman, Texas 75090.

For more information, call Mr. Bob Bishop 903 815 8788 cell or r.bishop@ieee.org email

Best Speaker Juanita Hazelton



Texoma Poetry Society Program

The Texoma Poetry Society will have an Open Workshop Sat. Aug 4, 2 – 4 pm.

Bring Poems- In- Process on which you invite feedback -- or -- poems you like & want to share.

Place: Sherman Public Library Community Room

Youth Clothing & Textiles Day

Youth ages 5-13 are invited to come and learn the basics of sewing, fabric content, color and design. Then they will take a field trip to create their own unique style and model their new look to the group. Lunch will be provided. The class will be held at the Grayson County Courthouse Assembly room starting at 8:30 am on Wednesday, August 8. It will last until 1pm. Session 2 will start at 1 pm and is designed for youth ages 11-18 and adults who want to learn the basics of knitting. Students in session II should be able to complete a project prior to the end of the session at 4pm.

Cost of either session I or session II is \$10 for 4-H members and \$20 for non-4-H members. Sign up by calling Joyce White at 903-813-4203 and leaving a message telling which session you are attending, your age and your contact information.

This class is being conducted by the Grayson County 4-H FCS Coalition. If you want more information you can call the number above or email Joyce White, County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Science at ja-white@tam.u.edu<mailto:ja-white@tam.u.edu> .



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Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

Our August schedule is as follows:

August 2 -- Bluegrass Jam 7 pm

August 4 -- Bluegrass Show -- No turning Back, Remington Express 7 pm

August 11 -- Tanner Young and Friends 7 pm

August 22-25 -- Deep Summer Bluegrass Festival (See www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com for in depth information) (Times vary. Check the website.)

August 30 -- Bluegrass Jam 7 pm.

Summer has Arrived - Don Mathis

You know summertime has finally arrived when you open your car but don't get inside because the temperature is 25..

Rain clouds appear but then they quickly fizzle. We'd be lucky if we just got a drizzle. Any rain evaporates with a sizzle.

Electric bills will be astronomical. A high thermostat is economical, still, the kilowatt hours are comical.

Ten minutes outside and you begin to fry. It's so hot; you think you are going to die. That's the way it is in a Texas July.

But there is an upside to all of this heat. The beauty of summer flowers can't be beat. Who doesn't like the way the Crepe Myrtles creep?

Texas Sage is one of the plants I love most, but its magnificence cannot come as close to the colors of the Pride of Barbados.

This is the time for the river for swimming and check out the scanty clothes on the women. I think it's healthy, my wife thinks it's sinning.

It doesn't get dark now until nine at night. So we've got these extra hours of daylight. The July sun at noon is never so bright.

It's so hot and dry, even the rust has dust. And just when you think the heat index can't bust, you ain't seen nothing till we get to August!

Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Event

July was a more restful month for us with just the potluck on the 4th of July and James King on the 21st. But we are gearing up for a very busy last half of the year.

We host a bluegrass jam at 7 pm on August 2nd. Donations are accepted to defray expenses. Listeners are welcome.

On August 4th we have two bands that will entertain. No Turning Back from the Lillian area will perform at 7 pm. Members of this band are Paul Stimson, bass, lead singer, Barbara Fuller, guitar and vocals, James Robins, banjo, and Larry Joyner, guitar and low harmony.

Our second band, Remington Express, is from the Gunter area. Members include Dick Milan, banjo, Greg Shipper, fiddle, Danielle Logan, bass, Angie Logan, mandolin, and Danny Logan, guitar. We hope you will come out and support these two bands.

Admission for the evening is \$6 per adult. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Youth 12-17 are half price.

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

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows. We serve hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches, candy, soda, coffee, water, and ice cream novelties.

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

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photo outline: Visitors can ride an authentic 1850s stagecoach during Fanthorp Inn's Stagecoach Days on Saturday, Aug. 11. (TPWD file photo by John B. Chandler).

Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site to Host Stagecoach Days

ANDERSON, TX—Folks can enjoy a rare chance to ride on a genuine icon of the Old West and tour a quaint, historic town and inn, where the likes of Anson Jones and Robert E. Lee once visited, during Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site's Stagecoach Days, from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, Aug. 11.

Other activities scheduled for the day include 19th-Century music performances from local bands, Star of Texas Dulcimers and the Roseville Fair Old Time String Band, and guided tours of the Inn with park staff and volunteer hosts festively dressed in period costume, circa 1850s.

"This event provides people with the unique opportunity to actually ride a stagecoach, and see firsthand how folks lived more than 150 years ago. And, they get to see a house and hotel with a remarkably historic past," said Tom Scaggs, Park Interpreter at Fanthorp Inn SHS. "Today, only a handful of replica stagecoaches still operate at all in Texas, so to have this here is a one-of-a-kind thing. And this site is so significant to the beginnings of modern-day Texas culture. It stands as a testament to the pioneer and entrepreneurial spirit of early settlers."

Fanthorp's stage is a replica 1850 Concord stagecoach, featuring bright red paint and yellow, spoked wheels, horse drawn by two mules. Originally, a ride on the stage would accommodate nine travelers, allowing just 15 inches per person; up to six others could ride on top. Including freight, passengers and crew, the stagecoach was impressively designed to transport 4,000 pounds across the frontier.

"Years ago, it was a tight fit inside the coach, especially if the traveler was large or a lady wearing bustles," Scaggs adds.

Today's replica stagecoach, however, hosts around seven people comfortably, as it leisurely drives through small downtown Anderson, past the restored historic Grimes county courthouse and back to the Inn.

The six-acre park's centerpiece is the actual Fanthorp Inn, a double-pen, cedar log dogtrot house built in 1834 by English immigrant Henry Fanthorp, after he petitioned Stephen F. Austin for permission to settle in this original Austin Colony. The structure served as both family home, and -- because of its strategic locale near the cities of Houston, Navasota and Bryan -- became a popular overnight destination for travelers.

Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site is located just off of Highway 90, about 10 miles northeast of Navasota, or some 30 miles southeast of Bryan-College Station. The park does not collect an admission fee, but donations are accepted for the stagecoach rides and Inn tours.

For more information, contact (936) 878-2214, or visit www.texasstateparks.org

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Texas high school graduation rate reaches all-time high

AUSTIN - The Texas high school on-time graduation rate climbed to an all-time high, reaching 85.9 percent for the Class of 2011, which is 1.6 percentage points higher than the previous record set by the Class of 2010, the Texas Education Agency announced today.

More than 92 percent of the 319,588 students in the Class of 2011 either graduated in four years or continued high school for a fifth year.

An additional 1.1 percent of the students in this group earned a GED, which is a high school equivalency certificate.

“Raising graduation rates is a key priority and it’s thanks to the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers, parents and administrators that the state of Texas has seen an all-time high in our graduation rate,” said Todd Webster, chief deputy commissioner of TEA. “This class was expected to meet higher graduation requirements than any class before it. This group of students not only rose to the challenge but they raised the bar,” he said.

The Class of 2011 was the first group required to meet the “four-by-four” graduation requirements of the Recommended Graduation Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program. Under these diploma plans, each student is required to earn four credits in each of the four core areas of mathematics, science, social studies and English, along with other required and elective courses for a total of 26 credits. The students were also required to pass the exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in order to graduate.

About 82 percent of the students in this class graduated under one of these two college-prep diploma plans, while the remaining graduates met the requirements of the 22-credit Minimum High School Program. The four-year graduation rate is based on the definition created by the U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics and is now used by all states.

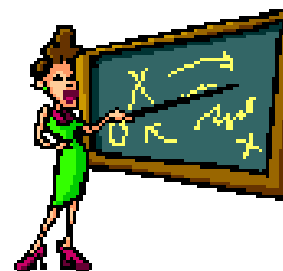
Across racial or ethnic groups, Asian students in Texas had the highest graduation rate at 95.0 percent. This is the first year that data for this growing student group had been calculated as a separate category.

Key graduation rate statistics at a glance for other student groups:

- White – 92.0 percent, up from 91.6 percent in 2010.
- Hispanics – 81.8 percent, up from 78.8 percent in 2010.
- African Americans – 80.9 percent, up from 78.8 percent in 2010.
- Female – 88.2 percent, up from 86.5 percent in 2010.
- Male – 83.7 percent, up from 82.1 percent in 2010.

Among the Class of 2010, 84.3 percent graduated in four years. Within five years after this group of students entered high school, the rate had risen to 88.0 percent as more students completed high school.

The study called the Secondary School Completion and Dropouts in Texas Public Schools 2010-2011 is available on the TEA website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/acctres/dropcomp_index.html.



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4 Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them, for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me,

6 and showing lovingkindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work;

10 but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Christian Fellowship

D'Anna Lodge will be leading the service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Join them at 9:00am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classed for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads them in praise and worship and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

C. R. Men's Step Study group is on hold for now. Call Jesse @ 903-744-2716 for more information.

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

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

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

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10. 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.

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

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Red Skies

By Willie Sofey

Before high tech equipment was developed to read and forecast weather patterns, mankind looked to the skies to predict the weather approaching. The history of commerce depended greatly on weather conditions.

Farmers, certainly, are dependent on the accuracy of forecasting weather patterns as well as the business of commercial travel.

There's an old saying, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky at morning, sailors take warning." A western sun setting meant clear skies. A red sky in the morning meant the sun was shining on the underside of clouds approaching.

Back in Jesus' time, Jesus referred to this phenomenon when addressing the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matt. 15:1-4).

In testing Jesus, they ask for a sign from heaven. He rebuked them by saying to them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.'" Do you know how to discern the signs of the times?

The Pharisees and Sadducees were quite knowledgeable of the scriptures and of the ancient prophetic words of a coming Messiah, but were not wise enough to realize that Jesus was the One.

These so-called godly spiritual leaders had evolved into what Jesus had described in Matt. 23:23-36 and had led the nation of Israel into this mindset and is why, ultimately, they crucified Him.

"So you, too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness", saying "If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets" (Matt. 23:28-30).

Christians today are looking forward to the 2nd coming of Christ. Unfortunately many today are being misled by government leaders as well as many unwise spiritual leaders and fail to see the "signs" of the 2nd coming of Christ. Jesus addresses his return in Matt. 24:3-4, a must read, "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah" (Matt. 24:37-38).

There was a lot of evil carousing, wickedness and unpreparedness then as well as in our present age. The vast majority of "man's every inclination of the thought's of his heart was only on evil all the time" (Gen. 6:5).

The signs of our present time are looking more and more like "morning warning and red skies"... "Men will be lovers of themselves" (2Tim. 3:15), "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase" (Dan. 12:4), "Wars and rumors of wars", "Nation will rise against nation", "famines and earthquakes", "false prophets, will mislead many", "you will be hated by all nations because of My name" (Matt. 24:6-12).

God's Word warns us to be alert to the coming storm of the "Morning Red Skies", "let us be alert and sober", "that the day would overtake you like a thief", "having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation" (1Thess. 5:6-8).

Amen, Willie Sofey



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Korley's Kolumns

By Bob Bowman

Some seventy years ago, a self-educated farmer and justice of the peace in Henderson County starting writing letters to the Athens Daily Review.

In a few months, Cicero Witt Corley was so popular that he was given a regular newspaper column he called "Korley's Kolumn."

Today, Corley's columns are treasured as yellowed clippings put away in the scrapbooks and trunks of older people who remember him as a lively, satirical writer and philosopher.

Writing from his home in Shady Grove, a rural community eight miles north of Murchison, Corley was an elementary school dropout due to the untimely death of his father.

He possessed a keen wit that made people chuckle. His eighty-eight year old daughter, Edith Mayfield of Brownsboro, once said her father "loved life and liked to laugh with people."

One March in the 1930s, Corley wrote that he was plowing a field when "I heard "the buzzing of a Ford car" and the refrains of "Love Lifted Me." When the car stopped, he looked inside and saw a couple who wanted him to stop his plowing and marry them. Corley married them with his mule as a witness.

Corley often offered his services as a resident seer and answered questions from his readers.

One reader asked: "How long will my husband continue to flirt with women? Corley replied: "Until the undertaker is called, which may not be long."

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



By Dorothy N. Fowler

Many years ago, when computers were still novelties and not every school system had them, the principal at my high school asked me to get prices on computers for the social studies department. This was obviously an odd request since computers were expensive enough that the school district should have advertised for bids and gone through a formal bidding process. However, at that time I didn't know anything about the bidding process or the law related to it.

It is clear to me now that my principal believed I would soon decide something was wrong and that I would begin to ask questions about the process.

That, indeed, is what happened. I went to several businesses that sold computers in quantity to other business enterprises, got the specifications for different computers and made a formal report to my principal, who assured me that he would send it to the proper administrators "down town."

When computers were bought, the school district bought them from a company that was not on my list, a company that I had never heard of, at higher prices than I had reported.

Within a few weeks, my principal asked me to repeat the process. The request irked me because I was teaching about 144 students in four classes, sponsoring Student Council and was chairperson of my department. What's more, I had finally figured out that the social studies department would be the last to get computers. Math, science, English and football were certain to get the first computers. But I went to all the companies I had visited the first time, endured their curious looks, compiled the information and turned it in again.

Once again, when the district bought computers, they bought from the company they had bought from before.

"What's going on here?" I asked the principal. "I got estimates for better prices and better specs."

"I don't know," he replied. "Maybe you can find out."

When I called the newly established technology center and talked to the person in charge, who happened to be a friend I would have trusted with my life, he said the computers his department had bought had specifications that the ones I priced did not.

It took me a week or two to check that information out and when I found that it was not true, I called the superintendent, who all but told me to mind my own business. Since I was a taxpayer in the district as well as a teacher, I thought the computer purchase was my business. I started calling school board members, who apparently called the superintendent

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BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

During the Great Depression, a reader asked "when will the depression be at its worst?"

Corley responded: "During May, June and July, as neither of these months have a R and rabbits killed in a month with no R are not good to eat."

A lady reader supposedly wrote: "Will I ever receive my diamond stick pin that was stolen from my husband?"

Corley wrote: "I am very sorry to say the pin was not stolen. The person who got the pin while in a very friendly conversation with your husband lives in Houston, is a brunette, is 35 years old and powders and paints excessively."

A poor farmer asked Corley: "Will Congress be able to enact any laws that will relieve the farmer?"

Corley replied: "Yes, I see Congress passing several laws that will no doubt relieve you in many ways. No doubt they will relieve you of your home."

Corley often struggled with the fact that man had one rib fewer than women. "I wish someone would tell me why," he said, "because I feel I have been shortchanged."

The highlight of Corley's career was winning a trip to Boston to see the World Series after making friends with Dallas radio broadcaster Gorden McLendon.

Even though he lost his eyesight, Corley continued to write until he was in his eighties. He passed away in 1980 and was buried in Ashberry Cemetery, a small country graveyard in Van Zandt County.

But to legions of fans, he is still remembered through the cherished clippings of his old newspaper columns.

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

Dot's Dashes, continued

who told them to pay no attention because "she's just a disgruntled employee."

More than a year passed. Computers were still being bought and being bought from the same company every time, and although I was still questioning why, it had become quite clear that no one else cared.

Then, without warning, the superintendent visited our campus and wanted to look at computers in the department offices. Because we still didn't have computers in the social studies office (social studies, in case you don't know, is considered to be a dead flea on the rump of a dying dog, not quite as low as home economics, music and art, but close to it), I heard this from teachers who were present in an office that did have computers.

The school district had received a shipment of computers and when the boxes were opened, the computer towers seemed to be too light. Someone popped the top off one and found that it was empty. However many there were, they were all empty.

This discovery prompted an investigation that proved that the head of the technology department -- my friend -- had set up a corporation that had been selling to the school district all the computers the district had bought. They were not good quality computers.

If you think anything came of this, think again. The district didn't want the federal government, which had funded most if not all of the computers, to know it hadn't exercised due diligence. So the top administrators suggested that the head of the technology department resign and depart and that's what happened.

And I -- I remained in the eyes of the administration a loose cannon, someone not to be trusted and a person classified as a "disgruntled employee."

Here is the moral of this sorry tale: If a person in authority tells you the reason an employee is making inquiries or complaining is a "disgruntled employee," it may be there is something to be disgruntled about.



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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



Cornyn, Grassley Celebrate ‘Meat Monday’

WASHINGTON – 7-30-12 -- The offices of U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) today celebrated ‘Meat Monday’ with barbeque beef brisket, ribs, and sausage from Hill Country BBQ restaurant. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), which oversees our nation’s ranchers and farmers, recently encouraged its employees to boycott meat on Mondays:

“In some of the toughest times they’ve seen in recent memory, Texas cattle ranchers and farmers deserve an Administration who works with them, not one who undermines them with boneheaded decisions from bureaucrats in Washington,” said Sen. Cornyn.

“This is a reminder to USDA that it’s supposed to advocate for American agriculture, not against it,” Sen. Grassley said.

Last week Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples wrote a blog criticizing USDA for promoting “Meatless Monday.” Below is the blog text along with a link to the official blog. <http://commissionertoddstaples.blogspot.com/>



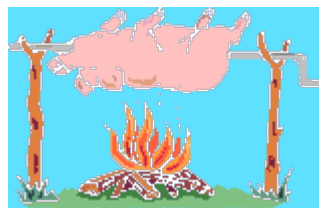
Fire The Ones Responsible

I’m in full agreement with America’s beef and dairy industries as they call bull on USDA. In an online newsletter to its employees, USDA had the audacity to encourage people to go green by promoting “Meatless Monday” as a means of preventing climate change. Talk about a slap in the face!

Last I checked, USDA had a very specific duty to promote and champion American agriculture. Imagine Ford or Chevy discouraging the purchase of their pickup trucks. Anyone else see the absurdity? How about the betrayal?

In response to USDA’s outlandish and extremist views, Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas challenged Sec. of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to justify these appalling endorsements. USDA responded by backpedalling and claiming the offending comments slipped through the cracks without proper clearance. The agency went on to say it did not endorse “Meatless Monday.” Thanks, but no thanks.

Perhaps the best apology would be to fire the person or persons responsible for distributing these treasonous comments. Why should our hardworking beef producers be paying the uninformed enemy’s salary? Without delay, the responsible parties have got to go. At a time when historical droughts are threatening the livelihoods of our beef producers and diminishing our food supply, the last thing we need is a USDA that adds insult to injury. Shame on you, USDA. You deserve all the bull you get.





Growing our own food Been there, done that!

By Gene Hall

Some believe the answer to future food needs is for many people to grow their own food. As a nation, as a species, we once did that -- nearly all of us at first. Now, more than 97 percent depend on those who work the land.

Could it be that way again? Sure. Growing up on the farm in the late '50s, '60s and early '70s was an experience I would not trade for anything, but I left it willingly. Since World War II, most of America has done the same.

Our East Texas farm was not large, but we did grow some food! I can still remember Sunday meals, often with our pastor or visiting clergy. My father was very fond of saying, "Everything on this table was grown right here on our farm." Our visitors were always impressed. Even then, in the '60s, that sort of thing was becoming rare. The fare was a home-cooked delight. We had pot roast from beef that was corn-fed and raised a few yards from the back door. There was fried chicken that scratched the ground only hours before.

New potatoes, fresh tomatoes, turnip greens, green beans, squash and dozens of home-grown vegetables were regular things on our table. Cornbread with hand churned butter, homemade ice cream or peach cobbler -- all of it grown on the farm or squeezed out of our jersey. Dad may have fudged a little on the sugar in the desserts, the iced tea or sodas, but it was darn close. Last week, I asked my dad how much of our own food we grew. He said at the height of it -- 80 percent.

Yes, it is possible, and the secret is a home-grown labor force. Ours was my hardworking father, mother, two grandparents, my

brother and two sisters. My other two younger sisters were not old enough for most of it. I remember the wonderful food, but I also remember how hard we worked. We had various cash crops, but most of it was consumed by the family.

I don't want this to sound like *The Grapes of Wrath*, but we worked very hard. At 10, I scratched potatoes out of the ground behind a "middle buster" plow.

At 12, I baled hay and hoed Johnson grass out of vegetables and half an acre of sweet corn. It seems like we built or patched fences nearly every day. Livestock had to be fed. Corn was grown, worked and harvested to feed them.

The work did not hurt me, and it's actually quite pleasant to look back on it. But we could not sustain it. My college-educated dad took a good job off the farm. I left for Texas A&M and television news. My brother took a job in Colorado. The farm was sold in 1977 and family land nearby became a smaller one.

Today, even professional farmers depend on the grocery store for much of their food. Growing your own is possible with great planning and the cooperation of Mother Nature. It also takes hard work. Even harvesting more calories than you consume in the process requires skill.

Some folks can't grow their own food. Some, like me, don't want to. I'm grateful for the efficiency and expertise of modern agriculture and state-of-the-art grocery stores. That doesn't mean I don't sometimes miss the way we "grew our own." Gene Hall, Public Relations Director, Texas Farm Bureau
I believe that the only hope for a food secure world is capitalism and reasonable profits for America's farm and ranch families--that the first element of sustainability is economic survival.



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Hall votes for jobs, economy bills: Red tape reduction, “audit the fed”

WASHINGTON, DC . . . &7-26-12) Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) voted with the House Majority to pass two bills focused on job creation and economic growth. H.R. 4078, the Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act, which passed 245-172, works to eliminate federal red tape that hinders small businesses from growing their business. H.R. 459, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2012 (“Audit the Fed”), which passed 327-98, would allow the Government Accountability Office to conduct a full audit of the Federal Reserve.

“Since President Obama took office, there has been a significant increase in regulations,” said Hall. “These regulations are preventing small business owners from hiring new workers, which in turn is hurting both job seekers and our economy. The President’s lack of understanding and faith in small business owners to build successful businesses is clear.”

On the House Floor yesterday, Chairman Hall stated, “The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has explored regulatory hurdles being put up by a number of agencies and we’ve seen a massive expansion of red tape under this Administration. Much of it has come from the Environmental Protection Agency where too many of the environmental regulations put forward have been based on secret science, hidden data, and predetermined outcomes.”

“We must promote conditions where job creators have the ability and confidence to grow their businesses and hire new workers. In order to cut the unemployment rate, we need to cut the red tape. That means removing unnecessary federal regulations so small businesses can invest in the future and have every opportunity to succeed.

“We can also encourage a healthy economy by providing full transparency and accountability with the Federal Reserve - the country’s banking system. Over the past three and a half years, the Federal Reserve has tripled its balance sheet to \$3 trillion, which is equivalent to 20% of the economy, and it has lent out nearly \$16 trillion - more than the size of the entire economy.

“Under current law, Congress is prohibited from completing a full review of the Federal Reserve. Americans have the right to know

how their tax dollars are spent, and the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2012 will allow Congress to conduct annual audits that include monetary policy.

“Jobs and the economy are the American people’s top concerns, and my top priority will continue to be fighting to foster job creation and economic growth.”

Specifically, the Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act would:

- * Freeze any economically significant regulation, except for health and emergency, until employment drops below six percent nationally;
- * Permanently prevent “lame duck” administrations from issuing economically significant regulations;
- * Ensure impacted parties have a right to intervene before federal agencies agree to binding legal settlements;
- * Require independent federal agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission and National Labor Relations Board to comply with the same regulatory review requirements as other agencies and require increased transparency with respect to unfunded mandates that are imposed on state and local governments;
- * Create a streamlined process for consideration of federal permits for construction projects; and
- * Require both the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission to conduct more thorough cost-benefit analyses of proposed regulations.

Likewise, “Audit the Fed” would:

- * Allow the Government Accountability Office to audit the Federal Reserve and submit a report to Congress within twelve months;
- * Remove restrictions on Government Accountability Office so it can audit monetary policy operations, emergency lending, and operations with foreign central banks; and
- * Allow additional audits to be performed in the future without restrictions on what the Government Accountability Office can examine.

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Letter to the Editor:

NCAA Piling On Penn State

I am upset about the child abuse committed by Sandusky and the cover up by Paterno, Curley, Schulz and Spanier. The lives of many young children have been adversely impacted by these men.

And that is my point. The five individuals were involved with these tragic events, not the assistant football coaches, not the football players, not the faculty and not the student body.

I believe the NCAA president and executive board overstepped their authority by imposing very harsh penalties on the Penn State football program and by extension on the entire university. The penalties will needlessly decimate one of the premier athletic programs in the country and could debilitate the entire university.

If the leaders of a corporation, e.g. president, vice president, commit a crime, are the junior level managers and hourly workers punished? If a parent commits a crime, are his/her children punished for the crime?

The NCAA decided to use Penn State as a scapegoat example to thwart other university leaders from going astray. I think the NCAA should have stayed out of it and let the criminal and civil proceedings run their courses. The NCAA is persecuting innocent people.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH
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Letter to the Editor, Regarding the Olympics:

The Olympic Games, held this year in London, are the greatest sports event in the world, drawing athletes from the myriad nations of the world to one city. The games are an important school to educate participants and spectators in important values, including self-sacrifice and respect for one's adversaries. They provide an opportunity to overcome the logic of individualism and selfishness, which often characterize human relations, in order to make room for the logic of brotherhood and love, the only things that can lead to promoting the common good on every level.

The games have important symbolic value, and for that reason they should be looked upon with special fondness and attention. In the spirit of the "Olympic truce" the international sporting event provides an opportunity to promote peace and reconciliation throughout the world. The Olympic truce tradition, originating in eighth-century B.C. Greece, asked that all wars and conflict be suspended before and during the games as a way make sure participants could travel to and from the venue safely. Let us pray that all nations will respect this truce and learn to live together in complete love and harmony.

*With respectful and cordial best wishes I remain,
Sincerely yours, Paul Kokoski*





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May Someone With Dementia Sign a Will?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Memorial for Vietnam Veterans

The Texas State Capitol grounds are filled with a collection of monuments that remind us of the service and sacrifice of Texans in times of war: the Heroes of the Alamo, the Confederate Soldiers, and Texas veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Now the thousands of Texans who served and the 3,415 young sons of the Lone Star State who perished in the Vietnam War will be also honored by a monument on the Capitol grounds.

During the 2005 79th Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature, the legislature approved House Concurrent Resolution 36, authorizing a Vietnam War monument on the Capitol grounds. The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Committee, all of whom are Vietnam veterans, was established to commission and fund the Monument construction. Last week, the committee announced that work on the 14-foot bronze sculpture has begun at the Deep in the Heart Art Foundry in Bastrop, Texas.

The sculpture by artist Duke Sundt features five infantry figures poised in patrol positions. On the base surrounding the fighting unit are panels depicting naval, artillery, medical and aviation services that supported the combat patrol. The monument will honor all Texans who served during the Vietnam War, including the 107 Texas men who remain Missing In Action; the 17 Native Texans who earned the nation's highest commendation, the Congressional Medal of Honor; and the 3,415 Texans killed in action. The Texans killed in Vietnam will be remembered by "dog tags" personalized with each man's name, military service, hometown and date of loss. These tags will be entombed inside the monument.

The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument is tentatively scheduled to be installed in the fall of 2013 on the northeast side of the Capitol grounds.

For more information and to stay updated on the monument's progress, visit www.buildthemonument.org. If you want for information on this or any other matter of state government, please contact my office. You can contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.

DPS Develops Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

In 1982 the Texas Legislature created the original prescription drug monitoring program, which is now called the Texas Prescription Program, as an efficient, cost effective tool for investigating and preventing prescription drug crimes and abuse. Since then authorized users have had to access to this information through a manual paper process. This week, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced it has developed a secure online prescription monitoring program, called Prescription Access in Texas (PAT). This program will provide controlled substance prescription dispensing history to authorized health care and law enforcement professionals electronically. The program does not require additional information regarding controlled substance prescriptions, but simply allows authorized professionals to access the data electronically rather than through paper copies.

DPS launched a pilot version of the PAT in August 2011, which has proven successful. Each registered user must provide licensing information to ensure data is released only to authorized users. As required by law, the PAT database includes Schedule II - Schedule V drugs for the last 12 months only, and pharmacists must report prescription data within seven days of the prescription being filled. Texas law restricts access to prescription data to practitioners and pharmacists who are inquiring about their patients, and to various regulatory and law enforcement personnel conducting investigations.

PAT, the new online version of the database, allows instant, 24/7 access to authorized users. This program will not only enable practitioners to better serve their patients, but will give law enforcement faster tools to combat the illegal prescription drug trade. The illegal abuse and trade of prescription drugs is of huge consequence in Texas. This year alone, the DPS Regulatory Services Division has investigated 116 prescription-related felony cases and 3 misdemeanor cases, made 73 arrests, seized \$1,998,446.00 in currency, and \$420,00.00 in property.

For additional information about the PAT program, visit: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/RegulatoryServices/prescription_program, or you may contact my office. You can contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.



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Friends of Hagerman

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

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

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

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

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

Details on these programs and refuge happenings are available at www.friendsofhagerman.com or by sending an email to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.



Vatican Fried Chicken

During a Papal audience, a business man approached the Pope and made this offer: Change the last line of the Lord's prayer from "Give us this day our daily bread" to "Give us this day our daily chicken," and Kentucky Fried Chicken will donate \$10,000,000 to Catholic charities. The Pope declined.

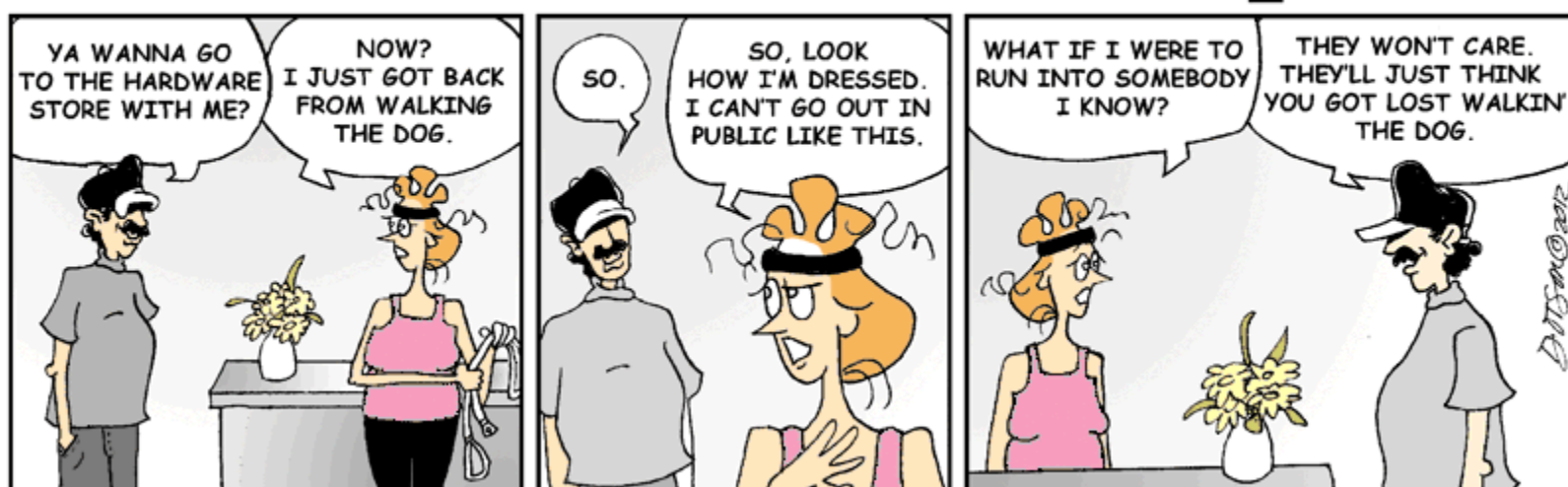
Two weeks later, the man approached the Pope again - this time with a \$50,000,000 offer. Again, the Pope declined. A month later, the man upped the price to \$100,000,000, and this time the Pope accepted.

At a meeting of the Cardinals, the Pope announced his decision in the good news/bad news format. "The good news is: We have \$100,000,000 for charities. The bad news: We lost the Wonder Bread account."

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LET'S REMINISCE: PORK AND BEANS

By Jerry Lincecum

One branch of folklore I have always enjoyed is colloquial expressions, and some of the most interesting relate to food, such as living high on the hog and spilling the beans.

Having participated in hog killing once or twice (I was barely old enough to turn the handle on the sausage mill), I knew that the best cuts of pork (chops and roasts) come from the upper portion of a pig's body. But I didn't see the link between "living a life of luxury" and what part of the hog was on your dining table. Like most Southern families of the 1930s and 40s, mine had salt pork and sausage far more often than pork chops.

Nowadays I like an occasional sausage biscuit, and one particular fast-food chain has my favorite. They use only "whole hog sausage," which makes me think of the expression go the whole hog. The first widespread use of that phrase was in politics, when Andrew Jackson ran for president against John Adams. Ardent supporters of Jackson, who ran as the common man's candidate, were known as whole hoggers, and the idea of being enthusiastically committed to something is still expressed in that fashion. When it comes to whole hog sausage, however, the Food and Drug Administration has specified that it "contains meat from swine in such proportions as are normal to a single animal and no more than 50% fat by weight.

My family ate a lot of beans, too, and never without pork seasoning of some kind. The expression spill the beans, in the sense of "divulging information that you planned to keep secret," first appeared in an early 20th century western novel. Soon it became gangster slang for "betraying your colleagues under pressure" and was used in so many movies that it became a cliché.

Having helped my mother plant pole beans in the garden, I understood at an early age that someone or something that didn't amount to a hill of beans was a disappointment or insignificant. However, it did surprise me to learn that not worth a bean can be traced back to the 13th century. Of more recent vintage is the expression he doesn't know beans and the variations doesn't know split beans from coffee or beans from bullets to indicate great ignorance.

Mustard greens were often a fall crop in our garden, bringing to mind the phrase cut the mustard, meaning to succeed. However, I remember it being used mostly in the negative, as in "he couldn't cut the mustard." Apparently the origin of this expression relates to mustard's sharp, tangy quality. I'll end with hot dog, as in "Joe thinks he's a real hot dog" or "there she goes, hot dogging it again." Showing off or behaving flamboyantly is the offense.

What is your favorite colloquial expression? I plan to write another column on this subject and would appreciate your suggestions.

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