

Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

December 13, 2012

*Now through Christmas we will have
Christmas music on nearly every page.*

Lana had Cataract surgery this week so we will have fewer pages and updates. She will have the other eye done in January. Until her recovery from both surgeries we will not be printing our weekly flyer either. We appreciate your understanding. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Santa ad Howe Library



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Howe's That Recipe

by Lana Rideout

This year marks Queen Elizabeth II's 60th year as the reigning monarch of England.

I remember watching parts of her coronation ceremony on TV.

This ceremony took place on June 2, 1953 (16 months after the death of her father King George VI).

The ceremony was long. She had to stand with a heavy crown on her head and also kneel at various times. I was 9 years old and I found it an interesting thing to watch.



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Shortbread

1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
vegetable cooking spray

Preheat oven to 325°F. Prepare a 9-inch round or square cake pan (or shortbread mold) by spraying it lightly with vegetable cooking spray.

Cream butter in an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in the confectioners' sugar and vanilla.

At low speed of mixer, begin adding flour slowly. Mixture will be thick. Turn mixture out onto unfloured surface, and knead until thoroughly mixed. You should have a smooth, stiff dough.

Press the dough into the prepared pan or shortbread mold, and prick entire surface with fork.

Bake at 325°F for 30 to 35 minutes. It should be lightly browned. Cool for 10 minutes, then loosen edges with knife and invert pan onto cutting board. Shortbread may be coaxed out by tapping edge of pan. Makes 4 servings.

Prep time: 20 minutes; Cooking time: 30-35 minutes; Total time: 50-55 minutes

Chocolate Shortbread

To original recipe, add 1-1/2 tablespoons cocoa, and increase sugar to 1/2 cup and vanilla extract to 1/2 teaspoon.

Orange Shortbread

To original recipe, add 2 teaspoons grated orange peel, 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon, and increase sugar to 1/2 cup.

Lemon Shortbread

To original recipe, add 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest and increase sugar to 1/2 cup.

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A Busy Day for Santa in Howe

On Saturday, Dec. 8, Howe and Santa had a busy day.

The day began with the annual Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Howe Volunteer Fire Dept.

Then Santa was off to Howe Community Library to read to the children and also have photos taken with him. Children of all ages enjoyed the visit with Santa.

Next Santa spent time at the Honey Bee Cafe in downtown Howe. Next Santa took a quick trip to Sherman to visit some children there and then it was back to Howe for the Annual Christmas Parade.

Santa was glad to be able to see all these folks.

Diabetic Support Group

At the Howe Community Library, from 6-7 pm, the first Thursday of the month

A support group for diabetics (and family members) of all ages. This is an opportunity to share stories, recipes, information and just laugh together. For more information, please contact Keri at 214-200-5294 or the library at 903-532-3350. Look for us on Facebook under the name: Howe Diabetic Support Group.

Upcoming meeting dates: January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2.

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Chrystal Opry House Gospel/Christmas Event

On Saturday night, December 15th. the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7 o'clock. Admission for this program is \$6. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs, soda, coffee, water, candy and popcorn is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half 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 no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.



Civil Air Patrol To Honor Local Veterans Wreaths Across America Day To Honor Veterans Locally And At Over 800 Participating Locations Nationwide

DENISON, Texas - On Saturday, December 15, Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members from the Texoma Composite Squadron will gather together with local community members to honor veterans during the holiday season as part of the annual Wreaths Across America Day.

Texoma Composite Squadron has volunteered to conduct the wreath-laying ceremony at Cedarlawn Memorial Park in Sherman on Saturday, December 15 starting at 11:00am. Ceremonial wreaths will be placed on veteran's graves to remember all soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations about the high cost of our freedoms. This ceremony is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend, especially veterans and their families. Similar ceremonies will take place simultaneously at over 800 participating locations across the U.S.

The Wreaths Across America story began over 20 years ago when the Worcester Wreath Company from Harrington, Maine initiated a tradition of donating and placing wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Recognition of the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families is especially poignant during the traditional holiday season. Worcester Wreath Company continues to be a major supporter of the project, donating over 30,000 total wreaths in 2011. Over 400,000 wreaths will be sponsored by individuals, businesses, and groups from communities nationwide. Wreaths will be placed by over 150,000 volunteers on graves in all 50 states from Maine to Alaska and Hawaii, and at nearly 30 national cemeteries on foreign soil.

For more information about the upcoming ceremony or about Texoma Composite Squadron, please call (903) 786-6227 or visit www.captexoma.org.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a national nonprofit organization that has grown to encompass over 800 participating locations and more than 150,000 volunteers around the country. Wreaths Across America's mission is to Remember, Honor, and Teach: Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve including their families who sacrifice, and Teach our children the cost of the freedoms we enjoy each day. WAA pursues its mission with nationwide wreath-laying events amid the holiday season, and year-round educational outreach inviting all Americans to appreciate our freedoms and the cost at which they are delivered. For more information about WAA, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

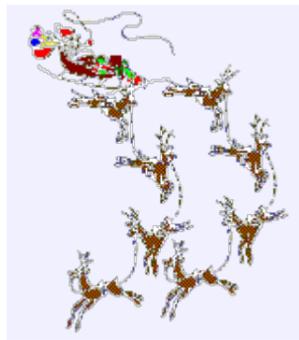
Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. 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 programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 71 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 or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.



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Holiday Home Fire Safety Tips from Paul Davis

Haltom City, TX - Decorate and entertain during the holiday season with caution and keep safety in mind. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, during Thanksgiving approximately 2,000 house fires happen with 69 percent of the fires caused by cooking. During the holidays, an estimated 128,700 fires and 1,650 injuries, along with 415 deaths occur with close to \$25.5 million in property damage.



Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling a leading provider of fire, water and mold damage restoration services for residential and commercial properties offers the following tips to make the holidays safe for you and your family.

Holiday Decorations: Be aware of toxic decorations which may be poisonous. Use non-combustible, flame-resistant materials. Never use lighted candles on a tree, evergreens or other flammable materials.



Lights: Check for loose connections, broken or cracked sockets or frayed wires. Use UL approved lighting. Fasten lights to the tree and prevent bulbs from coming in contact with the needles or branches. Turn off all holiday lights when leaving home or retiring for the evening.

Trees: Be sure a natural tree is fresh and less likely to become a fire hazard. Cut two inches off the trunk and place in a sturdy water stand, water daily. Keep the tree away from fireplaces, wall furnaces and other heat sources. Use 'fire resistant' artificial trees.

Portable space heaters: Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible and operate only when you are in the room. Never leave a space heater on overnight or near children and pets.



Cooking: Avoid wearing loose clothing which can be ignited by hot burners. Turn pot handles in. Don't store items on top of the stove, they can catch on fire. Turn off kitchen appliances after use. Turkey fryers should be used outdoors and away from buildings and flammable materials.

Fire Escape Plan: Know your escape routes. Have a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen, laundry room, and garage. Never burn greens, papers, or other decorations in the fireplace. Working smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, test them monthly, replace batteries every six months.

Know who to call in case of an emergency: Keep contact numbers handy for the police and fire departments, doctors and the national poison help line. In case of emergency property damage, contact a licensed, professional fire damage clean up and restoration company.



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Texoma Patriots December Newsletter 12/10/2012

As 2012 comes to a close, I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We had some wins and we had some losses this election season, but there is no need for total despair because it is now time to regroup and start all over again. My wish for the new year is that you will continue to help the TEA* Party grow and become stronger. Please help us examine what we can do to bring about limited government at the local level as well as the state and national level. Together we can win. It is now time to enjoy this season of Love and Joy. – Kaaren

*NOTE: TEA stands for Taxed Enough Already and is reminiscent of The Boston Tea Party. Then, America had taxation without representation. Today we have taxation with representation, and we need to replace our elected officials who do not support limited government and fiscal responsibility.

The date of our December meeting is Thursday, DECEMBER 13.

It will be held in the lovely old Victorian home of our Texas Representative Larry Phillips and his wife Robin – 1126 S. Crockett in Sherman. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

We have asked Rep Phillips to give us a preview of what we can expect from the 83rd Legislative Session which begins in Austin on January 6th.

Please start thinking of questions you would like to ask our Representative. What bills would you like to see come before the House for a vote? and how do you want him to vote? Over 400 bills have already been introduced. Think about some of these issues – TSA pat downs, Obamacare exchanges, House Speaker, Voter ID, EPA regulations, Texas secession from the Union, water issues like a “tap” tax and water conservation, road issues, texting while driving restrictions, the State budget, the Rainy Day Fund, fees such as the utilities franchise fee, pensions of state and municipal government employees, an economic contingency plan for Texas, or whatever your concern for our state may be.

What is of importance to you? Come to listen or come with ideas. We need to be pro-active citizens. We need to follow what is happening in our State and interact with our Representative and Senator to help make change happen.

There will be a “Christmas atmosphere” and light refreshments will be available. Plan to join us Dec 13th.

The Merry Christmas yard signs have arrived. We are selling these for \$10 each. Wish everyone in your neighborhood “Merry Christmas.” The sign reads: “Good news of great joy! Merry Christmas.” They are 26” x 16” on high gloss plastic and are easy to assemble. Please support your tea party and put a sign in your yard. This is a fund-raising project for us.

We will start 2013 with the showing of the movie OCCUPY UNMASKED. Date and location will be announced later. Ask yourself – what are the real forces behind the Occupy Movement?

“This is the most powerful film ever made about the true nature of the American left” according to David Horowitz. Sarah Palin says “OCCUPY UNMASKED is going to blow you away.” It is a shocking indictment of one of the most controversial movements in American history.

It is written and directed by award-winning director Stephen Bannon who also directed Generation Zero. We need to wake up. Stay tuned for date & time.

Items of Interest and Links to follow:

- **Ask your elected** officials (local, state, and federal) which laws or ordinances they have repealed. The more laws on the books, the less freedom we as individuals have.

- **I want to clearly** state that the Texoma Patriots does not endorse candidates. I was unaware that the McKinney Tea Party rep was going to endorse Bryan Hughes for the Speaker of the Texas House position at our showing of the movie Monumental. Today it was announced that Bryan Hughes has withdrawn his name from the race for Speaker.

- Oklahoma vs. ObamaCare

Here’s an item from NRO I thought you’d like to read: <https://www.nationalreview.com/articles/334887/oklahoma-versus-obamacare-jillian-kay-melchior>

- **Obamacare Taxes:** Every Bit as Bad as We Expected. Watch Dinesh D’Souza’s explanation of ObamaCare on YouTube. By republicunited.

Dinesh D’Souza and Michael Shermer in debate at Oregon State Univ. Questions from the student body regarding Universal Health Care/ObamaCare. The answers were quite well presented and the student body seemed to agree.

- From Gallup.com

The U.S. Payroll to Population employment rate (P2P), as measured by Gallup, was 43.7% for the month of November, down from 45.7% in October. This is the largest month-over-month decline in P2P since Gallup began tracking it in 2010.

- **No hope, no change** for the blacks. Click here: http://www.youtube.com/v/F0sk4yGaEk8%26hl=en_US%26fs=1%26

- **Remember when Khrushchev** banged his shoe on the table and gave a rant at the UN? Here is the quote he shouted with emphasis on prophecy!!

“Your children’s children will live under communism. You Americans are so gullible. No, you won’t accept Communism outright; but we’ll keep feeding you small doses of Socialism until you will finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We won’t have to fight you; WE’LL SO WEAKEN YOUR ECONOMY, until you fall like overripe fruit into our hands.” - Nikita Krushchev, 1959

- **From freedomoutpost.com:** Boehner to Reps: We’re Watching Your Voting Patterns

“In the wake of Speaker of the House John Boehner’s purge of several Tea Party conservatives from the Budget and Finances committees, reports are coming out that the Speaker was sending mixed messages about why these men were removed, but apparently we know exactly what he means. He means anyone not falling in lock step with the moderate GOP leadership, aka RINOS, is not welcome in committee seats.

“Boehner caught the wrath of the right this week after he and fellow GOP leaders, including Eric Cantor and Paul Ryan, purged four fiscally conservative representatives from the Financial Services Committee and the Budget Committee. Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ), Walter Jones (R-NC), Justin Amash (R-MI), and Tim Huelskamp (R-KS) were all booted from their positions on the committees. Conservatives have started to campaign for him to be deposed as Speaker in the coming Congress.”

We wish you and your family and loved ones a very wonderful and safe holiday season!

Texoma Patriots, P. O. Box 504, Van Alstyne, TX 75495,

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BAPTIST CHURCH**
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

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6335 FM 1753, Denison
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11,
evening 6; Wednesday, 7pm

Dorchester

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CHURCH**
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CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
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Pastor Bruce Stinson
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Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun.
10am & 6pm
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903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon
Hutson, pastor, 903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kcvin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida

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

Luella

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

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST
903/546-6620
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903/546-6231
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Church Page



Luke 2:8-20 (KJV)

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

¹⁷ And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

¹⁸ And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.

²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Christian Fellowship

This Sunday A Christian Fellowship will be having their Christmas program about the birth is Christ. Come out and join them for a very inspirational program. The play will begin at 10:30 with Mike Ball speaking a short sermon after.

Come join them at 9 am Sunday morning for coffee and doughnut fellowship followed at 9:30 with classes of all ages.

The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service. David Ellis leads praise and worship and is a contemporary style service.

The church has a program for the children called "Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus!" This class is for kids from ages 2-10 and is held during worship time. It features puppet shows, skits, object lessons and games. It's a fun time for the Kidz! So come on out and worship with us and have a place where the children learn about God too!

Wednesday night begins at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. The kids also have a class for them.

Movie night is on hold until January due to all the holiday activities, but will resume in January. Movie will be announced at a later date. This is free to the public.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. 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 David Ellis @ 903-815-1333.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. 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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INSPIRATION POINT

COWBOY CHURCH

FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

PILOT GROVE

BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.
903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

FRIENDSHIP UNITED

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WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH

OF CHRIST

800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,

601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers

RED RIVER

COWBOY CHURCH

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Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

Van Alstyne

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033

EAST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am

ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;
Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,

corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,

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201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089

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102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
Gary Gibbs, pastor

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

903/482-6646,
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH
301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

WORSHIP CENTER

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972/562-0752

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103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.
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Gifts That Our Lord God Gave to Us

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
The peace and joy that come through faith,
and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
Salvation,
A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
Songs so we can praise Him,
Salvation,
A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
Answers to our prayers,
Songs so we can praise Him,
Salvation,
A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:
His love and His teaching,
Answers to our prayers,
Songs so we can praise Him,
Salvation,
A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God
gave to us:

His only begotten Son,
His love and His teaching,
Answers to our prayers,
Songs so we can praise Him,
Salvation,

A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God

gave to us:
The death and resurrection of
His only begotten Son,
His love and His teaching,
Answers to our prayers,
Songs so we can praise Him,
Salvation,

A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God

gave to us:
His ever present glory,
The death and resurrection of
His only begotten Son,
His love and His teaching,
Answers to our prayers,
Songs so we can praise Him,
Salvation,

A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

Among the many gifts that our Lord God

gave to us:
An eternity in heaven,
His ever present glory,
The death and resurrection of
His only begotten Son,
His love and His teaching,
Answers to our prayers,
Songs so we can praise Him,
Salvation,

A new life through baptism,
Forgiveness of our sins,
Peace and joy that come through faith, and
The Holy inspired Word of our Lord.

The above was written by Rita Casavantes
as an alternative to the familiar Christmas
Carol, The Twelve Days of Christmas.



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Making music in Sacul

By Bob Bowman

On the fourth Saturday night each month, the Nacogdoches County community of Sacul hosts one of the best country music venues in East Texas -- a collection of bands playing mostly bluegrass standards.

It had been five years or more since Doris and I sat on the folding chairs in a one-time general store sitting beside Farm Road 204 between Nacogdoches and Jacksonville.

There are other such music venues scattered throughout East Texas, but Sacul is unique because there is no admission fee. You simply walk in, enjoy the music, and leave when you're ready.

There is, however, a "free will offering" to help pay for expenses.

The bands don't show up in fancy outfits as they do in Branson, Nashville or Granbury, but the music is rich and the voices are enthusiastic. You'll see an array of overalls, baseball caps, blue jeans and plaid shirts.

If you're a fan of the old country music, you'll hear such favorites as "Remember Me," "Big Fun on the Bayou," "The Old Country Church," and "Don't Leave Me Here to Cry."

While a band plays on the stage, other bands warm up with jam sessions outside.

I have a special affinity for Sacul. As a one-timer reporter for the Houston Chronicle, I did a series of stories about ghost towns in East Texas and included Sacul.

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



By Dorothy N. Fowler

First it was the garage door. It went down and hit the potted plant that I forgot to move. The flower pot was in shards before the garage door would respond either up or down. Once down, the motor wouldn't move it up, although I did get it up manually. Pushing the up/down button elicited a buzz at first and then not even that.

The problem, of course, was the opener motor. The young man who came to install it and the peripherals that went with it got the job done in about an hour and left after I wrote a check for about \$330.

The next day, the alternator on my car went out and as long as it was in the shop, it also needed motor mounts. Motor mounts had been on the to-do list for more than a year and the need was getting critical. Those repairs cost \$1,500.

Sunday night, Angel Bear, my 12 year-old diabetic Schnauzer became terribly ill. She had all the symptoms of pancreatitis, which she has had before. Tender belly, repeated vomiting -- but she was sicker than she had ever been before. Our veterinarian gave her a shot to stop the vomiting and put her on a slow IV drip, but both he and I thought the end result of this episode would be her passing. He called me about 3:30 pm to tell me she was eating tiny amounts of dog food and was drinking on her own. "This is a dog with nine lives," he said. I said, "She's not ready to leave us." That overnight stay cost nearly \$500.

Wednesday I leaned on the glass that covered my desk. The glass was no ordinary glass. It was 55 inches long by 26 inches wide and had survived two moves in Odessa and the move from Odessa to Sherman with nary a nick. Wednesday, the right end of it shattered. Binswanger Glass sent a man to measure the desk and take the substantial piece of glass that was left away. Replacing it with plexi-glass will cost nearly \$90.

This is the first time in a long time that so many disasters have befallen me at one time. As they say, "When it rains, it pours."

If you review these disasters, you can see that only the repair to the car was a necessity. I have to have a vehicle and since I can't possibly pay for a new one, there was no choice but to repair the one that is already paid for.

The garage door could have stood open until I got ready to sell the house or my heirs are ready to sell it; after all, it is

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BOB BOWMAN'S
EAST TEXAS, continued

Dot's Dashes, continued

The town's people bombarded me with letters and telephone calls, complaining that Sacul was not a ghost town. But the Chronicle story spurred the town to do something about its condition.

Buildings were repaired, streets were improved, new businesses were opened, and the Sacul Bluegrass Festival was born.

Today, Sacul isn't much larger when it was ten years ago, but it has a greater pride in its history.

The town was founded just after 1900 when the Texas and New Orleans Railroad was built through the area. Townspeople wanted to name the community after the original owners of the land, the Lucas family, but postal officials denied the application because a Lucas post office was already in existence

The town resubmitted its application with the name spelled backwards. By 1914, Sacul had a population of 400, two churches, six general stores, two cotton gins, a bank, a sawmill and a blacksmith shop.

Sacul continued to prosper in the 1920s, but declined during the 1930s. Today, its population is about 170.

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

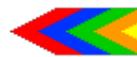
open most of the time as the dust and dirt on it attest when the door is put down. I could have paid something less than half of what it cost to save Angel Bear to have her put down. The desk could remain uncovered and subject to scratches that will diminish its value at the estate sale.

Fortunately, I've had enough good fortune in my life to have accumulated enough to be able to meet these emergencies even though it will take me several months to get it all paid for.

Not everyone has had that much good fortune. Maybe they didn't have parents who instilled the Puritan work ethic in them; maybe, as one high school student I know just had to do, they left school before graduation to help support parents who are old and sick; maybe they weren't very able mentally or physically; maybe they were so poor they never caught the gleam that they could be anything but poor; maybe they were fundamentally and terminally lazy; maybe the people who could have given them a hand up, didn't.

One of the things I've learned over the course of 76 years is that it's hard to know and understand the forces that shape our own lives and destinies and harder still to know and understand the forces that shape the lives and destinies of other people. It ill-behooves any of us to condemn either ourselves or others for the choices made in the circumstances that exist when they are made.

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Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Sen. Cornyn, Attorney General Abbott Highlight New Law to Protect Children Against Sexual Predators

AUSTIN-U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, today joined Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to highlight a new federal law to enhance federal, state, and local efforts to fight child pornography, sexual predators and human trafficking. The bipartisan Child Protection Act of 2012, sponsored by Sen. Cornyn and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., in the Senate and U.S. Reps. Lamar Smith, R-TX, and Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-FL, in the House, was signed into law today by President Obama at a White House signing ceremony.

“We need to provide law enforcement with every tool they need to crack down on the most vile criminals - child sex predators and traffickers - and protect the innocent young people who fall victim to these heinous crimes,” said Sen. Cornyn. “I’m pleased to say this was the product of bipartisan work and wide support from both sides of the aisle in Congress, and I’m glad to see the President quickly signed this measure into law to bring greater justice and protection to victims and allow law enforcement to take immediate steps to stop child predators and traffickers in their tracks.”

“Protecting Texas children from online predators and child pornographers is my top priority. With predators increasingly utilizing technology to prey upon children, it is critically important for law enforcement to gain new tools in our battle to protect Texas children. Thanks to Senator Cornyn, that battle got a little easier when the President signed the Child Protection Act today,” Attorney General Greg Abbott said.

Rep. Smith said: “Internet child pornography may be the fastest growing crime in America, increasing an average of 150% per year. According to recent estimates, there are as many as 100,000 fugitive sex offenders in the U.S.,” said House Judiciary Chairman Smith. “The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reports that Texas has the second largest number of registered sex offenders nationwide. We must do more to protect the most innocent among us-our children.

“I introduced the Child Protection Act to combat crimes against our children. The Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent and today the President signed it into law. This bipartisan bill increases penalties for child pornography offenses that involve young children and strengthens protections for child witnesses and victims.

“At a time when Washington is known for partisanship, it is reassuring to see bipartisan legislation enacted. When it comes to protecting our children, there are no Republicans and no Democrats, only concerned citizens.”

Background: Currently, the maximum prison term for the possession of child pornography depicting minors 18 years of age and younger is 10 years. The Child Protection Act of 2012 makes the maximum prison term 20 years for the possession of child pornography depicting minors 12 years and younger - thereby creating a new, stiffer penalty for the possession of child pornography depicting the most vulnerable victims of this crime. In addition, the Child Protection Act of 2012 will require federal courts to issue protective orders for child witnesses who are the target of intimidation or harassment, ensuring that child victims of exploitation and human trafficking have their day in court. This new law also makes it easier for the U.S. Marshals Service to apprehend fugitive sex offenders by authorizing them to obtain administrative subpoenas when investigating these cases. Finally, this law reauthorizes funds for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces, which train executive and judicial officials how to deal with cases of child sexual abuse.

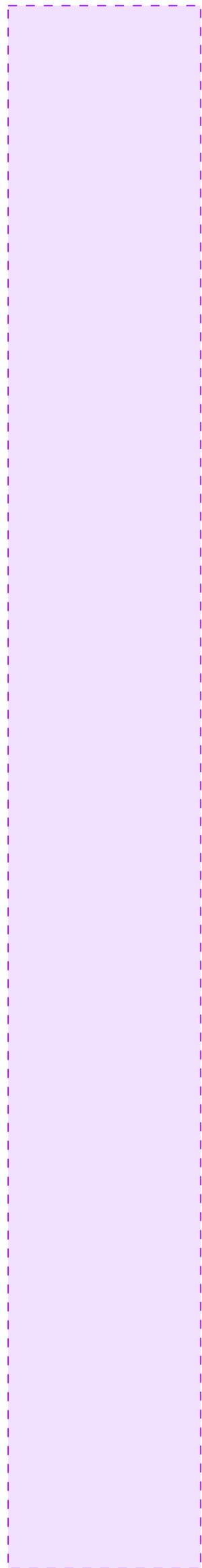
Included in The Child Protection Act of 2012 are several important anti-human trafficking provisions authored by Sen. Cornyn and originally included in the Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act of 2011, legislation introduced by Sens. Cornyn and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.). These measures will:

- * Increase the statutory maximum penalties for the possession of child pornography depicting a minor under 12 from 10 to 20 years;*
- * Require federal judges to issue a protective order for child witnesses who are harassed or intimidated by attorneys for their abuser or trafficker; and*
- * Authorize the U.S. Marshals service to issue administrative subpoenas to obtain time-sensitive documents in their investigation of fugitive sex offenders.*

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.



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Hall Introduces Bill To Name Federal Courthouse In Honor of Judge Paul Brown

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Last week, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) introduced legislation to name the Federal Courthouse in Sherman, Texas the “Paul Brown United States Courthouse.” Judge Paul Brown passed away November 26, 2012, following a distinguished career as U.S. District Judge from 1985 to 2006.

“Judge Brown was a respected and beloved member of the Sherman community,” said Hall. “It is fitting that we pay tribute to one of America’s outstanding Federal Judges, and his many years of service on behalf of our Nation.”

Judge Brown received his law degree in 1950 from The University of Texas. After returning home from active duty in the Korean War, Judge Brown began his law practice. He served as Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1953-1959, and U.S. District Attorney from 1959-1961.

In 1985, Senator Phil Graham recommended him to President Ronald Reagan for a new judge’s position created for the Eastern District of Texas; Judge Brown was confirmed that year. He held court in Beaumont, Paris, Sherman, and Texarkana, and as the caseload in Sherman grew, he eventually presided over the Sherman courthouse exclusively.

Hall continued, “Judge Brown had a sterling reputation for running an efficient and orderly courtroom, and upholding a high standard of personal work ethic and judicial integrity. By placing his name on the Federal Courthouse, his years of public service can be recognized and remembered for generations to come.”



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A Letter from Hobby Lobby Stores CEO

Monday, November 26, 2012

By David Green, the founder and CEO of Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.

When my family and I started our company 40 years ago, we were working out of a garage on a \$600 bank loan, assembling miniature picture frames. Our first retail store wasn't much bigger than most people's living rooms, but we had faith that we would succeed if we lived and worked according to God's word. From there, Hobby Lobby has become one of the nation's largest arts and crafts retailers, with more than 500 locations in 41 states. Our children grew up into fine business leaders, and today we run Hobby Lobby together, as a family.

We're Christians, and we run our business on Christian principles. I've always said that the first two goals of our business are (1) to run our business in harmony with God's laws, and (2) to focus on people more than money. And that's what we've tried to do. We close early so our employees can see their families at night. We keep our stores closed on Sundays, one of the week's biggest shopping days, so that our workers and their families can enjoy a day of rest. We believe that it is by God's grace that Hobby Lobby has endured, and he has blessed us and our employees. We've not only added jobs in a weak economy, we've raised wages for the past four years in a row. Our full-time employees start at 80% above minimum wage.

But now, our government threatens to change all of that. A new government health care mandate says that our family business MUST provide what I believe are abortion-causing drugs as part of our health insurance. Being Christians, we don't pay for drugs that might cause abortions, which means that we don't cover emergency contraception, the morning-after pill or the week-after pill. We believe doing so might end a life after the moment of conception, something that is contrary to our most important beliefs. It goes against the Biblical principles on which we have run this company since day one. If we refuse to comply, we could face \$1.3 million PER DAY in government fines.

Our government threatens to fine job creators in a bad economy. Our government threatens to fine a company that's raised wages four years running. Our government threatens to fine a family for running it's business according to it's beliefs. It's not right. I know people will say we ought to follow the rules; that it's the same for everybody. But that's not true. The government has exempted thousands of companies from this mandate, for reasons of convenience or cost. But it won't exempt them for reasons of religious belief.

So, Hobby Lobby and my family are forced to make a choice. With great reluctance, we filed a lawsuit today, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, asking a federal court to stop this mandate before it hurts our business. We don't like to go running into court, but we no longer have a choice. We believe people are more important than the bottom line and that honoring God is more important than turning a profit.

My family has lived the American dream. We want to continue growing our company and providing great jobs for thousands of employees, but the government is going to make that much more difficult. The government is forcing us to choose between following our faith and following the law. I say that's a choice no American and no American business should have to make.

The government cannot force you to follow laws that go against your fundamental religious belief. They have exempted thousands of companies but will not except Christian organizations including the Catholic church.

Since you will not see this covered in any of the liberal media, pass this on to all your contacts.

Sincerely, David Green, CEO and Founder of Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.





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Medicare to End 'Improve or You're Out' Standard for Coverage of Skilled Services

In a major change in Medicare policy, the Obama administration has provisionally agreed to end Medicare's longstanding practice of requiring that beneficiaries with chronic conditions and disabilities show a likelihood of improvement in order to receive coverage of skilled care and therapy services. The policy shift will affect beneficiaries with conditions like multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, heart disease, and stroke. (See companion article, "Who Will Benefit From the New Medicare Policy Change?")

For about 30 years, home health agencies and nursing homes that contract with Medicare have routinely terminated the Medicare coverage of a beneficiary who has stopped improving, even though nothing in the Medicare statute or its regulations says improvement is required for continued skilled care. Advocates charged that Medicare contractors have instead used a covert "rule of thumb" known as the "Improvement Standard" to illegally deny coverage to such patients. Once beneficiaries failed to show progress, contractors claimed they could deliver only "custodial care," which Medicare does not cover.

In January 2011, the Center for Medicare Advocacy and Vermont Legal Aid filed a class action lawsuit, *Jimmo v. Sebelius*, against the Obama administration in federal court aimed at ending the government's use of the improvement standard. After the court refused the government's request to dismiss the case, and the administration lost in similar individual cases in Pennsylvania and Vermont, it decided to settle.

As part of the proposed settlement, which the federal judge must still formally approve, Medicare will revise its manual that contractors follow to clarify that Medicare coverage of skilled nursing and therapy services "does not turn on the presence or absence of an individual's potential for improvement" but rather depends on whether or not the beneficiary needs skilled care, even if it would simply maintain the beneficiary's current condition or slow further deterioration.

In addition, under the settlement Medicare beneficiaries who received a final denial of Medicare coverage after January 18, 2011 (the date the lawsuit was filed) are entitled to a review of their claim denial.

"The Jimmo settlement provides hope for thousands of older and disabled people with chronic and long-term conditions who will now have a fair opportunity to get access to Medicare and necessary health care," Judith Stein, Executive Director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy, told ElderLawAnswers.

In an article about the accord, the New York Times notes that Medicare's coverage of skilled care for beneficiaries with chronic conditions "could also provide relief for families and caregivers who often find themselves stretched financially and personally by the need to provide care."

Although the Times quotes a trustee of the Medicare program that the change will cost Medicare more money, it could also save some money because physical therapy and home health care may help keep beneficiaries out of more expensive institutions like nursing homes and hospitals.





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



2012 Capitol Ornament Unveiled

An annual tradition at the capitol is the unveiling of the capitol ornament. The 2012 ornament was just recently unveiled and features the fence finial that surrounds the 22-acres of the Capitol Grounds. The fence was originally constructed in 1890. The finial is the ornamentation that sits atop the fence posts, which is Texas' Lone Star motif, a gold star atop stylized black leaves. The ornament is finished in 24k gold.

This is the seventeenth in a series of capitol ornaments, which began in 1996. The capitol ornaments have featured some of the most recognizable symbols of our state; more recently, the ornaments represent an architectural or decorative aspect of the capitol building. Past ornaments have depicted the state flag (1998); the lone star (1999); the state seal (2000); the famous rendering of the state capitol by architect Elijah E. Myers (2001); the capitol gates (2003); the interior of the capitol dome (2004); the great seal as it appears in the capitol rotunda (2008); and historic capitol doorknobs and plates (2009).

Over \$5 million has been raised from ornament sales over the past sixteen years. Proceeds from the sale of these ornaments go toward programs such as brochures for self-guided tours of the capitol and grounds; creating historical and education exhibits at the capitol visitors' center; restoration and maintenance of capitol historic artifacts such as original artwork and furnishings; and other necessary preservation needs. The 2012 ornament is available online at www.TexasCapitolGiftshop.com and in the Capitol Visitors Center, the Capitol Gift Shop or in the Texas State History Museum Store. The ten most recent ornaments (2003-2012) are also available. Ornaments may also be purchased by calling 1-888-678-5556.

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Merry Christmas





Geese topic of Hagerman Second Saturday program

A winter flock of 5,000 geese has arrived at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and will be the topic of this Saturday's monthly program at the refuge. The 10 am program will be held in the meeting room of the refuge's Visitors' Center and is free and open to the public. The refuge is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman.

Presenting a program on winter waterfowl will be Dr. Wayne Meyer, associate professor of biology at Austin College.

"Many species of waterfowl visit Hagerman NWR each winter to take advantage of the protected waters and food provided for them in ponds and fields of the refuge," says Meyers. "Come learn about the different kinds of ducks and geese that visit each year and join us for a guided tour through the refuge aboard TAPS buses to look at them."

For more information on this or any of the activities held at the refuge, call 903-786-2826 or visit www.friendsofhagerman.com.

Poorest Preacher

After the church service a little boy told the pastor,
“When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money.”

“Well, thank you,” the pastor replied, “but why?”

“Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had.”

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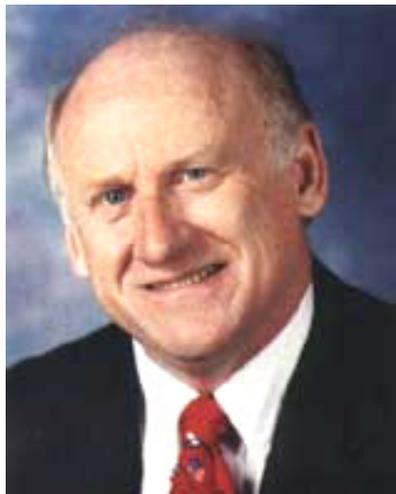
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LET'S REMINISCE:

Uncommon Remedies For Colds

By Jerry Lincecum

It's the season for colds, coughs and sore throats, so let's consider some home remedies. There are at least 200 viruses that produce the common cold, so don't expect the same remedy to work for all of them. Let's go beyond the old favorites.

Have you ever tried ginger tea? You start with some fresh ginger root, on sale in the produce section of grocery stores or health food centers. To make the tea, one method is to chop it up and boil the pieces for twenty minutes or so.

Another approach is to grind about half an inch of fresh ginger root into a paste and place in a mug. Add boiling water and "steep" for several minutes.

Whichever way you get the ginger solution, the next step is to strain the clear liquid and add some honey and lemon to improve the taste. Straight ginger tea is spicy hot, like jalapeno peppers.

Drink it down and your congestion will start to clear up in half an hour. It will also be good for your digestive tract.

A ginger bath is another way to attack upper respiratory congestion. Draw a hot, steamy bath and add some of the ginger root solution that you have boiled. Soak yourself for a while and soon your congestion will be leaving.

Every try anise cookies for a cold? German pharmacies sell a cold remedy that contains both anise and thyme. You can buy the spice called star anise where Chinese groceries are sold.

Vicks salve is a cold remedy we all learned from our parents and grandparents. During the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, those little blue jars began flying off the shelves by the millions. It has a pungent aroma that cuts through congestion when rubbed in your nostrils.

Some of us went to bed with a piece of flannel cloth on our chests that had the salve rubbed into it, or maybe just applied directly to the skin. But have you ever tried rubbing it on the soles of your feet, and then putting on warm socks?

Turmeric powder is another ingredient that can be mixed with warm milk to relieve cough and cold symptoms. It turns the milk yellow, and you need to add a little sugar or honey to make it palatable.

Best of all, avoid catching a cold by keeping your distance. Also wash your hand thoroughly several times a day. Without being aware of it, most of us touch our faces hundreds of times a day, placing germs where they can easily be taken in and nurtured.

What are the remedies that you rely on?

-30- 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



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Texoma Montage

In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

This section of the website will only be updated every other month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Dale and Lana Rideout



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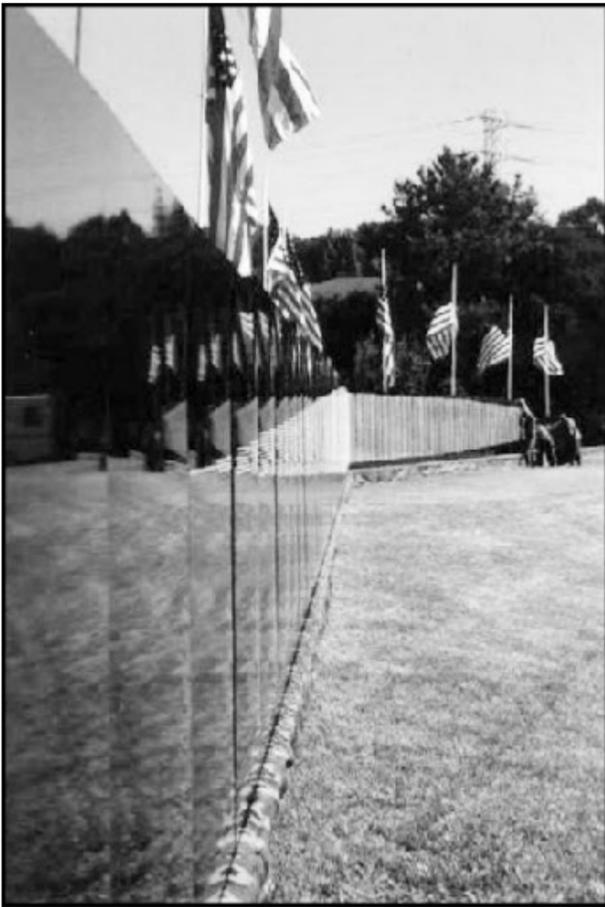
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The Wall, looking East
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Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

by Dorothy N. Fowler

The first time I saw the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., I was with my 80 year-old mother. She broke down and cried as she looked at the wall bearing the names of more than 58,000 dead and missing in action.

"Such a waste," she said through her tears. "Such a waste."

Mama had opposed the war to start with, not because she believed members of the armed services were doing anything wrong, but because she thought the policy behind it was a failed policy and that the United States had no vital national interest there.

When the war began, I was a hawk, but as it dragged on, I wanted nothing so much as to bring home the men and women whose lives were in danger every day in a cause that clearly seemed to be lost as a result of policy failures. I watched helpless every year as some of my brightest and best students were drafted, went to fight, and either came home in military caskets or terribly wounded either in body or spirit.

When I saw the wall for the first time, I visualized a baseball stadium that seats 60,000. I saw it full and then suddenly irrevocably empty. As I walked the length of the wall, seeing the gifts that had been laid beneath some of the names, watching people take rubbings of the names of their children, their friends, their husbands, brothers, sisters, lovers, I too began to cry.

I was not alone. Many of the people who were walking near me were crying. Nothing outside the sudden death of my three-year old granddaughter has ever affected me as much as that first visit to the wall.

It's a fact that the Vietnam War Memorial is the most visited National Park Service Site in Washington, D. C. It's also a fact that most Americans will never get to Washington to see the memorial.

That's why, when the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial comes to Denison on July 22, sponsors will keep the practice field at Denison High School open 24 hours a day for its three day stay.

"We want as many people as possible to be able to visit it," Horace Groff, former Grayson County Judge and one of the organizers of the wall's visit, said. "There is never any charge whatsoever to visitors to the wall."

After his retirement from political life, Groff went to work part-time for Bratcher Funeral Home, which is now part of Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation and Cemetery Providers. The company commissioned the traveling replica, which was completed in 1990.

"Sponsors who want the wall to come to their city put their names in and Denison got picked for this summer," Groff said. "Sponsors make contributions and sometimes individuals who visit the wall make contributions to have it come, but the wall is truly a service that the company makes possible."

At 240 feet long and eight feet high, it is sometimes hard to find a place large enough to hold it and the crowds of people who visit it. Security is also a problem. "We needed to have it in a place that was accessible and at the same time secure," Groff said. "The practice field at DHS was the best spot."

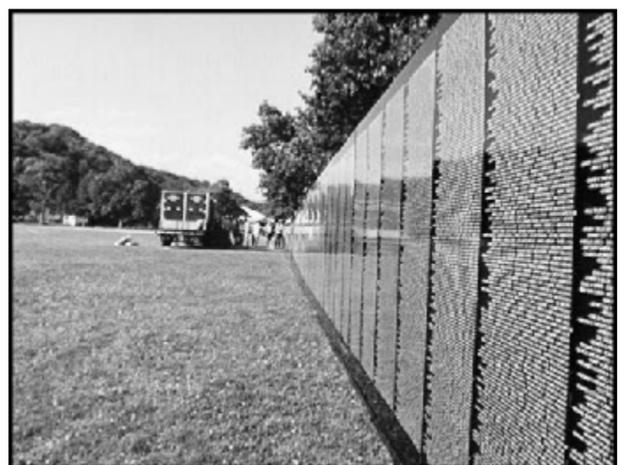
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

Learning that the wall was coming to Denison sent me on a quest for other war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Bryan and Collin Counties. I didn't find all of them, probably overlooked some that were right under my nose, but looking for them and thinking about the uncommon valor that each represented was a life affirming experience.

If you and your family go looking for the memorials described on page 14 and following, I hope you will come away from the experience with a renewed sense of the sacrifices that others have made to make it safe for you to travel freely, to speak freely, to read whatever you choose to read, to attempt any job you want to do. I hope you will think what it means to be free.



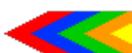
The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
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What's Cookin...

By Lana Rideout

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Cooking During Wartime

War time is a difficult time for all involved: the soldiers on the battlefield and the family members back home.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 just as Americans were coming out of the Great Depression. People were used to doing without and making do with what they had. They were used to sharing with others.

The folks back home did all they could to get those American soldiers back home. They participated in scrap iron drives; they rationed gas and many food items such as sugar and eggs.

One creation of the time was a sweet treat known as the "Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake" also known as the Depression Cake.

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups HOT Water
- 2 Tablespoons. Shortening
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Package Seedless Raisins
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Cloves
- 3 Cups Flour (Sifted)
- 1 Teaspoon HOT Water

Boil together the Sugar, Water, Shortening, Salt, Raisins and Spices for five minutes. When Cold, add the Flour and the Soda (dissolved in a tsp of Hot Water). This makes two loaves--Bread Pan Size.

Bake in 325F oven for about 45 minutes. This Cake is of good texture and keeps moist for some time. Note: You can Ice this cake with your choice of Icing.

My friend Betty Weaver of Sherman was 10 when the U.S. entered WWII. She remembers her mom baking this cake usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would store it in an old pressure cooker, wrapped in waxed paper and a heavy towel (trying to hide it from the children). Betty says the cake is a favorite at her family reunions and usually sells for upward of \$40. Her recipe calls for lard, but she uses canola oil which makes for a very moist cake.

In researching this recipe, I found several versions: Some use brown sugar and others white sugar. Spices include nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and/ or allspice. One recipe said that 1 cup of nuts adds flavor to the cake.

During WWII people on farms did better than some of the city folks since farms had chickens for a steady supply of eggs. Also vegetables grown in the gardens were plentiful. On the farms and in the towns lots of folks grew "victory gardens" – vegetables they could eat or can.

Although sugar was rationed, folks on the farm who did their own canning were allowed more sugar.

My Dad served in the Army and was overseas in England when I was born just two weeks before D-Day – June 6, 1944. My Mom was living with her parents in Fort Worth; all of them were praying for a speedy end to the war and the safe return of their loved ones.

Another recipe used during World War II is the Spam and Egg Sandwich - good any time of day--breakfast, lunch, dinner, or midnight snack!

WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

- chopped onion
- 1 Slice fully cooked luncheon meat (e.g. Spam)
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 2 Slices bread
- 1 Slice American cheese (optional)
- 1 Slice tomato (optional)

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the onion in butter until soft. Mash up the slice of luncheon meat with a fork, and add it to the skillet. Cook for 2 or 3 minutes, until browned. Pour the egg into the skillet so that it covers all of the meat and onion. Cook until firm, then flip to brown the other side.

Place the egg and meat onto one slice of the bread and top with cheese and tomato if desired. Place the other piece of bread on top. Bread can also be toasted first.)

I also did a little research on recipes from the American Civil War or the "War Between the States." From some of the websites I visited, it looks like some folks are still fighting that one. While no one advocates a return to slavery, the issue of states' rights versus the federal government is a hot issue in many southern political discussions.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side was a plantation overseer in Tennessee. He was off serving in the Confederate Army when his daughter was born near the end of the war. I remember my great-grandmother. She died when I was six and I still remember receiving hugs from her. Her daughter, my mother's mother told me many stories about the family members.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides carried an item called hard tack. It is a simple cracker made of flour, salt and water. They could be very hard and some soldiers called them "tooth dullers" or "sheet iron crackers." The soldiers softened them by soaking them in their coffee, frying them in bacon grease, or crumbling them in soup.

Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

Mix the flour and salt with just enough water to bind the ingredients. Flatten the dough to about ¼ inch thick on a cookie sheet. Cut into 3 inch by 3 inch squares. Pierce with 16 holes about ½ inch apart. Bake at 400 degrees F. 20-25 minutes.

Another popular recipe during the Civil War time is Southern Johnny Cake – a cornbread variation good with your favorite beans or stew.

Southern Johnny Cake

- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2/3 Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoons Lard (Vegetable Oil)
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt

Mix into a stiff batter and form into 8 biscuit-sized "dodgers." Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees F 20-25 minutes or spoon batter into hot cooking oil in a frying pan over flame. Optional: spread with a little butter or molasses for a real southern treat.

As a part of this new magazine, I will be sharing recipes and stories with you. If you have recipes or ideas you would like to share, contact me at lanarideout@texomamontage.com or call 903/532-6012.



Betty Weaver of Sherman found this one-piece metal tube cake pan in an antique store. It was made by E. Katzinger Co. of Chicago (date unknown) and printed on the bottom of the pan is the following: "Swan's Down Cake Flour Makes Better Cakes." On each side of the pan is a movable vent so the cake won't sweat and to aid with removal of the cake. Does anyone know the date it was made or have other information?



WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.



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Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

Bryan, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties all have monuments honoring their veterans who gave their lives in support of our great nation. While we know that we have missed some, we have tried to give good examples from each county.

by Dorothy N. Fowler

“This will be a lead pipe cinch,” I said to myself. “After all, this is the place where everywhere you look there is an MIA flag and there is more red, white and blue than any place you’ve ever been. You’ll be able to find dozens of war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, and Bryan Counties.”

Thus armed, with more enthusiasm and optimism than information, it seemed to me to be good sense to start at home on the quest for photographs and information about memorials to men and women who have died serving the United States in any one of its last eight major wars. Named, those wars include the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq the First and Iraq the Second.

It seemed equally good sense to start the quest by visiting the VFW in Sherman to talk with people who had been combatants in one or more of those wars. Surely those folks would have a special interest in war memorials.

VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

If anyone in the main room at Sherman’s VFW is watching or listening to the wall mounted television set, it isn’t obvious on this wintry Thursday night.

Nearly all the people present are men. One woman is a server behind the bar and at 7:30 or so, another woman comes in and joins a group at a large round table. It isn’t clear whether she is a member of the auxiliary or a veteran, but whatever her status, it is clear from her reception that she is well-liked. The easy conversation at the table continues, punctuated by soft, well-controlled laughter.

The men at the table with me are Henry Salisbury, Doyle Sloan and Jessie Goodman. Later in the evening, Franklin “Andy” Anderson joins us.

Salisbury is the memorial chairperson for VFW Post 481-2772 and is a past commander of the post. He’s an army veteran of the Vietnam War. He arrived there in 1968 just in time for the TET offensive. He was there through 1969.

Sloan, nicknamed “Mr. VFW” by his comrades, fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Salisbury says Sloan has held nearly every office possible in the local VFW.

Anderson, a Vietnam veteran, and chaplain of the post, is personable as he pours his Sprite. He provides snippets of information about how VFW members went about building the war memorial in Sherman’s Fairview Park.

It is clear that these men, along with the other people in the room, and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have shared the experiences unique to war, are living memorials. But they are not interested in being living memorials. People die, they say. Families get separated. Kids either don’t remember or don’t care about the role their parents played in wars. The only way to be sure that future generations remember is to build memorials of granite and cement, to inscribe the names of the dead in stone.

“It’s a shame it took so long to get the memorial for World War Two,” Salisbury says. “I don’t think we can do enough to honor the people who serve their country, especially the ones who paid the ultimate price and didn’t come back.”

The other men nod agreement.

Doyle Sloan says the most recent memorial in Sherman is at Fairview Park. “H. K. Lyde was instrumental in getting it started. He was the Grayson County Council Commander and he wanted the VFW, the American Legion, the AmVets and the DAV to be involved in building it. About 10 years ago the veterans organizations raised about \$40,000 and combined it with lots of manual labor to build that softball field and the granite monuments.”

It’s the same with most war memorials, they say. It’s a dream that starts with one or maybe a few people and they work at raising the money for a memorial that has to be placed somewhere. Someone has to design it. Someone has to raise the money to pay for it. Someone has to navigate the myriads of red tape with local, state and sometimes the national government before the monument can be built. Someone has to plan the dedication ceremony, arrange for the speakers, the music if there is to be any.

These men have done all those things and helped others do them. Each year on special days, they visit the memorials, lay wreaths or light candles, leading the public as they remember their wars and the wars of fathers and grandfathers.

They do much more, working to improve the lives of veterans who are facing hard times, visiting veterans confin-ed to nursing homes, taking people to the nearest veterans hospitals for their check-ups, working with young people in the community.

“May I take some pictures?” I ask. There is a moment of hesitation.

“Most reporters want to take a picture of someone sitting at the bar, drinking,” Salisbury says. “But we’d like to have our picture taken with the national award the post won for its work on Poppy Day.”

“That’s just the picture we want,” I say.

“Thanks.”

“Wow! What nice people and what a treat to meet them,” I thought as I made my way through the parking lot to my maroon pickup. “They’ve given me two new ideas and the location of a war memorial that must be pretty close to brand new in Gainesville. If the weather holds, I can visit the memorials in Sherman, go to Gainesville and Bonham the next day and into Bryan County the next.

The weather did not hold. Rain and cold were the order of the day for the next two weeks. I had surgery on my right foot and the ensuing swelling kept me out of the pickup except for the brief ride to the doctor’s office for follow-up.

Undiscouraged, I went to the Internet, typing in war memorials Grayson County Texas, war memorials, Fannin County Texas, war memorials Bryan County Oklahoma, war memorials Cooke County Texas.

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Doyle Sloan, Henry Salisbury, and Jessie Goodman stand in front of the VFW Post 481-2772 Poppy Project Award.

Photo by Dorothy Fowler



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The notice that the search engine had found thousands of bits of information about war memorials in each of the counties was misleading, at best. The truth was that there was a plethora of information about the subject of war memorials and that there were a few privately produced reminiscences about coming home from WWII, but there was almost nothing about war memorials in general and nothing at all about war memorials in any of the counties included in the question.

Questions to local historians elicited interest in the project, but no new information. "I guess you already know about Ely Park," one Austin College professor said. "And there's that newer one at Fairview Park. Those are the only ones I know anything about."

"What about the statue on the courthouse lawn?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted to know about memorials for men and women who died in the service of the United States," he replied. "That's a monument to men who died in service to the Confederate States of America. If you want to broaden your search, you'll find many more monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy than to the soldiers of the United States."

Ely Park World War II Memorial

At first glance on this almost balmy February Sunday afternoon, Sherman's Ely Park, bordered on the east by Rusk Avenue, on the north by Steadman, on the west by Austin and on the south by Moore, looks like the kind of family-friendly park one might find anywhere in the country.

There is a softball diamond on the northeast end, a big covered picnic pavilion on the south, typical playground equipment nearby and in between, a vast expanse of grass.

The abundance of crepe myrtle trees, planted at regular intervals around the perimeter of the park are a bit unusual, considering the sparse plantings in the rest of the park. Closer inspection indicates they are unique, for each of the 72 trees flanks a small white concrete marker that bears the name of one of the 72 men from Sherman who died during World War II.

Also on the markers is the birth year and the death year of the man commemorated by the marker. Most were in their late teens or 20s. A few were older. About one-third of the 72 died in 1944-45, which makes me wonder if they were part of the D-Day invasion or perhaps part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Beyond their names, which are also inscribed on a plaque placed on the west side of the park as part of an Eagle Scout project, there is no information at the park. However, people who are looking for more information might find it at the Sherman Public Library, which has a fine genealogy section and which also maintains excellent newspaper files.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and other national holidays, veterans groups and others place flags and flowers beside each marker.

The location of the park, bounded as it is by neat, well-kept houses that look as if they belong to blue collar workers, adds to the poignancy of the markers, for it's likely that most of the men whose names are on the stones lived in neighborhoods much like this one.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk the perimeter of the park if you stop to read the names and to think about how young were the people memorialized there.

Fairview Park War Memorial

In late winter, almost warm but not yet early spring, two of the three flags at the Liberty Memorial Garden in Sherman, Texas, crackles in the southwest wind.

The stars and stripes and the dark flag bearing the acronyms MIA and POW straight out from the poles from which they are suspended. The top of the third flag, the Texas flag, worked itself loose from the hooks that should have held it, leaving it drooping, hanging only by the lower grommets.

There is no way a passerby could repair the damage. The poles are state-of-the-art, with the mechanism that raises and lowers the flags locked behind plates in the substantial poles. People who frequent the park have no doubt that the flag will be back in its proper place before sunset.

Local veterans organizations are proud of the memorial they built with what one of them described as "an excess of sweat" after they raised \$40,000 to build the monument.

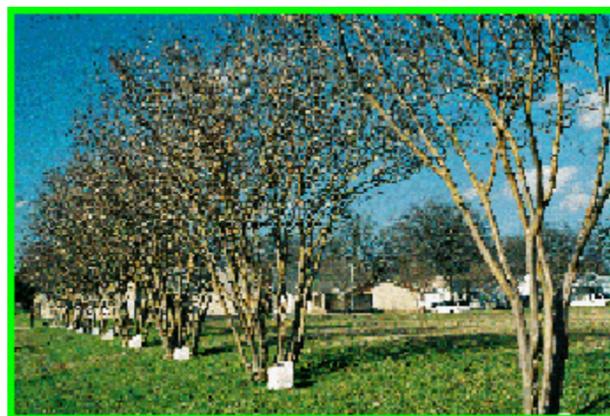
The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer players, on the field immediately east and north of the monument do not make enough noise to be heard.

Two well-maintained park benches provide places for visitors to sit and examine the memorial, which consists of four gray marble stones on which the names of every man or woman in Grayson County who died in World War II, Korea, or the Vietnam War carved. There is also a list of MIA's.

Two hundred and forty men from Grayson County died in action during World War II, 26 in Korea and 26 in Vietnam. The names of the five MIA's are at the end of the list.



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium



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Members of the local veterans' organizations are always on the alert for the names of men and women they might have overlooked when the memorial was first erected. Several names are obviously new, their black outlines much darker than the names that were part of the original monument.

The names of the dead are inscribed on four slabs of granite, each about five feet tall and set in concrete. The granite slabs face each other. On the north, a fifth granite slab bears the names of each branch of the United States armed forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard are there, along with the names of local veterans organizations that helped build the memorial. They include the Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and the American Legion.

The monument is open every day of the year. Because it is near the park, it's a good place to bring a picnic on days when the weather is good.

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

Thirty-one years after the United States Civil War ended 20,000 people gathered on the northeast corner of the block where the Grayson County Court house stands in Sherman to witness the dedication of the first Confederate monument erected in Texas.

An article in the Sherman newspaper, dated April 21, 1897, said "(the statue) represents not only the confederate dead who are sleeping in West Hill (the oldest cemetery in Sherman), but those who are sleeping from *Gettysburg to the Rio Grande, from Missouri to the Atlantic Seaboard.*"

The monument is 45 feet tall, including the six foot statue of a Confederate infantryman standing at parade rest and gazing toward the north east. Most of the monument is made of light gray granite mined from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Georgia. The blocks that bear the inscriptions came from quarries at Lexington, near Atlanta.

Ironically, the statue of the soldier, which is crafted of a material characterized as "white bronze," was created in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In 1996, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the monument was rededicated.

The inscriptions on the sides of the base are typical of the prose of the Victorian age in general and Southerners in particular.

One of them reads, "*And the fame of that nameless nation on history's page shall shine as our heroes' grand oblation in our hearts has found a shrine.*"

Another reads, "*Sacred to the memory of our Confederate dead: true patriots. They fought for home and country. For the holy principles of self government—the only true liberty. Their sublime self-sacrifice and unsurpassed valor will teach future generations the lessons of high born patriotism, of devotion to duty, of exalted courage, of southern chivalry. History has enshrined them immortal.*"

Three Texas historical markers are clustered near the monument. One of them tells the story of Grayson County. Another tells of the exploits of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, which started with about 1,000 men and by war's end had only 110. The third tells the story of the 11th Texas Cavalry.

Because the soldier is perched so high on the shaft of the monument, it's not possible to see him in detail without binoculars, but you do get the feeling of just how important it still is to many people to have him there, overlooking the business at the intersection of Travis and Lamar 140 years after his war was lost.

For visitors who want to just sit for awhile, the citizens of Grayson County provided benches in honor of much-loved Grayson County Judge Horace Groff when he retired and re-entered life as a private citizen in 2002.

The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

An eternal flame honoring veterans of all wars burns near Katy Depot in Denison, but the most impressive and surprising monument stands north of the city, in the northwest corner of Fairview Cemetery.

The existence of a monument honoring Union soldiers may be the best kept secret in Grayson County. A quick survey of 10 lifelong residents of Grayson County netted 10 people who not only didn't know it exists, but also doubted that it does.

The monument, which is 15 feet, six inches tall, includes a five foot square base. It appears to have been made of limestone. The statue of the Union Infantryman wears a cap, a coat, brogans and other items typical of soldiers of his era. He is carrying a rifle that may have been a Springfield rifle.

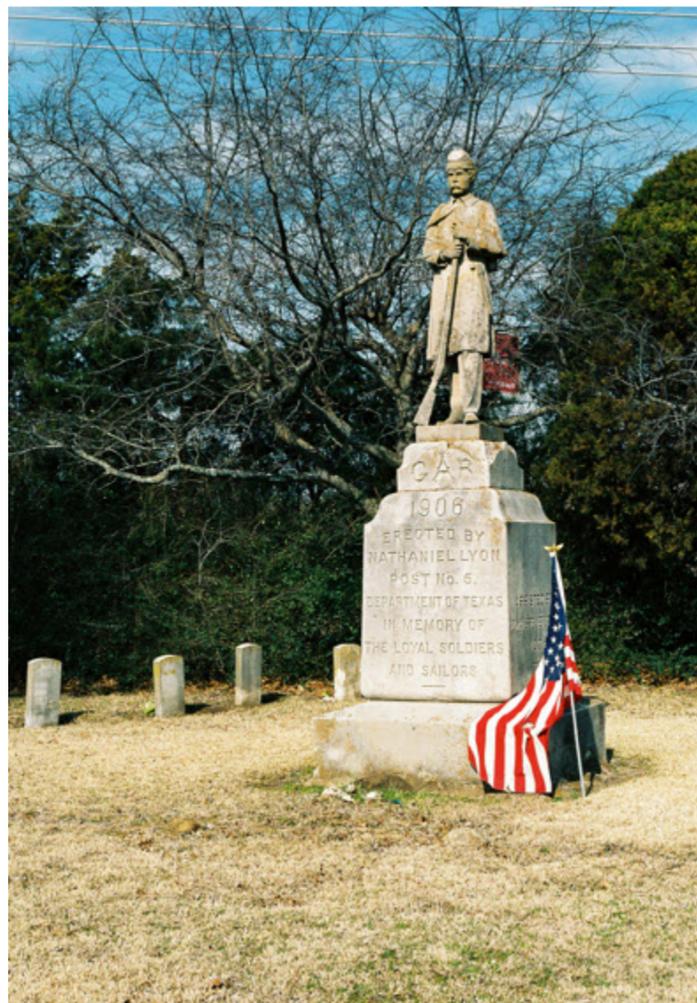
Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

He also noted that the gaze of the statue, which faces southeast, intersects at some point with the gaze of the Confederate soldier on the Grayson County Courthouse lawn.

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

**G. A. R.
1906
Erected by
Nathaniel Lyon
Post No 5
Department of Texas
In Memory of
the Loyal Soldiers
and Sailors**

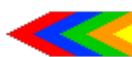
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Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery, each identified by a federal shield on the headstone.

After visiting and photographing war memorials in Sherman and Denison, I turned east, toward Cooke County and the monument to veterans of 20th Century wars. On the way, I stopped in Whitesboro, a small town about half way between Sherman and Gainesville on Highway 82.

In Whitesboro, at the intersection of Highway 56 and Main Street, students from Whitesboro High School maintain an informal and surprisingly touching memorial. It is nothing more than an open space on the northwest corner, but the corner is filled with American flags and tied to a post nearby are tattered yellow bows and ribbons.

“There used to be a lot more ribbons and bows,” a man who works in a nearby building says. “But they got pretty torn up and I think the kids took some of them down and haven’t put up replacements yet.”

Dozens of such monuments may exist in small towns across the nation and where you find them, it’s a good thing to stop and think about what they mean.



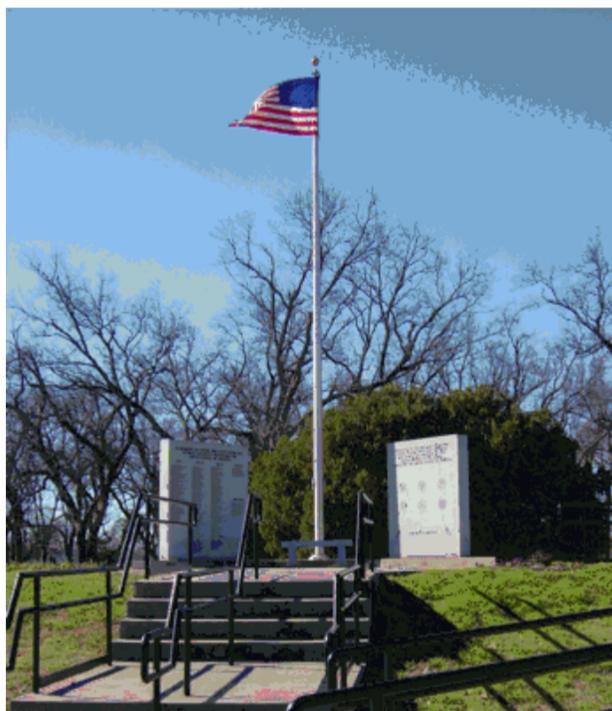
The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

A big renovation project makes it difficult to get access to the war memorial in Gainesville. The renovation is to the small zoo and the park that holds it and has nothing to do directly with the war memorial, but signs denying access to park roads and parking can confuse the faint of heart. But faint heart ne’er won anything much, so I went into the park on a road clearly marked “Construction Workers Only,” and found at the end of the lane, not only construction workers, but also a good many park visitors.

Where I needed to be, however, was at the entrance to the park, so I turned the pickup around, threaded my way through the traffic and parked on the shoulder of the highway so I could walk up the steps to the newest of the war memorials that I visited.

The Stars and Stripes hold center stage at the monument. To the left of the pole, a large marble slab holds the names of those killed in the service of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Like the similar monument in Sherman, there are recent additions to the original list, which was dedicated in 1996.



War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

If there were other memorials in Cooke County, no one could tell me where they were, although everyone seemed familiar with the one at Frank Buck Park, so I turned east, to drive back through Grayson County and into Fannin County to the county seat, Bonham.

A police officer in Bonham told me the only war memorials he knew about in Bonham were on the courthouse square. “I guess there might be some out at the VA hospital, but I don’t remember seeing any,” he said.

Bonham’s courthouse square is typical of every courthouse square in North Texas, surrounded as it on four sides by businesses of almost every stripe, but it does have something that most squares don’t have: a statue of the man for whom the county was named.

The metal representation of James Butler Bonham wears boots with spurs, carries a hat and a powder horn and over his left shoulder, there’s a strap that supports a pouch. If the statue looks like Bonham, Bonham was a handsome fellow.

There are two inscriptions on the base of the statue. One of them provides a brief biography of Bonham. The other reads: “At the call of his boyhood friend William Barrett Travis, He came to Texas in 1835 and engaged in the war for independence as aide and messenger for Travis. He was faithful unto death at the Alamo March the sixth 1836.”

Bonham’s statue is the only one I found that made mention of Texas’ war for independence from Mexico.

The other memorial, a statue of a Confederate soldier, is on the northwest corner of the courthouse. The soldier is not nearly so high as the one in Sherman, but it is still too high to permit viewers to make out details clearly without binoculars.

Inscriptions on each face of the base, however, are for the most part, quite clear.

The inscription on the east face reads: *Battles fought, 2242. Total enlistment Confederate Army 600,000. Total enlistment United States Army 2,278,304. Federal Prisoners captured by Confederates 270,000. Confederate prisoners captures by federals 270,000. Co. E 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th TX CAV.*

On the south face, between crossed sabers are the words from 1861 to 1865. Below are the following words: “They fought for principle, their homes, and those they loved. On fame’s eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, and Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.”

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words: “To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.”

On the north face are the words: “The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)”

From the court- house square, I went to the VA hospital, but found no statues dedicated to the servicemen and servicewomen who seek treatment for their wounds and their illnesses there.

While I was looking for memorials in Bonham, my colleague Dale Rideout was in another part of Fannin County, in Leonard, where he found two memorials. Both of them are dedicated to all veterans of all wars.

One of the memorials is located near the center of town. On both front and back of a granite slab, the citizens of Leonard, who maintain both memorials, have had engraved the names of all service personnel from the town who have died in the service of their country.

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam. The other memorial is at the cemetery.



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On the same day he visited the cemeteries in Leonard, Dale also visited cemeteries in Collin County. He found a variety of memorials, including the gravesite of John Abston (1761-1856), a soldier in the American Revolution.

Abston is buried in the Old Belew cemetery, near the city of Lavon.

Rideout also visited the cemetery at Farmersville, where he found Freedom Plaza, a memorial that includes a granite slab on which are engraved the names of "*Farmersville heroes (who died to keep the torch of freedom burning.*" The names of veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam are listed on the slab.

At the bottom are words attributed to Audie Murphy, "*The real heroes of the war are those who never came home.*"

The memorial was dedicated in 1998 by the community of Farmersville.

Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

In the Pecan Grove Cemetery, Dale found a granite marker engraved with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and the names of all Civil War veterans buried in the Pecan Grove Cemetery. A historical marker in the Pecan Grove Memorial Park "*commemorates the courageous and compassionate pioneer men and women of this vicinity.*"

It mentions in particular Dr. James Webb Throckmorton, who was a Texas legislator during the 18950's, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, Governor of Texas from 1866-1867 and a member of Congress intermittently between 1875 and 1888.

In the same cemetery there is a medallion, dedicated in 1970, dedicated "*To those who served for freedom's just cause.*"

In McKinney, Dale found a granite marker "*Dedicated in honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country.*"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, William H. L. Well Camp #1588, dedicated a marker to Confederate soldiers in Plano in 2000.

Fort Washita

There are probably other memorials in North Texas that we overlooked, but it wasn't because Dale and I didn't try to find them all. As soon as I was through with the Texas side of Texoma, I went looking in Oklahoma.

Lifelong residents of Durant told me they didn't know of any monuments, but directed me to Ft. Washita, about 18 miles west and north of Durant.

"It isn't really a war memorial, I guess," one man said. "There aren't any statues or anything out there. But in another way it's better than statues or plaques because you can almost hear the way it was when it was a fort."

Restoring the fort, which is on Oklahoma State Highway 199, is a work in progress. The fort office, made from a building that once was officers' quarters, is complete and so is a barracks building across the road and to the south. Several smaller buildings are also in good repair.

One of the major barracks buildings is in ruins, however. It is covered by vines with branches thick enough to be tree branches.

Two burial grounds are on the fort grounds. The post burial ground is at the north end of the road into the fort. It is an active cemetery. On the day I was there, flowers from a recent funeral were still fresh on the mound of red earth that covered the grave. A visitor told me she had "put my husband here two years ago."

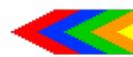
The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

Ft. Washita, which was established in 1842 to keep peace among the Indians and white settlers, was abandoned by the federals in 1861 and was used by Confederate troops until the Civil War ended in 1865.

It has a resident ghost, Aunt Jane, who is listed among the prominent ghosts of the frontier.

Each of these places is worth a visit. A little planning would make it possible to visit several memorials in the same day and get home before dark. It would be a good thing, if you're interested in history or you want to teach your kids to be proud of their heritage, to set aside a day every now and then to visit one or more of them.

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Lincecum became a member of the faculty at Austin College in 1967, and retired in 2006 as professor emeritus of English.[2] He is the director and founder of the Telling Our Stories Project in Autobiography, which has attracted international attention to Austin College. This is a program that encourages senior citizens to write their autobiographies.

Lincecum is owner of Big Barn Press which publishes autobiography and local history books by local authors. Their most recent publication in the "Telling Our Stories" series is Volume 10, entitled "20 Years of Telling Our Stories." It includes 48 stories by local writers who have participated in TOS, which began in 1990. Check out their webpage: <http://www.austincollege.edu/Info.asp?4124>

Specialties are:

- *collecting life stories from geriatric patients with early dementia
- *editing stories and books for publication
- *training Home Hospice volunteers to collect life stories and edit them for publication in booklet form
- *leading workshops for writers of autobiography and family history
- *Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

Lincecum has been awarded the Silver Certificate of Merit by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Miss Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award for Outstanding Research on Texas History. His book on the pioneer naturalist Gideon Lincecum, *Science on the Texas Frontier: Observations of Dr. Gideon Lincecum* has been reviewed by several academic journals both in history and in the sciences, as have some of his other books.

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DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham

It was one of those awful years during World War II. We were all subservient to "The War Effort", and we were convinced that it would be unethical to complain, under the circumstances.

Since Betty and I had married cousins, both of whom were serving their country in the armed forces, we determined to live together "For the Duration."

Betty was a devout person, I attended the community church with her. The minister, living alone, was an admirable gentleman whom we considered to be in the category of the elderly. Betty, devoted to the church, had a wild idea. She suggested to me that we invite the minister to a Saturday, early-evening dinner. We did. Because of the "War Effort", we all worked six days a week. By the greatest happenstance, she and I expected to be free at noon on that certain Saturday.

We checked our ration books and found meat was a possibility. A trip to the neighborhood grocery market was reasonably productive. The meat looked good, and we were able to get enough for three servings. Sugar was in very short supply, but we were able to get one pound. We would be able to make a little custard or pudding. At the right time, the gentleman arrived. We were not at all embarrassed about the fact that our tiny apartment was so unpretentious. Anyone who was able to acquire more than one room during that period was happy.

After our greetings, we sat at our little table and prepared to enjoy a delightful meal. The minister politely asked us about our husbands and we told him what we knew, although the actual location of any of the military men was a secret.

I was having difficulty cutting my meat. I glanced at Betty and found her having no less trouble. At last, I hacked off a bit, but masticating it was another problem. I looked at the minister's plate.

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

The War Effort always offered subjects for discussion. I repeated the story my husband had told. In England, where there was no ice, the bartender would sally forth with the jolly admonition, "Drink 'er up, Boys, afore she gets cold!" We laughed. We tried the meat again. We were having no luck.

Betty told of an experience concerning her brother and sister-in-law. The couple wished to drive to another town 120 miles distant so the young lady could visit her ailing mother. Their tires were bald, and buying gasoline was a near impossibility, but the young man thought he could manage. Betty ended the tale by revealing that the couple had experienced six flat tires before arriving back home. She laughed. Our hesitation was hardly noticeable as we joined her.

"Well, maybe the war will be over soon," the minister offered. We were all worrying with the meat. Betty wondered aloud about it and I made a remark.

"You know what I think?" the minister said. "I think this is horse meat!"

"Horse meat!" Betty and I gasped in consternation.

"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

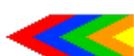
Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



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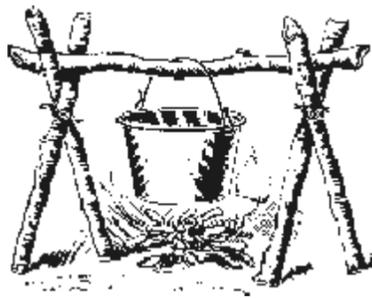


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Cookin' Out



Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

I have enjoyed cooking since I was a very young boy. It is a real treat to hear others comment about my cooking, when it is a success. If it turns out to not be the success I hoped for, then I can take the heat.

Cooking outside is especially rewarding. You can cook over an open fire, over a grill, use the fancy propane cookers of various types, or just put a hot dog on a stick and roast it. My favorite is using cast iron Dutch ovens for cooking. You can prepare just about anything in the Dutch ovens, and with a collection of several sizes you can accomplish some great feats of culinary delight.

Do not start out with a brand new utensil. A new Dutch oven needs to be properly seasoned or it just won't do the job intended. A new oven is covered with a waxy type of material to protect it from rusting. This must be thoroughly washed off with soap and water. Rinse it well, and quickly dry it. Your oven will rust very quickly if you do not use care.

Now you must coat your Dutch oven with salad oil, Crisco, or lard using a cotton cloth. Make sure the entire oven, inside and out, including the lid are coated with your shortening. Now put it in your home oven, with the temperature set for 350 degrees. Be careful on you timing for this because there will probably be a slightly unpleasant odor, along with some smoke. You wouldn't want to do this when planning a formal party for friends. "Cook" that oven for one hour. Turn the oven off, and when your Dutch oven has cooled, but still warm, wipe it again to make sure the oil film covers all all surfaces. Your oven will now be a golden color, and is ready to use.

Do not wash you Dutch oven with strong soapy water, or you will need to re-season it. Clean it with a very mild soap, or plain water.

The more you use your oven the better. It will develop a dark color with use, even turning black. It will have a surface that is almost stick proof. Store you Dutch oven in a warm, dry place. Put a sheet of paper towel or newspaper in the oven to absorb any moisture that may get in, and keep the lid slightly ajar.

Cooking with your Dutch oven is easy. Temperatures are controlled by counting the charcoal briquettes used. You will need to experiment some, but a general rule of thumb is to multiply the diameter of your oven by 2 to get the number of briquettes to use for a 350 degree oven temperature. When you do your cooking use more coals on top and fewer on the bottom. This chart will help get started.

8 inch oven - 10 briquettes on top – 6 briquettes on bottom.
10 inch oven - 12 briquettes on top – 8 briquettes on bottom.
12 inch oven - 14 briquettes on top – 10 briquettes on bottom.
14 inch oven - 16 briquettes on top – 12 briquettes on bottom.
16 inch oven - 18 briquettes on top – 14 briquettes on bottom.

Two additional briquettes, one on top and one on the bottom will increase the temperature by about 25 degrees.

Dump Cake

A favorite dessert of mine is quite simple. In the Boy Scouts we call it Dump Cake, because all you need do is dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven. You will need:

¼ pound butter or margarine

1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)

1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)

Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.

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Southern Algebra

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. We challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam administered by the University of Mississippi Engineering Department. (Well, maybe/maybe not. Who knows?)

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?
6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?
7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?
10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?



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Turkey Vultures

Turkey Vultures are plentiful here in North Texas. They make their roost in groups as the evening approaches. This tree has been serving for several years as the night resting place for this group. In the morning these birds will spread their wings to dry in the sun before departing on their day's activity of cleaning up the environment of dead and dying critters. You will often see them individually or in groups of two or three on the roadside cleaning up the roadkill that gets left behind when other animals are not quick enough to make it across the road.



One Vote

This is an election year. Just how important is ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE? The following facts may astound you, however, they are true.

In 1645, One Vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, One Vote caused Charles 1 of England to be executed.

In 1776, One Vote gave America the English language instead of the German language.

In 1839, One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of the State of Massachusetts.

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, One Vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.

In 1875, One Vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, One Vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

In 1923, One Vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, One Vote saved Selective Service twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor.

In 1960, Richard Nixon lost the Presidential election and John F. Kennedy won it by less than One Vote per precinct in the United States.

Dining Out with my Grandson

By Dale Rideout

Of course every grandchild is special. Also each one is unique. Old grandpa loves them all equally but they all have their differences, too. Our experiences with each one make those differences special, as well.

Our first grandchild was a boy. His name is Phillip Jordan Roe. He was born in 1990 and took the place of just about everything of any importance in Papa's life. Jordan's Mom and Dad both worked, so we (Nanny and I) often would get to baby-sit with him. As he grew older he would go everywhere with Papa, and we both enjoyed it.

When Jordan was about two years old, his family moved to San Antonio for four years, then back to Howe. During that four-year time period, Papa did not have the opportunities to take Jordan on the outings we used to take. When he moved back to Howe, he was in school, he had a sister, and there were five other grandchildren who joined the family. All of this slowed down the Jordan and Papa routine of going everywhere together.

This brings us to the story I want to tell you, about eating out. You need the background to help understand the rest. When Jordan was about seven years old I invited him to go with me delivering newspapers. My wife and I own a weekly newspaper and every Wed-nesday it is my job to deliver them to the various stores where they are sold and to various post office locations in about three counties. Jordan liked the idea, so he took off with me for a full day in the car together.

We were getting hungry as it neared dinnertime. I began to ask what he would like to eat, and he said it didn't matter. Well, I knew that he was a little picky about what he eats and didn't want him to get hungry because he couldn't find something he liked.

Our discussion of available menus was somewhat limited because we were approaching Tioga and there were limited choices. I asked Jordan if he liked catfish and he answered with a big "Yes." I told him about the Tioga Catfish Restaurant and asked if he would like to eat there, and again received a "Yes."

Our waitress for the day was Kim Hilliard. She and her husband, James, were the owners of Tioga Catfish Restaurant, and they did an excellent job. The food was always superb, served fresh and tasty. The portions were generous and satisfying. The service was great, anticipating your every need.

I am sure Jordan felt like the "Big Man," eating out with Papa and getting to choose for himself what to order. In fact he placed his own order for the meal. I ordered the fish basket, which included a large serving of fish, lots of french fries, a bowl of red beans, and hush puppies. I chose iced tea for my drink.

Jordan's turn to order came. I tried to explain to him that there was a smaller fish dinner, more to the size of a seven year old, but I let him order what he wanted. Much to my surprise he ordered the same fish basket and iced tea that I had ordered. The little fellow was trying to be just like Papa. I felt flattered, but at the same time remembered again that we should be careful of our actions because there are little eyes watching us all the time. Often they imitate what they see us do.

We sat there enjoying our table conversation. You need to know that Jordan has a certain look when something is going on. It is a grin that differs from his usual grin but is quite unmistakable. He sat there with that grin as our food was served. We began to eat.

I certainly enjoyed my entire meal, as usual when dining at Tioga Catfish Restaurant. Jordan began sampling his fish and did a good job making it disappear. He only nibbled at the hush puppies. The french fries he really enjoyed, though like a seven year old he began to get silly and dipped some of them into his iced tea before eating them. I prefer catsup on mine.

During this whole time, Jordan had that grin on his face. I knew something was up, but just couldn't figure it out. At first I thought he was just really pleased to be eating out with Papa. Finally I ask him why the big smile.

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Jordan replied, "I've never had catfish before!"

To this day, catfish is still one of Jordan's favorites when he eats out.

Well, that was seven years ago. Jordan is now 14, nearing 15. The Hilliards have bought Clark's Outpost, a fantastic bar-b-cue restaurant in Tioga. For several years they operated both restaurants, but staffing difficulties and increasing competition forced them to close the catfish restaurant.

During our past Christmas holidays I invited Jordan to join me again for a day of newspaper deliver as we had done so many years ago. He readily agreed. The day we set off was icy and snowy. We had storms the day before, and while the weather was much nicer the roads were still a lot of "fun" to negotiate. We stopped a couple of times to help others get out of the ditch. We carefully made the trip, and Jordan served as chief cameraman taking quite a few pictures as a record of our trip.

Lunchtime arrived and we were nearing Tioga. I asked if Jordan likes bar-b-que and he answered, "Yes." Déjà vu all over again.

We entered Clark's and were showed to our seats by a very helpful waitress. The walls are covered with old west memorabilia. One wall has a beautiful mural of a wild west scene. Furnishings are rustic and you feel sort of like you are in a bunkhouse eating your main meal of the day.

Looking over the menu, which has an extensive listing of gourmet foods, we began to make our choices. I took a full rack of ribs, with the deep-fried corn on the cob, cole slaw, and french fries.

This time, Jordan was a little more selective in ordering. After asking about some of the various items, he asked if they had just meat on a bun. I directed him to the brisket sandwich. He ordered a side of french fries to go with it. Again I took iced tea, but Jordan had a soda to drink. We were both more than pleased with our meal. I shared some of my ribs with Jordan so that next time he would know what they were and could try them without worrying if he would like them.

Clark's Outpost slow smokes all their meat. Everything is cooked over hickory from eight hours to 20 or more depending what is being cooked. The meat is tender, falling off the bone and flavorful from the natural smoke. Nothing artificial is added and no shortcuts are taken in making this authentic old time bar-b-que.

Let me know if you plan to make this little trip. Maybe Jordan and I can go along. We sure enjoy the travel and eating.



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REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

The Jefferson School was located on Chaffin Street in Sherman. Students gathered in the yard, and when they heard a bell, they all ran to see which teacher was standing in the doorway. On a bright November morning in 1918, Miss Knox called her second grade class. We lined up and marched single-file up the steps, down the hall, and into the cloakroom. There we hung up our coats and carried our bookbags into the classroom.

Our opening exercise was a recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then we started our reading lesson. On this morning we were interrupted by Miss Evorie, who came in to announce that "the war was over" and we should go home to "celebrate."

I knew what "cele-brate" meant. At our house we celebrated holidays and birthdays all the time. It meant fried chicken and blackberry cobbler and all the aunts and cousins coming in to eat with us. It meant the dining room filled with grown-ups and the children waiting or being served at the kitchen table. It meant deviled eggs and pickles and, if it was a picnic, bread-and-butter sandwiches made from that delicious brown bread.

As I hurried home that morning, I disobeyed a standing rule: I cut through the park and walked by the Interstate Cotton Oil Mill.

Goodness! The whistles were stuck and they kept going off. They were awfully loud, and someone was shooting a gun! It, too, kept going: Bang! Bang! Bang! Then the streetcar came down Grand Avenue and the bell was ringing. The noise around there was really something!

But I hurried on thinking of our celebration. Then when I reached home, I stopped in my tracks. My grandmother was dressed in her Sunday clothes. She was even wearing her hat. How could she fry chicken and make pies dressed like that? What's more, she said, "Put your things away and come with me, we're going to town to celebrate the end of the war."

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us.

She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

I wondered how he knew we were coming and if he could fry chicken. He sure didn't look like he could bake pies. He wore a black suit and a white shirt and his tie was black too. He seemed like maybe he would preach or lead us in prayer. He seemed friendly, though, when he pushed my chair up to the table. Then he left and another man came with big cards. I thought surely this one was going to have a reading class; but Mother talked to him using words I didn't know, like "oyster" and "a-la-mode." I was anxious to get through with this visit so we could go celebrate with maybe a cake and candles to blow out. Pretty soon that last man returned and set some plates of food in front of us. It wasn't chicken or black-eyed peas but Mother said I should taste it and see if I liked it.

It was oysters! That was the most delicious food I'd ever eaten. I ate all of mine and was about to ask for more when Mother said, "Wait a minute! You have a surprise coming." It was pie—cherry pie, my favorite that we rarely had at Grand-mother's house—and on top of it was a big serving of ice cream.

Well, this was a celebration after all. I knew "celebrate" meant a big fancy meal. I just had never eaten fried oysters or pie-a-la-mode before. We really did celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

Jack Frost McGraw

Jack Frost (on right) waiting with a friend and her grandmother to ride the trolley to downtown Sherman for the first Armistice Day celebration, Nov. 11, 1918



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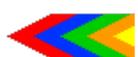
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