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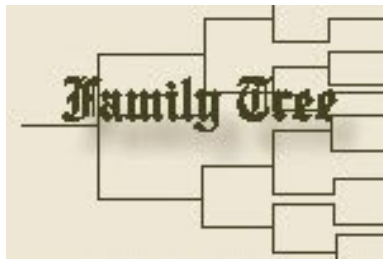
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Humor



**Gunter Library &
Museum**



Howe Top Dogs



FREE Flapjacks



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Southeastern hosts Educational Technology Fair March 8

DURANT, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University will host the 2012 Educational Technology Fair from 9 am-3 pm on March 8 in Bloomer Sullivan Arena.

The University, the Texoma Association for Public School Improvement (TAPSI) and the Southeastern Center for Regional Economic Development will sponsor the event.

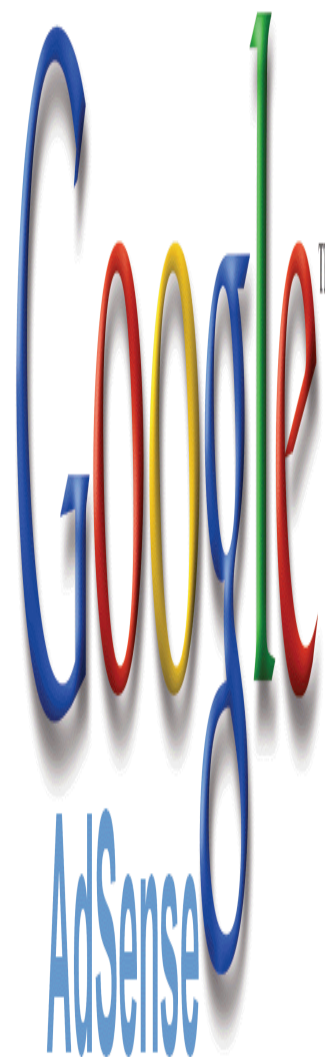
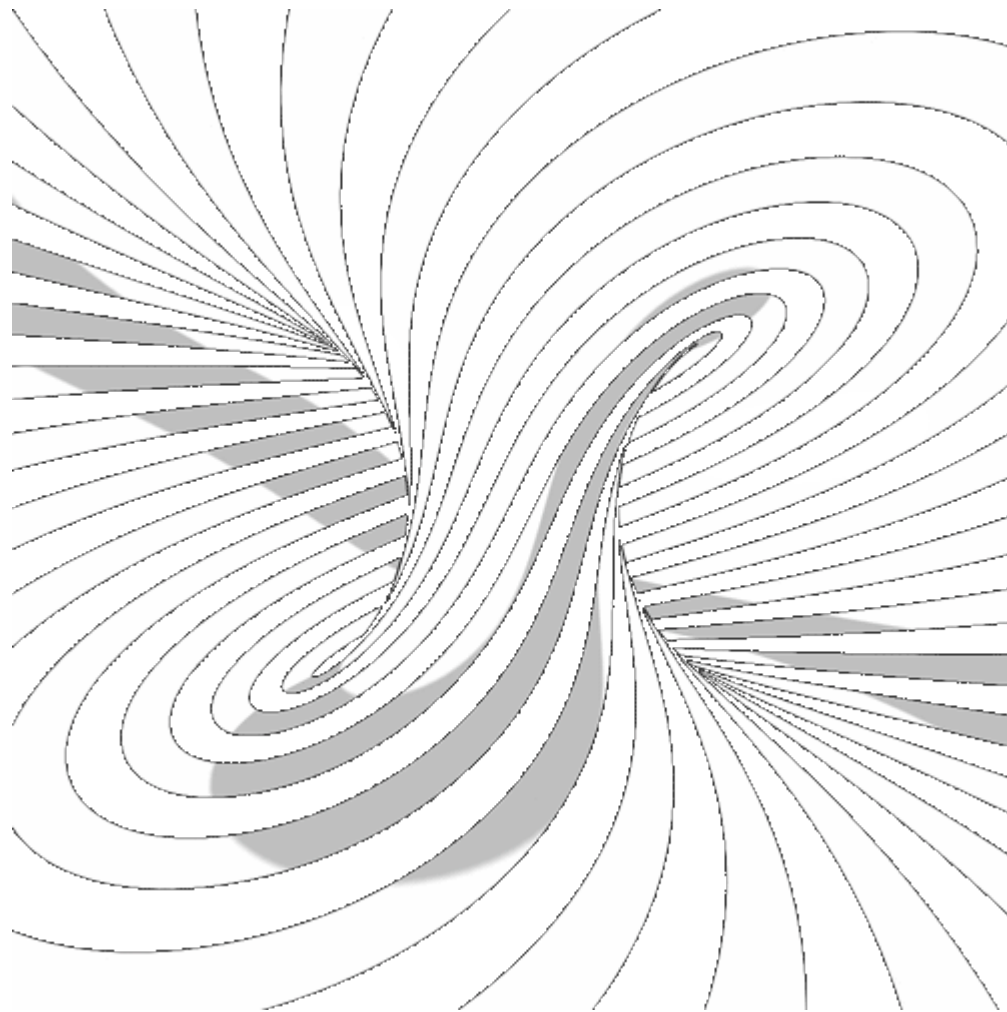
The Fair allows school district decision-makers to receive information about technological advances that can enhance student learning, administrative efficiency, and communication.

Vendors from as far away as Oklahoma City and the Dallas metroplex will share their latest technology equipment and software and be available to discuss educational applications.

Training opportunities for school personnel at all levels will be provided.

The Fair includes vendor information, training presentations and door prizes. The first 50 attendees will receive free gifts.

For more information, contact Dr. John Love, Southeastern's Director for M.Ed. in School Administration and Executive Director for TAPSI, at 580-745-2226 or jlove@SE.edu.



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Recipe



When I was a kid, about 10 or 11, I loved to watch the Roy and Dale Rogers TV show. I watched every episode. There were two girls about my age that also loved Roy and Dale. We played in the front yards and back yards. At that time, we called it "playing cowboys and Indians." We also had outlaws to shoot.

The 100th Anniversary of Roy Rogers birth was celebrated with a beautiful float for the New Year's Parade. RFD-TV sponsored this float. The TV station also has been showing episodes of the 30-minute program from the 1950's and short movie features with Roy and Dale.

It brings back some fond memories. My heroes have always been cowboys. After all, I grew up in Fort Worth, Texas also known as "Cowtown."

Yellow Squash Casserole

- 1 pound yellow squash, sliced
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup half and half
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 egg, beaten
- Dash of nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs Paprika to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Steam squash and onion until done. Drain. Combine squash and onion in a large bowl, add cheese, half and half, butter, egg, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Mix well

Place mixture in a greased casserole dish. Top with cracker crumbs and paprika. Bake approximately 25-30 minutes until slightly browned.

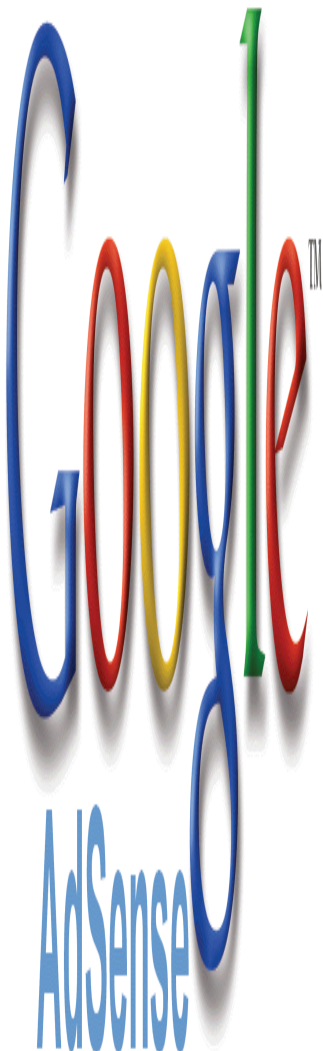
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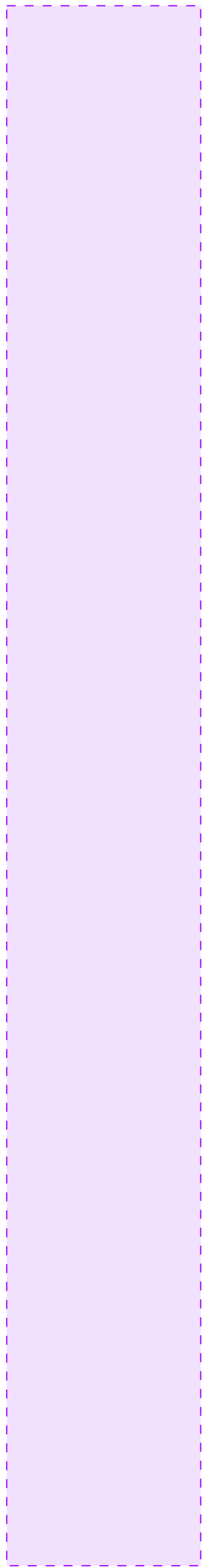


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Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending February 10th are: Ally Harvey, Jesse Midthune, Kayle Chapman, Camryn Adams, Kamryn Gardner, Kailyn Ireland, Sabian Acevedo, Emma Harvey, Angie Burris, Samantha Lowder, Taylor Reynolds, Jayden Bookout, Cheyenne Matthews, and Camryn Boatman.





Howe ISD Board Meets

The Howe ISD Board met Thursday, February 16, at 6 pm.

A large number of Howe Elementary students for their excellent performances at UIL District held at Pottsboro recently.

HES Principal Darla Williams reported on a \$2700 collection for the Pasta for Patients program. HES Open House is March 6 and Spring Break is March 12-16.

HMS Principal Ritchie Bowling said the Middle School Play students were to compete on Feb. 17 at Pottsboro.

Howe High School will host a Powerlifting event on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Supt. Kevin Wilson reported that school enrollment is staying steady at 1005.

The Board approved minutes for the regular meeting/AEIS Public Hearing on January 19, 2012, as well as the Monthly Financial Reports and Budget Amendments.

The Board also approved Joint Election Agreements with City of Howe and City of Dorchester and ordered an Election for School Board Trustees on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Board members whose term ends this year are Mark Abner, Bruce Dawsey, and Pat Stewart.

In addition, the board approved Softball Field Use by Howe Softball Association, adopted 2012-13 School Calendar; approved Early Release Staff Development Waiver, and updated.

Following a closed session, the board reconvened to extend contracts for Clay Wilson, Ritchie Bowling, Darla Williams, Shawn Martin, Terisa O'Dowd, Angie Cavender, Becky Hogenson, Joe Watson and Julie Snapp.

Howe City Elections

Cities all across Texas are getting ready for May elections and incumbents and first time runners are deciding, "Do I want to run?" In City Halls, the staff are busy putting together the all important election packets, that includes everything that one would need to sign up for a place on a ballot.

The City of Howe is no exception to this rule. This May, council seats held by Sam Haigis, Scott Harris and Georgia Richardson are up for election. All three seats are two year terms. Election packets can be picked up at the City Hall office at 116 E. Haning in Howe or from the Secretary of State web site at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Gunter Library & Museum News

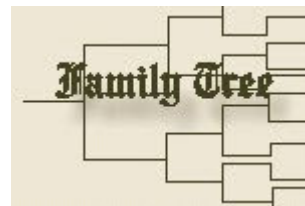
Join us at the Gunter Library and Museum on Tuesday, February 21 from 7-8 pm and Saturday, February 25 from 2-3 pm for a special showing of *For the Love of Liberty, the Story of America's Black Patriots*. The Library will show the abridged version of the film, which lasts for 45 minutes. The DVD which contains the entire four hour, two-part film will be available for check out after February 25.

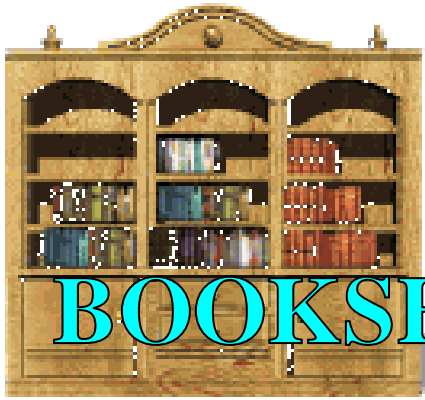
Over 5,000 black soldiers fought in the American Revolution and though most were not recognized as citizens or even free men, more than 200,000 took up arms in the Civil War. Over 380,000 African-Americans served in World War I and more than 2,000,000 defended this country in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Yet most accounts of their valiant actions are absent from history books and contemporary film.

For Love of Liberty: the Story of America's Black Patriots has finally, and for all time, set the record straight. It is an unprecedented documentation of the African-American experience in the U.S. military. At the center of this multi-faceted initiative is a four-hour high definition, two-part documentary introduced by Colin Powell and hosted on-camera by Halle Berry. The film uses letters, diaries, speeches, journalistic accounts, historical text and military records to acknowledge the tremendous, unheralded accomplishments of African-American servicemen and women – from the earliest days of the Republic through our present conflict in Afghanistan. The documentary asks the question why these heroic men and women fought so valiantly for freedoms they themselves did not enjoy.

Join us on February 18, February 25, and March 3 for a three part session on Family Research and Genealogy taught by Dale Rideout. This seminar will help you get started on family research if you are a beginner, and help you find useful sources if you already have completed part of your search. There will be a \$10 charge for materials for participants. Class will meet from 10:30-12:30. Please register ahead of time so we can provide enough materials. To register, call 903-207-4527 or 903-271-5190.

New books added to the collection this week include John Grisham's *The Litigators*; J.A. Jance, *Left for Dead*; *Your Scottish Ancestry: a Guide for North Americans*, by Sherry Irvine; and *The Complete idiot's Guide to Genealogy* by Christine Rose.





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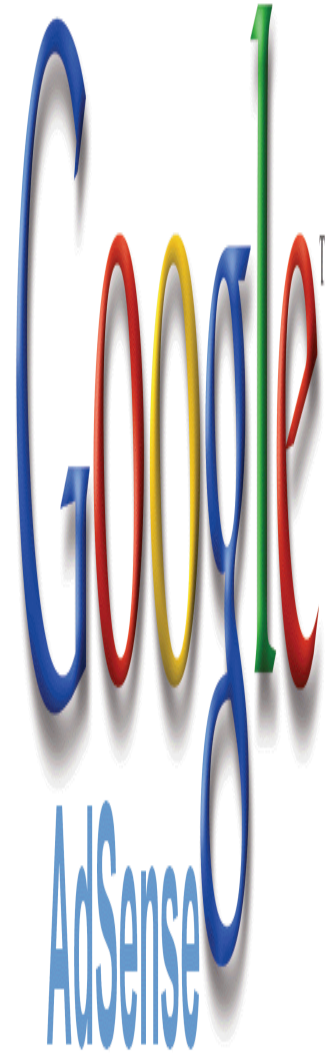
By Tracy Luscombe

DATE CHANGE FOR POETRY NIGHT. Teen Council Evening of Poetry has been changed to March 1, 4:30-6:30 pm. So sharpen your pencils, and get your creative juices flowing if you want to present something original. You can also read a favorite published piece. If you're extra shy, you can have a friend read your original piece for you. Extra class credit is being offered by the following teachers: Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Judd, and Mrs. Potts.

Last weekend I took a visit to our nation's capital and had the privilege of touring several of the museums. It reminded me how many of our founding fathers believed reading is a vital part of education, and an educated citizenry is most important to the success of our nation. In this election year we all need to take a look at our past and know how it has affected us so we can make decisions for the future. Read the writings of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and other great statesmen. Know that they debated arduously for various rights for a reason. Come by the library and find a good book to learn all you can about our country so you can be a part of its future success.

Another great experience I had in D.C. was staying on campus at Galludet University. Established in 1865 by an Act of Congress under the leadership of President Lincoln, this university has a student population that is almost all deaf. American Sign Language (ASL) is the official campus language. They know they live in a fish bowl since everyone can "eavesdrop" on your conversation if they can see you. It was wonderful to walk the campus and learn the history of various people involved in the development and success of this educational institution. I was often in the dark with the conversations since my own ASL is minimal, but I learned so much about the deaf culture experience. They can't hear you say excuse me as you accidentally bump into them so they just dispense with these pleasantries. While the cafeteria is largely quiet, music in the dorm is very loud like any other college campus. It was a reminder I'm too old to be living in a college dorm. If you want to know more about sign language and the deaf community, without making a trip to the campus, come by your library and check out one of these books: *American Sign Language* by Deborah Kent, *Changes for Julie (an American Girl book)* by Megan McDonald, or a biography of Helen Keller.

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.



City of Tom Bean News

By Mayor Sherry E. Howard

On February 24th, the City of Tom Bean and TBVFD has scheduled a Fire Protection Rating Schedule with the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The national rating schedule is a local evaluation of public building size and locations, the receiving and handling of fire alarms, available water supply, and fire department staffing, equipment, training, and geographic locations. This evaluation leads to determining a Public Protection Classification or PPC. In 1995, Tom Bean was rated an "8" and we are hoping for a 4-5 rating after the review. Tom Bean's new PPC will affect most every home and business owner who live within five road miles from either Tom Bean Fire Department station and within 1000 feet of a fire hydrant.

Most insurance companies use a community's PPC rating for marketing, underwriting, and to help establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance. In general, the price for fire insurance in a community with a good PPC is substantially lower than a community with a poor PPC, assuming all other factors are equal. A PPC rating is a number on a 1 to 10 scale. The lower the number, the better the area's fire suppression program has been determined to be.

We will keep you updated on this \$ savings to our citizens and outlying areas.





Photo (left to right) - Jim Barnes, Michael Logan, Ed Richardson, and Ashley Logan

SCP opens “Bus Stop”

On Friday evening, February 3, the Sherman Community Players will open *Bus Stop*, a romantic comedy by William Inge. This endearing funny play tells the story of a group of bus passengers in the 1950's, who find themselves stranded in café in a small town in rural Kansas during a snowstorm. The passengers are an assorted group of colorful characters including a hot-headed, naïve young cowboy who, overnight, has fallen in love with a pretty young nightclub singer, and he's taking her home to Montana to marry, whether she likes it or not.

Other characters in the play include the earthy café owner, Grace, and her innocent young waitress Elma, a former college professor with a shady past, a guitar-playing cowboy, the town sheriff and a jovial bus driver.

The play functions on many levels, with fist fights, laughs, love and a bit of drama as the lonely café comes to life with its new clientele. Some Shakespeare is poorly acted, songs are sung, guitars are strummed, hearts are broken and mended. Although

the movie version starring Marilyn Monroe was played more as a drama, the playwright intend the play to be a comedy with dramatic moments.

Bus Stop will play February 3 through 19 with performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2 pm. Tickets for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday shows are \$14 (adult and senior) and \$7 (students). Thursday shows are \$7 for all seats. There will also be a special preview performance before opening night on Thursday, February 2 with all seats priced at \$5, and these tickets can be purchased at the door.

The box office will open for season member reservations only on Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31 at 9 am. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Wednesday, February 1 at 10 am. The box office telephone number is 903-892-8818. Performances are held in the Finley Theatre at 500 N. Elm. The box office is located directly behind the theatre in the Honey McGee Playhouse.



Awards Presented to Texas Heroes

This week the Public Safety Commission and DPS Director Steven C. McCraw presented 30 awards for extraordinary demonstrations of heroism. Eleven Director's Citations, four Lifesaving Awards, 13 Director's Awards, one Purple Heart and one DPS Unit Citation were awarded to DPS personnel, law enforcement officers, and members of the public.

"I am honored to present awards to these individuals and units that have gone above and beyond to make Texas a safer place and assist those in danger," said Director McCraw.

Public Safety Commission Chairman Allan B. Polunsky stated, "These award recipients are true Texas heroes."

*Trooper Robert Bryan received a Director's Citation for his efforts in evacuating a wounded Harrison County Sheriff's Deputy from the scene of a gunfight on January 26, 2011.

*Corporal Timothy Pitts received a Director's Citation for his efforts in rescuing a woman who was stranded in Lake Leon near Eastland after her boat capsized on January 5, 2011.

*Trooper Kevin Sanmann received a Director's Citation for his decisive action against a subject who posed a significant threat to a Plano Police Department detective, an ATF agent and himself during the execution of an arrest warrant on October 7, 2010.

*Trooper Stephen Jay Tone received a Director's Citation for his efforts in locating and rescuing four firefighters who had gone missing during a wildfire in Eastland County on April 15, 2011.

*Corporal Jesse Stewart received a Director's Citation for his response to a suicide call on January 24, 2010, in Rusk County, during which he negotiated with the subject until medical assistance arrived. Corporal Stewart also received a Lifesaving Award for supporting first responders and performing CPR on a driver who had fallen unconscious on January 25, 2010, near Kilgore. The man's breathing and pulse were restored, and Corporal Stewart continued CPR until medical assistance arrived.

Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

Our Gospel event is the fourth Saturday night at 7 pm. This Saturday night, February 25th, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Mike Vaughan, drums, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Keith Francis, steel guitar, Jody Cofer, bass, 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. Admission for this program is \$6. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs and refreshments 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.

*Staff Sergeants Michael Lemmon, Christopher Barclay, Kevin Allison and Scott Allan Hamilton received Director's Citations for their response during a training mission in Corpus Christi Bay on May 12, 2011, when they rescued two fishermen from a boat that had caught fire.

*Former Agents J. Wesley Crites and James York received Director's Citations, and former Agent Jimmy Murray received a Purple Heart, for their efforts during the execution of a search warrant on March 3, 1972, in Houston, when a female suspect attempted to flee. The suspect shot Agent Murray, and Agents Crites and York returned fire and took the suspect into custody.

*Trooper Charlie Lunceford received a Lifesaving Award, and Canton Police Department Sergeant Steve Hall received a Director's Award, for reviving a woman who had fallen unconscious after choking on February 10, 2011.

*Trooper Barry Evans received a Lifesaving Award, and James Douglas Beggerly received a Director's Award, for performing CPR on a subject who had collapsed shortly after being arrested near Tyler.

*Trooper Brian Powell received a Lifesaving Award, and Gene Smithwick received a Director's Award, for performing CPR on a man in Weatherford who had gone into full cardiac arrest.

*Mr. Ramon Trevino received a Director's Award for his assistance to Trooper Arnold Rodriguez on August 28, 2010, in restraining a combative subject who was being arrested for DWI in Brownsville.

*The U.S. Homeland Security Investigations Border Security Enhancement Security Team in Alpine, including Chinyere Abosi, Jose Santa Cruz, William Fort, Kemp Johnson, Robert Soria, Erick Tarango, Don Alvarenga, Alex Rodriguez, and Brian Scholz, received Director's Awards, and the Alpine office of the DPS Criminal Investigations Division received a DPS Unit Citation, for their efforts to dismantle drug trafficking operations in their area. These efforts resulted in the arrest of 41 subjects and the seizure of 11,553 pounds of marijuana, 15.76 kilograms of cocaine, \$267,213 in cash, seven firearms and 12 vehicles.

County Clerk's Office Going Partially Paperless

Notice is hereby given that Official Public Records (OPR) will be available in electronic format commencing March 15, 2012. Any items recorded as of March 15 forward will be maintained in electronic format as well as backed-up and stored on Microfilm and stored in a vault off-site. This will include Commissioner Court Minutes and exclude all Vital Statistics (Birth, Death, Marriage) records.

OPR records are available via Texaslandrecords.com from the current date back to 2004. This date will be extended as finances permit; we anticipate making OPRs available from 1965 forward available. Watch our web site for updates: <http://www.co.fannin.tx.us/ips/cms/departments/countyClerk.html>

Tammy Biggar, Fannin County Clerk





15 HOURS OF FREE FLAPJACKS AT IHOP FEBRUARY 28 National Pancake Day Returns To Benefit Shriners Hospitals For Children

WHAT: For the seventh consecutive year, IHOP restaurants nationwide will offer each guest a free short stack of its famous buttermilk pancakes on National Pancake Day in an effort to raise awareness and funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children and other local charities.

WHY: For every short stack of buttermilk pancakes served on National Pancake Day, IHOP guests are invited to make a voluntary donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children. IHOP hopes to raise \$2.7 million this year, with a goal to bring the total amount of funds raised to more than \$10 million. To find a local IHOP or to donate online, visit www.ihoppancakeday.com.

WHEN: TUESDAY, February 28, 2012, 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. (15 full hours)

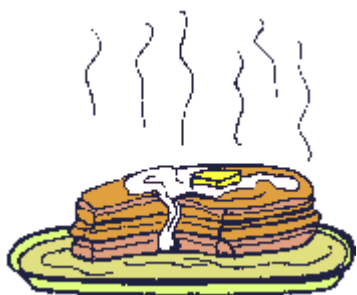
WHERE: Participating IHOP restaurants in the Howe area.

National Pancake Day Fun Facts:

- IHOP served four million free pancakes on National Pancake Day 2011 and pancake lovers donated more than \$2.5 million to children's charities, exceeding the fundraising goal of \$2.3 million.
- All of the free pancakes served on National Pancake Day 2011 would create a stack nearly 16 miles high.
- Since the inception of National Pancake Day in 2006, IHOP has raised nearly \$8 million and given away more than 14 million pancakes to support charities in the communities in which it operates.
- National Pancake Day 2011 was IHOP's largest one-day event in the company's 53-year history.

ABOUT IHOP

For 53 years, the IHOP family restaurant chain has served its world famous pancakes and a wide variety of breakfast, lunch and dinner items that are loved by people of all ages. IHOP offers its guests an affordable, everyday dining experience with warm and friendly service. As of September 30, 2011, there were 1,532 IHOPs in 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as in Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Under the licensed name IHOP at HOME® consumers can also enjoy a line of premium breakfast products available at leading retailers. IHOP restaurants are franchised and operated by Glendale, Calif.-based International House of Pancakes, LLC and its affiliates. International House of Pancakes, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DineEquity, Inc. (NYSE: DIN).



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Sawyers And Flatheads

By Bob Bowman

In the Northwest, they were called lumberjacks, but in East Texas they were called "sawyers" or "flatheads."

Using crosscut saws, axes and teams of mules and oxen, they felled the timber which fed hundreds of early sawmills and shaped the future of dozens of East Texas towns like Lufkin, Livingston, Orange, and Jasper.

A hardy breed with a broad streak of independence, they were as colorful as they were hard working, and the language they used became a part of East Texas' heritage.

If a sawyer told you he'd "fight a timber rattler and give it two bites to start," you knew he was a man to avoid. And if he said he felt "like he had pulled a dull saw all day," you knew he was tired.

The logging crews which served East Texas' early sawmills between the early 1800s and the 1920s rarely stayed long in one place, moving instead from county to county, forest to forest, to cut and haul timber.

Some lumber mills moved entire communities, known as "front camps," around the East Texas woods, carrying with them the settlement's basic needs.

At Lufkin, Angelina County Lumber Company operated a fleet of boxcar-like buildings mounted on wheels, ready to roll when the latest logging job was finished. The mobile village, named "Acol," became famous in East Texas for its "wandering post office."

A railroad logging crew usually worked ahead of the logging crews, putting down new tracks on which trains transported the loggers, their



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

I spent a good part of Monday morning checking my credit rating. Federal law requires the credit reporting agencies to give you one free report each year and I decided I wanted one.

The term "free" is misleading, of course, because in order to get the report, you will have to sign up for credit monitoring at the rate of \$16.95 each month. Of course, you can cancel the service as soon as you've read your report and that's what I intended to do. That intention made me feel like a fraud, of course, but the last thing I need is a monthly credit report.

I already know I fall into the category that credit card companies refer to as "deadbeats," which means that I am a customer fortunate enough to be able to pay the balance on my credit card -- I have several but only use one -- each month. A little research told me that if I were making payments instead of pay-offs, my score, albeit excellent, would have been higher. Apparently credit card companies reward you more for making partial payments on debt so that they can collect hefty interest payment.

I learned about credit scores when I was teaching economics and I urged my students to establish a credit history -- a good, responsible credit history -- as soon as they legally could. Many of the youngsters argued with me that they just wanted to save money and pay cash for everything they bought. If they could get a job that paid enough, they might have been able to do that, but then as now, it's not likely that could happen.

I've been looking at the advertisements for new washers and dryers, thanking God every minute that I don't need to buy either. A set of a size that would permit you to do a big load of laundry and dry it costs more than \$1,000. If you want to pay cash, and you have to do laundry while you are saving, you've got to spend a considerable sum of money at the laundromat, money that could go toward the payment on the machines if you had them. At the very least, a person who



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buildings, and machinery. When the logging was job, the tracks were yanked up and moved to another forest.

The tracks were usually made of iron, but before the turn of the century some logging companies fashioned the tracks from saplings growing in the forest. The saplings, however, frequently warped, invariably leading to train wrecks.

Many of the old logging lines led to the creation of shortline railroads in East Texas.

For example, Thomas Lewis Latane Temple's Southern Pine Lumber Company used a logging line that ran seven miles into the woods east of Diboll to create the Texas South-Eastern Railroad Company in 1900.

After World War II, the T-SE operated a mixed train pulled by a steam locomotive between Diboll and Lufkin. Passengers riding the line sometimes called it the "Tattered, Shattered and Expired" or the "Take it Slow and Easy."

Another short line railroad, the Angelina and Neches River Railroad, was also founded in 1900 by Angelina County Lumber Company at Keltys, near Lufkin.

Until the chainsaw was invented in the 1940s, logging in East Texas was a hard, dangerous job. Crosscut saws were the principal tool for downing trees and axes were utilized for limbing and other chores.

The chainsaw made logging somewhat easier, but it didn't become a less labor-intensive practice until mechanized equipment such as scissor-bladed tree fellers, hydraulic loaders, and other modern equipment arrived in the woods.

The work of East Texas' early sawyers and loggers constitute a unique part of the region's heritage, and much of their work is depicted in exhibits at the Texas Forestry Museum in Lufkin.

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



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pays cash for everything needs to sit down and figure the cost/benefit of doing so.

Moreover, as my father discovered the hard way, if you have an emergency and need more cash than you have on hand, you need a credit history. When I was in my early 20's, our family did have such an emergency and he discovered he couldn't borrow any money because he had always paid cash for everything except the house we lived in and making payments on time every month on a house didn't count for much. I don't know which bank finally loaned him the \$300 he needed, but typically, he paid it back when he got the next pay check. That left him still with no credit history.

I, on the other hand, made so little money that I could never have saved enough to buy a car and since I had to have a car to drive to work, I borrowed the money to buy one. That purchase got me on the road to home ownership.

In the present economic climate, keeping the bills paid on time is difficult or impossible for many people who are working hard, some at three different jobs because some employers take advantage of not having to provide any fringe benefits for part time employees. That attitude among employers will backfire sometime in the future. At the very least I think it will make credit reports less important because there are so many people in the same leaky boat.

And speaking of leaky boats, another that is about to start leaking is the one called Texas higher education. The wonderful wizards of Austin are thinking of, indeed may have already decreed, that colleges that graduate the highest percentage of students will get a money bonus and that the professors who have the highest passing rate among their students will get a money bonus.

It doesn't take rocket science to figure out how to get those bonuses.




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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges recently issued to the House Committee on Human Services. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

House Committee on Human Services

***Monitor the implementation** of Foster Care Redesign. Evaluate the mechanisms for monitoring and oversight, including rates, contracts, and client outcomes.

***Identify policies** to alleviate food insecurity, increase access to healthy foods, and incent good nutrition within existing food assistance programs. Consider initiatives in Texas and other states to eliminate food deserts and grocery gaps, encourage urban agriculture and farmers' markets, and increase participation in the Summer Food Program. Evaluate the desirability and feasibility of incorporating nutritional standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Monitor congressional activity on the 2012 Farm Bill and consider its impact on Texas. (Joint with the House Committee on Public Health)

***Explore strategies**, including those in other states, to support the needs of aging Texans, including best practices in nursing home diversion, expedited access to community services, and programs to assist seniors and their families in navigating the long-term care system, with the goal of helping seniors remain in the community. Assess the feasibility of leveraging volunteer-supported initiatives using existing infrastructure to enhance the ability of seniors to remain active and involved.

***Monitor the implementation** of managed care in South Texas.

The House Committee on Human Services can be reached at 512-463-0786. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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

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

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BAPTIST CHURCH
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Cherry Mound

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Dennis Stewart, pastor,
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

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

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COLLEGE HILL
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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912 S Denny St.

903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45

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903/532-6718;

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10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

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Psalm 9

David praises God for executing judgment

To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David.

1 I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. 3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right. 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. 6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them. 7 But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. 8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. 9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
Psalms 9:1-10 (KJV)

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship church begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Praise and worship service begins at 10:30 and dress is casual. This week's service is led by Mike Ball.

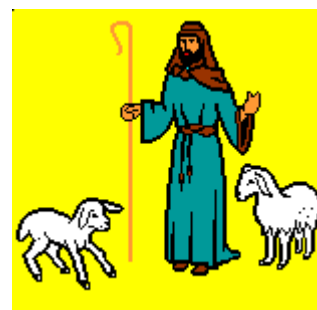
Praise and worship is led by David Ellis. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

C. R. Men's Step Study class meets every Saturday night at the church building at 6:30 pm. This program helps those struggling with alcohol and drug abuse or family issues. There is also a class called Celebrate Recovery that is held at the church on Thursday night from 6:30-9:00pm. Both classed are a Christ Centered Recovery Program based on the 12 steps and 8 recovery principals. This one helps to deal with Life's "Hurts habits and Hang Up's". Not just drugs and alcohol.

The church will also be having "Movie Night" once a month and the public is invited to attend. There will be a Christian based movie along with drinks, popcorn and candy. This month the movie night will be February 17@6:30 pm. The movie will be "Happy Feet". Everything is free, so come on out and join in a night of fun.

The church has home study groups throughout the week. Wednesday night begins at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. The church will have VBS July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30pm

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light your way. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219



Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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1271 Pilot Grove St.
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DAY SAINTS
1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.
FRIENDSHIP UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450
WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers
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3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington,
903/463-5840
Van Alstyne
COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.
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105 Hopson,
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903/482-6033
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minister; worship 11am
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Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356
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Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
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LIFE CHURCH,
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Living in the Glory of the Past
By Willie Sofey

William Wordsworth (1804) has a lot to say about "Having rejoiced over the remembrances" of the glory of the past from his "Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood" and his youth.

The word of God inspired to be written in the Holy Bible however is diametrically opposed to the philosophy of Wordsworth. Some 268 scriptures refer to the life of "Remembrances", some positive, some negative.

I will refer to Luke 17:32-33 wherein Jesus references "Remember Lot's wife" who could not contain herself from "looking back" and grieving over leaving the materialistic, opulent lifestyle of Sodom and Gomorrah and as a result lost her life.

Remembering the blessings and teachings from God's Word of our past are the true treasures of life.

Dwelling on the dead materialistic creations in any part of our life produces death. Meditation on the Creator..., of our past, the present, or the hope of the future produces life. (Rom 1:25)

"Splendor in the Grass"
William Wordsworth – 1804

I love to read William Wordsworth's (1770-1850) poetry (note: not to be confused with Henry Wadsworth Longfellow) and especially some of the lines from his ode: "Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood" 1802-1804.

I have to admit, I have a different understanding of the purpose of life than what Wordsworth seems to intimate in his poetry, as you can read in my closing statement to this article.

Below are some of my favorite excerpts from his Ode.

"The earth, and every common sight, to me did seem..., Appareled in celestial light, The glory and freshness of yore; -- The things which I have seen I now can see no more."

"The rainbow comes and goes, And lovely is the Rose."

"Ye blessed creatures, I have heard the call..., Ye to each other make; I see the heavens laugh with you in your jubilee."

"But there's a tree, of many gone, A single field which I have looked upon..., Both of them speak of something that is gone."

"Whither is fled the visionary gleam?
Where is it now, the glory and the dream?"

"At length the man perceives it die away,
And fade into the light of common day."

"Behold the child among his new born blisses, Fretted by sallies of his mother's kisses"

"Mighty Prophet! Seer blest! On whom those truths do rest, which we are toiling all our lives to find."

"The thought of our past years in me doth breed, perpetual benediction; not indeed,"

"But for those first affections, Those shadowy recollections, Which, be they what they may..., Are yet the fountain light of all our day."

Remembrances are great, however Christ is "The Fountain Light" of all our way!! "No other fount do I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus". Wordsworth was unwilling to yield to the fact that his spiritual (immaterial) nature was apart separate from the creation around him. Quote Wordsworth, "I grasped at a wall or tree to recall myself from (away from) this abyss of idealism (that living under the influence of his spiritual nature being separate from the Creator God..., my add), to the reality."..., (Wordsworth chose the material reality of his existence above his separate spiritual existence from the material creations of God..., my add.)

Quote Wordsworth, "I was often unable to think of external things as having external existence, and I Communed with all that I saw (the creations instead of the CREATOR..., my add) from, but inherent in my own immortal nature." Romans 1:25 comes into play here.. "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped (communed) and served the creature (creation) rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

In his latter years, Wordsworth stated he chose to continue to subjugate himself to the influences and pleasures that the creations around him had provided..., "having rejoiced over the remembrances"..., (instead of a better glorified future) as expressed in his. poetry.

"What through the radiance which once so bright, Be now forever taken from my sight, Though nothing can bring back the hour, of SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS, of glory in the flower; We will grieve not, rather find..., strength in what remains behind."

Beautiful poetry, however, contrary to Wordsworth's finality of finding strength in the Past of our youth of "Splendor In The Grass"..., I find joy in the hope of my future eternal Youthful being, living in the splendor and presence of my Lord and Savior for eternity.

"Who satisfies your desires with good things, so that your YOUTH is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalm 103:5).

Thank-You Lord, For the Hope and Glory of the Dream. Willie Sofey,
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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

By Matt Sullivan, J.D., LL.M.
Attorney & Counselor at Law

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

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan.

The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children.

Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few.

Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

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

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This article is not intended as specific legal advice and you should consult with your own attorney.



Meet a Cotton Farmer: Brandon Patschke

By Nathan Smith

Most years on the Southern High Plains of Texas, farmers like Brandon Patschke and his family are busy growing the fabric of our lives -- cotton. Brandon is a Texas Farm Bureau member and grows cotton on his family farm near Lubbock.

Farmers like Brandon come from generations of families with decades of practice weathering the good and the bad. Through floods and drought, they care for the land and work together to leave the farm in better shape for the next generation. Last year, record drought and heat devastated the Texas cotton crop and pushed some farmers out of business altogether. Without rain, 2012 could be an ugly sequel. It's years like 2011 that make me wonder why Texas farmers and ranchers do what they do. The answer is simple... because they love it.

Growing up on a cotton farm myself, I know there is no glamour or glory associated with agriculture. It's hard work, it's a gamble and sometimes it doesn't pay off. Can you imagine where we would be without families like the Patschkes? I'm not sure I want to.

The shirt or skirt you are wearing might have gotten its start in one of Brandon's cotton fields. If not his, likely another farmer in Texas or the U.S. grew the fiber that serves us in so many ways.

For lots of fun facts about Texas cotton, visit <http://www.beagsmart.org/a-look-at-texas->



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Letters to the Editor

President Obama is between a rock and a hard place with regards to Iran.

If he strongly enforces the sanctions on Iran, Iran will not let down and will respond with force to disrupt the Straits of Hormuz, which will result in a U.S. military response, pushing gas to \$9.00 a gallon. Obama loses re-election.

If Obama allows Iran to continue to develop nuclear weapons, Israel will have no choice but to attack Iran's installations, pushing gas to \$9.00 a gallon. Obama loses re-election.

One of the two scenarios described above is inevitable, both negative for Obama.

Obama has neglected this issue for three years . . . he will be defeated because of it.

Brian McQuillan

Religious Freedom

President Obama's revised HHS mandate compels religious people and institutions who are employers to purchase a health insurance contract that provides abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization. This is not only an attack on religious liberty and the rights of conscience; it is an all out assault on life itself - a forceful attempt to usher in a culture of death.

Pope Paul VI rightly predicted back in 1968 (*Humanae Vitae*) that contraception would lead to a lowering of moral standards, a rise in infidelity and promiscuity, a lessening of respect for women and government-enforced limitations on population.

Today, as a result of the widespread use of contraceptives, the number of divorces, out-of-wedlock pregnancies, abortion, AIDS, and venereal diseases are spiraling. Women are no longer beloved and respected individuals but have become objects of pleasure.

Essentially, contraceptives lead men and women to believe they have limitless control over their bodies. This has caused an increase in demand for the evils of surgical sterilization, in-vitro-fertilization and euthanasia.

Obama wants to see the death of the Catholic Church because he knows She is the last bastion of hope against a materialistic world that craves immorality at every step. His war on the Church will end in his own demise in the next presidential election.

Paul Kokoski



Texas Senator Craig Estes:

Real-Time, Stop-Sale Technology Is Working For Texas

AUSTIN, TX - Texas State Senator Craig Estes released the following statement today after monthly data gathered by the National Precursor Law Exchange (NPLEx) was released. Senator Estes authored legislation that addresses Texas' methamphetamine problem without burdening responsible Texans with a prescription requirement for safe and effective medicines containing pseudoephedrine (PSE), such as Advil Cold & Sinus, Claritin-D and Sudafed.

According to January's data, Texas' real-time, stop-sale technology - in just one month - blocked the illegal sale of more than 16,800 boxes and over 40,000 grams of medicines containing PSE. (PSE is an ingredient used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.)

"As January's numbers clearly indicate, Texas' real-time, stop-sale technology is working," Estes said. "NPLEx empowers pharmacists with the ability to block illegal pseudoephedrine sales, provides law enforcement officials with a critical tool to fight meth crime, and protects law-abiding Texans' access to reliable and affordable over-the-counter medicines."

"Just as importantly, NPLEx protects responsible Texans' access to popular and reliable cold and allergy medicines containing pseudoephedrine. The legislation Representative Drew Darby and I passed last session put NPLEx to work for Texas and ensured that our efforts to crack down on meth use and production were aimed squarely at meth criminals, not law-abiding citizens."

Senator Estes is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.



TELLING OUR STORIES

By Jerry Lincecum

In two decades of listening to elderwriters sharing reminiscences, I have noticed that the Christmas season has often been the setting for unforgettable childhood memories. They are as precious as gold nuggets or polished gems.

One TOS writer who lived more than a century treasured a tiny cup and saucer set she had been given at a Christmas program around 1915. What made it special was her memory of getting there: her grandfather hitched his team of horses to a wagon, they all piled in and jostled their way to the country schoolhouse.

Others recall a tradition of celebrating Christmas by traveling to the home of the children's grandparents on Christmas Eve. Only when all children were asleep did adults put up the cedar tree and other decorations.

Can you imagine the magical feeling experienced by a child waking up on Christmas morning to find a beautiful tree that had appeared overnight, complete with gifts delivered by Santa Claus?

On the other hand, one gentleman remembers the unfortunate year when days of rain on muddy roads made the Christmas Eve journey very doubtful. Then Papa came up with a brilliant solution. He had a sled the horses could pull, and he placed the wagon box on top of it.

With warm lap-ropes to shelter them from the cold, the little family set off through the woods. Then Papa decided he wasn't sure he had securely locked up the corncrib. He was obliged to leave Mama and the children alone in the dark woods while he briskly walked back to make sure. It is no surprise that 80 years later his five-year-old son can revisit his anxiety on that Christmas Eve long ago.

Around 1930 two little girls discovered something amazing: new toys in the smokehouse. A quick-thinking mom advised them that she felt sure Elves from the North Pole had stashed them there. Moreover, this wise adult had heard that children who meddled in Santa's business would receive nothing good on Christmas morning. Mystery solved and lesson learned: stay away from that smokehouse.

Often a child was amazed to receive a gift that had been seen and coveted but seemed too expensive. Somehow a parent knew the child's desire and managed to find a way to pay for it. Mary Ann Wright of Sherman received a suede fringed jacket for Christmas in 1946, and she still remembers how much it cost.

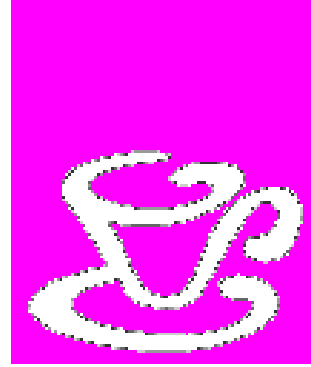
Coming from a large family, I have memories of a very orderly system of taking turns opening gifts. Then chaos ensued and almost inevitably some important tag or leaflet disappeared amid the wrapping paper.

At least one adult would lose patience as the trash had to be sorted a couple of times. Incidentally, these little episodes occurred after WWII, when wrapping paper was cheap and plentiful.

I'm sure you are already remembering your own little nuggets and gems of Christmas past. The scenes we can revisit at will with the mind's eye easily surpass all the digital photos and movies that will be made this holiday season.

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Dr. Jerry Lincecum is emeritus professor of English at Austin College and director of Telling Our Stories.



A Poisonous Wife

A man goes to see his Rabbi.

“Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it.”

The Rabbi asks, “What’s wrong?”

The man replied, “My wife is poisoning me.”

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, “How can that be?”

The man then pleads, “I’m telling you I’m certain she’s poisoning me, what should I do?” The Rabbi then offers, “Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I’ll see what I can find out and I’ll let you know.”

The next day the Rabbi calls the man and says, “Well, I spoke to your wife on the phone yesterday for over three hours. You want my advice?”

The man anxiously answers, “Yes.”

“Take the poison,” says the Rabbi.

I Dare You

At a church meeting, a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith.

“I’m a millionaire,” he said, “and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and I had to either give it all to God’s work or give nothing at all. So at that moment, I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today.”

When he finished and moved toward his seat, there was an awed silence. As he sat down, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, “I dare you to do it again.”

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



Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

