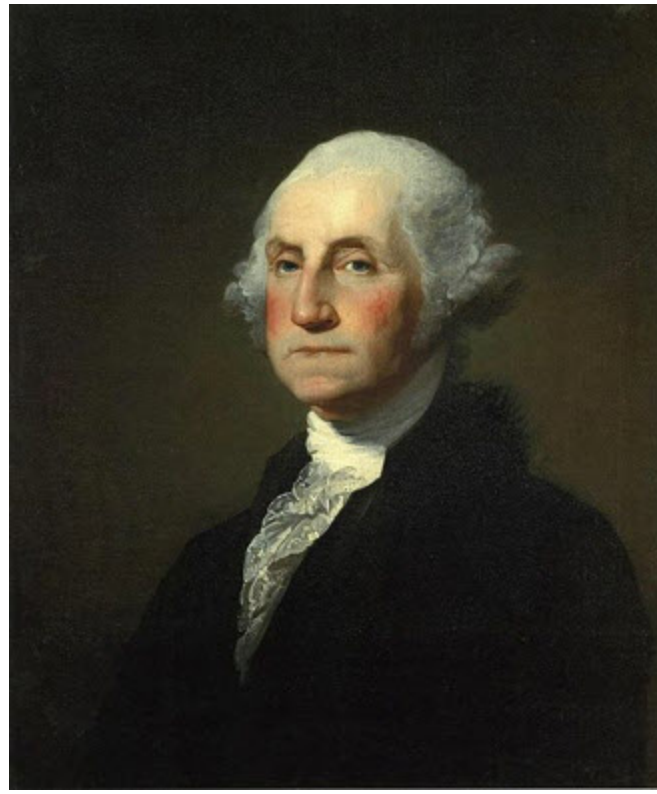
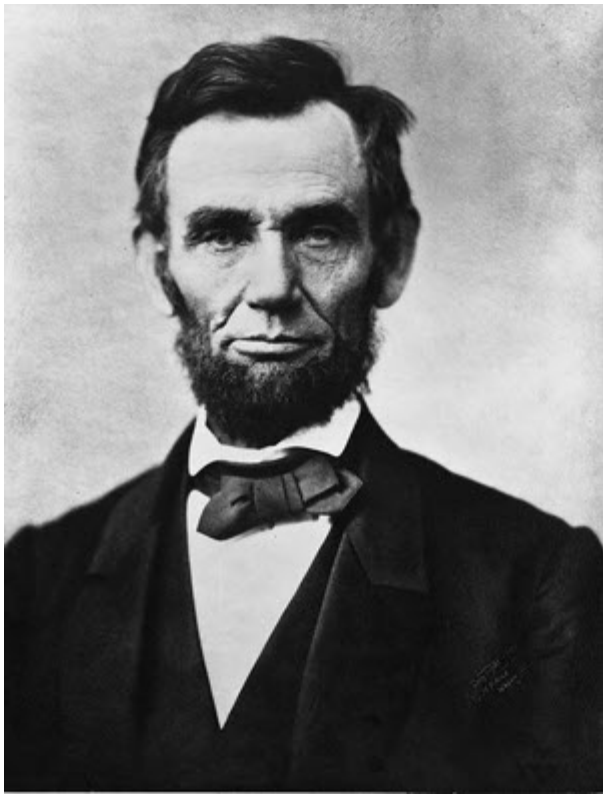


February 24, 2011

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Presidents Day - Two Men

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas – Two men, born 77 years apart. The first one, son of an established, wealthy Virginia family, was well-educated and even better connected; the second one came into a life of hardship as the second son of a poor family in Kentucky, and was self-educated and self-made. The first one, the 1st President of the United States; the second one, the 16th.

George Washington, born on Feb. 22, 1732, is regarded as the father of our country. He accepted the responsibility of leading the fledgling nation's new army – that he helped create and partially funded from his private means – prevailing over the Crown of England and setting the new republic's standard of government and ethics. Many had wanted an American monarchy, which he opposed. He was called to military service, and he served. Then he was called to the highest civilian office in the land, and he served there too. During his presidency, he laid the foundation and rules by which all others would serve. His portrait by Gilbert Stuart Williamstown shows him as a polished, serene and fair man, the very image of a former general, established statesman, and affluent family man.

Abraham Lincoln, born on Feb. 12, 1809, is regarded as the man who unified the republic, as it was his lot to preside over a divided nation, engaged in a war that was sure to harm all. In some ways, the wounds inflicted upon the nation by the armed conflict between the Union and the Confederacy have not yet healed completely. His personal conduct was beyond reproach, and his heritage of equality and justice for all reinforced the foundations of our republic and contributed to its strength. His photograph by Alexander Gardner shows him as a rugged, determined and supremely honest man. "Honest Abe."

Two men, two destinies, two lives devoted to the same nation.

Washington, heir to a fortune and a success in his own right, was an educated man and gentleman who found it easy to prosper. His high morals and sense of duty moved him to accept the responsibility of leading the nation – first in war, then in peace. His contemporaries remembered him as an "American aristocrat," a characterization that he rejected outright, as he sought to abolish the trappings of monarchy and class distinction in the new country. He lived what at the time was considered a long and fruitful life, and died age 67.

Lincoln was born in poverty to a Kentucky frontier family where life was both hard and uncertain. Seeking a healthier climate, his parents moved to Illinois where young Lincoln grew up. His mother died and his father remarried a woman that the boy learned to love and called "Mother." He had a little over a year's worth of schooling, garnered in bits and pieces from itinerant teachers. Determined to acquire an education no matter what, he compensated for his lack of formal training by reading voraciously, a habit that sustained him all his life.

As a young man, earning a very modest living, Lincoln started to raise a family and eventually was admitted to the Bar in Illinois, even though he had never attended law school. His short career as a politician took him to the presidency at a time when the nation was deeply divided. The South had made no secret of their objection of him as president, and promised to secede were he elected. In December, 1860, 44 days after Lincoln's election, South Carolina broke away from the Union. In February, 1861, the Confederacy had been created and the nation saw itself plunged into a bitter armed conflict, brother against brother.

Lincoln led the country through the anguish and rigors of war, won re-election, and was assassinated three months into his second presidency, on April 15, 1865 (the first of four presidents to be killed while in office). His was a life devoted to public service, a commitment of the highest order, a calling during which he died, age 54.

On the third Monday in February, the nation celebrates the life of these great men. This year, it falls on Feb. 21.

Let us remember both of them with humility and awe. They were physically tall men, even by our current standards. Their moral and ethical stature, on the other hand, was beyond measure, as they towered over their contemporaries – and few have ever matched them. Their selfless volunteer service, their commitment to excellence towards the good of the nation, their unbounded respect for law and the citizens of our country, their personal integrity are shining beacons.

Let us allow their example to light our way.

Maj. Arthur E. Woodgate, CAP



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**This Just In
Late Breaking News -
Happenings Since Full Update**



TBFOL Third Annual Barbecue Dinner!

{Sponsored by Tom Bean Friends of Library
All proceeds go to Lucile Teague Library}

Saturday, Feb. 26, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Community Room at Tom Bean City Hall

Menu:

Eddie's Famous Barbeque Beef
Beans
Cole Slaw
Drink
Dessert



Free with donation!!

With a bargain like this who wants to cook?

Little dribblers Basketball end of season party

The little dribblers basketball team won the 3rd /4th grade division tournament The players are:

Gianna Henry, Kelsey Pierce,
Ally Harvey, Molly Wilson,
Cassidy Anderson, Mikayla Doty,
and Jamie Taylor.

There will be a league-wide end-of-season pizza/skating party at the Sherman skating rink on Tuesday, March 1 from 6-8pm.

Coach Kevin Wilson said, "I am very proud of the girls for working hard, and they were an easy group to coach."





ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS



GENERAL RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Persons who own and occupy their residence on January 1, 2011, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2010 or has become eligible for additional exemptions as described below.

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE OR DISABLED PERSONS

Persons reaching 65 years of age may file for additional exemptions for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2011. Proof of age is required for the over 65 exemption. Persons who are disabled as provided by the Social Security Act are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled and Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Taxes become due when the property no longer qualifies for your homestead. Details and an application may be obtained from the Grayson Central Appraisal District.

100% DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

Persons who are 100% disabled veterans, who receive from the US Dept of Veterans Affairs (1) 100% disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a rating of 100% disabled or a determination of individual unemployables from the VA. Applicants must furnish an award letter issued by the US Dept of Veteran's Affairs. This exemption may be carried on your residence homestead only and is not transferrable to a surviving spouse of the veteran.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the US Dept of Veteran's Affairs are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. This must be a service connected disability. Applicants must furnish a declaration letter from the Veteran's Administration showing their disability rating.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. You must resubmit your agricultural application if you (1) have sold acreage which received an agricultural allowance for the previous year (2) you have purchased additional acreage and wish to claim agricultural use for the current year, or (3) are requested to file by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

If you were mailed an application form to submit for 2011, you must complete and file the application with the Grayson Central Appraisal District by April 30, 2011 or you will lose the exemption or agricultural allowance. Any property owner who received allowances or exemption(s) for which they were not entitled, must notify the Grayson Central Appraisal District in writing before May 1st. Exemption filing deadline is April 30th, 2011.

REAL PROPERTY RENDITIONS

A "Rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned and controlled on January 1st. Your rendition gives your opinion of your property's value, correct mailing address and any significant information you wish to share regarding your property's condition. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest the value to the Appraisal Review Board. Rendition filing deadline is April 15th 2011.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY RENDITIONS

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income. State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed a 50% penalty is mandated. Rendition filing deadline is April 15th 2011.

Applications for all property tax exemptions including charitable, religious, and other total exemptions, as well as, deferral forms and rendition forms may be obtained through our website at www.graysonappraisal.org or by contacting the:

Grayson Central Appraisal District
205 N. Travis St., Sherman, Texas 75090
Ph: 903-893-9673 Fax: 903-892-3835

Los Angeles singer-songwriter to visit Southeastern Feb. 25

DURANT, Okla. - Austin Hartley-Leonard, a Los Angeles based singer/songwriter, will be in residence on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University campus on February 25.

Sponsored by the Department of Music, Hartley-Leonard will be speaking on his music process, entry into the music industry, and work with Southeastern students in a Songwriters Symposium. Spinner.com hails Hartley-Leonard's music as a "unique blend of Americana soul, lyrical sincerity and unique delivery." thedelimagazine.com writes, "Given the onslaught of over produced country pop, it's refreshing to hear Austin Hartley-Leonard's soulful country-folk sounds: smooth without being glossy, charged with emotion without coming across as contrived."



Originally a classically-trained cellist, Hartley-Leonard began as a solo singer/songwriter in Austin, Texas, after attending the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University. His first demo earned him an invitation to the SXSW Music Festival. Soon after, he started looking for other musicians to round out the band, and the group St. James Inc was born. The band went on to see success in the Austin music scene and was invited to perform at the Austin City Limits Festival. After releasing the "8 Hours" EP in 2006, St. James Inc performed at the Lollapalooza Festival in Chicago and then relocated to Los Angeles, where they continued to experience great success.

After meeting producer Charles Newman (The Magnetic Fields, Tim Myers, AM) in Los Angeles, the two began work on Austin's debut solo record, "Franklin Ave," in December 2007. Following the release of the album in 2008, Austin played five shows at SXSW 2009, including a slot on The Hotel Cafe Showcase night.

His songs have aired on such hit shows as "Chuck," "The Ghost Whisperer," "Men In Trees," "Friday Night Lights," and "The Real World." In addition, Austin has been commissioned to write a number of commercial television spots, the most recent of which being the theme for a nationally aired campaign for "Troybilt Inc."

Over the last year, Hartley-Leonard has become one of the most popular Los Angeles-based independent artists, headlining his own shows at top venues at home and around Southern California, as well as playing cello with such artists as Greg Laswell, Cary Brothers, and Laura Jansen. Austin's long-awaited EP, "Everywhere I've Never Been" was released in November 2010 and debuted at #4 on the iTunes Singer/Songwriter chart. Produced by Bill Lefler (Cary Brothers, Dashboard Confessional, Gym Class Heroes) and supported by artists Matthew Ramsey (vocals, banjo, guitar), and Brother Sal (piano). As Austin moves ahead in 2011, he's looking forward to releasing his new record's first video for his dark cover of the late 90s hit, "Flagpole Sitta," starring Rachael Leigh Cook, as well as continuing to tour around Southern California.

The schedule for the residency is as follows:

9:45 am- Introduction - Fine Arts Building (FAB) 116
10 am -- The Writing Process - FAB 116
11 a.m. - How It Really Works - Starting in the Music Industry FAB 116
2 - 4 am. -- Songwriter's Symposium - FAB Recital Hall
8 pm - Austin Hartley-Leonard will be featured in acoustic concert in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. Tickets for the concert are free and can be picked up in the Music Office, FAB 120.

For more information please contact the Department of Music Office at 580-745-2088.



Austin College Softball Team Takes on New Season

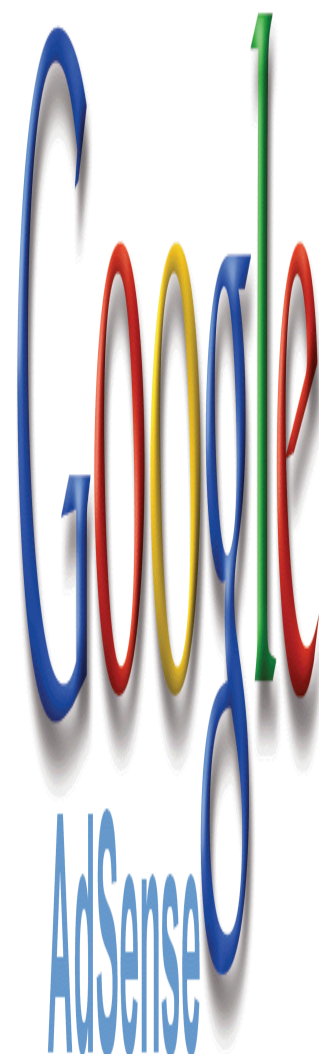
SHERMAN, TEXAS - The Austin College softball team is looking to make an appearance at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament under the direction of head coach Edie Fletcher.

Members of the 2011 team are listed below by hometown, along with the local high school from which they graduated, and their parents.

Denison, Texas -- Aryn Hays, Denison High School, daughter of Michael Hays.

Howe, Texas -- Briana Slawson, Howe High School, daughter of Tracey Slawson.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges that Change Lives*.
<<http://www.ctcl.com/>>.



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

I was looking at a Howe's That column from several months ago. It concerned the fact that my husband and I had eaten at a Chinese restaurant; and when I opened my fortune cookie, I found four fortunes.

I listed each fortune in my article. They are:

"You will enjoy doing something different this coming weekend."

"Soon, a visitor shall delight you"

"You will be unusually successful in business."

"Any troubles you may have will pass very shortly."

I don't know if my cookie was one that wanted to give me a variety of fortunes; so that I would have something come true. I would say that for three of them there was an event that coincided with the fortune. So far, I have not been unusually successful in business ... but since the *Texoma Enterprise* is continuing via the Internet website news, even that one is true.

Of course, part of the fun of eating at a Chinese restaurant is reading the fortune. I don't expect them to come true ... except for the somewhat cryptic ones that can have whatever meaning you want it to have.

Cat Chat



This was sent by e-mail to me, and I just could not resist passing it on. Enjoy.

Some cats is blind, And stone-deaf some, But ain't no cat Wuz ever dumb.- Anthony Euwer

COFFEE FILTERS

Better than paper towels and a lot less expensive...

Coffee filters. Who knew! And you can buy 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing even the large ones.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome. Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.

6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them. It soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."
15. As a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or applique soft fabrics.
16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.

17. Use them to strain soup stock and to tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
18. Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car.
19. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
20. Can use to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. Saves on having extra bowls to wash.
21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
22. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.
23. Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggies until they sprout.
24. Use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book.
25. Use as a disposable "snack bowl" for popcorn, chips, etc.

OH YEAH THEY ARE GREAT TO USE IN YOUR COFFEE MAKERS TOO.

What's Cooking?

Baked French Toast Casserole

- 1 loaf French bread
- 8 large eggs
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- Dash salt
- Praline Topping (recipe follows)
- Maple syrup

Slice French bread into 20 slices, 1-inch each. (Use any extra bread for garlic toast or bread crumbs)
Arrange sliced in a generously buttered 9 by 13-inch flat baking dish in 2 rows, overlapping the slices.

In a large bowl combine eggs, half-and-half, milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Beat with rotary beater or whisk until blended but not too bubbly.

Pour mixture over the bread slices, making sure all are covered evenly with the milk-egg mixture. Spoon some of the mixture between the slices. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. The next day preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spread Praline Topping over the bread and bake for 40 minutes, until puffed and lighter golden. Serve with maple syrup.

Praline Topping

- 1/2 pound butter
 - 1 cup packed light brown sugar
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 tbs light corn syrup
 - 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg.
- Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and blend well.
Makes enough for Baked French Toast Casserole.



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Christian Ways To Reduce Stress.

An Angel says, "Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice."

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns . If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety . If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest.

18. Eat right.
- 19 Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you Jesus ."
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
32. Sit on your ego.
- 33 Talk less; listen more.
34. Slow down.
35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
- 36 . Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before. GOD HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS AROUND FOR YOU.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

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Star Students for the week ending February 18th are: Adam Gregg, Ty Harrell, Destiny Wood, Astin Gruszka, Cassidy Anderson, Kelynn Jaresh, Ricky Ramirez, Christina Harper, Hunter Hance, Yair Ayala, and Paris Menjivar.

Howe ISD Calendar

February

- 22 – Girls golf @Tanglewood
- 22 – One Act Play, 7pm
- 22-23 – HS cheerleader tryouts
- 24 – HS track @Collinsville
- 24-26 – Tennis @Bonham Tournament
- 26 – Regional Girls Powerlift @Leonard
- 28 – Baseball vs Trenton @Frisco, 4:30pm
- 28 – Bulldog golf @Nocona Hills GC

March

- 1-4 – TAKS testing
 - 1 – District 6 FFA meeting @Savoy
 - 1 – Softball @ Whitewright JV, V, 5pm
 - 2 – 2nd grade field trip to Dallas Children's Center
 - 2 – Lady Bulldogs golf @Nocona Hills GC
 - 2 – HS track meet @ Lindsay
 - 3-5 – Baseball @Trenton Tournament
 - 3-5 – Softball @Howe Tournament
 - 5 – Regional Boys Powerlifting Meet @Pomder
 - 7-20 – Houston Livestock Show
 - 7 – Lady Bulldog Golf Tournament @ Turtle Hill GC
 - 7 – FFA Booster Club, 6:30pm
 - 8 – Boys Golf Tournament at Turtle Hill GC
 - 14-18 – Spring Break
- Go to howeisd.net for more school events and information

Nominations for Howe ISD Gifted and Talented

Parents of current first, third, and fourth through seventh graders in Howe ISD may pick up a Gifted and Talented nomination packet from the school offices beginning Monday, Feb. 21. Nomination forms must be completed and returned by 3 pm Friday, March 4, to be considered.

HISD Menus

Feb. 28-March 4

Breakfast

- Monday- Glazed donuts, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced peaches, apple juice
- Tuesday-Pancake on stick, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice
- Wednesday –Biscuit & sausage, gravy, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, applesauce, grape juice
- Thursday Breakfast pizza, cereal w/toast, diced pears, orange juice
- Friday Breakfast burrito, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, pineapplez, orange juice

Lunch

- MONDAY – Cheeseburger, fish sandwich, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, diced peaches, chocolate pudding
 - TUESDAY – Chicken rings, small chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, wheat roll, gelatin jewels
 - WEDNESDAY – BBQ sandwich, fish strips, pickle spears, steamed vegetables, mac & cheese, orange halve, sugar cookie
 - THURSDAY –Cheese pizza, chicken spaghetti w/toast, tossed salad, diced peaches, frozen fruit bar
 - FRIDAY-Chicken crispeto, Fiesta salad, refried beans, tossed salad, Spanish rice, pineapple
- Milk & juice served with all meals
Menu subject to change according to availability



*Be Beautiful.
Naturally.*





HOWE ELEMENTARY

A/B Honor Roll - 3rd Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Kristopher Craig, Colton Little, Brandon Segura, Donna Mendoza, Zachary Dorley, Tate Harvey, Dalton Laisy, Cody Richards, Ariana Ross, DeMarcus Smith, Ethan Strunc, Kai Brown, Jordan Brunner, Brody McCollum, Eduardo Menjivar, Antonia Tapia, Zoey Bolen, Jazmine Bookout, Chelsea Caughlan, Daniel Gonzalez, Matthew Hayes, Madison Troxtell, Bettye Delavan, Kaylee Jones, Madison Morrow, Taylor Reynolds, Sergio Rico, Axel Segura, Alex Sturgess

First Grade: Jessica Bastida, Luis Gonzalez, Samantha Lemley, Ramie Mosse, Connolly Shaffer, Ethan Turner, Caleb Wahrmond, Kevin Bateman, Brooke Potter, Conner Record, Michelle Caballero, Will Fleming, Luke Lopez, Parker Pecina, David Rocha, Caleb Searcey, Kaleb Strong, Trinity Williams, Sabian Acevedo, Riley Griffith, Colby Hopper, Lindsey Hymel, Fenix Lugo, Caytie Coco, Ethan Conrad, Katie Parker, Ricky Ramirez,

Second Grade: Autumn Bassett, Mason Bearden, Abby Fesperman, Makayla Hanson, Raul Hernandez, Luke Jackson, Remington Lowe, Abigail Wakefield, Camryn Adams, Erin Catching, Kamryn Gardner, Seth Key, Tess Matthews, Mason Moreau, Kaylee Roper, A.J. Shue, Gage Streetman, Leah Trevino, Clay Barnett, Mariana Cano, Hannah Dwyer, Courtney Hopper, Crista Timmons, Aubreh Winegarden, Gabriel Hariman, Kobi Zolfaghari

Third Grade: Ireland Bryant, Kevin Gautier, Garrett Grigg, Jarron Ing, Jacob Roper, Eli Turner, Kaden Turner, Kirstyn Wheeler, Hally Bollier, Dylan Cernero, Melanie Guzman, Caiden Harmon, Zane Hughes, Sarah Martin, Kaley Norton, Bonnie Olivarez, Jamie Taylor, Ty Trevino, Riley Underwood, Jade Cox, Zoie DeFrange, Karsyn Fleming, Ally Harvey, Lukas Peacock, Aaron Roulette, Caden Stewart, Nayeley Ayala, Kolbe Lappin, Kacie Morgan, Jodee Newland, Kaleigh Smith, Catherine Switzer, Jackson Wilson

Fourth Grade: Tanner Barnett, Valeria Bastida, Parker Blount, Jake Catching, Luis Chacon, Lian Cung, Aubrey Friedman, Jacob Howell, Gabe Quintero, Jayme Swayne, Aurora Winegarden, Kaysie Hall, Clayton Haynes, Riley Potter, Dylan Foster, Lane Stracener, Cody Brussow, Nathan Duffee, Mason Riggs, Jorie Seibold, Taylor Thurman, Kaylin Bouse, Joseph Brennan, Kindle Catching, Adam Gregg, Taylor Hartsfield, Madison Kehrer, Grace Jones, Tate Matthews, Natalie Murphy, Colten Raisor, Caleb Lankford

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City and School Elections

Election date is May 14; early voting is May 2- May 10.

City positions up for election are those currently held by Mayor Jeff Stanley and council members Jack Leavenworth and Joey McMillion. These seats are two year terms.

School board positions up for election are currently held by Leonard Huntsman and Chris Hayes. School board members serve for a three year term.

Filing period: February 12 - March 14. Contact City Hall for the city election and the Howe ISD Administration Office for the school board election.

The Howe Robotics Team Competed in the Rube Goldberg Competition in Houston last week.

HOWE HIGH SCHOOL

February Report

Presented by HHS Principal Blake Stiles

Counselor Teresa Reynolds conducted financial aid training for the Senior Class on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Training for their parents is being rescheduled.

High School Band - Over 10,000 students begin the all-state process and by the time they make the final cuts, 240 students from 1A-2A-3A school across the state are seated in the all-state band. On Wednesday evening, those 240 students audition a final time for placement into the Symphonic or Concert Band. (Symphonic band is the "top" band.)

This year Krista Huske place 3rd chair in the Concert Band and Travis Hunt was 5th chair in the Symphonic band. Dylan Guthrie was the 1st chair percussionist in the Symphonic Band for the 2nd year in a row!

The Symphonic band conductor was the Larry Livingston from USC. He is extremely influential in many areas of music and is even on the executive board of Guitar Center. During one rehearsal he stopped the band to have Dylan play his part by himself and then complimented Dylan and called him a "World-class musician." This is very high praise coming from such a renowned figure in the music world.

The band competed for UIL solo & ensemble contest on Feb. 19. UIL concert/sight-reading contest will be Wednesday, March 9, in Pottsboro. The concert performance is at 4:30pm and the sight-reading will be at 5pm.

Howe Lady Bulldogs defeated Prairieland to win the Bi-District Championship! They played Godley at Rockwall Heath at 7 pm Friday night, Feb. 18. The Lady Bulldogs lost the game..

HISD

Board Renews Contracts

On Thursday, February 17, the School Board extended contracts for Assistant Superintendent, Clay Wilson, HHS Principal Blake Stiles, HMS Principal Ritchie Bowling, HES Principal Darla Williams, Business Manager Julie Snapp, Technology Director Terisa O'Dowd, Band Director Angie Cavender, and Librarian Becky Hogenson.

Supt. Kevin Wilson discussed options for seeking waivers for missed school days due to the recent snow and ice storms. The board will likely use the scheduled holidays of Easter weekend and Memorial Day to re-coop two days. After that, the board will seek a waiver from the state for the additional four days.

The Board took the following actions:

- *Approved the minutes for Regular Meeting/AEIS Public Hearing on January 20, 2011
- *Approved the Monthly Financial Reports
- *Approved joint election agreements with City of Howe and City of Dorchester. Two at-large board seats are up for election (currently held by Leonard Huntsman and Chris Hayes).
- *Ordered an Election for School Board Trustees on Saturday, May 14, 2011
- *Approved moving the March Board Meeting to Thursday, March 24, due to Spring Break
- *Approved use of the Softball Field Use by Howe Softball Association
- *Approved Rutherford Taylor as the Accounting Firms for HISD Financial Audits for the next three years.
- *Approved Policy Update 89, affecting local policies.
- *Approved a Transfer Tuition Waiver Request

The board also discussed the upcoming budget during our workshop, but no action was taken regarding that.

College Honor Roll

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 18, 2011 – Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the summer semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

Among those recognized was: Sigrid K. Debner, Bachelor of Science – Community Development. She is the daughter of Tom and Heidi Debner of Howe and is a junior.

Howe tops Leonard in softball opener

HOWE -- Emily Morgan struck out nine in a one-hitter. At bat she went 3-for-5 with a run batted in and three runs scored, giving Howe a 15-8 season-opening win against Leonard on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Jaida Upchurch was 3-for-5 with two runs scored, and Denise Bailey went 2-for-4 with an inside-the-park home run, three RBI and two runs scored.

Libby Cannaday was 2-for-3 with an RBI for Howe..



Howe Middle School students excelled in UIL and many of them attended the school board meeting to be honored for their participation.

HOWE ELEMENTARY

Math Goal Met – 3rd Six Weeks

First Grade: Sabian Acevedo, Jared Brussow, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Zoey Moore, Parker Pecina, David Rocha, Caleb Searcey, Alyssa Sharp, Avery Snapp, Trinity Williams, Harley Brockelman, Luke Catching, Zak DeFrange, Payton Garrison, John Griffin, Kailyn Ireland, Talen Miller, Faith Risinger, Aiden Roulette, Ramie Mosse, Kolby Smith, Ethan Turner, Caleb Wahrmund, Ashlyn Beck, Cierra Brussow, Caytie Coco, Riley Griffith, Katie Parker, Benjamin Speed, Eli Turner, Ethan Conrad

Second Grade: -Clay Barnett, Leah Butcher, David Huerta, Jonathan Meneses, Jason Ortega, Ramon Rocha, Crista Timmons, Camryn Adams, Kaytee Roper, Camryn Gardner, Dylan Savage, Ethan Grant, A.J. Shue, Alex Hernandez, Gage Streetman, Mason Moreau, Korbyn Thompson, Erin Catching, Ashley Crees, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Pablo Segura, Leah Trevino, Braeden Wise, Tatum Hartsfield, Remington Lowe, Austin Thurman, Brett Burnett, Sierra Copeland, Mikal Ann Beck, Katie Grogan, Brennan Speed, Brooke Robinson, Holly Cavender, Abby Fesperman, Autumn Bassett, Kendell Posey, Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Grace Brennan, Kayle Chapman, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Spencer Heft, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Reagan Troxtell, Kobi Zolfaghari, Nayely Ayala, Valerie Langford, Kolbe Lappin, Kacie Morgan, Waylon Musgrove, Jodee Newland, Kaleigh Smith, Catherine Switzer, Colton Thurman, Hailey Upchurch, Zimry Weatherspoon

Third Grade: - Danaeja Harvey, Kaden Turner, Matthew Robison, Lane Griffin, Kevin Gautier, Ireland Bryant, Bailey Bond, Jacob Roper, Eli Turner, Mikayla Hudek, Kirstyn Wheeler, Jarron Ing, Cassidy Anderson, Kaden Bateman, Hally Bollier, Dylan Cernero, Melanie Guzman, Caiden Harmon, Mary Henson, Taylor Hinkle, Jenna Honore, Zane Hughes, Kaley Norton, Jamie Taylor, Brian Timmons, Ty Trevino, Jade Cox, Zoie DeFrange, Karsyn Fleming, Paetyn Ford, Ally Harvey, Lukas Peacock, Aaron Roulette, Caden Stewart, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon, Spencer Akins, Tanner Barnett, Valeria Bastida, Parker Blount, Jake Catching, Luis Chacon, Samuel Cherry, Lian Cung, Aubrey Friedman, Ty Harrell, Jacob Howell, Trey Lastor, Taylee Moss, Kelsey Pierce, Aurora Winegarden, Kaylin Bouse, Joseph Brennan, Kindle Catching, Sheila Finney, Hadin Gajadien, Allie Gard, Carson Grogan, Taylor Hartsfield, Gianna Henry, Madison Kehrer, T.J. Knight, Caleb Lankford, Tate Matthews, Dawson Mitchell, Natalie Murphy, Colten Raisor, Quintan Allen, Ariel Bassett, Cody Brussow, Carly Cannaday, Mikayla Doty, Nathan Duffee, Ivonne Delgado, Dylan Foster, Kaysie Hall, Clayton Haynes, Gage Hendrickson, Autumn Hobbs, Devin Howell, Garrett Johnson, Madison Kenney, Hannah Lawson, Colton Lowe, Bethany Masters, Riley Potter, Hayden Queen, Mason Riggs, Hayley Roper, Jorie Seibold, Lane Stracener, Taylor Thurman, Zoe Watson



Tom Bean City Elections

The City of Tom Bean will have three Councilmember positions open for the May 14, 2011 election day.

Incumbents Jerry Harris, Michael Upchurch, and Lisa L Collins are currently serving two-year terms which expire May, 2011.

Qualifications for office are as follows: must be at least 18 years of age; must have resided for one year in the state and 6 months in the city limits prior to the filing deadline and must be a registered voter at the time of election.

Application packets are available at the City Hall located at 201 S. Britton St., Tom Bean, Texas. Interested applicants may call 903-546-6321 to have an application mailed.

Per the Secretary of State Election Calendar, February 14, 2011 is the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot and the last day to file is Monday, March 14, 2011. The deadline for write-in candidates is Monday, March 21, 2011.

Tom Bean ISD announces open positions

The Tom Bean ISD Board of Trustees will have three positions open for the May 14, 2011 election day. Incumbents Steve Book, Brian Trentman, and Stan Woodruff are currently serving three-year terms which expire May, 2011.

Qualifications for office are as follows: must be at least 18 years of age; must have resided for one year in the state and 6 months in the district prior to the filing deadline and must be a registered voter at the time of election.

Application packets are available at the Tom Bean ISD Administration Office located at 7719 State Hwy. 11, Tom Bean, Texas. Interested applicants may call 903-546-6076 ext.200 to have an application mailed.

Per the Secretary of State Election Calendar, February 14, 2011 is the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot and the last day to file is Monday, March 14, 2011. The deadline for write-in candidates is Monday, March 21, 2011.



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Tom Bean softball routs Collinsville

TOM BEAN – Two homeruns hit over the fence gave freshman Caroline Henderson a dramatic opening of her varsity softball career. She also drove in six runs. Tom Bean aced Collinsville, 15-0, in three innings on Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the 2011 season opener for both teams.

Ashton Brogdon batted 2-for-2 with a triple, two RBI and three runs scored; and Ashley Walker was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored for Tom Bean.

Rachel Jones struck out seven of the 11 batters she faced and allowed no hits for the Lady Cats.



Mighty Tomcat Band

This past Saturday, Feb. 19, members of the Mighty Tomcat Band attended the UIL Solo & Ensemble contest in Prosper. Out of four entries, we had two advance to state.

Jessica Boren advanced on a trumpet solo and Andrew Chastain, Phillip Peterman, Tucker Salsman, and Zach Mosich all advanced as members of a saxophone quartet.

I'd like to mention that this is the 4th consecutive year that the saxophone quartet has advanced, which is a very special achievement for the senior members, Andrew and Phillip, who have been a part of each advancing group. - Jason Matherly, Director of Bands, Tom Bean ISD

Great Texas Warrant Roundup begins March 5

Representatives of law enforcement agencies and courts from more than 240 jurisdictions across Texas announced today combined efforts to host the fifth annual Great Texas Warrant Roundup beginning Saturday, March 5.

The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants from participating jurisdictions. It is believed to be the largest joint operation of its kind with arrests expected to continue for several days.

Hundreds of thousands of notices were recently mailed statewide by participating entities.

Numerous counties, justices of the peace, constables and municipalities of all sizes will participate in the roundup.

Specific information as to the number of outstanding warrants, how to take care of warrants prior to arrest, and any other special roundup activities or events may be obtained by contacting the representative for each agency (list provided below).

Affected persons are urged to contact the appropriate jurisdiction or jurisdictions during the next two weeks to dispose of their cases voluntarily to avoid the inconvenience and embarrassment of arrest at home or work in front of family, friends or co-workers.

La Gran Redada de Arrestos de Texas Comienza el 5 de Marzo Representantes de organismos de seguridad y de juzgados de más de 240 jurisdicciones en el estado de Texas anunciaron hoy que unirán sus esfuerzos para llevar a cabo la Quinto Gran Redada Anual de Arrestos que comenzará el sábado 5 de marzo.

La redada está dirigida a los miles de acusados que tienen órdenes de arresto

en sus jurisdicciones por infracciones de tránsito, estacionamiento, a los reglamentos municipales, al código penal o delitos más graves. Se cree que este es el operativo en conjunto más grande de su clase, esperando que los arrestos continúen por varios días.

Las entidades participantes recientemente enviaron por correo cientos de miles de avisos a diferentes partes del estado.

Numerosas jurisdicciones participantes, condados, jueces de paz, alguaciles y municipalidades de todos tamaños participarán en la redada.

Para obtener información específica respecto al número de órdenes de arresto pendientes en su nombre, cómo resolver las órdenes de arresto antes de ser arrestado y sobre cualquier actividad o evento especial sobre las redadas llame al representante de la agencia pertinente (vea lista abajo)

A las personas a quienes esto concierne se les recomienda que se pongan en contacto con la jurisdicción o jurisdicciones correspondientes, durante las próximas dos semanas para que resuelvan sus casos voluntariamente y evitarse la inconveniencia y la vergüenza de un arresto en su hogar o sitio de trabajo, enfrente de familiares, amigos o compañeros de trabajo.

Included in the list of Sheriff's Offices and Municipalities are:

Grayson County Sheriff's Office – Sergeant Rickey Wheeler – 903.813.4200 x2224

Tom Bean – Warrant Officer Daniel Moores- 903-546-6413

Trenton – Police Chief George Warren Jr. - 903.989.2167





Caden Edwards (EL)

TOM BEAN ISD February Board Briefs

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held consultation with the school district's attorney followed by the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011 at 7 pm.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Caden Edwards (EL); Tyler Goff (MS); and Candace Johnson (HS).

Jessica Boren was recognized for her state competition in Band for the second year straight. She was presented a plaque from Board President, Brian Trentman for her accolades and dedication.

The minutes of Jan. 17 and Jan. 24 along with bills payable and other financial reports were approved.

The principals shared information regarding campus news, attendance, honor rolls, and evaluations. In addition, Mr. John Orozco gave the curriculum report and Mr. Tal Sanders updated the board on the athletic program.

TBISD band students will be marching in new uniforms for the 2011-2012 school year. Jason Matherly, Band Director, presented the Board with the proposal of new band uniforms. The Board approved the purchase of new uniforms which will be delivered before the current school year is out.

Update 89 was approved with current mandates to the legal and local board policies, and the resolution for a joint election of the Tom Bean Independent School District and the City of Tom Bean was approved.

The board voted to approve the Paradigm Accelerated Charter Schools in Lewisville, Texas because the proposed addition will not impact student enrollment or impact TBISD financially.

With a total of six days of instruction missed since Jan. 10, 2011, the District approved the application for a waiver through the State. The waiver allows the district or campus to request a waiver if instructional days are missed due to weather, health, or safety related issues be excused. The first two days missed for any reason must be made up. Tom Bean Independent School District will make up two of the six days on April 15 and May 20.

The budget amendment was approved moving district funds from one fund to another in order to meet the needs of the District.

The administration contracts of Roger Ellis, Dewitt Smith, and John Orozco were extended one year while Patrice Counts contract was approved for two years.

The Board of Trustees approved the resignation of the Athletic Director and upheld the administration's decision, thereby denying the relief sought by the Level III grievance.



Tyler Goff (MS)



Candace Johnson (HS)



BookShelf

Van Alstyne Library

by Juanita Hazelton
Van Alstyne Public Library

Has the mild weather stirred up your gardening instincts? Are you ready to plan for spring planting? Visit the Van Alstyne Library to see our selection of gardening and landscaping books. Pick from several guides especially for **Texas: Complete Guide to Texas Gardening** by Neil Sperry;

Texas Garden Almanac by Doug Welsh; **Texas Organic Gardening Book** by Howard Garrett; **Perennial Gardening in Texas** by Alan Dean Franz, **Texas Gardening for the 21st Century** by Nan Booth Simpson, and **Planting Manual for Dallas Gardens Within 100 Mile Radius** by Louise Belsterling.

While you're there, pick up a calendar of our activities for the month. Free Basic Computer Classes have resumed on Thursdays at 6 pm. The library has upgraded to Microsoft Word 2010 and we are introducing it in our beginner's class. If you need some practice on this new word processing software, register for the class by calling 903-482-5991. Dale Rideout's genealogy class will not meet Saturday, Feb. 26, but will meet on March 5. This will be the last class in the series.

March 5 is also the Friends of the Library monthly breakfast at the Community Center. Breakfast is from 7-10 am and includes pancakes, biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, and gravy. All proceeds go to help support the Van Alstyne Library.

From the Desk of Amy Parrish: Our middle school reading contest is running until the end of this week. Kids be sure to turn in your entries before the end of the week. Remember, we will draw for the winner on Monday, Feb. 28. I can't

wait to award this IPOD to one lucky reader!

I hope you all can join us for Open House on Saturday, March 26. Author T. L. Wood will be reading a few chapters from **Eldohr Adventures: Search for the Lost Kingdom**. We will have a cake walk, food, music, booths of local businesses and much more! Parents if you would like to volunteer at Open House, we need cupcakes for our cake walk, a few helpers, and Spanish finger foods. Please contact me or sign up at story time on Tuesdays at 4 pm or Wednesdays at 10:15 am.

Thank you to the families that attended Family Night. I really enjoyed relaxing with you and watching "How to Train Your Dragon." I am settling into my position, and I would like to give a warm thank you to the families and children for welcoming me with big hugs and smiles.

From the Desk of Judy Spence: Book Reviews by Teen Council members: Caleb Willman reviewed **The Last Apprentice, Book 1** by Joseph Delaney. Caleb describes the book "Tom is a farm boy whose father apprentices him out to the local spook, who deals with ghosts and stuff." He liked the book and recommends it to anyone who likes fantasy. He says the book was "rather original and was well written."

Lizzie Griffis read **Looking for Alaska** by John Green. She says about the book "Miles is an average boy obsessed with famous last words. He attends private school. He meets a girl bent on her own destruction, Alaska. Alaska plunges Miles into her great labyrinth and makes him explore what it means to love, live, and just be human." Lizzie liked the book and recommends it to people interested in philosophy.

Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

February 21, 2011

Van Alstyne Voices President Jeff Hall opened the meeting with a prayer and pledge led by Bob Bishop. He reversed the usual order of the meeting by having the business portion before the speeches. A realignment of club officers is necessary and members are asked to consider who will be able to step into new positions. All terms expire in June and new officers will be elected at that time.

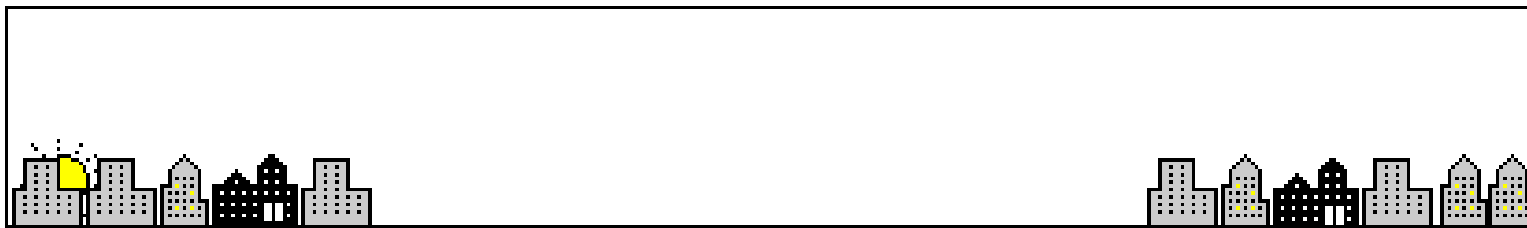
As Toastmaster for the evening, Jeff Hall selected a theme of "Presidents," with interesting trivia about the day and our presidents. Juanita Hazelton was the only speaker for the meeting, with a speech entitled "The Time for Action is Now." Her speech was evaluated by Merrill Hazelton. Charles Bannister was Table Topics Master, providing challenging extemporaneous topics for Jeff Hall, Sally Hall, Juanita Hazelton, and Merrill Hazelton. Charles Bannister was timer, and also introduced the word of the day, "Fraternize." Merrill Hazelton was grammarian and ah-counter, and served also as Jokemaster. Sally Hall was General Evaluator. Ribbons were won by Merrill Hazelton for his evaluation, and Juanita Hazelton for her speech and for best table topic. Charles Bannister will be Toastmaster for the next meeting. Jeff Hall will be speaker.

Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit educational organization whose mission is to help people develop their communication skills. Toastmasters can help people build their self-confidence and develop speaking skills in a friendly, positive environment. Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meets each Monday evening at 7 pm in Room 111 at Grayson County Community College South Campus in Van Alstyne. Visitors are welcome. Call Public Relations Officer Juanita Hazelton at 903-482-5991 for more information.



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Sunday, Feb. 27, 6 pm

This event benefits the family of Duston Lovelady

Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

We are moving our Gospel event to the fourth Saturday night at 6 pm. This Saturday night, Feb. 26, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform along with guest, Flavil George on his banjo. Members of the band are Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Charles Woolly, mandolin, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, Debra Leake, vocals, Sue Harlin, piano and vocals, Keith Francis, steel guitar, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors will open at 5 pm and the program will begin at 6 pm. 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.



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An outspoken man

by Bob Bowman

Many towns and cities in East Texas have in their history individuals who ascended to greatness, but fell to earth when they opened their mouth at the wrong time.

Such was Medford Bryan Evans, a college professor, author and editor who was born in Lufkin in 1927, the son of Lysander and Bird Medford Evans.

With his brilliant mind, Evans graduated magna cum laude from the University of Chattanooga in 1927 and took his Ph. D from Yale University in 1933.

He taught at the University of Mississippi and the Texas College of Arts and Industries (now Texas A&M of Kingsville), the University of Tennessee, the University of the South, McMurry College, and Northwestern State.

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by Dorothy N. Fowler

One of my daughter's rescue dogs is named Elise. I've written about her before, because, like all the rescues we have, she touched a really soft place in my heart. She is not a pretty dog. Somewhere in her background was a dog that had stiff hair down the middle of its back. Elise is long, like a Dachsund, sort of short, like a Chihuahua, and has a coat like Wylie Coyote.

When she arrived at my daughter's house, she had obviously been some family's pampered pet. She had a pink collar with her name on it and although she was confused by her surroundings, she made every effort to fit in with the rest of the family.

However, it was clear that she really didn't understand anything any of us were saying to her, other than her name. She would look up with all kinds of questions in her eyes and her posture when someone called her name, but she just didn't seem to understand anything else.

All my daughter, Lucinda knew about Elise is that the owners who had to had to give her up were Spanish speakers who couldn't take their dog with them when they moved to take another job.

One afternoon, when I was visiting with Lucinda while she worked in her backyard, we sat in her porch swing for a break and all the dogs ran to get in our laps. All the dogs except Elise, that is. We called her, but she wouldn't come.

"Maybe she only understands Spanish," I suggested.

Now I don't speak more than 10 words in Spanish and Lucinda speaks only a few more. But we decided to try to talk to Elise with what we thought we knew.

"Andale, Elise," Lucinda called. Elise responded at once, coming on a dead run to leap into Lucinda's lap, which was already

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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

Evans also worked for a Chattanooga radio station and the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C.

But Evans soon became a member of the John Birch Society and often wrote for *American Opinion*, the Society's monthly magazine.

He also wrote several controversial books, including "The Secret War for the A-Bomb" and "Civil Right Myths and Communist Realities," which reflected his belief in communist subversion in the U.S.

In writing about what American children were being taught in *American Opinion* magazine, he said:

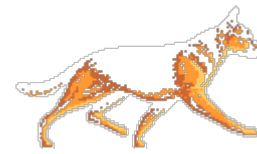
"It is my opinion that the average graduate of a non-elite college today knows little than the average graduate of an accredited high school knew thirty years ago ... there is not much you can depend on any of them, knowing simply by virtue of the fact that they have college degrees..."

Evans also contributed articles on educational trends to *Harper's Magazine* and newspapers. His usual topic was "What are we teaching our children?"

Evans, who died in 1989, was the father of M. Stanton Evans, an American journalist and author of eight books, including "Blacklisted by History: The Untold Story of Senator Joe McCarthy and His Fight Against America's Enemies."

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

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Dot's Dashes, continued

occupied by another rescue Chihuahua who was not pleased to be sharing his warm place.

"Muy bonita, Elise," I said to the now energized little dog. "Bueno, pero."

Then I counted to five in Spanish and Lucinda carried it on to ten and Elise relaxed for the first time since she arrived at Lucinda's house.

We worked to expand our Spanish vocabulary, although we aren't much more fluent than we were, and Elise learned English. For several months, she slept on my granddaughter's bed at night, curled up like a pampered baby. Nevertheless, if she thought someone was going to put her outside, she ran to hide.

Several weeks ago, Lucinda's big dog, a rescue who was a chow mix, died suddenly. She found him lying on the deck, looking as if he had lain down for a nap and just never woke up. She was devastated. She wept and could not be consoled.

That's when Elise, who had been hiding appeared and for the first time, jumped into Lucinda's lap and rubbed her head against Lucinda's cheek. At first Lucinda pushed her away, but Elise wouldn't be denied. She insisted on being part of the comforting contingent, licking tears and ears. Finally, Lucinda began to scratch Elise's ears and rub her stiff hair and both seemed to be comforted.

Elise has been a different dog ever since. Instead of running to hide when someone comes into the house, she runs to meet them. She has developed the bad habit of coming to the table during meals to beg, a habit that is reinforced by diners who give her an occasional snack.

We don't quite understand what happened the night that Captain died that changed Elise so much, but I think it may be that for the first time since she had been part of the family, she had a chance to be useful and that what she could do was finally accepted gratefully.

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Casey Wayne Lambert

Howe - A memorial service for Casey Wayne Lambert, 23, of Howe was held Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011 in the Waldo Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Glen Blackmon of the First United Methodist Church of Van Alstyne officiated. Casey passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 in Howe.

Casey was born January 26, 1988 in Houston, Texas to Steve Lambert and Debbie Saunders Lambert. He graduated from Howe High School in 2006. He enjoyed playing all sports and fishing was his favorite hobby.

He is survived by his father Steve Lambert and wife Sonja of Howe, mother Debbie Saunders Maxwell and husband Greg of Tom Ball, son Steven Wayne Lambert of Tom Ball, sister Kelly Lee Lambert of Cypress, stepsisters Lindsey McCraw of Sherman and Megan Harper of Atlanta, GA; grandfather Dwayne Lambert and wife Patricia of Sherman, grandmother Rita Harris and husband Buddy of Antlers, OK, grandmother Janet Carroll of Round Rock, grandparents Jerry and Kathy Justice of Sherman, aunts Tracey Lambert Guthrie and husband Graham and Twila Whitaker and husband Byron of Van Alstyne, and Tammy Humes of Round Rock, uncle Larry Lambert of Santa Monica, CA, step uncles Ron Bagwell of McKinney and Greg Bagwell of Sherman, cousins Matt and Travis Hamner of Sherman and Randall and Charles Humes of Round Rock, and numerous other family members and friends.

The online guest register may be signed at waldofuneralhome.com.



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Franklin Gulls at Hagerman NWR, by William Powell

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ElderLaw News is a monthly e-newsletter that brings you reports of legal developments and other trends of vital interest to seniors and their advocates. This newsletter is brought to you by The Sullivan Law Firm, P.C.

Sibling wars: How to share financial responsibility for Mom

As a financial adviser, John Gugle believed he was the best person to look after his 68-year-old mother's finances after his father passed away in 2008.

"Who else would look after her needs as well as I could, or who else would care as much since this is my mother? I could probably write a book about all of the things that I've learned from this ordeal," says Gugle, an adviser with [Alpha Financial Advisors](#).

What John and millions of other Americans have discovered is [taking the financial reins on eldercare](#) is easier said than done — especially when multiple siblings, family baggage and geographic constraints come into play.

An estimated 29 percent of the adult population — 65.7 million people — are caregivers, contributing at least 20 hours of care per week, according to a [study](#) by the National Alliance for Caregiving in collaboration with [AARP](#).

Nearly 31 percent of those surveyed considered their care giving situation to be highly stressful because of co-residence and the burden of care. Coupled with the emotional strain on family ties, it's easy to forget the common thread in the sibling war is love for the parent.

But don't despair; there are ways to navigate tense sibling relationships while providing your parent with a sound financial foundation.

Quash old patterns

Mom's favorite? Black sheep? Baby of the brood? Experts say it's crucial for families not to fall into prescribed rolls. Instead, focus on the parent and ensure the discussion is about facts and not feelings.

"Take any of your pre-conceived notions about your siblings out of the discussion and be very frank about the facts," Gugle recommends, adding his siblings often set up conference calls to discuss his mother's financial options.

"We can choose to back stab each other, talk behind each other's backs, but that's going to get you nowhere."

The temptation to slip into old roles is nearly universal, says Francine Russo, author of [They're Your Parents Too: How Siblings Can Survive Their Parents' Aging Without Driving Each Other Crazy](#).

"Think about all those movies that come out every holiday season. Home for the holidays and everyone reverts back to when they were 10-years-old. That's the most common temptation. Whatever roles worked when you were a kid, don't work anymore."

Get expert advice

Consulting a third party, such as a [certified elder law attorney](#), elder mediator or geriatric care manager can bring an objective perspective to an often tense familial situation.

An elder law attorney can provide direction on third-party benefits like long-term care insurance and can navigate intricate tax laws if claiming your parent as a dependent. Families should sit down to sketch out a plan with a professional at least 5 years before the need for care arises, suggests Jeff Marshall, a certified elder law attorney with [Marshall, Parker & Associates, LLC](#).

"Because there is so much potential for family conflict and family goals being lost, dissolved in the long-term care maze, it's really critical to get expert help and the sooner the better," Marshall says.

A financial adviser will ensure families are presented with all options available for a parent's assets — sale of the primary home, reverse mortgages, life settlements — and can facilitate organization of assets while future plans are discussed.

"Take the mystery out of it. Make sure your kids are on board with what your wishes are," Gugle suggests.

How can parents help?

There are a few things parents can do to ensure bad blood doesn't arise. The first step, and probably the most critical, is for the parent to establish which child will have power of attorney and in what capacity.

"It's something that really has to be thought out in advance, hopefully before a crisis has arisen and while the parent is still able to express their goals," Marshall says, adding the process is often an afterthought when clients come in for other issues like updating a will.

In order to avoid conflict, Russo suggests parents sit down with their children and spell out who has been appointed and why. Siblings should be mindful that the child given power of attorney often needs just as much support as the aging parent.

"The person who is doing this is usually doing a difficult and thankless job and they're overwhelmed and busy," Russo says.

"Before suspicion is awakened or criticism, it's really good in this situation to have a little compassion for the person doing this job and not automatically assume bad motives."

Establishing information access and fostering open lines of communication are also key in maintaining family harmony.

"If an elder client comes in, we ask them up front 'Who can we share information with?' We encourage them to give us permission to share information, not just with the person who is going to be the executor or the power of attorney, but all of the children," Marshall says.

"Bring all of the children into the planning process, provide them all with information and have them be part of the plan, so they can't sit back and snipe quite so easily later."

Out of state?

Caring for a parent across state lines can further exacerbate the blame game between siblings. "Sometimes the out-of-state siblings gets told they're not doing what they should and the people who are local say they're the ones who have to deal with this day in and day out," says Gugle, whose mother and siblings live in Ohio while he resides in North Carolina.

If you don't live near your siblings and find it difficult to be a part of the conversation, Gugle suggests using annual holidays as a time to broach care issues.

"You get together, the grandchildren have all gone to sleep, and you sit around the kitchen table and talk. Because we're talking about morbid issues — death and dying — sometimes people avoid it, but that's to their own detriment."

The Internet is another tool that can help bridge the gap. Financial institutions that offer online services and websites like [generationsunite.com](#) allow family members access to important documents like medical records and financial statements.

And finally, don't underestimate the power of emotional support. If your sibling is the primary caregiver in another state, offering thanks and appreciation goes a long way.

"If you call up your sister, she may dump a load of stuff on you about how hard she has it and how easy you have it — a lot of stuff that's uncomfortable, makes you feel guilty and makes you not want to have that conversation again. But I advise people who are out of town to persist and try to be understanding and keep that emotional support going," Russo says.

Telling Our Stories is a project of Dr. Jerry Lincecum, Emeritus Professor of English of Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

TELLING OUR STORIES

Adventures of a Trading Man

by W.A. "Buddy" Darter

I was born in Sherman in a little white house close to where the Essin Clinic is now located. It was at the southwest corner of Washington Ave. and Ricketts Street. My grandmother and grandfather Darter lived nearby, and our family owned a large lot there. The gypsies all camped there, the men trading horses and the women telling fortunes. Being with them all the time, I learned their language and my father and uncle were both horse traders.

In 1915 I was helping Pete Hudgins drive some cattle through town. When he saw how good I was at roping cattle he offered me a job at \$25 a month. I became his top hand and that was the beginning of a friendship that lasted the rest of our lives.

One day in 1918 as I rode up to Pete's lot behind his house at West Houston St. (where Piner School is now), his sister Mrs. Adams ran out and said, "Buddy, have you got a gun?"

"Yes, Ma'am," I replied, "I have a six-shooter."

She said, "That old cat has been killing my chickens, and I wish you would shoot it." As she said that, the cat came running out; I took my gun and shot and killed him. I still have that gun but I have never shot it again.

One time Pete had me go to Denison with my uncle, Teck Darter, to drive a bunch of mules back to Sherman. As we were coming out of Denison on Armstrong Ave., we passed by Mr. Baker's grocery, where he had a mule and horse hitched to a delivery wagon. Our mules scared them, making them run away. I roped the farthest from me and stopped them so abruptly that it broke the tongue out of the wagon.

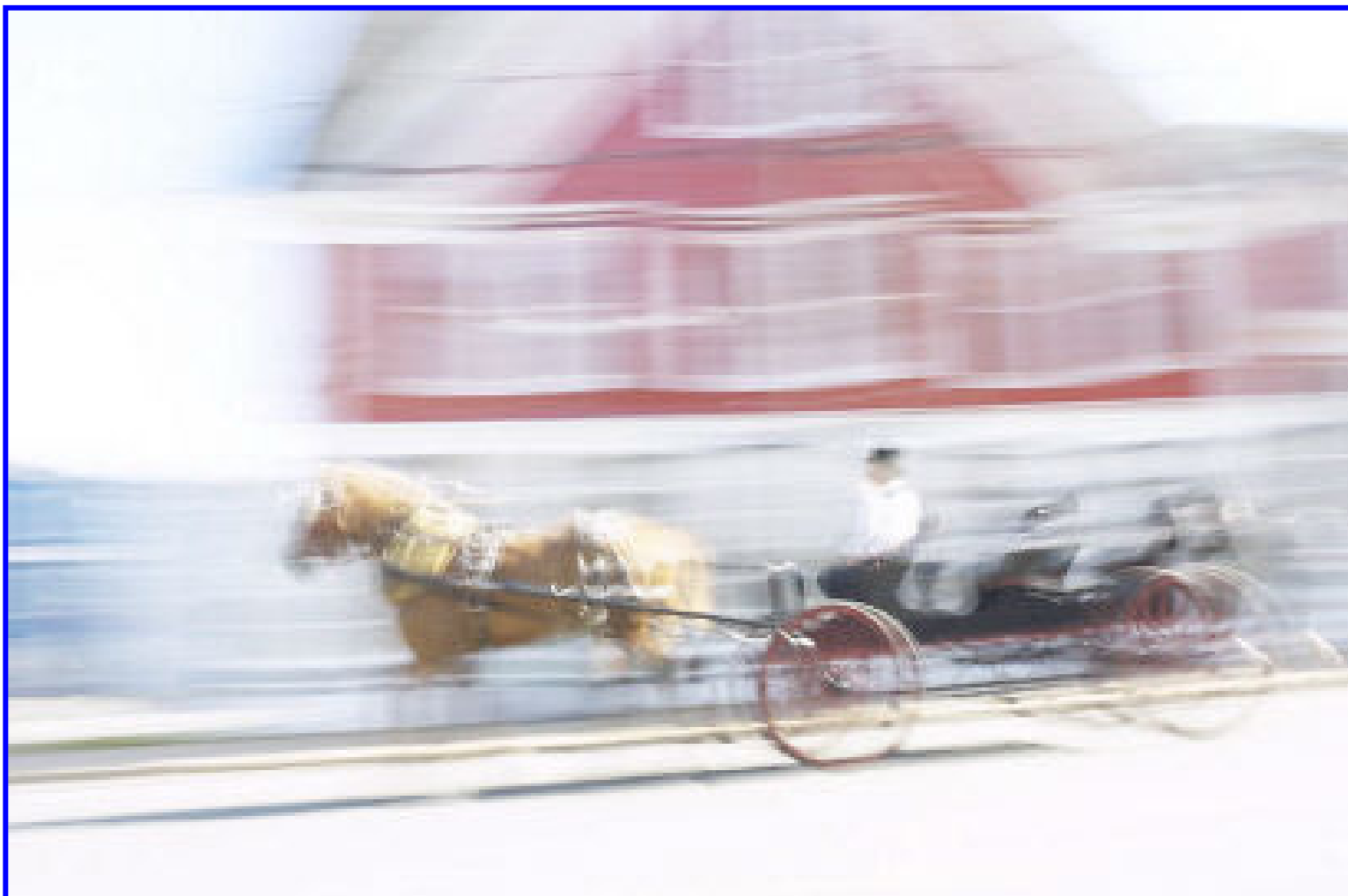
Ray Shone came running to tell me that Mr. Baker would pay me for stopping his runaway team. I told him "No, Thanks," and asked him to tell Mr. Baker I was sorry I broke the wagon tongue. In later years Mr. Baker and I often laughed together over this incident.

Another time we went to pick up six big calves that Pete had purchased. There was no pen, so we roped them one by one and necked them in pairs for the drive. At one point some of the calves got hung up in a

fence, and when I jumped off my horse to free them they jumped on me and my pants got torn up pretty badly. The best I could do was to get Pete to go to a nearby grocery and buy some safety pins to hold my pants together until we got home.

I loved to trade, whether it was horses, cows, cars or real estate. One time my wife asked me when was I going to cut the grass on our lot. I told her I could make more money standing on the corner that it would cost to hire someone to cut the grass. So I went to town and met a man who sold me a Ford for \$22.50. The next day I swapped it even money for a Buick and then sold the Buick to a couple for \$120. When I told my wife about this, she did not ask me to cut the grass again.

My wife Gladys and I lived in many houses in Sherman, because I did a lot of house buying and selling. We lived in most of the ones I bought for a while. The love of trading I learned from the gypsies as a child, and my skill in practicing it served me well throughout my life.





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Election Contests

This week I will discuss election contests for seats in the Texas legislature. An election contest arises when one of the candidates for election to either the House or the Senate contests the results of an election. Currently, there is an election contest for House District 48, which covers parts of Austin, between the incumbent Donna Howard and the challenger Dan Neil. Neil challenged the results of the election after the initial tallies showed that he lost by 16 votes.

There have been 114 legislative elections since 1846, including the current contest. Of those, 89 occurred in the Texas House of Representatives and 25 occurred in the Texas Senate. A candidate may contest an election on the contention that illegal votes were counted; or that an election officer or other person officially involved in the administration of the election prevented eligible voters from voting; failed to count legal votes; or engaged in other fraud or illegal conduct or made a mistake. It is the contestant's burden to provide convincing evidence that the voting irregularities affected the election results. Contests are initiated through filings with the Texas Secretary of State.

Under current election law, the appropriate chamber's presiding officer may refer the contest to a special committee, standing committee, or committee of the whole. In most recent years the practice has been to refer the contest to a special committee. The speaker and lieutenant governor also have broad discretion under Texas election law and rules of their respective chambers to appoint and determine the duties of masters and committees to hear election contests.

The master of discovery for the current election contest recently issued his report to the special committee, which showed that Howard's lead has narrowed to four votes. The committee now plans to hold two hearings on the report before deciding whether to accept the master's report and recommendations to dismiss the challenge, or to order that a new election be held. The committee could also vote to seat the contestant, Neil.

For more information on state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us, <<mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us>>. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

Hall, Republican Majority Cut Spending By \$100 Billion

WASHINGTON, DC (Feb. 19, 2011). . . Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) today cast his vote for a bill that will cut \$100 billion from the remaining fiscal year 2011 budget. The funding resolution passed by a vote of 235 to 189 after 90 hours of debate.

"From the beginning of the 112th Congress, the Republican Majority has focused on our top priority – cutting spending to create job growth," Hall said. "In our Pledge to America, we promised to roll back government spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels, saving us at least \$100 billion in the first year alone, and ending the spending spree in Washington that threatens our children's future. This vote today shows our commitment to the promise we made to the American people."

Hall went on to say, "The United States is currently more than \$14 trillion in debt, and for twenty-one months straight the national unemployment rate has been at 9 percent or higher – the nation's longest jobless streak since the Great Depression. Despite this economic climate, President Obama's 2011 budget and his proposed 2012 budget continue to spend, tax, and borrow too much.

"The bottom line is that we can't spend money we don't have. Washington needs to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars by budgeting responsibly, not by increasing taxes on our citizens, and not by borrowing 40 cents on the dollar, much of it from China.

"Republicans placed this resolution under an open rule process, without any earmark funding, to promote our policy of transparency. Over a period of 5 days, the House debated 583 amendments where further cuts were made. I personally offered an amendment passed by the House that prohibits funding made available under the bill from being used to implement, establish, or create a Climate Service at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Reducing the deficit will help grow the economy and create jobs. It is a firm action we must make in order to protect the future of our country, and I will continue to step up to the plate to do my part."



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Gov. Perry: We Must Reform, Streamline State Government

State of State Speech, Part Three

As families continue to struggle with the cost of higher education, I am renewing my call for a four-year tuition freeze, locking in tuition rates at or below the freshman level for four years.

As leaders like Senator Zaffirini search for more low-cost pathways to a degree, it's time for a bold, Texas-style solution to this challenge, that I'm sure the brightest minds in our universities can devise. Today, I'm challenging our institutions of higher education to develop bachelor's degrees that cost no more than \$10,000, including textbooks.

Let's leverage web-based instruction, innovative teaching techniques and aggressive efficiency measures to reach that goal. Imagine the potential impact on affordability and graduation rates, and the number of skilled workers it would send into our economy.

Speaking of skilled workers, we have a ready source of technical skills living among us that too often goes untapped. Countless Texas veterans receive top-level training in the military, but have a hard time getting credit for their knowledge and skills when they return to civilian life. We should support what one school calls "College Credit 4 Heroes."

With the support of Senator Van de Putte, the Texas Workforce Commission is working with Higher Education Coordinating Board and our community colleges on a plan to offer veterans credit for their skills & experience. The goal is to accelerate them into the Allied Health Occupations, which are critically needed across our state, and offer immense opportunity to these brave men and women.

As we increase the opportunity inherent in our economy, let's increase the accountability, transparency and efficiency of our legal system as well. Let's take the next step in our fight against lawsuit abuse by sparing our citizens and our job creators the financial burden of defending themselves from frivolous lawsuits.

Texas needs a "loser pays" component in our legal system, in which those who sue and lose are required to pay the court costs and legal expenses of those they sued.

Texas is one of a very few states who don't have an "early dismissal" option for obviously frivolous lawsuits, but we should. We need to make our system more accessible to the little guy, by setting up expedited trials and limited

discovery, for lawsuits with claims between \$10,000 and \$100,000 dollars.

These reforms would further improve the legal climate in our state, and impart even more energy, stability and security to our economy.

The pursuit of true stability and security also requires us to maintain law and order and keep our citizens safe. Last fall, I proposed legislation targeting sex offenders, to better protect our citizens. We should empower prosecutors to seek life without parole for certain repeat sex offenders, and requiring active GPS monitoring of high risk offenders for three years after they've done their time and been released by TDCJ.

It's time for our delegation in Washington, on both sides of the aisle, to step up and speak out in support of our state's needs. If it seems that their interest in this legislative session is higher than usual, that's to be expected in a redistricting year.

When you do hear from our Congressmen, try guiding the conversation away from redistricting, and suggest that they should be asking "How can I help Texas by ending federal mandates or easing the growth of Medicaid costs?"

Then ask them about their progress on repealing the Doggett amendment that is taking more than \$830 million from Texas schoolchildren and teachers right now.

Enlist them in our ongoing battle with an activist EPA, intent on derailing our Texas air quality program, which is cleaning our air as we create jobs.

Tell them it's time to repeal Obamacare, with its mandates that will cripple our healthcare system, and a price tag that will bust our budget.

Our Medicaid population and accompanying financial burden are growing as we speak, and, in 2014, ObamaCare will cause them to explode. This Washington-centric healthcare plan puts many states on a collision course with bankruptcy.

Instead of oppressive mandates, we need solutions like block grants, and the freedom to improve health care delivery, with innovation, flexibility and local input from leaders like Senator Jane Nelson.

We most definitely do not need Washington encroaching even further on our individual liberties.

The differences between Texas values and Washington's self-serving games have never been more stark than they are right now. The federal government's efforts to accumulate more power, by bribing us with our own tax dollars are simply unacceptable.

We must continue to call attention to the essential truth of the 10th Amendment and commit these 28 words to memory: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Our founders knew that a federal government powerful enough to run our lives would be powerful enough to rob us of our liberties. In this chamber, where so many great Texas leaders have served, we affirm the principle of state sovereignty, and proclaim without reservation that Texans can run Texas better than bureaucrats in Washington DC.

Where Washington encroaches upon the rights of states, this state will push back with resolve and the full force of the law. In that regard, we are blessed to have a leader with the wisdom and courage of Attorney General Greg Abbott, who is using every resource at his disposal and working with Texas lawmakers to protect the best interests of our state.

Some will say we're just spoiling for a fight, and I'll admit that Texans rarely walk away from a tussle, but we'll also never walk away from our freedom. Our state was built on that that freedom and its unlimited opportunity.

The spirit of discovery and adventure that drove the earliest settlers still beats in the hearts of Texans everywhere, as they push past the known into the unknown, in the laboratory, in the marketplace and in our universities.

Long known for our bountiful natural resources, Texas is now esteemed for its greatest resource, the intellect and character of our people.

Our culture of sturdy pragmatism, forged through centuries of exploration, exertion and endurance strengthens our resolve, and equips us to overcome the challenges we now face together.

As other states flounder about, oppressing their citizens with more taxes and driving away jobs with bad policy, Texas will make the right decisions, and emerge stronger.

May God bless you all and, through you, may He continue to bless the great state of Texas.



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Selected Sites

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

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

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

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.

Christian Fellowship

If you are looking for a homelike environment to worship, join them at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Each Sunday morning begins with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service will be led by Mike Ball. Dress is casual, so come on out and worship with them.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Each Sunday morning the church family joins together to celebrate The Lord's Supper.

The church also has home study groups throughout the week. Wednesday night service begins with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219.

Amos: A Voice For All Seasons

by Willie Sofey, Sherman, Tx.



Amos was one of God's earliest prophets (760-750 B.C.). He was a voice for God dozens of years prior to Isaiah and almost 200 years before Daniel, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah.

Israel and Judah were separate nations beginning after Solomon's son,

Rehoboam, induced heavy tax burdens on the nation of Israel in 931 B.C. causing the nation to revolt. Ten tribes separated and chose a new nation under King Jeroboam (son of Nebat) being called Israel "the northern tribe" and Judah and Benjamin remained the "southern tribe"... Judah, under Solomon's son Rehoboam.

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Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX

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 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

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/news>

The Summit Church

The Summit Church meets at the Howe Middle School cafetorium. Pastor is Kevin Bouse; contact number is 903-815-1472.

Or contact by e-mail: kevin.thesummit@yahoo.com and/or visit website: www.thesummitontheweb.com.

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Amos: A Voice For All Seasons, continued

Amos, from Judah, primarily prophesied in the northern Kingdom of Israel during a time of economic prosperity under Jeroboam II, and in Judah under King Uzziah (2 Chron. 26:5-10 and 2 Kings 14:25-28) in 755 B.C.

However, his prophesy was to the whole "house of Israel"... not just to "the Jews". The books of 1st and 2nd Kings record the next 200 years of these two separate kingdoms..., sometimes allied together and often fighting against one another. The first time the word "Jew" is used in the Old Testament is referencing to a war between the Jews and Israel (2Kings 16:5-6).

Presently, the tribe of Judah primarily comprises the Mideast nation of Israel. Historians have determined that the rest of the family of Jacob began migrating from the Mideast beginning after Israel was taken into captivity by the Assyrian armies and settled in the area between the Black and Caspian Seas in 721 B.C.

In modern times, this migration of the 10 tribes of Israel has led to the forming of Northwestern Europe such as France, Belgium, the Netherlands, as well as the British descended nations of Canada,

Australia, New Zealand, and even the United States.

The Anglo Saxon nations are referred to as "sons of Isaac" from Abraham's son Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob who became Israel. Saxons means "sons of Isaac". These modern day nations are the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham. Besides the spiritual promise of all humanity through the Messiah, there were promises of physical inheritance of wealth and territory. Abraham was to be the father of many nations and to possess the gates of their enemies (Gen. 22:17).

Amos' prophesies were relevant during his time, but also quite relevant for our modern times to the modern day nations of ancient Israel. Modern Israel will experience Great Tribulation (Jacob's trouble). Read Amos 4:6-12, Jer. 17:1-4, and Matt. 24:21. Modern Israel will experience economic collapse, bad weather, disease, famine, pestilence, (Amos 4:6-10; Ezk. 5:12), then war (Amos 4:10, Ezk. 5:12), culminating in national collapse (Amos 4:2; 5:3, Ezk. 5:12).

Human life will be bartered (Deut. 28:64-68) and only a tenth of modern Jacob's

population will survive (Amos 5:3, Isa. 6:13). God's warning through Amos, Jeremiah, and Jesus Christ state that in the end times, these nations will be given "as plunder" to foreign nations (Luke 21:24; Jer. 17:3-4).

Because of the nations' sinful and obstinate ways, the Lord abhors "the pride of Jacob", and will deliver the nation punishment (Amos 6:8). God's warning through Amos is that He (God) will also "send a famine on the land of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). This prophesy is prevalent today. It seems that the lack of planting the good "seeds" of the Word of God has resulted in a Gospel famine in the land.

We need to listen and act on the warnings God gave us and the words through His faithful church (Matt. 16:18; 2 Peter 1:19).

Today is the day to choose life instead of death before it is too late (Deut. 30:19). For we, the resurrected saints, along with ancient king David will rule the earth under King Jesus Christ when He returns to rule the earth during the "millennium" (Amos 9:11-15; Rev. 5:10; 20:6).



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Neighborhood Genealogist – Getting started

by Dale Rideout

Genealogy is the study of where you came from. To me it is a study of history and how my family was part of that history.

I have been doing genealogy research for over 30 years now. It is a very rewarding hobby for those who are interested. If you are not interested in doing this type of research, then by all means feel free to quit now. You will not enjoy it. If you are interested in genealogy, then read on.

There are two rules I teach all my genealogy students. Follow them carefully. First – Believe everything you hear and read about your ancestors. Be sure to record and document it carefully. The second rule is – Do Not believe

anything you hear or read about your ancestors, but record and document it carefully.

What! This man is crazy. He just contradicted himself and canceled out everything he said. Well, no I didn't. You will find that you are surrounded with faulty memories, family legends, falsified documents, and many other items that will lead you astray. That is why I say do not believe any of what you get. Yet often you will hear outrageous and seemingly fabricated stories that in reality are true, so believe it all. When you get your information documented, then you can begin to sift for the actual facts. Know that you will have errors, but try to keep them to a minimum.

First you need to get yourself some forms to keep your information on. There are many providers

and the forms are almost all alike. For starters, let me suggest that you go to the website, www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms. On this page you will see the line "Basic Charts and Worksheets." Click this sentence. It takes you to a page where you can download charts for free. Let's begin with three charts: 1) Five generations Ancestry Chart; 2) Family Group Sheet; and 3) Relationship chart. Download and print out each of these. The Five Generations Chart and the Family Group Sheet are necessary for your records, and you will need several copies of each. Start with about five of each and have them in hand as you continue this article. You may get very confused if you do not follow step by step to learn the process.

Now, we will fill out our first chart. Take one of the Five generations Ancestry Chart and write your own name at line # 1. Use your maiden name if you are a woman. Continue filling in the information that you have for yourself. On the dates I prefer to have my students put the date down in the order used by military and Europeans: Day Month Year (24 January 2011.) Get in that habit and it probably save you a lot of misery later. Use the maiden name for all women in your data, if you have it. For places of birth, marriage, death or other events, list them by city or town, county, state, country.

When you have completed all the information you know about yourself (OK. You don't know the death date or place for yourself so skip it and anything else you do not know), go to the top, left corner of your chart and you will see the words, "Chart #____." Fill this in with the number 1 (one.) It is your first chart. You see "1 on this chart = ____ on chart no. ____." Leave this blank on this chart, but you will fill it in on your others. If this seems too confusing, leave them all blank and you will understand it later.

Go to the line numbered 2, and list your FATHER, not your mother but your father. In general the man is always listed above the wife on an ancestral chart. Fill in your father's information. Now go to number 3 and fill in your mother's information.

Now get one of the Family Group Sheets. It is fairly self explanatory. Fill this sheet out for your parents. Give as much information as you have and leave the rest blank. This is where you will list all your brothers and sisters as well as yourself for this family.

Back to the Ancestry Chart. Number 4 will be the name of your father's father, and number 5 your father's mother. Complete what information you have for them and then a Family Group Sheet with you father's brothers and sisters, etc.

Now go to 6 and 7. Your mother's father will be number 6 and her mother will be number 7. Complete with all the information you have and do a Family Group Sheet for them.

You are beginning to get the idea. Numbers 8,9 and 10,11 and 12,13 and 14,15 will be your great-grandparents. Do them the same way.

Now comes the hook for extending your family history. Numbers 16 through 31 will be your great-great-grandparents. Again, the man on top and the woman below. On these lines you can put only the name and save the other information for another chart. Your GGGrandfather, number 16 will have chart number 2 for

him. Write the number 2 in the box by his name. On chart number 2, put his name and information at the place of number 1. At the top of the chart put the number 2 where it says, "Chart #____." Then on this same chart fill in the line, "1 on this chart = 16 on chart # 1." Your GGGrandmother, number 17 will have chart number 3, which you will fill out in the same manner as number 2 for your GGGrandfather. Then fill in a Family Group Sheet for your GGGrandmother and GGGrandfather.

Continue down the Ancestry chart with all you GGGrandparents.

Wow, that was a lot of work, but it gives you a real basis for your genealogy studies.

Each month I will give you some more information on genealogy and how to research and find out just who you really are. Have a lot of fun.

I will be glad to help you if I can. My e-mail is Dalerideout@cableone.net and my telephone is 903-487-0525. I am usually home after 3:30pm Monday through Friday. My wife is not a genealogist but can take messages.

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Moms and Texas Ranchers Agree: Eat your vegetables!

by Mike Barnett

Hunger is an obscure notion for well-fed Americans.

At least it is for me. I plead guilty for taking my food for granted.

That realization came to me as I sat in front of the television the other night; fork in hand, a steak and baked potato sitting on the tray in front of me. A report came on the evening news about the unrest in Egypt spreading to other third world countries. The focus of the report was soaring world food prices and it partially blamed the high cost of food for rioting in the streets.



Although I blame the political regimes which foster policies that encourage poverty more than I blame the rising cost of food, I realize hunger is a powerful motivator. Penniless people not knowing where their next meal is coming from does not encourage political durability. Knowing your children are hungry as you put them to bed; not knowing if you can feed them tomorrow fosters a climate for change.

A bite of steak had to bypass a big lump in my throat as I swallowed hard. A shiver ran down my spine as I thought how fortunate Americans are.

We live in a country where food is abundant. Sure, some wrestle with the economic downturn while others struggle to escape their station in life. But food is available to every American. Every grocery store is stocked. There's a restaurant on most every corner.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Egyptians spend nearly 40 percent of their income for food. By contrast, U.S. consumers spend around 10 percent. Nobody in the world has better access to abundant, affordable food than the American consumer.

America is truly blessed with abundant resources and the farmers and ranchers who efficiently use them to produce a cornucopia of food and fiber. If plentiful, affordable food fosters stability for both people and governments, America is a rock.

Today marks the beginning of Food Check-Out Week, an annual recognition of our nation's abundant food supply. Texas Farm Bureau and Farm Bureaus across the state and nation hope you will join in this celebration of food security.

This annual observance reminds me that many blessings Americans enjoy should not be taken for granted. Include food in that category.

If you need a reminder of your good fortunes, just turn on the evening news.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.txfb.org.

Follow Texas Farm Bureau on Twitter and Facebook for the latest updates on this topic and many more.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Super Bowl 45 Another Disgrace for Our National Anthem and Half Time Shoddy Show

How long will the planners of the NFL/AFL Super Bowls continuously book individuals who can't sing the National Anthem "using" lyrics other than written and/or flagrantly distorting the musical notes as written. The Super Bowl has been an annual national disgrace of our "Star Spangled Banner" and the three million patriots who have died to protect us during the past 235 years. I am sure that Francis Scott Key is still spinning in his grave from last evening's Super Bowl opening!

However, the half time show was another performance that was designed only for those in the stadium who were "well stoned."

The rapping, sexual suggestively wiggling, jumping, rattling, rowing, and yelling their acid heads off was proof positive!

Otherwise, the game was a great game to watch ... thank goodness for that!

John M. Elkins, Sherman, TX



Selecting a Civil Air Patrol Wing Commander

WICHITA FALLS, Texas – Selecting a Civil Air Patrol wing commander is no trivial undertaking. The process is directed towards finding the best candidate for the position from among those who have applied for the job. Recently, a screening board composed of current and past wing commanders, as well as representatives of the wing and region staff, interviewed each candidate with the purpose of rank-ordering them. A finer selection was conducted by a board consisting of Southwest Region Command Staff and the immediate past commanders of the respective wings.

Only then, adding the information supplied by the applicants, input from their current wing commander, and feedback from the wing's members, the Southwest Region Commander selected the best candidate for each wing and submitted their names to CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Amy S. Courter for her final approval.

“The selection process was particularly difficult because of the exceptional quality of the candidates,” said Col. Joseph Jensen, Southwest Region Commander. “With Maj. Gen. Courter’s concurrence, I have selected Lt. Col. Joe Cavett to serve as the next Commander of Oklahoma Wing, and Lt. Col. Brooks Cima to serve as the next Commander of Texas Wing. These officers will succeed Col. Bob Castle and Col. Joe Smith, respectively, upon completion of their terms of appointment.”

Col. Robert Castle, CAP - Col. Robert Castle, Commander of Oklahoma wing, said, “I am very pleased with the selection. All candidates were well qualified, and I’m glad they applied. I know Joe Cavett will lead the wing in a positive direction.”

Lt. Col. Joseph Cavett, CAP

Lt. Col. Joseph Cavett is a former CAP cadet who switched to senior member status in 1997. Since then, he has accumulated an impressive set of qualifications, including the Gill Robb Wilson Award, the highest level of professional education available to CAP members.

Col. Castle explained, “Besides his great work as a squadron commander, Lt. Col. Cavett gained valuable experience at the wing level by working in Emergency Services and Transportation. Also, he has much experience as a former cadet and working with cadets.”

Because running a CAP wing is a complicated business, the successful candidate needs to have a thorough grounding in all operational and administrative areas of Civil Air Patrol. Col. Castle added, “As part of his work as Oklahoma Wing Vice Commander East, he had to deal with budgeting and finance, as well as general administration. He’ll do a great job as the next Oklahoma Wing Commander.”

Lt. Col. Joseph Cavett, who was naturally pleased to have been selected as the next commander of Oklahoma Wing, said, “I’ve always enjoyed a challenge, and getting selected as the next wing commander was a true challenge. It is humbling, too.”

When asked about his plans for the wing and its future, he replied, “My vision for command is clear. I want to create the conditions for a better membership experience.”

And what would he do to help the wing move in the right direction? “Member motivation is the key to unit success. We have many talented CAP members, and it is up to us to help them find their ideal



place where they can contribute the most. Succeeding in this would be a win-win situation, as members would be happy and the unit would profit too.”

Col. Joe R. Smith, CAP

Col. Joe Smith, Commander of Texas Wing, said this about the selection, “The Texas Wing was very fortunate to have a large pool of experienced and well qualified candidates for the Wing Commander position. That Lt. Col. Brooks Cima was chosen from this very high-caliber group is an affirmation of her exceptional dedication, her in-depth experience in all of CAP’s missions, and her proven leadership skills.”

A dynamic and capable leader, Lt. Col. Brooks Cima excelled at every assignment she was ever given. During her almost 14 years’ service in CAP, she has achieved master ratings in all three CAP missions, as well as a Senior rating in Organizational Excellence, besides earning a long list of high-level emergency services qualifications.

Lt. Col. Brooks Cima, CAP

Looking towards the future, Col. Smith remarked, “The Texas Wing is almost the size of one of the smaller CAP Regions and it is a challenging job in the best of times. Lt. Col. Brooks Cima is the right person – the right leader – for the Texas Wing in this very challenging time.”

Lt. Col. Brooks Cima, who is an experienced educator and business owner, said, “My primary goal as Wing Commander will be continued generative planning to find new missions for our aircrew and ground team members. The development of those missions is critical to maintaining a professional, well-trained volunteer force.”

Lt. Col. Cima has excelled at training in Texas Wing, having started and conducted highly successful programs for both cadets and senior members, focusing on professional development and emergency services. These have gained region and national attention, as the numbers speak for themselves. After the training started, mission success and renewed commitment to the wing followed.

She said, “I’ve been blessed to have the opportunity to serve on staff in all three missions of Civil Air Patrol. I look forward to encouraging a vibrant exchange of time and talent among the staff officers leading these missions. This will empower them to support and encourage all facets of CAP life.” This latest assignment, then, is a continuation of what she has already done well, and a way for her to maintain Texas Wing’s preparedness to serve the community, state and nation.

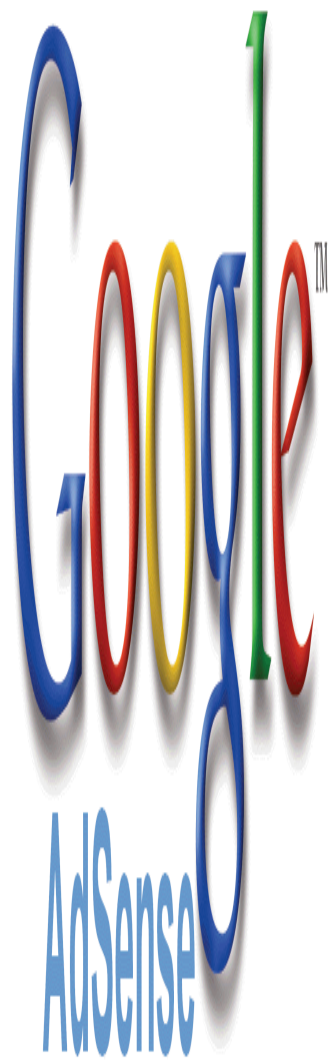
How does she view her selection? “I am both pleased and humbled by the support I’ve received in my bid for Wing Commander. I’ll do my best to apply the high standards set by our current Wing Commander and will maintain the open lines of communication I’ve developed with Squadron and Group staffs in order to fully understand and address their concerns.”

Both Oklahoma Wing and Texas Wing are poised to scale new heights in their fulfillment of Civil Air Patrol’s congressionally-mandated missions, as their newly selected commanders prepare to take on the responsibility of discharging their leadership mission in pursuit of excellence.

Maj. Arthur E. Woodgate, CAP, SWR
Director of Public Affairs



Humor - Laughter is the best Medicine - We will try to bring you laughs each week



The Fix

There recently was an article in the St. Petersburg, Fl. Times. The Business Section asked readers for ideas on: "How Would You Fix the Economy?" I think this guy nailed it!

Dear Mr. President,

Please find below my suggestion for fixing America's economy. Instead of giving billions of dollars to companies that will squander the money on lavish parties and unearned bonuses, use the following plan. You can call it the "Patriotic Retirement Plan."

There are about 40 million people over 50 in the work force. Pay them \$1 million apiece severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

- 1) They MUST retire. Forty million job openings - Unemployment fixed.
- 2) They MUST buy a new AMERICAN Car. Forty million cars ordered - Auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed.

It can't get any easier than that!!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members in Congress pay their taxes. Mr. President, while you're at it, make Congress retire on Social Security and Medicare. I'll bet both programs would be fixed pronto!

Comming Soon



Outskirtz...The family is back. Previously printed in The Texoma Enterprise, will begin next week on our Web Site...In Full Color. Look here on our humor page for it.



Classified Ads

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Doris Hayes, formerly of Elm House Antiques (at 710 N Elm in Sherman) is now located in A Touch of Class Antique Mall on the Square in downtown Sherman, Booth 115. Same fine quality & eclectic collections of fine art, glass, china & pottery.

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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

These Grandkids always have fun at the Christmas Tree Farm, and they really can sing - but my may not know it from this little video from 2009.



"Santa" Rideout

