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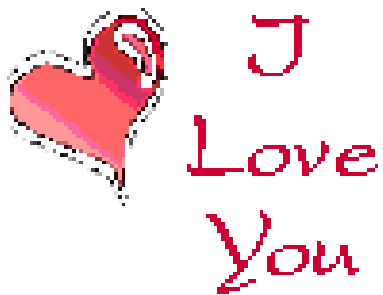
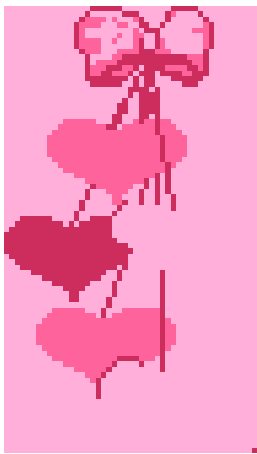
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## **Southeastern hosts Educational Technology Fair March 8**

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

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

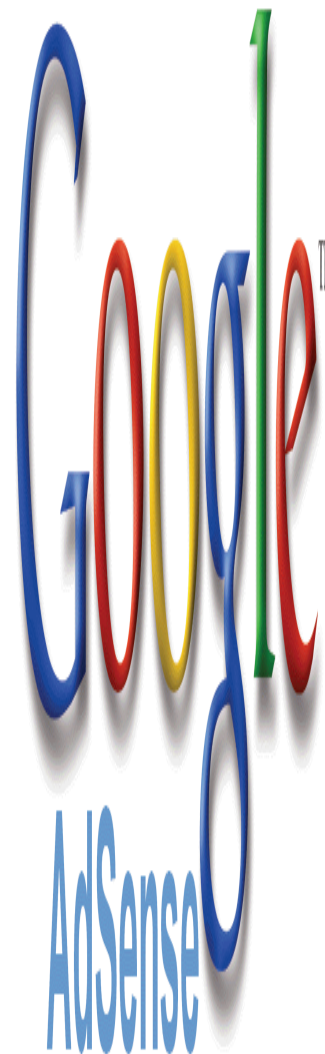
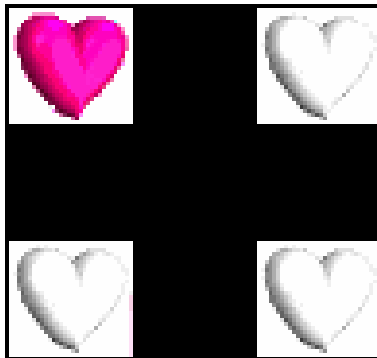
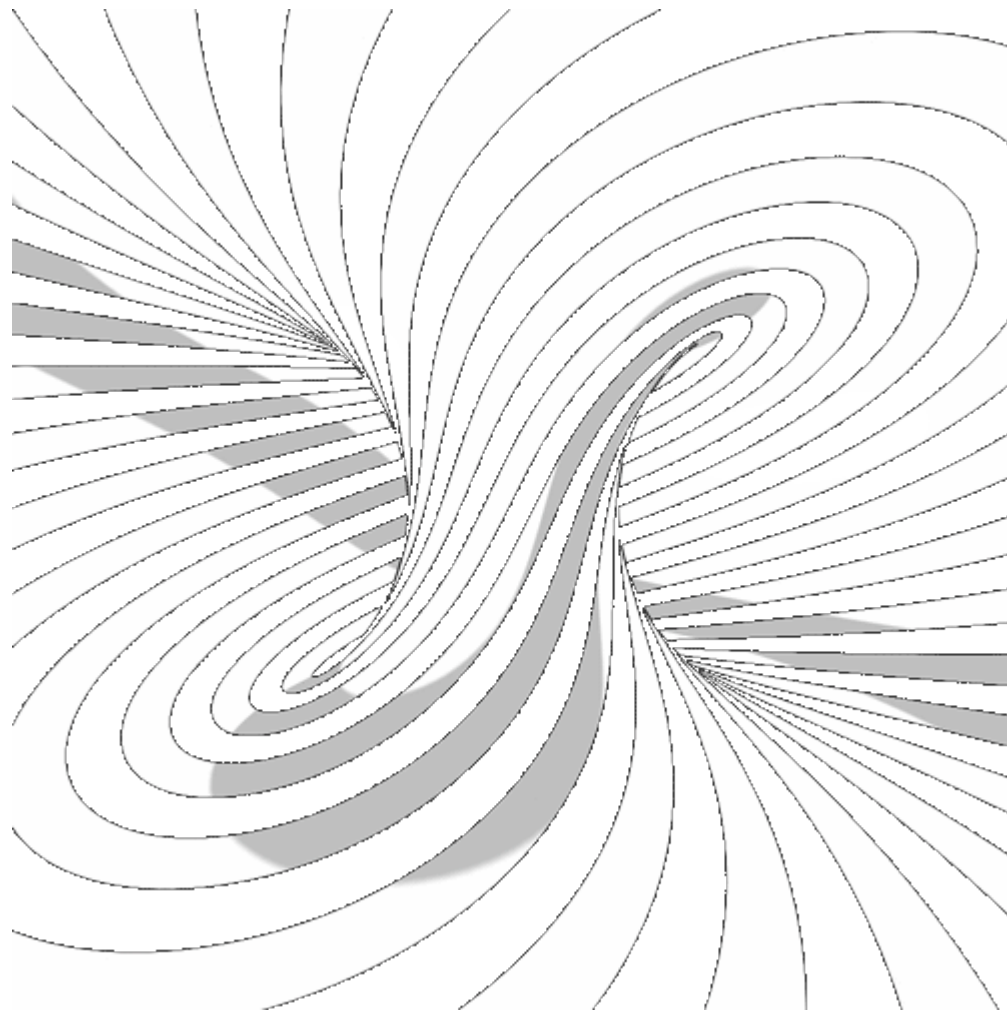
The Fair allows school district decision-makers to receive information about technological advances that can enhance student learning, administrative efficiency, and communication.

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

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

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

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



## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Now that I am not spending a lot of time getting a newspaper ready for the press, I have lots of time to enjoy my favorite pastime -- reading.

I have started reading James Patterson books. In the past few weeks, I have read (or should I say devoured) most of the Women's Murder Club books as well as several Alex Cross stories. These books are so easy to read with their 2 to 4 page chapters. It is hard to stop once you get going. I'll read just one more chapter and then maybe another.

I also like Robert B. Parker both Spenser and Jesse Stone.

At the last book sale at the Howe Community Library, I bought 10 paperback books (most of them also mysteries.) I have read almost all of those books too.

## Recipe



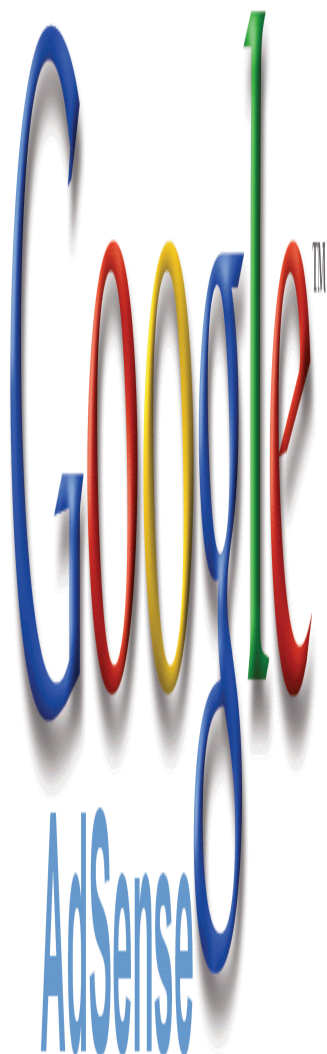
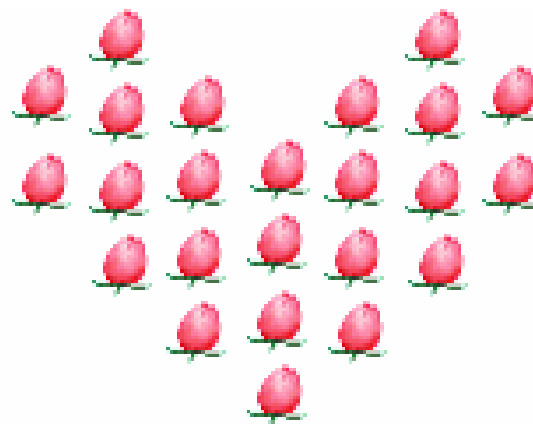
### Frito Pie

- 3 cups Fritos corn chips
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 2-1/2 cups chili (your favorite -- homemade, canned, whatever)


Preheat oven to 350°F.

Spread 2 cups of Fritos in a baking dish (an 8-inch dish works great). Sprinkle half the onion and half the cheese over the Fritos. Pour the chili over the onion and cheese. Sprinkle the remaining Fritos, onion and cheese over the chili.

Bake for 15 or 20 minutes and cheese is bubbly. Serve hot.



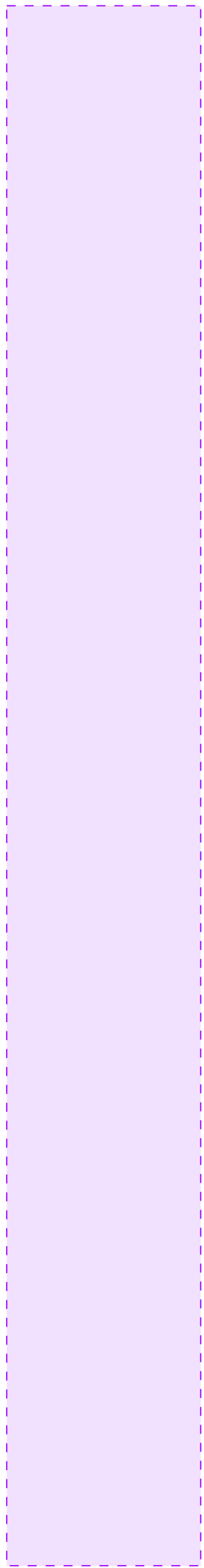
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## Exceptional Behavior - 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks

**Kindergarten:** Casie Adams, Catelyn Armstrong, Jaycie Grisham, Nicole Garcia, Jaycie Grisham, Alex Jones, Kelcey Ireland, Carter Layton, Zeb Montgomery, Jacob Ortega, Emery Snapp, Payton Stapleton, Mahlon Walker, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Dakota Fetzer, Caden Garner, Zarrion Johnson, Cooper Jones, Kayley Laubhan, Ryleigh Jenkins, Jace Martin, Brooklyn McCaleb, Paris Menjivar, Lucas Mitchell, Railyn Murphy, Jenna Roper, Dakota Smith, Jonathan Smith, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Courtney White, Mia Wilson, Dax Foster, Shianne Freeman-Williams, Cassie Morrison, Kolin Murphy, Fisher Robertson, Cody Adams, Mary Burris, Ainsley Denham, Kendall Griffin, Willie Husband, Mikaylah Komorowski, Zadrian Morris, Morgan Pitt

**First Grade:** Caleb Fetzer, Angie Burris, Matthew Hayes, Korben Kemp, Dalton Laisy, Morghan Gifford Lamb, Jacob McGill, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Linda Segura, Faith Stallings, Teagan Stubblefield, Kaidence Varnell, Yair Ayala, Mackenzie Bryant, Vel Chin, Jentrie Doty, Austin Haley, Tate Harvey, Ryan Hough, Cody McGill, Janna Nitchman, Keira Robertson, Ethan Strunc, Jacob Upchurch, Samantha Lowder, Connor Gauntt, Connor martin, Emma Sutherland, James Richardson, Ariana Ross, Antonio Tapia, Carson Daniels, Ethan Duer, Sergio Rico, Edith Hernandez, Audie Martin, Korie Bouse, Jordan Brunner, Jalie Hill, Kelly Caballero, Tinley Sisemore, Trey Phillips, Kaylee Hunnel, Dakota Tinker, Stone Trevino, Kaylyn Bryant, Breana Cole, Ayden Burris, Hayden Calhoun

**Second Grade:** Stanley Bik, Michelle Caballero, Ethan Conrad, Ashley Crees, Jaryn Grisham, Jaicob Husband, Christian Moody, Ramie Mosse, Gavin Richardson, Conner Record, Caleb Searcey, Trinity Williams, Hagen York, Sabian Acevedo, Jessica Bastida, Harley Brockelman, Jared Brussow, Zak DeFrange, Will Fleming, John Griffin, Ethan Lopez, Katie Parker, Parker Pecina, Ricky Ramirez, Avery Snapp, Ben Speed, Caleb Wahrmond, Eli Wilson, Kevin Bateman, Cierra Brussow, Luke Catching, Luis Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Caleb Maddison, Zoey Moore, Alyssa Sharp, Justin Whitaker, Caytie Coco, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Colby Hopper, Kailyn Ireland, Aiden Roulette, A'niyah Shaw, Za'niyah Shaw, Kaleb Strong, Jennifer Torres, Ethan Turner

**Third Grade:** Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Mariana Cano, Erin Catching, Kayle Chapman, Sierra Copeland, Ruvy Enriquez, Jake Fabacher, Karrah Gardner, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Raul Hernandez, Cameron Lankford, Jonathan Meneses, Lizzie Robertson, Reagan Troxtell, Braeden Wise, Kriston Harris, Kameron Hopper, David Huerta, Mason Moreau, Brooke Robinson, Leah Trevino, Clay Barnett, Mason Bearden, Grace Brennan, Leah Butcher, Holly Cavender, Kamryn Gardner, Autumn Bassett, Brett Burnett, Katie Grogan, Makayla Hanson, Grace Lankford, Jason Ortega, Crista Timmons, Laine Watson

**Fourth Grade:** Cassidy Anderson, Bailey Bond, Robin Cung, Zoie DeFrange, Ivonne Delgado, Jenna Honore, Madison Kenney, Kacie Morgan, Jacob Roper, Cindy Torres, Magi Watson, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon, Nayely Ayala, Hally Bollier, Layton Elvington, Alli Gleason, Lane Griffin, Caiden Harmon, Bonnie Olivarez, Colton Thurman, Ty Trevino, Bethany Van Deren, Kirstyn Wheeler, Jade Cox, Karsyn Fleming, Mary Henson, Mikayla Hudek, Kolbe Lappin, Sarah Martin, Braden Monroe, Lukas Peacock, Brian Timmons, Maci Watson, Kira Allen, Morgan Dyer, Paetyn Ford, Riley Underwood, Kylie Hopper, Zane Hughes, Waylon Knowles, Jodee Newland, Ethan Sloat, Caden Stewart



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending February 3<sup>rd</sup> are: Carson Fleming, Robin Cung, Karrah Gardner, Pablo Segura, Aaniyah Shaw, Ashley Crees, Harley Brockelman, Austin Jones, Vel Chin, James Richardson, Anthony Gardner, and Ashton Trevino.





HES Students of the Month - 1st Row: Gage Troxtell & Morgan Pitt; 2nd Row: Jacob Upchurch, Teagan Stubblefield, Ethan Turner & Cierra Brussow; 3rd Row: Raul Hernandez, Kriston Harris & Valerie Langford; Not Pictured: Lane Griffin

## Howe City Election

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

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

## Zambia Book Drive

What do kids in Howe, Texas have in common with kids in Zambia, Africa? A love of books!! But unfortunately, many children in Africa don't have access to libraries or books. To help solve this problem, the Howe Community Library is partnering with the Howe PTA and Summit Church for a paperback book drive.

The Summit Church will be traveling to Zambia this summer and will deliver books to the children of the villas. You are welcome to donate one of your used books for this venture – just dropped it by the Howe Library during the month of February. If we have more than we can send, we will donate them to a local charity.

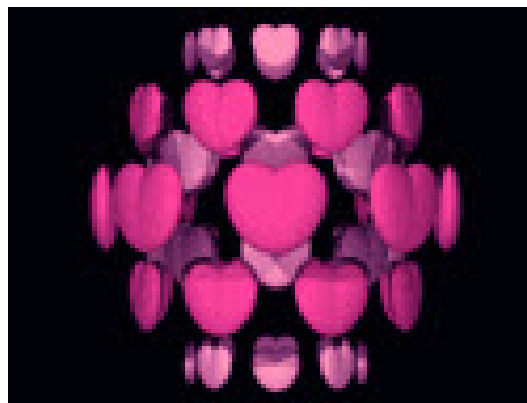
Books need: gently used. Children's paperback fiction and nonfiction titles, baby board books (please no hardback books – we will be sending our gifts via suitcases).

For more information, call the Howe Library at 903-532-3350. Library hours are M-F 8 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday 9 am to noon. On the internet look for You Tube – Zambia Book Drive.

## UIL Solo/Ensemble State Qualifiers!

Congratulations to the following Howe High School students who participated in the UIL Region 25 Solo/Ensemble Contest on Saturday, February 4th at Prosper HS. These students received a "1st Division" rating on their "Class 1" solos and ensembles and will be advancing to the State contest to be held in Pflugerville on Memorial Day weekend.

- Madison Wilson - Flute Trio
  - Katy Collins Flute - Trio
  - Kathryn McGinness - Flute Trio
  - Alex Akins - Flute Trio
  - Karlie Niehus - Flute Trio - Flute Solo
  - Hannah Clark - Flute Trio
  - Leslie Rodriguez - Flute Trio
  - Maddie Ansley - Flute Trio
  - Kendall Nelms - Flute Trio
  - Katie Niehus - Clarinet Choir - Clarinet Quartet
  - Maegan Thurston - Clarinet Choir - Clarinet Quartet
  - Katie Hogenson - Clarinet Choir - Clarinet Quartet
  - Dominique Rideout - Clarinet Choir - Clarinet Quartet
  - Emily Dawsey - Clarinet Choir
  - Cavin Bellows - Clarinet Choir
  - Brianna Rideout - Clarinet Choir
  - Jessica Doty - Clarinet Choir
  - Meg Wilson - Clarinet Choir
  - Jackson Dunavant - Baritone Saxophone Solo
  - Blaine Williams - Brass Sextet
  - Kaelen Powless - Brass Sextet
  - Zane Weatherspoon - Brass Sextet
  - Ben Dunavant - Brass Sextet - Trombone Trio
  - Kristen Ross - Brass Sextet - Trombone Trio
  - Hunter Shaw - Brass Sextet
  - Jason Rodriguez - Trombone Trio
  - Dylan Guthrie - Percussion Ensemble - Xylophone Solo
  - Bryce Garland - Percussion Ensemble
  - Garrett Fulenchek - Percussion Ensemble
  - Courtney Pearson - Percussion Ensemble
  - Katelyn Kirby- Percussion Ensemble
  - Allison Haynes - Percussion Ensemble
- Angie Cavender, Band Director**



## *Gunter Library & Museum News*

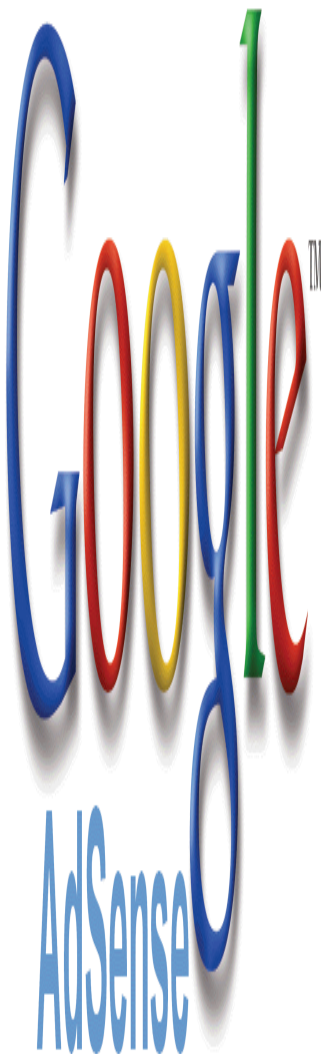
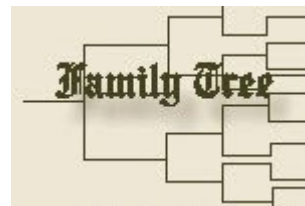
### **Gunter Library & Museum News**

The Gunter Library and Museum invites you to attend a three part series on genealogy and family research. Dale Rideout, an experienced researcher and teacher, will present the seminar on Saturdays on February 18, February 25, and March 3 at the Gunter Library located at 110 S. State Highway 289 #4, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. There will be a materials charge of \$10 for each participant. Please call to register so we will know how many materials are needed. If you are new to family research this is your opportunity to learn the first steps in getting started using both Internet sources and printed resources. If you are an experienced researcher, Mr. Rideout will have helpful tips for you. Call 903-207-4527 or 903-271-5190 to register.

In honor of Black History Month, the library will present the film *For Love of Liberty, the Story of America's Black Patriots*. There will be two showings, Tuesday February 21, from 7-8 am and Saturday February 25, from 2-3 pm. The DVD cover reports "From the Revolution to the Civil War, from the World Wars to present day fighting in Afghanistan, this inspiring epic saga of African American military sacrifices, dramatically and for all time sets the record straight." The film includes appearances of Halle Berry, Colin Powell, and Morgan Freeman. The 3-Disc collection will be available for check out after February 25.

The Brown Bag Book Discussion meets at the Gunter library on February 22 at 12 noon. Bring your lunch and join us as we discuss *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* by Steig Larsson. Let us know if the fourth Wednesday of each month is inconvenient for you and we will adjust our meeting dates.

New books added to the Gunter Library include: *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah, *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave, *Empire of the Summer Moon* by S.C. Gwynne, *21-Day Weight Loss Kickstart* by Dr. Neal Barnard, and *Forks Over Knives* edited by Gene Stone.





## BOOKSHELF

*By Tracy Luscombe*

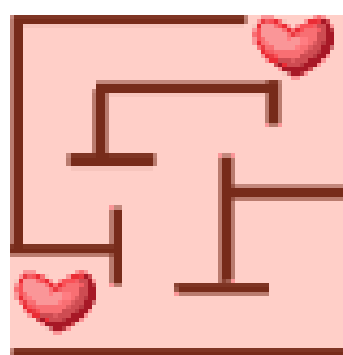
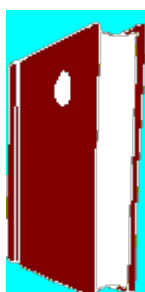
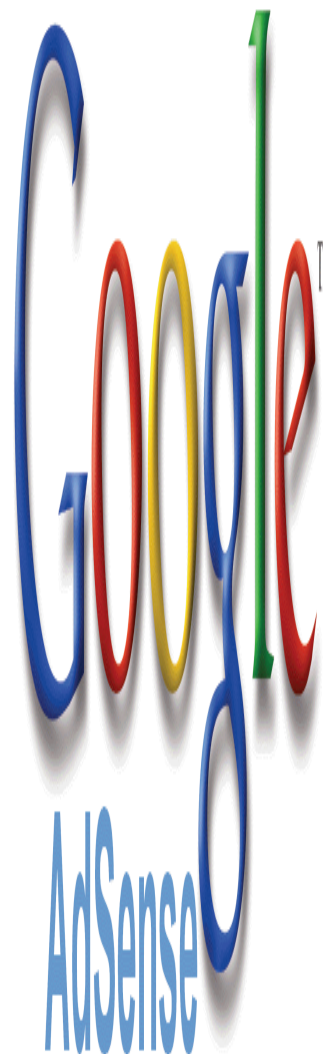
February already? Really? Time is fleeting. This is a leap year so we've got that extra day added to February. Calendars are a strange thing. At different times in history and in different parts of the world the holidays are moved around, the work week is shortened or lengthened, and every so many years an extra day is thrown in. Leap Year originated in ancient Rome under Julius Caesar. To keep the seasons steady they had been using a 355 day calendar, then would add a month of 22 or 23 days every two years. Caesar went with a plan designed by a Greek astronomer that had 365 days each year, and added 1 day every 4 years. Pope Gregory XIII then set that this extra day would be at the end of February.

February in America is also Black History Month. Its origins are in Negro History Week which was started in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, the second African American man to graduate from Harvard. On its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1976 it was expanded to be Black History Month. Come check out our resources to learn more about the history of African Americans.

This Saturday, Feb. 4, is the monthly breakfast hosted by the Friends of the Van Alstyne Library. Join us at the Community Center (7 – 10 am) for a great breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee for only \$4.00.

Here are a few new titles added to our collection. *Waking up in Dixie* by Haywood Smith. *Playing the Game* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *The Silent Girl* by Tess Gerritsen, *House of Dark Shadows* by Robert Liparulo, *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by Robert K. Massie.

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.



## Tom Bean Boys Basketball

The Tomcat JV boys came up short Friday vs. Pottsboro, dropping their record to 6-16 on the season.

Notable players include Dylan Ashlock, and Sheldon Roberson.

The Varsity boys game was exciting from start to finish with 9 lead changes in the 2nd half, coming down to Pottsboro hitting a clutch 3 pointer to provide the winning margin 53-50 over Tom Bean, and earn the third place playoff spot in district. It was a hard loss for the boys as they played one of their best games of the year.

Cody Miller and Hunter Book led the scoring with 20 and 16 apiece, while Caden Gomez, Logan LeDane, and Luke Parrish played excellent defense throughout. The Tomcats dropped to 8-18 on the year, 3-8 in district.

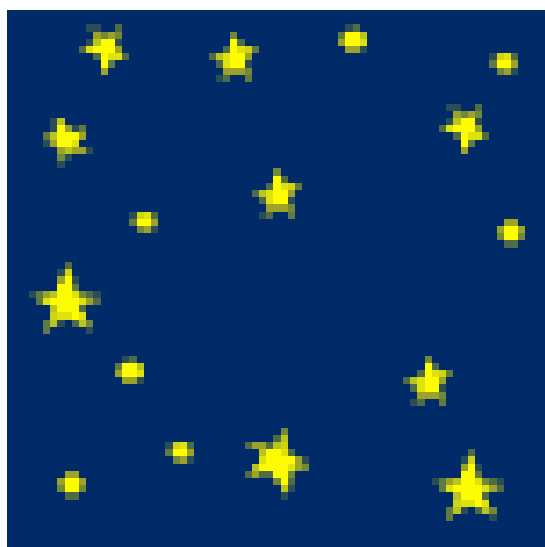
Both teams play Tuesday at Callisburg as they try to get back into the win column.

## Upcoming City Election

Posted on January 4th, 2012 at 12:55:01 PM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

The City of Tom Bean City Council Election Calendar for accepting applications for a place on the ballot for the May 12, 2012 election has been set as February 4, 2012 through March 5, 2012. Places currently being held by Donnie Achimon, Sherry Howard and Janet Schaab expire in May.

Interested persons must file an application at Tom Bean City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information and qualifications/requirements, call the City Hall at 903-546-6321.



## Tom Bean HS FCCLA Encourages “Kicking Butts And Taking Names!”

Tom Bean High School FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) members are on a mission: to educate their peers and younger students about the dangers of tobacco use.

“Smoking and dipping are seen as the cool thing to do... sort of a “rite of passage” for some teenagers, especially in rural communities. However, a survey of our high school student body showed that only 87% uses tobacco in any form,” says FCCLA president Lindsey Holder.

“Building on that positive statistic, we want to emphasize that there are LOTS of cool teenagers who have chosen a Tobacco-Free lifestyle,” added vice president Brianna Stowers.

We wanted to educate younger teens in middle school about the health dangers of smoking, using smokeless tobacco, and secondhand smoke. We presented this information during their health classes, showing posters and disturbingly graphic models, such as “Mr. Gross Mouth”, “Mr. Dip Lip”, and “Jar of Tar”. The most alarming thing to most of these students were the components of cigarette smoke, including acetone, DDT, formaldehyde, arsenic and lead. We identified the ploys tobacco companies use to get youth to use their products, and students had an opportunity to write a letter to the tobacco industry leaders, vowing to reject their ads.

100% of the students we taught pledged to be tobacco-free!

Tom Bean 4th and 5th graders were also targeted with this project. They helped emphasize the “87%” with a coloring contest, and we presented age-appropriate information to them during their P.E. class. Students participated in activities that illustrated the effect smoking has on lung capacity, as well as on the sense of smell and taste. FCCLA members provided activity booklets to each child to enforce the Tobacco-Free message.

Tom Bean High School FCCLA will partner with NHS and other school organizations to host an area-wide “KICKING BUTTS AND TAKING NAMES” youth rally on March 22, to coincide with National Kick Butts day. Motivational speakers, information, food, and FUN are on the agenda! Students and sponsors from area high schools and middle schools are urged to call Mrs. Sharon Stephens, FCCLA advisor at 903-546-6319 for more information.

**More Tom Bean News  
click here**





## Tom Bean High School announces Dose of Reality program set for Tuesday, Feb. 14

“Drug and Alcohol Awareness Assembly for Tom Bean High School Students” - Emergency Room Nurse – National Motivational Speaker--Linda Dutil, RN, emergency department nurse from Maine and national motivational speaker will present a drug and underage drinking awareness school assembly at Tom Bean High School on Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

Linda demonstrates to students what happens in the emergency room during a drug overdose or alcohol poisoning situation. She shows in detail (in a school assembly format) the stomach pumping process and educates students about the consequences of poor choices.

This presentation brings a very unique perspective. Linda shares intervention skills which empower young people to make good choices and stay safe. The program is visual, engaging, and interactive and leaves a lasting impression on students.

Teenagers are being exposed to drugs and alcohol at a very young age. It is during the adolescent years that they begin to form their decisions concerning drugs and alcohol.

[www.dose-of-reality.com](http://www.dose-of-reality.com)<<http://www.dose-of-reality.com/>>

Tues. Feb. 14, 2012, 8:40 am, Tom Bean High School,  
7719 State Hgwy 11 – Tom Bean,  
TX,<http://hs.tombean-isd.org/>  
Sponsored by Mr. Mike Williams – Ben E. Keith Co. –  
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## Tom Bean MS News

The 7th Grade “A” Team came into Monday night’s district championship game sporting an 8-1 record and a 6 game winning streak. The only blemish on their 8-1 record came against S&S earlier in the year. Since that loss, the Tomcats have won 6 games in a row and managed to play themselves into a long awaited rematch for the District title.

From the opening tip, it was clear that the Tom Bean squad would not be denied this win. They played excellent defense the entire game and limited the Rams to 23 total points. The Tomcats led the entire game and when the final buzzer sounded, the score was 37-23 in favor of Tom Bean. This win gave the Tomcats the District Title and vengeance from the only loss of the season.

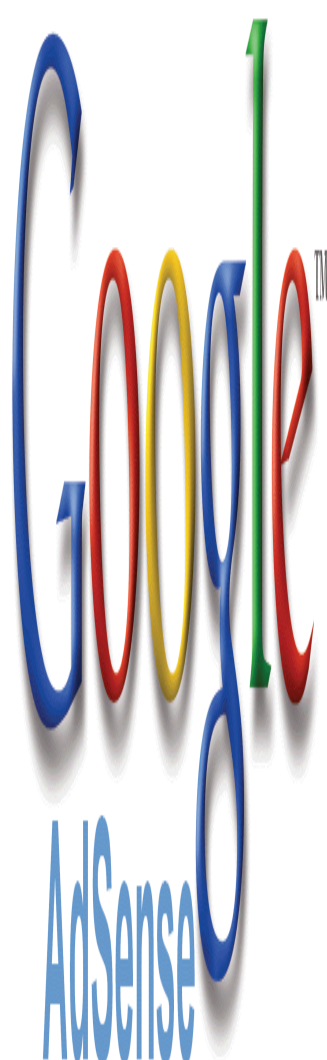
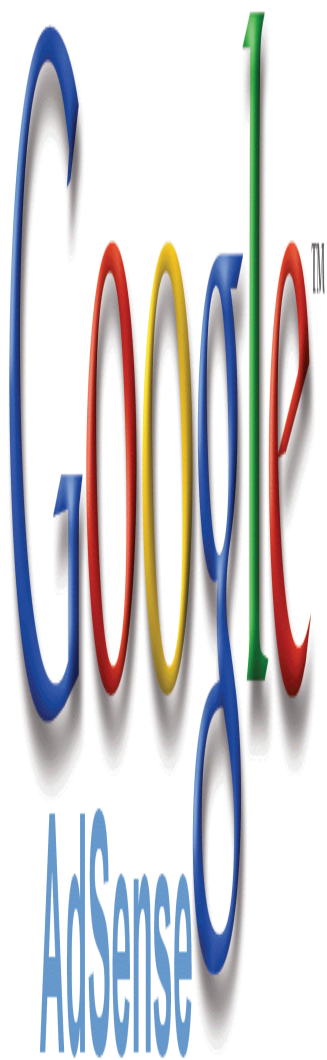
Offensively, the Tomcats were led by Payton Jones with 17 points, Noah White with 5 points, and Carter Khoury with 5 points. Defensively, it was a total team effort led by Payton Jones, who provided lockdown defense against the Ram's best offensive weapon.

As the team’s coach, I could not be more proud of the way they performed in the biggest game of the season. It was a pleasure to work with such a great group of athletes this year. The boys showed not only tremendous athleticism, but also great poise and character throughout the season.

The Tomcats finished the season with a 9-1 record and a District Championship.

Please join me in congratulating this group of students on their great achievement.

Thank you for your support and GO TOMCATS!-Coach Chapman





**Mary "Memaw" (Bradley) Chumbley  
Thompson  
(1916-2012)**

Graveside services for Mary "Memaw" Bradley Chumbley Thompson, 95, of Longview, were held at 1 pm, Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at Allen City Cemetery in Allen. Arrangements are by Welch Funeral Home, Longview, Texas.

Mrs. Thompson was born March 13, 1916 in Howe, Texas and died January 28, 2012, in Longview, Texas. She attended Howe schools and graduated in 1933. She married Albert Chumbley on October 30, 1935. Mary lived the majority of her life in communities in Grayson and Collin counties making lifelong friends in each. She owned a restaurant and worked in the corporate offices of J.C. Penney company in Dallas. She married Lowell Thompson in June, 1973 and lived in Howe until 1994. She returned to Allen for several years and then she moved to the Longview area to be close to family there.

She is survived by one son, Sammy Chumbley and wife Sarah of Longview, Texas. One step-daughter, Janie Thompson Finney and husband Harold of Howe, Texas and one step-son, Tommy Thompson and wife Kay of Duncanville, Texas. She is also survived by grandchildren, great-grand children, nephews and a multitude of friends that all loved and adored "Memaw."

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the charity of your choice. An online registry may be signed at [www.new](http://www.new)





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

## SCP opens “Bus Stop”

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## Paris District Announcement

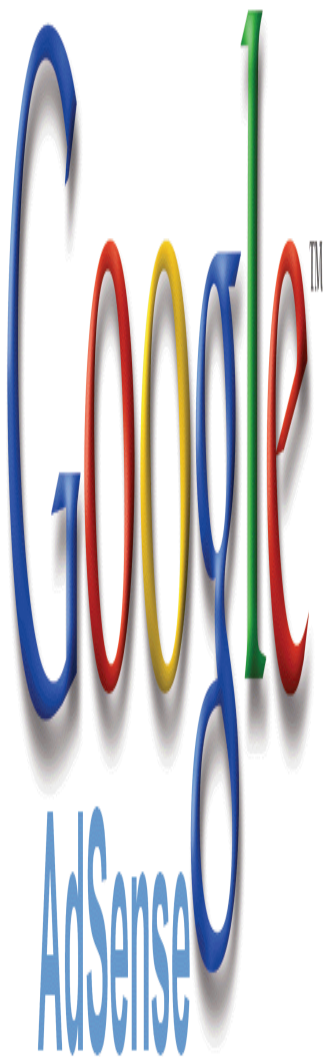
The Paris District of TxDOT is pleased to announce the selection of John E. Grissom as the Grayson/Fannin Counties Maintenance Section Supervisor effective February 2, 2012. John has lived most of his life in Aubrey, Texas. He attended Denton High School and the University of North Texas where he played four years of college football and majored in Engineering Technology (construction).

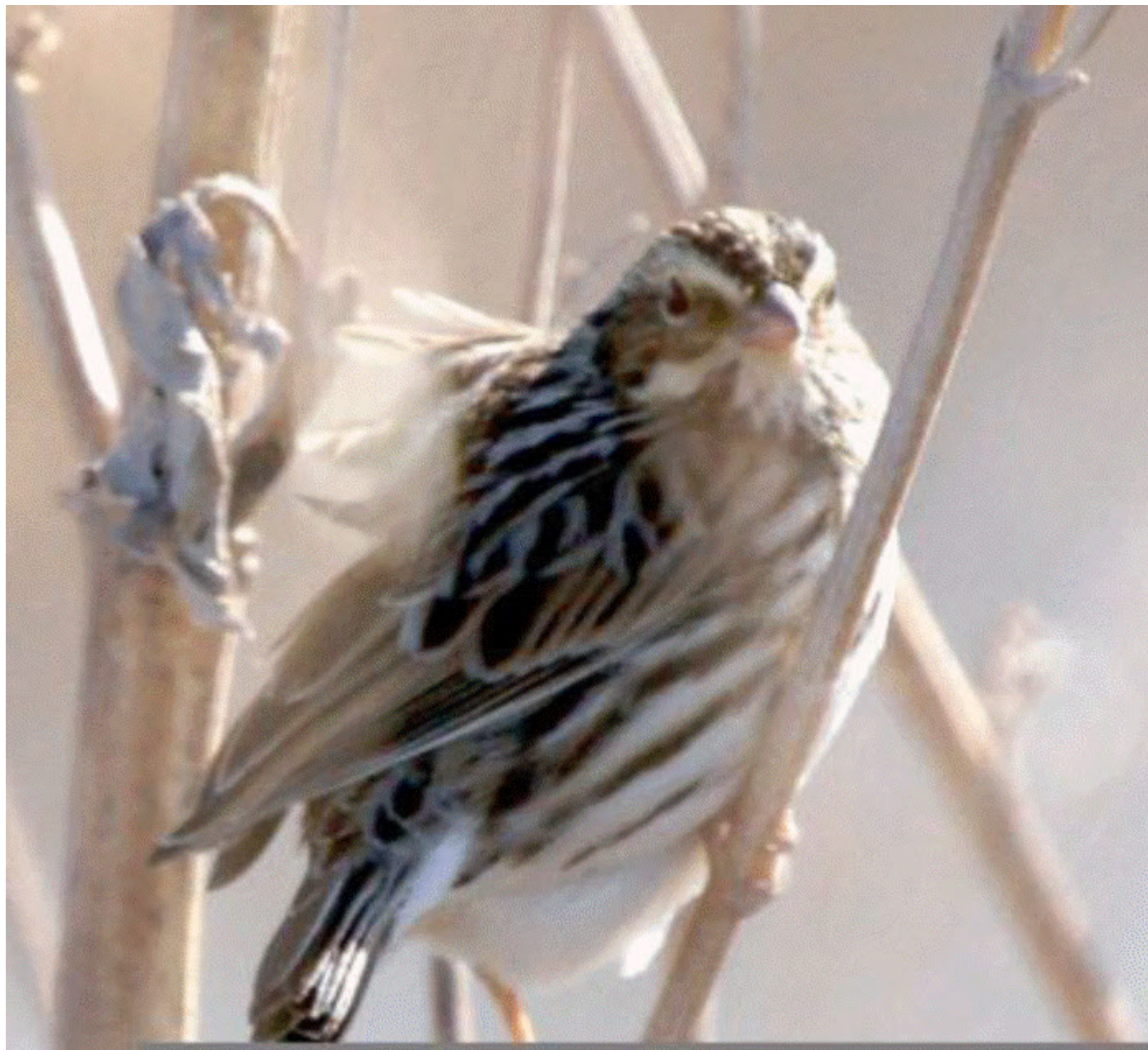
John has spent the past 20 years in the construction industry. He has worked in all areas from using a shovel to operating heavy equipment to managing crews to managing a construction business. For the past 13 years John operated and managed Grissom Construction Company where he constructed commercial, civil, industrial and residential projects.

John and his wife, Jeni, have two daughters, Chloe (5) and Cora (3 mo). In his spare time, he enjoys wood working projects, working on vintage cars, planting garden crops, and flying model aircraft.



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## Sparrows to be topic of Second Saturday program

This song sparrow is one of many species of sparrows that can be found at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. The sparrow population will be the topic of this week's Second Saturday program at the refuge.

Sparrows will be the topic of this week's Second Saturday program at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. The free lecture will begin at 10 am in the meeting room of the refuge's visitor center, followed by a short field trip on the refuge, weather permitting. Attendees may want to bring binoculars and field guides and dress for the weather.

Presenting the program will be Dr. Wayne Meyer. He will discuss the many kinds of sparrows that migrate to Texomaland during the winter months. He will focus on sparrow identification tips for birders of all levels of ability, including the importance of habitat and recognizing species. Meyer groups the species by habitat such as grasslands or trees and brush, then by physical characteristics such as zebra head, red cap, streaky fronts with stickpins and others.

Meyer earned his doctorate from the University of California, Davis, in 1993 and is an associate professor of biology at Austin College in Sherman. Before joining the Austin College in 1993, Meyer taught field biology courses at Sierra College and Ornithology with Dr. Peter Marler at the University of California, Davis. At AC, he teaches anatomy and physiology, cell biology, systemic physiology, and birds, humans and the environment.

For youngsters, Second Saturday for youth will offer "Recyclerama," a morning of hands-on crafts and activities to encourage recycling. The youth program is for ages 4 to 10, with those six and under to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Advance registration is requested to insure space for each child and can be made by calling the refuge at 903-786-2826. This program will be from 10 am until 11:30 am in the Friends of Hagerman audio visual classroom at the refuge. Leaders for the event will be Katie Palmer and Sue Malnory.

Also this Saturday at 12:30 pm, the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club will meet for a program by Dale Thoreson. The program is entitled "The Physiology of Photography: Why We See Things the Way We Do," and winter is the theme for photo sharing at the meeting. This session will be held in the audio visual classroom. For photo sharing details, send an email to [fohphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com).

Second Saturday nature program and the Nature Photo Club are sponsored by Hagerman NWR and the Friends of Hagerman NWR. Programs are free and open to the public. There are nominal dues for the photo club. Hagerman NWR is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, Texas, 75092. For more information, call the refuge or visit [www.friendsofhagerman.com](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com).

*Photo courtesy of Carol Ann Sowell*

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## Fort Parker

By Bob Bowman

In May of 1836, less than two months after Mexican troops killed every defender of the Alamo, another massacre at a frontier garrison bloodied the Texas landscape. The incident left Texas with a slice of history almost as riveting as the Alamo.

The murder, wounding and kidnapping of settlers by Indians at Fort Parker became the catalyst for the remarkable story of Cynthia Ann Parker, a child taken from the fort and raised as an Indian.

Fort Parker was founded by Elder John Parker and his three sons, Benjamin, Silas and James, and other families from the Predestinarian Baptist Church of Crawford County, Illinois. Traveling by ox-drawn wagons, they came to Texas in 1833, settled along the Navasota River, and built Fort Parker for protection against Indians.

Completed in March of 1834, the stockade's walls were constructed of split cedar logs buried in the ground and extending up 12 feet with sharp points. Inside the walls were two-story blockhouses, rows of log cabins for living quarters, and a livestock corral.

The Parkers and other families moved inside the compound and began farming outside the walls. Since there had been no Indian troubles, they felt so secure they left the fort's gates open so workers could come and go with ease.

But on May 19, 1836, while the men worked in the fields and the children played inside the fort, more than 100 Indians -- Comanche, Kiowa, Caddo and Wichita -- appeared at the gates with a white flag of peace.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

The flap over requiring Catholic institutions to buy insurance that covers contraception has astounded me. I simply do not see that provision as an attack on Catholic beliefs. Instead it is a matter of providing coverage for a diverse employee base and allowing them to use or not use that coverage as they see fit.

Another problem, I think, is that insurance companies cannot possibly provide designer insurance for every company that buys insurance.

Suppose the owner of the company belongs to a religious organization that believes receiving a blood transfusion is a mortal sin. First, does that employer have a right to impose his religious beliefs on his employees by denying them the right to insurance coverage for a life-saving treatment that they may need and want? Second, how can an insurance company write the thousands of different policies necessary to accommodate every religious or moral proscription held by individuals in a diverse society?

This controversy reminds me of a conversation with male students on the subject of statutory rape. In every state there is a law that defines statutory rape. What each of those laws says is that there is an age at which a female can give her consent to sexual activity. A male who engages in sexual intercourse with a female before that age can be charged with statutory rape.

"But Ms. Fowler," the boys often asked. "What if she invites me?"

"You don't have to accept every invitation you get," was my standard reply.

I believe that is the proper reply in this flap over insurance coverage for contraceptive materials. Just because the coverage is there doesn't mean anyone has accept it. I do not believe any religious organization should have the power



Happy  
Valentines  
Day



## **BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued**

Benjamin Parker left the fort to talk to the warriors, who told him they wanted a safe place to camp and some beef. As Parker returned with beef, the riders surrounded him and killed him with their lances.

Before the gates could be closed, the raiders rushed inside the fort, and killed Elder John Parker and his son Silas. As the men in the fields rushed to the fort, the Indians escaped with two women and three children. Behind them, five settlers lay dead and others were wounded, some of whom died later.

The next morning the 21 survivors, led by James Parker, started for Fort Houston near present-day Palestine. It took six days to travel the 60 miles.

The two captured women and one of the children were soon ransomed and returned to the Parker family. But Cynthia Ann Parker, 9, and her brother John 6, both children of Silas and Lucy Parker, were kept by the Comanches.

John became a Comanche warrior, married a Mexican captive, and settled on a ranch in Mexico.

Cynthia Ann became the most famous of the captives. She was adopted by a Comanche family, her name changed to Naduah, and resisted ransom several times. In her teens she married Comanche chief Pete Nocona and had three children, one of whom became Chief Quanah Parker.

In the winter of 1860, a group of Texas Rangers led by Captain Sul Ross attacked an Indian camp along the Pease River in the Texas Panhandle. Cynthia Ann Parker and her daughter Prairie Flower were caught trying to escape.

Noticing her blue eyes, Ross knew Cynthia Ann was not an Indian and sent for her uncle Isaac Parker, who identified her.

The former hostage was returned to her family in East Texas, but could not adjust to the white man's ways. She died in 1864 at the age of 37, six months after the death of Prairie Flower. Both were buried in Fosterville Cemetery near Poynor.

Cynthia Ann's son, Quanah died in Oklahoma in 1911. In 1957 the bodies of Cynthia Ann and Prairie Flower were exhumed and reburied at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Old Fort Parker -- where the Cynthia Ann Parker saga began -- was reconstructed and is now operated as a state historic site.

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

## **Dot's Dashes, continued**

to place limits on the medical care its employees are eligible to receive.

Ultimately, however, what I believe to be true doesn't make it true.

Among the basic guarantees listed in Amendment I to the United States Constitution are these:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

That seems straightforward and easily understood, but it isn't. In fact, the provisions are contradictory and therein lies the rub.

School prayer is a case in point. If a tax supported school requires or permits or supervises a religious activity such as prayer or a daily devotional in classrooms, is it establishing a religion? From one point of view, the answer is "Yes."

On the other hand, if students who want to broadcast their prayers over the school's loud speaker are prevented from doing so, is the state prohibiting free exercise of religion? From one point of view, the answer is, "Yes."

The question then becomes, "How do we resolve the competing interests?"

That's what courts are for and one side or the other will go away unhappy whatever the decision. And, if past history is any indicator, whoever loses the battle over insurance for contraceptive materials will never give up and will keep battling for its viewpoint forever.

Long live the right never to admit you might be wrong!



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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Interim Charges for House Committees

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

#### *House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety*

**\*Examine** the extent of interstate coordination concerning border security and intelligence sharing and determine whether any changes to state law are needed to enhance that coordination and cooperation. (Joint with the House Committee on Border & Intergovernmental Affairs)

**\*Monitor** the Texas Department of Public Safety's implementation of the driver's license improvement plan and the use of the funds appropriated to the department for such purposes by the 82nd Legislature. Evaluate the feasibility of privatization with the intent to minimize wait times for Texans. (Joint with the House Committee on Appropriations)

**\*Determine** the feasibility and need for a digital emergency public service messaging network to be developed on established evacuation routes.

**\*Examine** the role of law enforcement personnel assigned to school district campuses and postsecondary education campuses and determine whether any changes to laws concerning the enforcement of safety and discipline are necessary. Determine whether additional training of law enforcement personnel assigned to school district and secondary education campuses is necessary.

**\*Examine** state and federal law to determine whether existing provisions adequately address security and efficiency concerns for steamship agencies and land ports of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

**\*Evaluate** whether the state and the federal government have provided sufficient manpower, infrastructure, and technology to personnel in the border region. (Joint with the House Committee on Border & Intergovernmental Affairs)

The House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety can be reached at 512-463-0133. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at [larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.





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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.

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## Local Churches

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BAPTIST CHURCH

George Seevers, 903/364-2942

### Cherry Mound

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

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CHURCH Hwy. 902W,  
903/476-5525

### Gunter

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912 S Denny St.

903/532-6828; Roger Roper,  
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CHURCH 810 N. Denny,  
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## The many praises given to love

4 Love suffereth long, *and* is kind; Love envieth not; Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Love never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, Love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* Love.

1 Cor 13:4-13 (KJV)

## Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

The church will also be having "Movie Night" once a month and the public is invited to attend. There will be a Christian based movie along with drinks, popcorn and candy. This month the movie night will be February 17@6:30 pm.

A Valentine's party will be held at the church Saturday night February 11th at 6:30 and everyone is invited to attend. So put on your favorite "couples" costume and come on out for some good food and fun.

The church has home study groups throughout the week.

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

The church will have VBS July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 pm.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light your way.

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



## Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts.

Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

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

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,  
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Rev. Mack Rogers  
RED RIVER  
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**Van Alstyne**  
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Shannon Jackson, minister,  
903/482-6033  
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minister; worship 11am  
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Jim Poole, pastor,  
903/482-6356  
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Pastor Kenneth L. Price,  
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## An Imperishable Crown

A recent radio program carried the story of a man who was walking behind the campus of a nearby State College when, in the distance, he saw what looked like a HUGE “treasure chest” filled with gold and silver, shimmering in the sunlight...

Upon closer inspection however, he discovered that the “treasure” was actually a collection of “trophy” of every shape and size that had been piled high in a dumpster!

The college was simply repeating a ritual of clearing their shelves and cabinets of all the old trophies, plaques and awards received over the years in order to make room for the next generation of college students.

As he gazed upon the glittering spectacle, he realized how these trophies in the dumpster might accurately represent all the worldly achievements, ideals and struggles of man such as fame, popularity, wealth, and power. And he could see their ultimate end – to eventually be discarded as “worthless” and then crushed and ground to dust!

Gleaning a lesson from a sporting event with application to living the Christian life, the Apostle Paul wrote:

“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” -- 1 Corinthians 9:25

The trophies of the world will not last (see 2 Peter 3:10), but Christ offers to us an “Imperishable Crown” – the crown of LIFE (James 1:12).

One day, each of us will stand before the Judgment seat of Christ...

On that day ALL will recognize that the GREATEST accomplishment was what Jesus did for us on the cross: He died for our sins so that we might receive the crown of eternal life!

Jesus has promised to give the crown of life to those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38), and live faithfully to Him for the rest of their lives (Revelation 2:10).

The glory of the crown made possible through the cross of Christ motivated George Bennard to pen the following words:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Won't YOU lay down your worldly, perishing trophies TODAY and submit your life to the Savior so that you may on THAT DAY, receive the “Imperishable Crown”?

-- David A. Sargent / Mike Eddlemon  
Church of Christ at Creekwood, Mobile, Alabama

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LEGAL TIPS:

## Estate Planning & Resolutions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

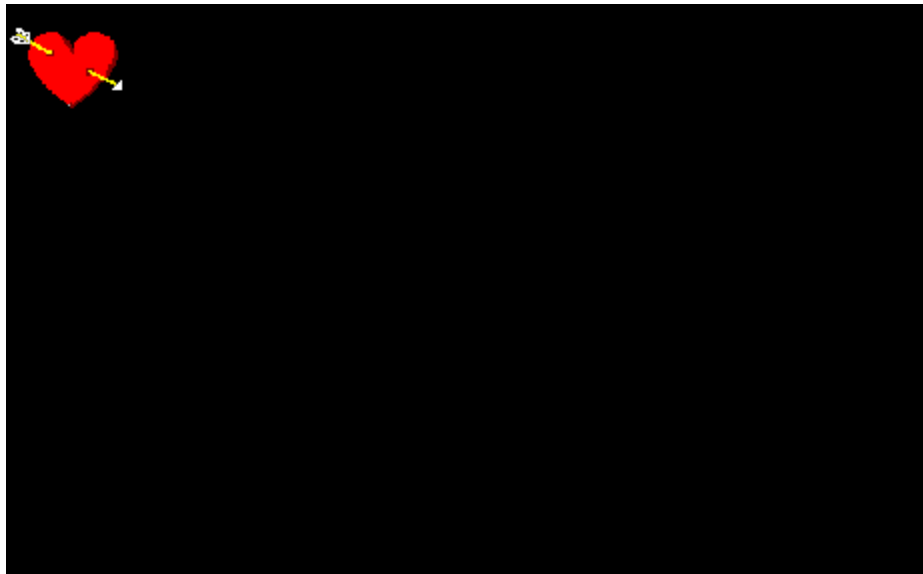
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## Movie moves Deep in the Heart for FFA, 4-H

By Gene Hall

Dick Wallrath's generosity to FFA and 4-H is the stuff of legends.

The top individual donor by far to these organizations, Wallrath knows what it's like to hit rock bottom. He also understands the power of forgiveness, faith and hard work to heal the scars of addiction and pain.

Wallrath beat alcoholism and went on to establish Champion Windows, which became phenomenally successful. When he decided to give back to his country and state, he did so in a big way. His gifts to these organizations total more than \$16 million.

Dick Wallrath's life is the subject of the film Deep in the Heart, scheduled for release on Feb. 17 at Cinemark Theaters. I've not yet seen it, but I will next week. I've met Dick and his passion for the kids of FFA and 4-H is inspiring and contagious.

My friend Aaron Alejandro of the Texas FFA Foundation, who has a small part in the movie, describes Dick Wallrath as "humble, yet a powerful personality and a leader by example."

"I have no words to express the appreciation all of us in FFA have for Mr. Wallrath's generosity and leadership in support of our program," Aaron told me. "With him, what you see is what you get."

"The film tracks Mr. Wallrath's life story from losing everything to rediscovering his faith and finding redemption with the support of his family," said Jim Reeves, executive director of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. "After struggling with alcoholism and the loss of a child, Wallrath once again found his

faith and was given a second chance, which he made the most of by building a successful business with his sons."

During Wallrath's 13-year involvement with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, he has purchased 130 steers, including three reserve champion and three grand champions, one of which he bought for \$601,000 -- a world record.

He also has purchased six grand champions at the Star of Texas show in Austin and two grand champions, one reserve champion and 82 breed champions at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Wallrath's combined purchases at these shows totals more than \$5 million. In addition, he recently bought the grand champion steer at the 2012 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo for \$230,000, which was the most ever paid for a champion steer in the history of that event.

From 2006 to the present, the Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation has awarded a total of 780 \$10,000 scholarships to 4-H and FFA members, with more than 500 students who have received these scholarships currently attending Texas universities. But, if you ask Wallrath, he doesn't give scholarships. God gives the scholarships -- Wallrath is just allowed to deliver the checks.

For a look at how the FFA feels about Dick Wallrath, take a look at this video <http://bit.ly/yToIwk>. For more on the movie, visit the Deep in the Heart official website: <http://bit.ly/p7kpiD>. For a list of theaters and show times, visit this link: <http://bit.ly/xYNDxW>.

A portion of the movie's sales will go to Wallrath's foundation to continue to support the programs he's come to love. Buying a ticket helps FFA and 4-H kids and will give you a look at a life of failure, success, desperation, redemption and, above all, faith.



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## What's in the Farm Bill?

*By Amanda Hill*

It's an election year and, even just a few months in, we're all hearing messages of government spending, the federal deficit and our annual budget. Part of that conversation is the farm bill, which is scheduled to be updated this year by the Senate and House agriculture committees.

Sometimes politicians point to the farm bill for savings, claiming that by cutting programs to farmers and ranchers, we can save the country a ton of money. To some, a smaller farm bill is the solution to all of our country's money problems. But before we start making large cuts to any federal programs (including the farm bill), it's important to know what those programs actually cover.

Did you know that 75 percent of farm bill funding goes to federal food programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formally known as the federal food stamp program), school meals and other food nutrition programs? In comparison, only 7 percent is used for what are called commodity programs, or federal assistance for farmers and ranchers.

Actually, if our legislators decided to completely eliminate "farm subsidies," we would only save one-quarter of 1 percent of our country's annual budget. To me, that doesn't seem like very much savings.

A well-balanced farm bill is important for all Americans -- not just farmers and ranchers. Not only are there 46 million Americans who receive food assistance through SNAP, but we rely on our farmers and ranchers to provide healthy, safe food at affordable prices.

Commodity programs are a safety net for farmers and protect their businesses from large economic swings from unpredictable events like major drought, floods and other natural disasters. When they are able to stay in business, even in difficult years, they can continue growing food for American families for years to come. As a result, we avoid large price swings at the grocery store, and it's easier for all of us to maintain our grocery budgets.

As the Senate and House agriculture committees work to write the 2012 Farm Bill, they are working to incorporate \$23 billion in voluntary cuts over the next 10 years. From what has been proposed, those cuts will include \$15 billion to commodity programs, \$4 billion to conservation programs and \$4 billion to federal food assistance programs.

Agriculture has been reasonable about our nation's budget troubles and has offered ways to contribute to the solution. But as the farm bill is written this year, I hope our legislators approach all budget cuts with a dose of common sense -- for all of our sake.



## TELLING OUR STORIES

By Jerry Lincecum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

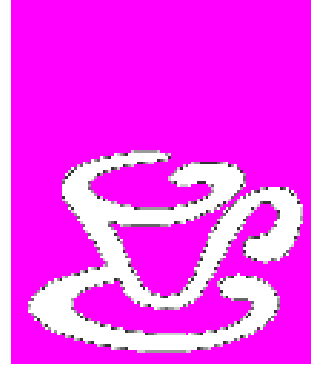
Coming from a large family, I have memories of a very orderly system of taking turns opening gifts. Then chaos ensued and almost inevitably some important tag or leaflet disappeared amid the wrapping paper.

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

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

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## Born-Again Hindu

A zealous Christian who was trying to convert a Hindu found himself getting nowhere. "The thing is," argued the frustrated Christian, "you have to be born again!"

"But I have been born again!" insisted the Hindu. "And again and again and again ..."

## The Healing Power of Holy Water?

One morning a man came into the church on crutches. He stopped in front of the holy water, put some on both legs, and then threw away his crutches. An altar boy witnessed the scene and then ran into the rectory to tell the priest what he'd just seen.

"Son, you've just witnessed a miracle!" the priest said. "Tell me where is this man now?"

"Flat on his butt over by the holy water!" the boy informed him.

## Actual Personals From Jewish Newspapers

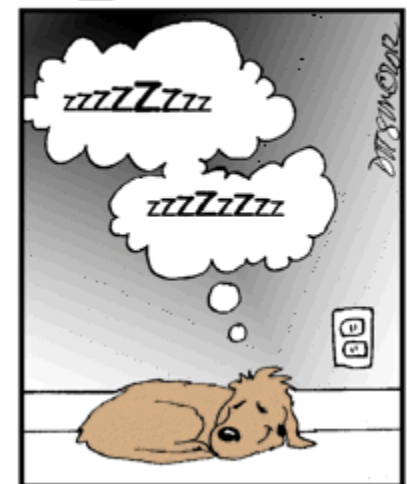
Divorced Jewish man seeks partner to attend shul with, light Shabbos candles, celebrate holidays, build Sukkah together, attend brisses and Bar Mitzvahs. Religion not important.

Israeli professor, 41, with 18 years of teaching in my behind. Looking for American-born woman who speaks English very good. I am a sensitive Jewish prince to whom you can open your heart to share your innermost thoughts and deepest secrets. Confide in me. I'll understand your insecurities. No fatties, please.

Jewish male, 34. Very successful, smart, independent, self-made. Looking for girl whose father will hire me.

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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

