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Friends of the Howe
Community Library will
meet on Monday, Jan. 31,
at noon at the library.

All interested persons are
welcome to attend. Please
bring a salad or something
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January 27, 2011

Local Resident Receives Degree at Texas State

SAN MARCOS, Texas (Grassroots
Newswire) January 24, 2011 - Kelsa
R Bertrand, a resident of Howe
(75459), was one of the graduates
during recent fall commencement
ceremonies at Texas State
University-San Marcos. Bertrand
received a bachelor's degree in
Interdisciplinary Studies.

Texas State is a doctoral granting
university located in the Austin-San
Antonio corridor on the edge of the
Texas Hill Country. With an
enrollment of 32,586, it is the largest
campus in the Texas State University
System and has been named one of
America's Best Value Colleges by
the Princeton Review.

Texas State is a diverse campus
community with minority students
comprising more than 28 percent of
total enrollment. It is one of the top
13 producers of Hispanic
baccalaureate graduates in the
nation.

Former Howe City Council Member Dies

Former Howe resident Phyllis
Stoffregen, who served on the Howe
City Council several years ago,
passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011.

New AD

The Howe School Board voted on Thursday, Jan. 20, to hire Joe
Watson as the Athletic Director/Head Coach.

Watson takes over the post replacing Cory Crane who led the
Bulldogs to a 9-2 record and the District 5-2A (II) title last year.
Crane held the AD job for one year before leaving to pursue a
different career.



Currently a member of the
staff at Howe ISD, Watson
takes on his new position as
of February 1.

Howe Superintendent Kevin
Wilson said, "We like the
way he interacted with the
students and especially those
in the athletic program."

A graduate of East Texas
State University in
Commerce, Watson was
employed as an assistant
coach at Blue Ridge in 1989.
He served as offensive

coordinator and head girls basketball coach at Blue Ridge and
moved to Whitewright in 1993.

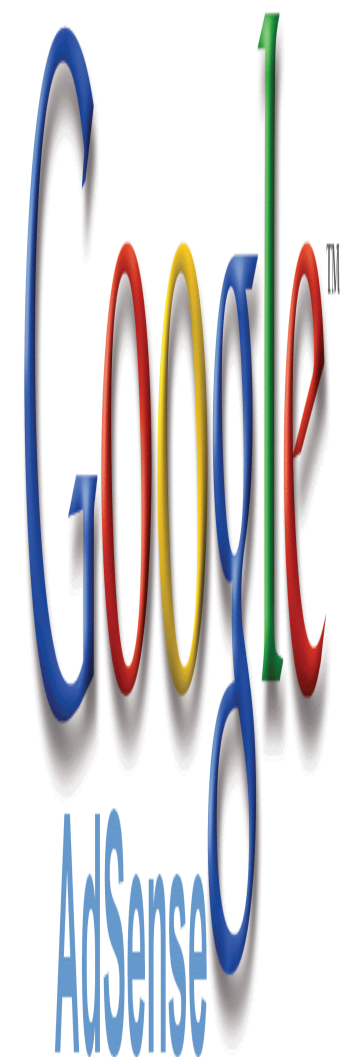
He moved to Celeste in 1996 and helped the team win a district
title and the 1997 team made it to the state semifinals.

He returned to Blue Ridge in 1998 where after three years he took
a head coach position with Dawson with his team finishing 4-6.

He moved back to the Grayson County area and served five years
at Tom Bean on the coaching staff during the time that Tom Bean
won two district championships.

During 2006 and 2007, Watson served as head coach at Blue
Ridge with the team posting 6-4 and 0-10 seasons.

In 2008 Watson came to Howe as an assistant so he could spend
more time with his family. During this time he was the Bulldogs'
defensive coordinator.



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Austin College Hosts Electronic Recycling Event

SHERMAN, TEXAS - Austin College will hold an “e-waste” recycling event open to the public on Saturday, January 29, 9 a. to noon. E-waste professionals will accept unwanted electrical equipment and materials at the old Sherman Wire Plant at 1300 East Pacific. The event is a part of the College’s Thinking Green initiative.

The recycling is free, except for cathode ray tube (CRT) TVs and monitors (not flat screens), which require a disposal fee of \$7-\$15, depending on the size of the CRT. CRTs contain hazardous materials and are a breakage hazard so require special handling by recyclers. The College is working with EWaste Disposal to ensure proper processing.

All items operated by electricity or batteries will be collected, such as cameras, computer equipment, refrigerators, printers, microwaves, keyboards, monitors, household equipment. Coordinators said “if it has a plug or runs on batteries, it is acceptable.” Hard drive sweeps, with a certification of completion provided, are \$15. Additional information is available at www.ewastegroup.com. For more information, contact biology lab coordinator Kim Snipes at ksnipes@austincollege.edu.

Austin College Thinking Green is part of the College’s commitment to sustainability and responsible stewardship as part of the President’s Climate Commitment. The program emphasizes lifestyle changes such as recycling.

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*.



Austin College Concert Band Seeks Performers

SHERMAN, TEXAS - The Austin College Concert Band is seeking qualified musicians from the community to audition for performance, with openings in most sections of the band. The Concert Band director, Robert Archer, Austin College adjunct instructor in music, explained that the group is a full concert band, doubling many parts. The band has opening for double bass (string bass) and piano as well as wind and percussion instruments. Spring rehearsals begin February 2 at 7 pm in Craig Hall Room 114.

Archer said the large ensemble is dedicated to reading and performing traditional and contemporary band literature. This spring the music focus will be on British composers, both old and new.

Now in its eighth season, the band is a joint effort of Austin College and community musicians. Band members include Austin College students-music majors and non-music majors, Austin College faculty, area high school band directors, and community members who enjoy playing music.

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 2, rehearsals will be held each Wednesday, 7 to 9 pm, in Craig Hall Room 114 on the Austin College campus. The band’s spring concert is scheduled for April 20 at 7:30 pm in Wynne Chapel.

Individuals seeking information about the ensemble or wishing to participate should contact Archer at barcher@austincollege.edu or call the Department of Music at 903. 813.2251.



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Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa" Rideout



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

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.

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

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We have had lots of comments about the changes in our getting out the Howe, Tom Bean, and area news. We had no choice in no longer printing a newspaper because it had been a losing proposition for several months. We tried to sell the paper, but that deal fell through.

Instead of completely giving up, we found a way to post news online at www.texomaenterprise.net. We had built up a great network to receive news and views from all over. We have reduced our expenses and we think we might even be able to take in a few dollars so that our readers will be able to learn what is going on in the Texoma area.

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Southern Spoon Bread

- 3/4 cup corn meal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 Tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs (well beaten)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

Combine meal, salt and butter in mixing bowl. Add boiling water slowly and beat until smooth. Add milk, eggs and baking powder, mixing thoroughly. Turn into well greased shallow baking dish and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about 45 minutes. Serves 4-6.

Cat Chat



by C. Cat, Jr.

Running a little late this week. I had a great time over the week-end at Texas Press Association's mid-winter convention in San Marcos.

You should have been there. We had some great speakers and we learned a lot. We also got to meet some very notable people.

One of our speakers was Cal Thomas. Cal is a conservative writer, radio host, and TV personality. You have probably read some of his columns or seen him on FOX TV. He has written several books as well.

A special guest at dinner with Cal Thomas was Larry Gatlin. Yes, that one, the singer. He and Cal have been friends for a long time and he joined Cal at the convention.

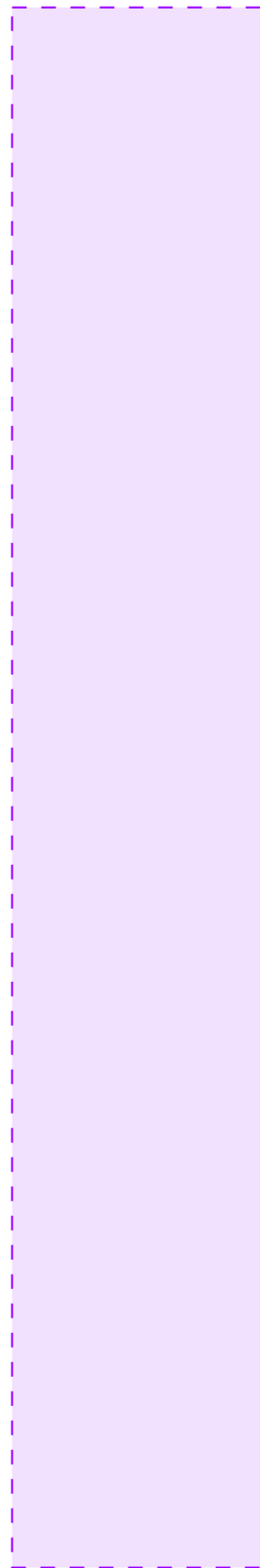
You may read a column called "Helpful Hints by Heloise." She has been around for many years. Infact, her daughter took over for her when she retired a long time ago. Well, Heloise was there for one of our meals.

Another writer there was Jeffrey Zaslow. So you think you never heard of him? Well guess again. Several years ago when Ann Landers died there was a contest to find someone to replace her advice column. Jeffrey won the contest and wrote

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Howe's That, continued

Last weekend my husband and I attended the annual Texas Press Association Midwinter Conference and Trade Show in San Marcos. Through our carrying the TexSCAN classified ads last year, we had earned having expenses for one of us paid, leaving just meals to be paid for the other. (Since we are no longer printing the paper, that will go away for us.)

At the Conference, we heard many good speakers and learned a lot of tips to help us continue getting news to our readers.

It was a lot of fun to see our publisher friends and others who attend the event.

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an advice column for years. You have probably read some of his writing.

Furthermore, Mr. Zaslow wrote the life story of "Sully." Oh, sure you remember "Sully," not just because he was from Denison but because he was the pilot who landed his plane in the Hudson River after losing all his engines. He saved the lives of all his passengers and others who might have perished if he had tried to make it to an airport.

Perhaps you are familiar with The Last Lecture, about a college professor who was dying of cancer when giving his last lecture. His story became an overnight drama. He was young, with small children. He knew he would never see them grow up. He wanted to leave them a message about how to live life. Jeffrey Zaslow helped Randy Pausch write that story, and managed to get it published before Mr. Pausch died. He got the chance to read this message he left for his children, and the rest of the world.

What else happened on our trip? Well, since the Old Man and his Lady have converted to only a web based newspaper, they are no longer eligible to be members of the Texas Press Association. You must be working for what is considered a "legal newspaper," in the state of Texas to be part of this group. Well, Old Man is now a consultant and writer for another newspaper about three hours away. We will tell you more later, but for now this qualifies he for the TPA.

One more thing about our trip. We spent the night in Waco and visited the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. You need to see that place. But about bedtime, the Old Man and His lady were watching television and quite sleepy – when suddenly the fire alarm in the motel sounded. It continued for about 30 minutes. As Old Man got ready to leave the room, he turned to his Lady and asked if she were going too. She wanted to know where they were going. You see, there was a fire alarm on the television program also, and she thought it was all part of the show. She did get up and they went to the lobby for a while until they could be sure the alarm was a false alarm. See you next week.

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Winter Temperatures Can Be Hazardous to the Elderly

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Each winter elderly individuals suffer illness, serious accidents, and even death related to cold temperatures.

Exposure to cold temperatures can lead to hypothermia, a condition when the drop in body temperature can become life threatening, particularly for the elderly. Symptoms include slow speech, confusion, fatigue, feelings of deep cold and numbness, decreased heart rate, pale and cold skin, and uncontrolled shivering.

Seniors on low-fixed incomes are especially vulnerable because they may hesitate to adequately warm their homes due to worries about high utility bills.

The Visiting Nurse Association has suggestions to help ensure a warm and safe winter for the elderly:

- Draft-proof doors and windows to help keep heat inside the house.
- Try to keep the temperature in the main room of the house at 70 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
- Use only portable heaters that are approved for indoor use. Using outdoor heaters inside the house can result in fire and dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.
- Keep combustible materials, including furniture and drapes at least three feet away from any heat source. Never dry clothes on a space heater.
- Make sure there is a working smoke detector in every room and that the batteries are checked regularly.

- Stay indoors as much as possible during cold weather. If it's necessary to go outside, wear gloves and a hat. An uncovered head loses 40 to 50 percent of a person's body temperature.

- Dress warmly, indoors and out, wearing several layers of thin clothing. Layered clothing traps warm air and helps keep the body warm. Keep clothing dry; if a layer becomes wet, remove it.

- Consume hot meals and drinks, which provide warmth and energy.

- Drink plenty of water. The body loses moisture when the air is cold and dry. The body gets cold easier when dehydrated.

- Stay as active as possible to maintain blood circulation, which helps the body keep warm.

The Visiting Nurse Association also recommends that relatives or friends routinely check on individuals 65 years of age or older during periods of freezing temperatures to see if the heat inside their homes is adequate and safety precautions are being followed. If hypothermia is suspected, 9-1-1 should be called.

"Many of our elderly find it difficult to ask for help, valuing self-reliance and independence, even if it means ignoring a need," says Nancy Neaves, R.N. and branch supervisor of the Visiting Nurse Association's Collin County office. "If you think an elderly family member or neighbor needs assistance, make an effort to help."

Photo caption: Cold temperatures can be hazardous to the elderly, but there are ways to help stay warm



James Clyde Burrow (1935-2011)



James Clyde Burrow went home to be with His Lord on Jan. 21, 2011. He was born on Aug. 20, 1935 in Whitewright to Jessie and Johnnie Burrow. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Ronnie Burrow and Dickie Dean Burrow; one sister Barbara Donoho and one son, John Armstrong.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Patsy of Howe; daughter, Tammy Miller of Sherman, son Darrin Armstrong and wife Karen of Sherman,; brothers Gary Kuhel of Canton, Billy Kuhel of Colorado Springs, and Johnnie Scoggins of Tioga. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Jean Wallis of Howe.

He has three grandsons, Chris Armstrong of Sherman, Josh Armstrong of Avery, and Jacob Purdum of Sherman. He has one granddaughter, Terra Maden of Melton, Fla., and three great-granddaughters, Maykila, Tiffany, and Paisley.

James worked for Burlington Industries for 20 years, Kraft Foods for 15 years, and Sherman Plastics for five years. James loved his family, to go camping and travel, and woodworking. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Sims, Brandon Reddick, Harold Turner, Brad Turner, Keith Housewright, and Terry Housewright. Officiating the services will be Andy Turner.

Services are under the direction of Flesher Funeral Home in Van Alstyne, and will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 in the Flesher Funeral Chapel in Howe. Family visitation will be from 6 -8 pm on Monday at Flesher Funeral Chapel in Howe.

Online condolences are available at www.flesherfh.com and will be made available to the family.



Tommy J. Turner

SHERMAN - Funeral services for Tommy J. Turner will be held at 10 am Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Western Heights Church of Christ. Pastor Kenny Richardson of the Crossroads Baptist Church in Longview will officiate and Judge James Fry will deliver the eulogy. Burial with Masonic rites will follow at Holloway with Lance Turner, David Lawson, Steven Lawson, Jerry Lynn Cheeks, Tyler Turner, and Reece Taplin serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Grayson County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Turner, 62, passed away Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 at Texas Health Presbyterian-WNJ.



Tommy was born Feb. 13, 1948 in Sherman to the late Luster and Eddy Jo (Nunly) Turner. He graduated from Sherman High School in 1966 and married Linda Reece on July 6, 1967. Tommy served in the U.S. Air Force for four years before starting a career in law enforcement that lasted over thirty years.

After retiring from the Grayson County Sheriff's Department in 2006, Tommy became a Special Investigator for Child

Protective Services, where he was currently employed. He was truly loved by all who knew him and he loved all. He and his wife Linda had forty-three and a half wonderful years of marriage. They had two children who were the light of his life. Tommy was a member of the Andrew Randell Masonic Lodge and the Western Heights Church of Christ.

Mr. Turner is survived by his wife, Linda of Sherman; one son, Tim Turner and his wife Gina of Whitesboro; daughter, Melissa Taplin and husband Sean of Garland; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Nicole, Rachael, and Abby Turner of Whitesboro and Reece, Tommy, and Jonathan Taplin of Garland; two brothers, L.J. Turner and wife Kathy of Como, and David Bramblett and wife Sharon of Houston; two sisters, Linda Howard and husband Bob of Sherman and Nancy Lawson and husband Rollie of Farmer's Branch; stepmother, Essie Turner of Carrollton; five nephews, four nieces, and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm Tuesday at Waldo Funeral Home. The register book can be signed online at waldofuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made to the Hilltop Haven Activities Fund at P.O. Box 39, Gunter, Texas 75058.

Bryce Mosier, Austin Poll and Madison Mosier; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Hall Cemetery in Howe with David Kautt officiating. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Friday at Flesher Funeral Home in Van Alstyne. You may sign the online registry at www.flesherfh.com.

Dustn Clay Lovelady

Dustn Clay Lovelady, age 29 of Howe, TX passed away January 18, 2011 in Sherman, TX. He was born on April 4, 1981 in McKinney, TX to Rodger Clay and Margie (Coker) Lovelady. Dustn worked as an air traffic controller for the Navy and was a member of the Christian faith.

He is survived by his parents, Rodger and Margie Lovelady of Howe; brother, Michael Evans and wife, Laura of Frisco and Christy Mosier and husband, Michael of Howe; five nieces and nephews, Alisha Evans, Darin Evans,

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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS

Town names

by Bob Bowman

If you've ever wondered how some East Texas towns got their names, you may be surprised at some of the origins.

Some town names seem obvious, but are not. Everyone assumes that Ben Franklin in Delta County was named for one of our nation's founding fathers. Actually, it was named for Ben Franklin Simmons, son of Ben J. Simmons, who was granted ten sections of land in 1854.

And Boston in Bowie County was not named for the Massachusetts city, but for pioneer storekeeper W.J. Boston. Bowie County actually has three Bostons: Boston, Old Boston and New Boston, the county seat.

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Dot's Dashes



by Dorothy N. Fowler

I think you can be too determined to bloom where you're planted. Living by that axiom and that one alone can stunt your growth and keep you from having some grand adventures and even grander opportunities. On the other hand, if you are planted firmly, it is a great idea to try to become the best flower in the garden, tough in drought and flood, sunlight and snow. Reaching for the best never hurt anybody, or as the poet said, "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" Having pontificated for the day, I am sharing with you information about places to retire. A friend who retired from Texas to New Jersey sent this information. Consider it carefully before planting yourself.

You can retire to Phoenix, Arizona where...

1. You are willing to park 3 blocks away because you found shade.
2. You've experienced condensation on your hiney from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
3. You can drive for 4 hours in one direction and never leave town.
4. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
5. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door.
6. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!

OR

You can retire to California where...

1. You make over \$250,000 and still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
5. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.
6. The 4 seasons are: Fire, Flood, Mud, and Drought.

MAYBE

You can retire to New York City where...

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.

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Dot's Dashes, continued

2. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
3. You think Central Park is "nature."
4. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
5. You've worn out a car horn. (Ed. Note: If you have a car).
6. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

OR THERE IS THIS

You can retire to Minnesota where...

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco
- ..
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for casserole.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

MAYBE EVEN THIS

You can retire to the Deep South where...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
3. "He needed killin'" is a valid defense.
4. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean, Mary Beth, etc.
5. Everything is either "in yonder," "over yonder" or "out yonder." It's important to know the difference, too.

OR YOU COULD

retire to Colorado where...

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and so he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

OR maybe

You can retire to the Midwest where...

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

THEN there's this

FINALLY You can retire to Florida where.

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind -- even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people.

BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

And, despite a long-standing story, Dobbin in Montgomery County wasn't named for an old horse, but for Garrett A. Dobbin. And Mayflower in Newton County wasn't named for the Pilgrims' ship, but for flowers growing in the spring.

Some towns borrowed names from other places or people, but reversed the spelling. Good examples are Reklaw (Walker) in Cherokee County, Sacul (Lucas) in Nacogdoches, and Remlig (Gilmer) in Jasper County.

Moscow in Polk County was once known as Greenville, but when it sought a post office, the name was rejected because a Greenville already existed in Texas. A disgruntled townsman said: "Send in Moscow; it's far enough so there can't be any objections." Sure enough, there wasn't.

The name of Slocum in Anderson County was suggested by E.T. McDaniel who said the town's development would be slow to come, but he felt it would eventually happen.

Acol, an old logging community, was located in several counties because it had a mobile post office that moved with the loggers. The name came by combining the initials of Angelina County Lumber Company.

Direct in Lamar County supposedly got its name while Indians were holding a pow-wow across the Red River. They were out of whiskey, but knew a saloon was across the river in Texas. One of the Indians supposedly said, "I am going direct to Texas." The name was submitted for a post office in 1884.

Dodge in Walker County was named when railroad officials decided to run a line around Huntsville and, in the process, "dodged" the town. A nearby railroad switch became "Dodge."

E.A. McCammack, an early settler, gave Choice in Shelby County its name because he felt it was a "choice" place to live.

The name of Cuthand in Red River County came from a creek which was named when an Indian cut his hand while working beside the stream.

The name of Fastrill, an old logging community in Cherokee County, came from parts of the names of three Diboll lumbermen, F.F. Farrington, P;H. Strauss, and Will Hill.

Poke Hindman owned a store in Fannin County and wanted a post office. All of his name suggestions were rejected, so he submitted "Telephone" since he was the only person in the community with one.

Pluck in Polk County was named by George Deason because, in his opinion, a man had to have "pluck" to locate there.

The name of Talco in Titus County was derived in 1913 from using the first letters of each word of the Texas, Arkansas and, Louisiana Candy Company (and the o from Company).

When Pickton in Hopkins County was founded, two men were appointed to "pick a name for the town." They suggested 'Pick Town,' which was later shortened.

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

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HISD Menus

Jan. 31-Feb.

Breakfast

Monday- Cinnamon roll, apple cinnamon muffin w/toast, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced peaches, apple juice

Tuesday- Biscuits & sausage, gravy, cereal w/toast, spiced apples, orange juice

Wednesday – Strawberry or Blueberry pop tart, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, grape juice

Thursday Breakfast bagel, cereal w/toast, applesauce, orange juice

Friday Morning sausage, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fruit cocktail, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY – Cheeseburger, fish sandwich potato rounds, burger fixins, corn cobbette, diced peaches, chocolate pudding

TUESDAY – Chicken rings, small chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, spiced apples, green beans, wheat roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY – BBQ sandwich, grilled cheese, pickle spears, vegetable soup, orange halves, crackers, sugar cookie

THURSDAY – Cheese pizza, chicken spaghetti w/toast, tossed salad, spinach, frozen fruit bar

FRIDAY-Chicken crispeto, fiesta salad, tossed salad, refried beans, fruit cocktail, Spanish rice

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability



HOWE ISD

Learning with Laptops

Howe ISD's One Wireless Laptop (OWL) per child is entering its fourth year. Students in grades 4 – 7 are equipped with a wireless laptop used in all core curriculum areas to connect students to resources for class projects and assignments. The district hopes to continue the program expanding at least one grade level every year until students in grades 4 – 12 are equipped. Presently students at grade levels that are not part of the program have regular access to computer labs, classroom computer stations and wireless laptop carts that are available at each campus.

Howe ISD Calendar

January

27 – Girl Powerlifting Meet @S&S

27 – 7/8/JV Lady/Boys Basketball vs. Whitewright

27 – 9th grade Girls Basketball @Lone Oak, 7:30pm

28 – HHS Lady/Boys Basketball @Gunter, 4:30pm

29 – JV District Basketball Tourney @Pottsboro

29 – Boys Powerlifting @Bells

31 – 7/8/JV Basketball vs. Bells

February

1 – JV/V Girls & Boys Basketball vs Pottsboro, 4:30pm

3-5 – HMS Girls District Tournament

4 – JV/V Lady Bulldog basketball @ Callisburg, 4:30pm

5 – Saturday School

7 – Parent Financial Help meeting, 6pm, HHS

7 – FFA Booster meeting, 6:30pm, HHS

7 – 7/8/JV Boys Basketball vs. Tom Bean @HMS

9 – Senior Assembly, Lecture Hall, 10:50am

Go to howeisd.net for more school events and information



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School Board Meeting

On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Howe School Board met with all seven board members.

Reports included information from the three principals: (HES) Darla Williams, (HMS) Ritchie Bowling, and (HHS) Blake Stiles.

Mrs. Williams reviewed the elementary report including enrollment information, student programs and other activities taking place over the next month.

Mr. Bowling provided the middle school report. He reported on activities at the middle school and the calendar of events and included enrollment information, attendance and classroom incentives for students.

Mr. Stiles provided the high school report. He reported on student activities, enrollment and student accomplishments including the All-State Band members from Howe. He also noted the college readiness meetings taking place in the next several weeks.

Supt. Kevin Wilson recognized the Board Members for their contributions to Howe ISD. He reviewed the enrollment for December for all three campuses, maintenance projects and the filing period for the Trustee Election in May. He talked about the legislative session and the proposed funding. He also discussed Policy Update 89.

Public Hearing: Board President Leonard Huntsman opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm. Clay Wilson presented data related to the 2009-2010 Academic Excellence Indicator System. Each of the principals provided a similar report for their respective campuses. An opportunity for public comment and questions related to the 2008-2009 AEIS report was given. Huntsman closed the Public Hearing at 6:31.

Action items:

*Board approved the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on November 18, 2010 and the Regular Board Meeting on December 16, 2010

*Board approved the report of the Monthly Financial Report as presented by Julie Snapp.

*Board approved the budget amendments as presented by Mrs. Snapp

*Mrs. Snapp reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report and the board approved the report.

*Mrs. Snapp reviewed the Yearly Investment Report and the board voted to approve the report.

*Supt. Wilson provided information on Future Facility Improvements and made the recommendation to assign \$835,000 of the school district's fund balance to address facility, maintenance and technology needs for the next three years. The board approved the requested.

*Board adopted the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented pending legislative action.

*Following a closed session, the board voted to offer a two-year professional contract to Joe Watson to serve as Athletic Director for Howe ISD.

*The Board re-entered closed session to conduct the annual review of the superintendent. Following their return to open session, the board voted to renew and extend the contract of the Superintendent, subject to acceptable completion of his annual physical, by one year for a total contract of three years and to increase the Superintendent's salary by 2.5%.



Howe Elementary Star Students for the ending January 21st are: Kaylin Bouse, Gabe Quintero, Carly Cannaday, Garrett Grigg, Melanie Guzman, Abby Fesperman, Braydon Smith, Faith Risinger, Jessica Bastida, Alexia Wakefield, Madison Morrow, Dakota Tinker. Not pictured is Alexis Gruszka.



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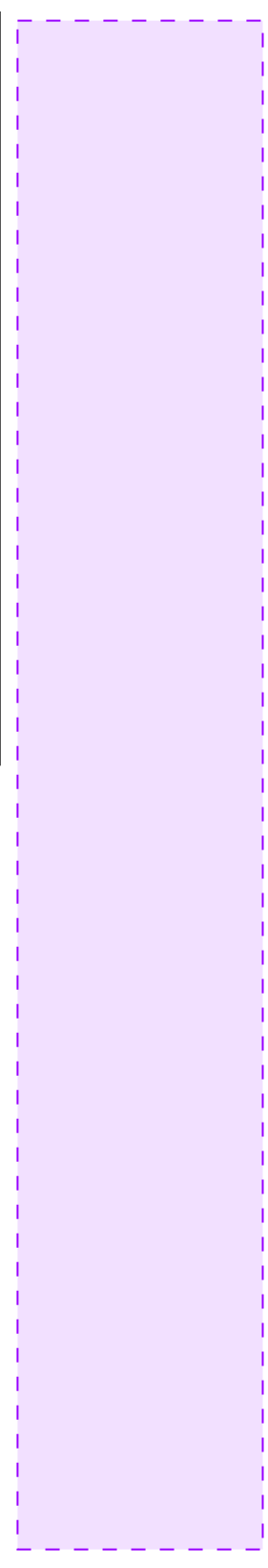
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2011 Meals on Wheels of Texoma (MOWOT) Board of Directors



Meals on Wheels of Texoma (MOWOT) Board of Directors for 2011

The Meals on Wheels of Texoma (MOWOT) held their first 2011 Board of Directors meeting this week. Board members include:

Phyllis Hicks, City of Sherman Representative

The Honorable Sherry Howard Mayor of Tom Bean (Chair)

The Honorable Robert Brady Mayor of Denison

The Honorable Roy Floyd Mayor of Bonham

The Honorable Glenn Loch Mayor of Gainesville

The Honorable John Roane Cooke County Judge

The Honorable Spanky Carter Fannin County Judge

Staff members include Kathey Scott (Executive Director), Greg Pittman (Assistant Executive Director), Jack Crooker (Finance Officer), Shelly Hill (Data Management), Linda Jay (Operations Manager), Debra Kuneman (Accounting), Tamara Nalls (Executive Assistant) and Kent Anderson (Facilities Technician).

After the board meeting, the staff and board had a going away party for Bruce Bowman, who will be retiring at the end of January. Bruce was presented a Cross Pen and Pencil set by Kathey Scott. Refreshments were served and all thanked Bruce for the years of service to the organization and wished him well on his retirement.

Donkey Ball Is Coming To Tom Bean High School

The second annual Donkey Ball game is drawing near...mark your calendars for Feb. 25 at 7 pm.

Are you ready for a fun-filled, action-packed evening of family fun?

Teams Are Forming Now...if you are age 16 or over, weigh less than 220 lbs., and are up for a challenge - this game's for you!

This event is one of 2 major Jr. Class fundraisers - proceeds go to help fund PROM.

We need 4 teams of 8-10 riders each, plus cheerleaders and pooper-scoopers. Students, administrators, school board members, parents...even city officials are welcome!

Sign Up Today! Your registration fee of only \$10 includes a before-game meal.

Tickets go on sale on Feb. 7. [\$6 each with/without extra \$4 meal; pre-school admitted free]

Call Sharon Stephens at 903-546-6319, ext. 104 for more details or to register for a team.



TOM BEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Honor Roll:

8th Grade- Colton Curd, Tanner Ellis, Madi Gordon, Lauren Khoury, Luna McMeen

7th Grade - Mariah Adcock, Michaela Burrough, Ramie Byers, Randi Cole, Danielle Dean, Zachery Hamilton, Karli LeDane, Tessa Williams, Isabelle Zuniga

6th Grade - Tyler Goff, Garrett Gomez, Zach Gordon

A/B Honor Roll:

8th Grade - Kelsi Achimon, Dylan Ashlock, Kenji Ball, Lane Beck, Hailey Behrend, Hunter Book, Katelin Britton, Sierra Edwards, William Brogdon, Dwayne Bruce, Ashley Deberry, Madison Deberry, Emily Ellis, Austin Frantz, Lexi Fuller, Shyenne Garrison, Sasha Hopper, Grant Jones, Katie Jones, Sydnee Kane-Rolen, Tesla Peterson,

Christian Reynolds, Talon Sanders, Madison Shehan, Taylor Stephens, Gray Trentman, Stacy Welch, Jo Winslett

7th Grade - Chase Armstrong, Kennedy Balzen, Zachary Bankston, Chalyn Canary, David Dickison, Haley Dodson, Sierra Edwards, Nique Hume, Avory Johnson, Alexus Jones, Jamie Lacey, Brad Presson, Hailey Robinson, Clayton Stephens, Macy Stephens, Kelsey Ulmer, Lane Williams

6th Grade - Kaycee Alexander, Annie Bailey, Abigail Bankston, Anna Battles, Samantha Chapman, Jacinda Earnhart, Jarret Foster, Laci Fritts, Josh Goss, Shelby Harris, Lillian Jones, Payton Jones, Carter Khoury, James Puana, Jacob Secord, Ashley Shrum, Shelby Thompson, Joshua Van Deren, Caylan Vickers, Morgan Walker, Ryan Webster

Results from Ft. Worth Heifer Show

The Tom Bean FFA was very well represented at the Ft. Worth Heifer Show last week. Maddi Cavender had a Division Champion Angus Heifer. Michael Lake had a Reserve Division Champion Limousin Heifer. Dylan Goff was 1st in his class with a Hereford Heifer. Haley Goff was third with her Simmental Heifer and Stephen Kinney was 6th with his Maine Anjou Heifer. We will be traveling back to Ft. Worth next week for the steer show and hope we continue with these high placings!

On a different note: I know we will have several students out for many days at a time over the next couple of months. If you have a student who is having grade trouble or is a disruption during class please let me know. Thank you for your understanding and support of our program.



Van Alstyne Library

By Juanita Hazelton

Now is the time for all library supporters to speak up for libraries. The following information and comment is from the Texas Library Association, sent by Gloria Meraz: **Proposed Texas Budget Demolishes Statewide Library Programs:** "The first draft of the State's budget proposal for 2012-13 affects every statewide library program. The proposal: Eliminates Loan Star Libraries (direct aid grants to public libraries), Eliminates all state funding for TexShare databases, Eliminates the K-12 Database program, Eliminates the Library System Negotiated Grants Program (the new competitive grant program started last session for systems), Eliminates state funding for consulting services to libraries (program/staff based at the agency), Eliminates state funding for state depository program and TRAIL program, Eliminates state funding for records management (replaces state funding with increased fees), Assumes an overall loss of over \$8 million in IMLS funds (Note: federal funding is the source of funding for the regional library systems, the TANG program, and interlibrary loan.) Eliminates the Technology Allotment at TEA.

an all funds reduction about a third of the agency's budget.

From the perspective of investing in communities, helping kids learn, spurring job placement, and maintaining a dynamic infrastructure for research and digital literacy through our libraries, this budget completely fails the people of Texas. The proposed recommendations amount to an abdication of responsibility, vision, and leadership. For libraries, these recommendations not only potentially destroy almost every facet of critical statewide library services; they speak to a philosophy dismissive of supporting individuals and communities.

While this budget is just the starting point for deliberations, it is a frightening portent of the potential implosion of our state's infrastructure for learning and economic development. We need everyone to speak out for libraries. We need every library supporter to inundate their state representative and senator, the Governor, and the Lt. Governor with letters expressing the incredible damage these cuts would cause.

Here is what you can do...

1) Call your state representative and senator and tell them not to cut library funding. Be prepared to make the case for your library and the impact it has on your community and students.

Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

The regular meeting of the Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters was called to order by MJ Presley, Sergeant-at-Arms on Jan. 24, at the Van Alstyne Library. Juanita Hazelton was Toastmaster of the Day with a theme of "Dynamic." Merrill Hazelton announced the word of the day as "Dynamic." Charles Bardroff spoke on "Capturing Your Listeners," and was evaluated by Allison Presley. M.J. Presley spoke on "My \$50 Hair Cut," and was evaluated by Charles Bannister. Table Topics Master Dorothy Bishop challenged Jeff Hall, Merrill Hazelton, Charles Bannister, and Bob Bishop to speak dynamically for two minutes on topics of her choosing. Jeff Hall was the Timer and Joke Master. Ribbons were won by M.J. Presley for Best Speaker, Jeff Hall for Best Table Topic, and Charles Bannister for Best Evaluation.

A short business meeting followed. President Jeff Hall announced one future club meeting would be dedicated to a Speech-a-Thon to give everyone opportunity to meet their manual speech goals. VAV Toastmasters will move back to Grayson College for their regular meetings, beginning next week, Monday Jan. 31, in room 111. Area Governor M.J. Presley announced the area contest for International Speech and Evaluations will be on April 2 in Denison. Club dues are now due. All members are requested to bring their manuals to the next meeting.

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 at Grayson College South Campus in Van Alstyne, Room 111. Visitors are welcome. Call Public Relations Officer Juanita Hazelton at 903-482-5991 for more information.



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2) Develop an awareness campaign within your community.

3) Inform people around you -- administrators, community powerbrokers, student groups, PTAs. Show them how they can save state funding for libraries. Ask them to speak and write to elected officials.

4) Participate in Legislative Day.

5) Write letters to the editor; contact your local media about library funding.

6) Above all: show up for duty! This is a cause for each and every one of us, regardless of political affiliation. We all want the same thing – a strong Texas with strong libraries. If there was ever a time we needed library supporters to be proactive and aggressive in their support for libraries, THE TIME IS NOW.”

This Week at the Van Alstyne Library:

The Van Alstyne Library invites all who are interested in genealogy and family research to participate in a four-part genealogy workshop beginning on Saturday, Jan. 29. This free workshop taught by Howe family researcher Dale Rideout will explore online resources, using organizational tools, working with census records, and saving and organizing research. There will be a charge of \$15 for handouts and a CD. Walk-ins are welcome. The time for each class is 10-11:30.

From the Desk of Judy Spence: This Friday night, Jan. 28, Teen Council is hosting a Gaming Tournament from 6pm to 10pm at the library. Rock Band III, Just Dance II, Michael Jacksons Dance Experience, Super Smash Brothers Brawl, and Mario Kart Wii will be available for free play covered by the \$3 General Admission price. Tournaments are an additional \$2 and are offered on all of the above games with the exception of Michael Jackson

Dance Experience. All ages are welcome and prizes will be awarded for tournament winners.

From the Desk of DeAnna Willman: I just wanted to let families know that this is my last week as Children's Librarian. My husband's job is taking us to west Texas. I will greatly miss each of you, but will carry you in my heart for years to come. I know that you all will continue to make this library and community a great place for families. Thank you for being a part of my life and blessing me beyond anything I ever imagined.

Before I leave, I want to thank all 42 families who signed up last April to participate in CLUB 100, the family literacy club. You all brought a great enthusiasm to the program that was exciting and contagious! Most of all, I want to recognize the families that finished reading all 100 books together in less than one year. Congratulations to the following families: Baez, Harris, Murray, Pickrel, Plumlee, Seal, Williams, R. Smith, San Martin, Taylor, Mann, Frazier, Ransom, and Rutherford. Also, congratulations to the following for being so close to finishing: Gomez, James, Carle, and Hopper. I hope that all of you will continue to read together as a family and encourage the love of learning and reading within each of your kids. Reading to your kids is one of the greatest things you will ever do for your children, socially, academically, emotionally, and even spiritually. God bless you.

Amy Parrish is the new children's library assistant at the Van Alstyne Library. Ms. Parrish has been employed by the library since May of 2010 as cataloger and circulation assistant. She has also been in charge of the local history area, and the bilingual story times. We are fortunate to have Amy Parrish ready to step into our children's program. Take a few minutes to stop by the library to meet Amy.

“Get Hooked...Read a Book”

5th Literary Awareness Bookmark Contest

The “Get Hooked...Read a Book” Bookmark Contest is only for 7th and 8th Grade Students attending a Fannin County School or Home Schooled in Fannin County. The contest will begin in February and the deadline for entries is Thursday, April 7, 2011. Entries will be available at the Bonham Public Library or through the schools in Fannin County.



The Literary Awareness Bookmark Contest is sponsored by the Fannin County Republican Women, PAC. This is a free, incentive based program. The First Place Winner will receive \$100 and the Second Place Winner will receive \$50. There will be honorable mentions recognized from each school or home school represented. The contest encourages students to research the theme or topic to create an imaginative picture or icon for their bookmark entry. The entries must be original. Our goal is to get students “hooked” or interested in reading books. It is a fact that children or adults that have a passion for a subject, author or series read more frequently and are better students.

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, winners of the contest along with teachers, family and friends will be honored at a “Get Hooked...Read a Book” Autograph Party at the Creative Arts Center in Bonham, Texas. The tremendous success of the first four contests touched the lives of hundreds of Fannin County students. The winning bookmark is reproduced and given out at libraries and community activities to promote reading.

We are proud to announce that The Barbara Bush Bookmark Contest of Fannin County has been recognized on a national level by the Federation of Republican Women Literacy Programs.

We are excited about Literary Awareness in Fannin County. Join us and “GET HOOKED...READ A BOOK”.

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A photograph of a little blue heron taken at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge was judged the Grand Prize Winner in the 2010 USFWS Southwest Region Employee Photo Contest. Rick Cantu, Assistant Refuge Manager, was recently notified that his photo was selected from over 190 images submitted from throughout the region for the contest, images depicting the beauty and majesty of the natural world and capturing the essence of why USFWS employees have dedicated their careers to conservation.

Cantu's prize winning photo was taken on the evening of May 7, 2010, at 6:15 PM. Cantu was intent on photographing the white-faced ibis that had been frequenting the Taylor Marsh at the Refuge, when just as he was preparing to depart, the little

blue heron flew in and landed east of his vehicle and began hunting for a meal while heading in his direction. He says, "At that point, I thought this could get interesting, switched to my action setting and waited. I was lucky because just when the heron got close enough to allow for a good photo, it paused for a second, a signal to me that he had spotted something. When I felt that he was going to strike, I pressed the shutter and held on as his head disappeared under the water. I was able to capture several good shots of the heron as his head re-emerged with part of his meal for the evening."

This is Cantu's second time to win the Grand Prize in this contest. His winning entry this year was taken with a Canon EOS 50D, with F-stop - f/6.3,

Exposure - 1/2000 second, ISO - 640, and Focal length - 375 mm.

At Hagerman NWR, Cantu has law enforcement authority and oversees refuge biological and maintenance programs. He was born in south Texas and grew up in Rockport, TX, where he developed an interest in wildlife early on. Cantu has been with USFWS for 18 years, working in South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Range and Wildlife Management from Texas A&I (since renamed Texas A&M - Kingsville) in 1993. Cantu also serves as liaison with the Friends of Hagerman and is a leader in the photography programs organized by the Friends.





Chrystal Opry House

On Saturday, Feb. 5, at 7 pm, we welcome Copper Canyon and The Upper Grassmen to our first event of the 2011 season. Members of Copper Canyon are Jim (mandolin) and Celesta (guitar) Hughes, Joe Hood (banjo) and Tom Smith (bass). All sing. They will release their new, all gospel CD at this event.

Also appearing will be The Upper Grassmen. Members of this band are Don Sharp (bass), Randy Keister (dobro), Vance Jones (guitar) and Joel Scarborough (banjo). All members sing.

Admission to this event is \$6 for adults. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. There are brisket sandwiches and hot dogs in the snack bar along with soft drinks, popcorn and candy.

The Chrystal Opry House is located 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building.

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



Third Annual Recycling Fund-raiser

The 3rd annual recycling fund-raiser benefiting Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma will be held on Saturday, March 5, 10 am-2 pm, at 315 West McLain, Sherman. The Volunteer Services Council of MHMRST is conducting the event. For more information: call 903-957-4865. Please be sure to leave a telephone number on voice mail.

It is time to clean out the house and garage and get rid of those items that are no longer useful to you. The items can be in any condition: damaged, obsolete, non-working or fully operational. Instead of putting them in the trash donate them. Collections will include the following items:

-Computer Equipment-desktops, laptops, servers, monitors, mice, speakers, and all other computer components

-Cameras-camcorders and all non-disposable film and digital cameras

-Office Equipment-fax machines, typewriters, inkjet cartridges, printers, scanners, routers, shredders, and copiers

-Entertainment Electronics-car and home audio equipment, satellite and cable boxes, VCRs, DVD players and recorders, headphones, and multimedia projectors

-Multimedia-DVD and VHS movies, audio books, and music CDs (All items must include original covers.)

-Portable electronics-cell phones, GPS devices, calculators, portable CD and DVD players, PDAs and MP3 players

-Video Games-video games, systems, and accessories

-Sporting Goods-golf clubs and bags, athletic helmets and pads, baseball bats and gloves, basketball shoes, cleats, hockey sticks, ice skates, and roller blades

-Musical Instruments-guitars, percussion, strings, woodwinds, brass, and electronic keyboards

-Home and Garden-air purifiers, baby monitors, vacuum cleaners, power tools, electric razors, sewing machines, and medical equipment

-Non-Fiction Books-cookbooks, craft books, and textbooks

-Vehicles- cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, and RVs.

-ATVs-dirt bikes, go-karts, 4 wheelers, 3 wheelers, and jet skis

Collectibles-comics, figurines, trading cards, etc.

-Pottery, Cookware Glass, and Dinnerware-China, porcelain, art pottery, stoneware, etc.

-Jewelry-costume jewelry, watches, and hand-crafted jewelry

-Gold and Silver

Harold Wright, VSC Chairman, states, "This is the community's chance to recycle all types of products and equipment. Your donations help ensure proper recycling of e-waste and save valuable landfill space. The VSC is working with Bubb Fund-raising. Bubb Fund-raising conducts this type of event throughout the metroplex and then safely recycles the items. For your peace of mind, delete personal information from your computers and cell phones. This event is not a garage sale. Please do not bring clothing or decorative items. Anyone wishing to donate a vehicle must go to www.bubbfundraising.com and register the vehicle. Please do not bring a car, boat, RV, etc. without registering it on-line.

"The last two years, the events have been huge successes due to general public and businesses donating literally truck loads of items. We hope it will be even more successful this time. Businesses and school districts that have a large amount of items can call the number listed above and arrange a special pick-up. Individuals and small businesses will need to bring their items the day of the event. We will not pick up items nor can we store them. Do not deliver items to the MHMRST building before the event. Microwaves, ovens, refrigerators, television sets, paint, or hazardous materials absolutely will not be accepted," said Wright.

"We have a huge volume of calls each year about the location of McLain Street. McLain Street is located just North of the intersection of Lambreth and Travis. Go North on Travis, pass Eddie Mac's Hamburgers and the next street to the left is McLain. MHMRST sets on the right hand side of the street. It is easy to find with these simple directions," Wright ended.

MHMR Services of Texoma has provided services in Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties to individuals with mental retardation since 1974. The mission of the center is to provide services that improve quality of life and support self-determine for persons with mental, intellectual, and developmental challenges.

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Senators Cornyn and Hutchison,
Congressman Hall Respond to State of Union Address

Cornyn's Response

WASHINGTON, D.C.(Jan. 25,2011) - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) "President Obama made a lot of promises tonight in his State of The Union Address - just like he's done in previous years. In past State of The Union speeches, President Obama has promised to focus on jobs and the economy, yet our unemployment rate still sits well north of nine percent. He promised to make the hard choices and cut spending, yet his policies have added more than \$3 trillion to the national debt - in just the last two years. He promised to work across the aisle on energy policy, but nothing has happened. He's repeatedly promised to make immigration reform a top priority, but has done little more than use it as a talking point around Election Day.

"In Texas we prefer straight talk and promises kept, over grandiose pledges and zero results.

"Tonight, the President said we have to get a handle on our national debt. I couldn't agree more, but I want to see not just talk, but action. A freeze on some parts of the federal budget-as he suggested-would be a small step in the right direction, but his call for new government spending represents a giant step backwards. The best way to restore fiscal discipline in Washington, I believe, is through a Balanced Budget Amendment to our Constitution, which I intend to introduce with dozens of my colleagues very soon - and I hope the White House will endorse."

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Agriculture and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Sen. Hutchison's Response

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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Pre-Filed Bills

The 82nd legislative session began Tuesday, January 11. Legislators will debate the House Rules this upcoming week and are waiting to receive their committee assignments. This week, I will continue to talk about a few of the bills that have been filed by other legislators from around the state for the upcoming legislative session.

HB 199 would move the sales tax holiday for clothing, footwear, and other back-to-school items from the third weekend in August to the first weekend in August. The limits on what items are eligible for the tax exemption remain: the sales price of the article must be less than \$100 and the sale begins at 12:01 am on Friday and ends at 12 midnight on the following Sunday.

HB 224 would make provisions for bullying, including cyber-bullying, in public schools.

Among other things, the bill would require teachers to undergo training to prevent, identify, respond to, and report incidents of bullying. It would also allow the board of trustees of a school district, on request of bullying victim's parents, to transfer a student who engaged in bullying to another class or school within the district. "Bullying" is defined in the bill as engaging in written, verbal, or physical conduct that has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student; interferes with a student's educational opportunities; or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a school. "Cyber-bullying" is bullying that is done using electronic communication, such as email or a social networking site. The bill would also require each school district to adopt a policy regarding bullying.

HB 243 would prohibit drivers from engaging in text-based communication while operating a vehicle. Text-based communications include text messages, instant messages, and email. A driver could not read, write, or send a text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle was stopped. If passed, this bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

For more information on these bills, or to review all of the legislation that has been filed, please visit the website www.capitol.state.tx.us <<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>>. You can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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An Open Letter to the People of Texas, continued

“Tonight we saw a change in the president’s message, and that is a good sign. Now we have to see the follow through. We have to see the change in policies to bring down the debt, rein in spending, and stop the over regulation of business that is stifling job creation in the private sector.”

“When the president passed the ‘Stimulus’ bill, he called it an investment, but it didn’t spur job creation in the private sector. It created government jobs that haven’t stimulated the economy.”

“I look forward to working in the Senate, with my colleagues in the House, and with the president to create jobs in the private sector and to bring down spending.”

Chairman Hall’s Response

“Tonight the President focused on ‘America winning,’ by leading the world in innovation. But leading the world in innovation must start with a strategy that fosters private investment and economic growth. Too many of this administration’s policies have been detrimental to business and to keeping jobs in the U.S.

“The American people have been clear that they want us to work together to shrink the reach of the Federal Government, and to give entrepreneurs an environment in which to invest and grow by lowering taxes, limiting burdensome and costly regulations, cutting spending, and reducing our Nation’s debt. While appropriate investments in science and technology are important, they must be made prudently within the confines of a disciplined budget.

“While much of the President’s rhetoric on energy is commendable, it too stands at odds with this administration’s actions in some of the most important areas. From blocking energy exploration and production to the EPA’s unjustified assaults on U.S. industry, the President’s policies are making energy less abundant and less affordable, which in turn makes America less competitive. These are job-killing policies, and my home state of Texas is at the center of this storm.

“I welcome the President’s attention to the importance of

basic research, as it is critical to driving innovation and economic growth. However, the President went on to say that we must focus our efforts on ‘clean energy technologies,’ which suggests an emphasis not on basic research, but on commercialization. These are activities often best left to the private sector.

“Further, without comprehensive scientific review, the President made the decision to abandon development of the Yucca Mountain site as a nuclear waste repository, terminating the Nation’s only existing option for long-term nuclear waste storage, before assessing potential alternative options.

“In the 112th Congress, the Science, Space, and Technology Committee will conduct oversight of these policies, as well as the broader research and development priorities necessary to advance American competitiveness. If we are to continue to lead the world in innovation, we must invest wisely, and put a stop to Democrats’ job-destroying spending.

“Absent from the President’s speech, apart from mentioning Sputnik as a metaphor, was any vision for our Nation’s space agency. NASA’s exploration program has been paramount to securing America’s lead in the global economy and spurring innovation. So many technological advancements have stemmed from an ambitious, goal-oriented space program. I am disappointed that the President used this moment only to reflect on NASA’s history, rather than promoting a strong vision for the future of space exploration. This Thursday is officially designated as ‘A Day of Remembrance’ for the space shuttles Columbia and Challenger tragedies; a day to reflect on those national heroes who lost their lives. We should honor them by carrying on their legacy and ensuring that America ‘keeps winning’ in space exploration and scientific discovery.”

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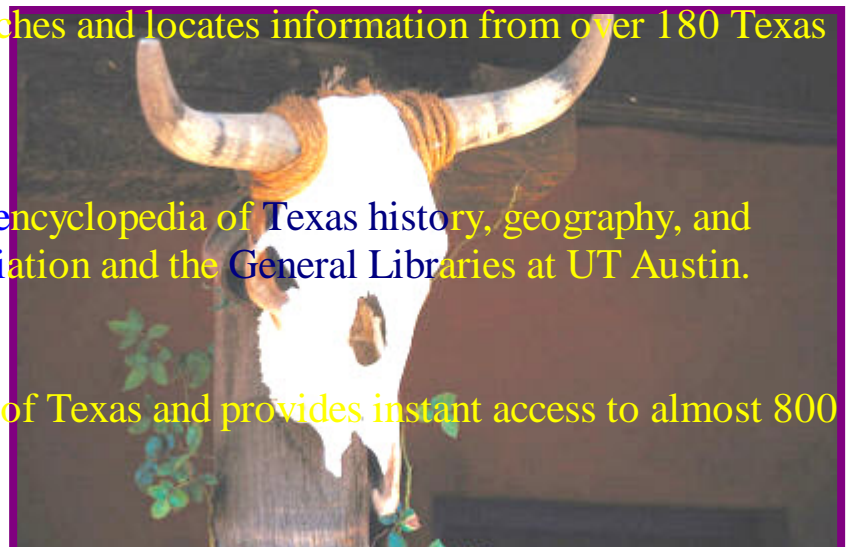
Selected Sites

[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.

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Christian Fellowship

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Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual also. The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time, everyone is welcome to join in the celebration.

The church also has home study groups throughout the week.

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

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



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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 located at the corner of

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903/813- 3263. S- School

10 am, Worship 11 am

Charles Morris, pastor

Luella

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Harvey Patterson,

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Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean

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903/546-6231

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CHURCH 903/546-6898

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RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,

903/482-6761

SOVEREIGN GRACE

BAPTIST CHURCH

George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison

Dennis Stewart, pastor,

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

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CHURCH Hwy. 902W,

903/476-5525

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FELLOWSHIP

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COWBOY CHURCH

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South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,

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PILOT GROVE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450

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800 Baker Park Dr.,

903/892-9635, Sun. 10

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601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

Rev. Mack Rogers

RED RIVER

COWBOY CHURCH

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903/463-5840

Van Alstyne

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Hopson,

Shannon Jackson, minister,

903/482-6033

EAST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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minister; worship 11am

ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,

903/482-6356

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,

Pastor Kenneth L. Price,

972/547-0243,

LIFE CHURCH,

201 W. Marshall,

Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker

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The Summit Church

The Summit Church meets at the
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Pastor is Kevin Bouse; contact
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The Separation Myth

Roe vs Wade

By Steve Casey

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In the 1947 “Everson versus Board of Education” case, the Supreme Court created a myth. The myth (lie) was the idea that the Founding Fathers wanted government to be devoid of any influence of religion. By stating words of Thomas Jefferson out of context, the Supreme Court called this myth “Separation of Church and State.”

Dr. William James, the father of modern psychology, stated, “There is nothing so absurd but if you repeat it often enough people will believe it.”

The present day belief as to what the Founding Fathers intended in the First Amendment fits Dr. James’ statement. The writers of The Bill of Rights believed that government and Christianity were the best of friends, not the worst of enemies, as is now falsely being taught.

The First Amendment simply states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof....”

The phrase “separation of church and state” is not found in any of the Founding Documents of our nation nor is it found in any of the Congressional Records during the time of the writing of the Constitution or the Bill of Rights.

The delegate to Congress who gave us the primary wording for the First Amendment was Fisher Ames of Massachusetts. Ames never spoke of separation of church and state. In fact, Ames, the very author of the First Amendment, wrote a treatise explaining why the Bible should always remain the primary text in our public schools.

There are only two signatures on the Bill of Rights, that of Frederick Muhlenberg, The Speaker of the House and that of Charles Thomson, the Secretary of Congress. Frederick Muhlenberg was a Lutheran minister who, after having his church destroyed by the British during the Revolutionary War, became an officer in the Revolutionary Army and later served in Congress. Charles Thomson gave us our first American translation of the Bible.

The first Bible published in America was published by Robert Aitken by order of Congress “to be used in schools.”

The first reference in American history to the phrase “separation of church and state” is found in a letter by President Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut in 1801. The Danbury Baptists had heard a rumor that Connecticut was going to establish a state church. They wrote to President Jefferson about this. In answering their letter, Jefferson assured them that all Christian religions would always be equally accepted, that freedom to practice their beliefs openly would never be denied, and that there would never be a state church that would restrict the freedom of other churches. He assured

January 22 will mark the 38th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the court decision that has resulted in the destruction of over fifty-five million unborn lives-the largest holocaust in the history of mankind.

Let’s take a look at the two “hard questions” the pro-abortion crowd hurls at the pro-life crowd to justify the multimillion-dollar industry of abortion: What about saving the life of the mother? And, what about cases of rape?

There are cases where a child has to be delivered early for the sake of the mother’s health. But in ALL of these cases the effort can be made to save both lives. Medical science has developed far past the days when killing the child for the sake of the mother is necessary. There are some extreme cases such as toxic infections where the child cannot be saved. But, that doesn’t mean that the child must be deliberately killed. Every effort to save the life of the child can be made. Plus the mother will be much safer in the care of a life-saving hospital team than she would be at an abortion clinic.

Rape is a horrible crime. The punishment for rapists should be severe. We should give great compassion and support to the victims of rape. But, in the cases where pregnancy occurs, does this include abortion?

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Regarding President Obama’s statement on the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade:

Contrary to President Obama, abortion is not just a “private family matter”. Further, all governments have a duty to eradicate it.

Legalized abortion is a true ecological disaster that has been unleashed throughout the globe and is turning it into a planet of death. Abortion affects the unborn child, the mother who has conceived him, the different people involved in the issue (the baby’s father, the grandparents, health care workers, etc.) and all of society that will suffer from it’s negative impact.

Since the legalization of abortion the population has been prematurely aging and is dying of sadness and despair.

Legalized abortion is a right protected by a false freedom that leads women to do violence against their own bodies. Psychologically, each one of these mothers will be wounded for life. They will succeed in removing “something” from their wombs that today they find bothersome, but will not remove the crime they commit from their

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The Separation Myth, continued

them that “The First Amendment has erected a wall of separation between church and state.” The First Amendment would protect the church from government control. There always would be open and free religious expression of all orthodox religious practices, for true religious duties would never threaten the purpose of government.

The present-day myth of separation of church and state is a very recent development in American government and does not have any foundations in the Constitution or the intentions of the Founding Fathers.

Prior to the creation of the “Separation Myth” 1947, Thomas Jefferson had only been quoted one time in a Federal Court Case. Since that time Jefferson has been misquoted over 3,000 times as the primary authority on the Constitution. It is very strange that Jefferson is considered the primary authority on the Constitution since he was not involved in either the writing of the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. At the time of their writing, Jefferson was serving as our ambassador to France and was therefore not present for any of the deliberations over these documents. When looking for a Constitutional authority, our courts have not chosen any of the 55 signers of the Constitution or any of the 96 men involved in the writing of the Bill of Rights. The courts have chosen to quote a secondary, “hearsay” witness who was not present during the writing of these documents.

But even if we look to Jefferson for the intent of the Founding Fathers on the idea of the involvement of government and religion, we would get a radically different view from that which is portrayed today.

Only a few weeks before Jefferson became President, Congress moved into the newly built Capitol Building. Among their early proceedings in December of 1800, it was decided that the new Capitol would be used six days a week for governmental purposes and, on Sundays, it would be used as a church. When Jefferson became President in January of 1801, he began attending church in the U. S. Capitol. Jefferson thought that the

music needed some improvement so, by executive order, he commissioned the Military Band to play for these worship services.

During the snowy winters, when riding horseback to the Capital was often very difficult, Jefferson authorized church services to be held in his two other executive buildings — the War Department and the Treasury Department. He attended services in all three government buildings. This is well documented by the Washington D. C. Historical Society.

While president of the nation, Jefferson was made the president of the school board for Washington, D.C. public schools and authored its original plan of education in which he made the Bible and Watts’ Hymnal the two primary reading texts.

As President, Jefferson authored three treaties with the American Indians. In all three of these treaties, he arranged for government money to be used to send missionaries to evangelize these tribes. He even constructed what he referred to as a “wee little book” entitled *The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth*, which he hoped would be used in instructing the Indians in the teachings of Jesus. He went through his own Bible, cut out all of the words of Jesus and pasted them in this booklet in order that they could be studied together. This volume has ludicrously been called “The Jefferson Bible” and it is stated that his purpose was to cut out everything that he didn’t agree with. That is something that Jefferson never said. He wrote letters about this work to his friends Benjamin Rush and Charles Thomson. In these letters, he only talks about his purposes in what he included - the teachings of Jesus. He never mentioned anything about the things he did not include.

Taking Godly influence out of government is a creation of 20th Century courts. It was never the intention of the Founding Fathers.

(Steve Casey is a resident of Louisiana and a frequent contributor to the *Texoma Enterprise*.)

Roe vs Wade, cont.

You cannot answer this question honestly without considering the humanity of the unborn child. Genetic science has shown us the absolute uniqueness of every human embryo at even its earliest stages. Even though this child’s conception came as the result of a crime, the child is not the criminal. Does this child deserve the death penalty because of the crime of its father?

The victim of rape has severe emotional pain to deal with. Is adding the guilt of destroying another innocent victim the solution or does it add even more anguish to the situation?

Steve Casey lives in Stonewall, LA. He is a frequent contributor to the *Enterprise*.

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minds and hearts. To choose to extinguish in cold blood a life given by God to another person, to reduce to dust and ashes the body of a human being made in His image and likeness, should make us shudder.

Let us fight for life. Life is the future of man, never death.

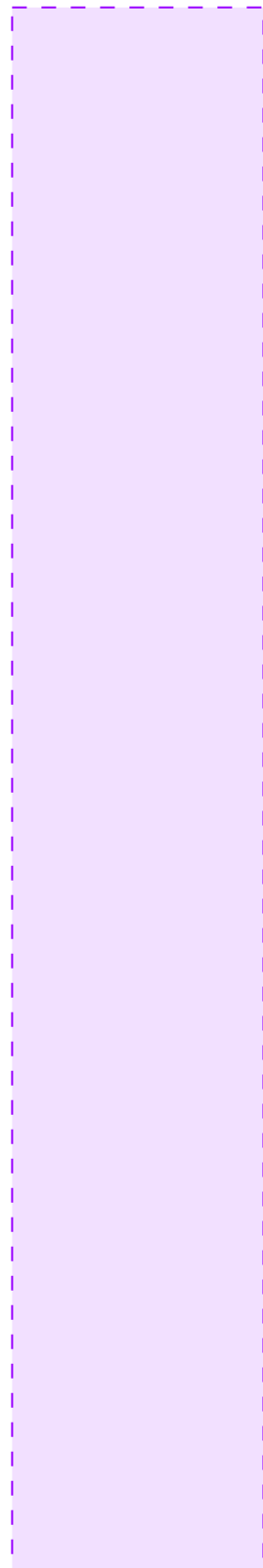
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WASHINGTON, DC House Votes To Repeal Obama Health Care Law

Jan. 18, 2011 - Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) cast his vote with a majority in the House of Representatives in support of H.R. 2, legislation to immediately repeal the health care reforms that President Obama signed into law last year. The vote, 245-189, was largely along party lines.

“A majority of the American people did not support the President’s health care plan, but the President and a Democratic Congress chose to push this measure into law last year,” Hall said. “If we had addressed health care reform in a bipartisan way from the beginning of the debate, our country would not be so divided and the vote today would not have been necessary.

“My constituents strongly opposed this government expansion into health care and the higher costs, higher taxes, and mandates that it would impose,” Hall said. “This new law is keeping our economy from getting back on track by increasing costs on businesses and discouraging businesses from creating new jobs. In addition to increasing health care costs, it also cuts Medicare and jeopardizes access to health care for our senior citizens.”

Hall also planned to “vote in favor of H. Res. 9, a resolution instructing committees with jurisdiction to report legislation that replaces the health care law with common-sense solutions,” Hall noted. Among the replacement initiatives that Hall supports are expansion of health savings accounts and allowing the purchase of health insurance across state lines.

“Republicans agree that we must increase health care quality, access, and affordability – and we will offer alternative proposals that will achieve necessary reforms without higher taxes, higher costs, individual mandates, or a government takeover of health care,” Hall said.

The House-passed repeal bill now goes to the Senate, where the Democratic leadership has no plans to bring it up for debate. “That is unfortunate, because the American people deserve to be heard on this issue,” Hall noted. “H.R. 2 is the first step towards putting the American people back in control of their personal health care choices, and I am surprised that the Senate Democrats would totally disregard the wishes of more than 50 percent of our citizens.”



State Senator Estes Files Legislation to Require Voter Identification

Austin - State Senator Estes (R - Wichita Falls) joined with his Republican colleagues as a coauthor of Senate Bill 178 to require registered voters to present valid photo identification when casting a ballot in Texas.

“This measure is intended to protect the integrity of our elections, and to protect the rights of registered voters by insuring that every vote cast is a legal vote,” said Estes.

Texas law already provides for requiring photo identification if a registered voter does not provide their voter registration card, but is listed on the list of registered voters. Senate Bill 178 would require all voters to present a photo identification such as a drivers license or military identification card.

“The public must have confidence that those serving in office at the local, state, and federal level are there by virtue of a legitimate democratic process,” added Estes.

Historic Political Shift in Lamar County As 9 Elected Democrat Officials Join Republican Party

*GOP Welcomes District Attorney, County Commissioner, 4 JP’s
and 3 Constables*

Paris, TX - In what is believed to be one of the largest number of officeholders to change party affiliation in Texas, Lamar County GOP Chairman John Krontorad and State Representative Erwin Cain announced today that 9 local elected Democrats have joined the Republican Party. This announcement follows unprecedented election gains by the GOP in 2008 and 2010 as Northeast Texans increasingly identify with the conservative platform of the Republican Party.

Those joining the Republican Party include District Attorney Gary Young; Pct. 1 County Commissioner Lawrence Mallone; Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace (JP) Don Denison; Pct. 3 JP Tim Risinger; Pct. 4 JP Ken Ruthart; Pct. 5, Place 1 JP Cindy Ruthart; Pct. 1 Constable Madaline Chance; Pct. 3 Constable Larry Cope; and Pct. 5 Constable Gene Hobbs.

As recently as November 2008 - slightly more than 2 years ago - there were no elected Republicans from Lamar County. In 2008, the barrier was broken with the election of Republican District Judge Eric Clifford, County Commissioner Kevin Jenkins, and Constable Rick Easterwood. In November, Republicans won two key races with the election of Bill Harris as County Court at Law Judge and Keith Mitchell as County Commissioner. With this announcement, the GOP now has a majority of county officials.

County Chairman Krontorad stated, “We are so proud of these public officials who have shown the courage of their convictions in joining the Republican Party. Their willingness to publicly affirm the conservative values of the vast majority of their constituencies reflects credit upon themselves and the residents of Lamar County. For too long Northeast Texans have espoused conservative ideals and principles but have felt the need to run on the Democrat election ticket. Those days have passed. We are privileged to welcome this fine group into the Republican Party.”

State Rep. Erwin Cain said, “Last summer, I met with many of these public servants and was honored to outline the Republican Party principles of lower taxes, limited government, personal responsibility, and a respect for our traditional values. I simply encouraged them to compare those principles with their own and let their conscience be their guide. I am delighted to see these elected officials align themselves with the party of their principles.”

Lamar County District Attorney Gary Young stated, “I have always considered myself to be a conservative in all aspects, including socially and fiscally. Others that know me would agree and my record as the Lamar County Attorney and the District Attorney bears this out. It is my desire to continue to serve the citizens of Lamar County and I believe that my conservative core beliefs are best represented by the Republican Party.”

In making the change, Justice of the Peace Ken Ruthart stated, “I did not leave the Democratic Party – the Democratic Party left me.” Justice of the Peace Tim Risinger announced, “My beliefs have always been conservative. I’m running as a Republican to best reflect my core conservative values and my belief in the Republican platform.”

Gov. Rick Perry applauded the Lamar County officials, saying “Today’s announcement reflects a growing tide of elected officials in Texas who recognize the values and principles of the Republican Party represent a majority of the Texans they represent. I want to welcome these fine public officials from Lamar County to the Republican Party and look forward to working with them during this historic time in our state.”

Texas State Republican Party Chairman Steve Munisteri commented, “It was clear on November 2nd that the voters of Texas sent a resounding message, declaring that the Republican Party principles of free enterprise, limited government, and individual liberty are the best way to ensure Texas’ future. Since the election, we’ve had many Democratic officeholders come to the same conclusion. Today, this historic switch of a record number of officeholders continues the momentum. As Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, I want to warmly welcome them to our ranks.”



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