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## WRITING CLASSES SCHEDULED

The Telling Our Stories program begins its 24th year at Austin College on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. in Room 112 of the Ida Green Center. There is also a Saturday class meeting in Whitesboro: Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. in Wesley Hall of First United Methodist Church.

The classes are open to all and you need not be a "writer." Just bring a story (or an idea for one) to share with the group, and you will hear reminiscences by others that will stimulate your memories. Cost is \$10 per session.

Additional spring meetings (always 2-4 p.m.) at the college are scheduled on Sundays at Austin College: Feb. 24, March 24, and April 28. The other Saturday meetings in Whitesboro are Feb. 23, March 23, and April 27



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## Austin College Concert Band Seeks Performers

SHERMAN, TEXAS-The Austin College Concert Band seeks qualified musicians from the community to audition for performance, with openings in most sections of the band. Robert Archer, Concert Band director and Austin College adjunct instructor in music, explained that the group is a full concert band, doubling many parts. The spring season begins February 6 at 7 p.m. with a short organizational meeting and rehearsal in Craig Hall, Room 114, at Austin College.

Regular rehearsals are held each Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., in Craig Hall, Room 114. The band's spring concert is scheduled for April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Wynne Chapel.

Individuals seeking more information about the ensemble or wishing to participate should contact Archer at [barcher@austincollege.edu](mailto:barcher@austincollege.edu) or call the Department of Music at 903.813.2251.

Now in its tenth 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, music professionals, and community members who enjoy playing music. Archer said the large ensemble is dedicated to reading and performing traditional and contemporary band literature.

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## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

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I have recovered from my cataract surgery and can drive again. And now I should be able to see a lot better.

I enjoyed the holidays. My family met together twice -- for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We eat, we talk, we laugh, etc.

One sad thing happened -- my cousin's wife died. It was a blessing; she had been in an Alzheimer's facility. She is in a better place.

Thanks to all for being concerned about my surgery.

## Recipe

### Tex-Mex Bake

Here is a tasty and easy-to-make casserole that's good for dinner. I used lightly salted corn tortilla chips for the shell, instead of Fritos. If you are planning a Super Bowl party in a few weeks, consider doubling this and serving it in a 9" by 13" dish. It's a step up from the more common Frito Pie.

- 2 cups crushed corn chips
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 envelope Lipton Onion Soup Mix
- 1 pound lean ground beef (at least 85% lean)
- 4-ounce can chopped green chiles, drained
- 1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine corn chips, egg, and water; press into 9-inch pie plate or casserole dish. Bake for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the soup mix, ground beef, chiles, and 1/2 cup of the cheese. Evenly spread the mixture in the prepared crust. Top with tomato sauce, then the chopped green pepper. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes.

Top with the remaining cheese, then bake an additional 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and beef is done.

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## Howe Elementary 3rd and 4th grade GT students

As part of Howe School Board Appreciation - Kaitlyn Fuhr, Alex Blount, Brett Burnett, and Jackson Adkins created an oversized card filled with their extraordinary ideas for saying "Thank You" to each of our school board members. Submitted by Mrs. Tamela Shadden

[Click Here for more Howe News](#)

An advertisement for Texas Star Bank. On the left, two cowboys are walking away from the viewer in a dusty, hazy landscape. The text "Texas Tradition" is written in a large, serif font at the bottom left. On the right, the Texas Star Bank logo is displayed, along with the text "Banking, Texas Style." and "TexasStarBank.com". At the bottom right, there is a "Member FDIC" logo.

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An advertisement for ABM Advantage Business Machines. The logo "ABM" is in a dark oval. Below it, "ADVANTAGE BUSINESS MACHINES" is written. To the right, it says "Todd Creekmore Sales &amp; Service" and "Copiers \* Printers \* Fax Sales \* Service Supplies". At the bottom, it provides the address "PO Box 561, 200 S Denny, Howe TX 75459", phone numbers "Office: 903-532-6529" and "Fax: 903-532-6439", and email "Email: advbusmach@verizon.net".



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## Girl Scout Project at the Library

Bethanie Holt and Jessica Robison recently earned their Girl Scout Silver Award through a project at the Howe Community Library. The girls created a timeline that stretches across the library and ends in the student reading area. For the project, the scouts asked elementary and middle school social studies teachers to list important dates in American history, including a few Texas historical events. Bethanie and Jessica then designed and constructed the timeline with details including placement, painting, lettering, illustrations, and an accompanying notebook with additional information about each event. As part of their project, the girls conducted a lesson with children using the timeline. The timeline provides a unique teaching element to the library by adding a visual reference when discussing time and place of stories. Students from kindergarten through eighth grade have benefitted from this project.

Bethanie Holt is the daughter of Vance and Susan Holt and the granddaughter of Lewis and Billie Belknap. Jessica Robison is the daughter of Mark and Luanne Robison and the granddaughter of Judy and Doug Robison and Bruce and Jean Campbell. Both girls are members of Howe Cadet troop #475 under the leadership of Luanne Robison and Teffanie Hansen.

Top two photos: Bethanie Holt and Jessica Robison pose beneath their timeline created for the Howe Community Library

Bottom photo: Jessica Robison and Bethanie Holt provide fellow troop member, Marina Hansen, with a certificate for her assistance with the timeline project.



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## Thank a School Board Member

Tom Bean – Texans benefit every day from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by a group of more than 7,300 men and women in communities across the state. These local volunteers are elected by their constituents and receive no compensation for their work as public servants. These men and women are the school board members of Texas.

January is School Board Recognition Month and Tom Bean ISD will take this opportunity to thank these local leaders for devoting time to support public education and serve our local schools.

“It’s more important than ever before that the public shows support for public education. Board members face critical challenges in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand strong and guard against anything that takes away from our children and undermines our public schools,” said Kathy Garrison, Tom Bean ISD superintendent.

“Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students. In these challenging times, they face difficult choices and shoulder critical responsibilities. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district,” Garrison said.

The board members serving Tom Bean ISD are Jinger Peeples - President, James Harris – Vice President, Shane Pennell - Secretary, Steve Book, David Ellis, Jimmy Jones and Stan Woodruff.

“Our district benefits from the contributions of the dedicated efforts of these local citizens who truly care about our kids. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$ 7 million, 740 students, 128 employees, and three campuses. We applaud their willingness to serve as advocates for our children and the voice of public education,” she said.

## Donkey Ball Game

New rodeo stars will be born during the wild and crazy “Dairyland Donkey Basketball Show” at Tom Bean High School gymnasium on January 26, starting at 7pm!

It’s basketball played on real, live donkeys and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus!

Local players will be riding, so come out and see someone you know try to ride a donkey and play basketball at the same time.

It’s a thrill a minute; a spill a minute!

Come watch four teams compete for the championship – and watch “Buckmaster”, 500 lbs. of pure dynamite! He’s rough and tough and hard to bluff and hasn’t been ridden yet!

Laugh as you’ve never laughed before at this fun-filled family entertainment!

This zany basketball show is sponsored by the Tom Bean High School Junior Class. Proceeds benefit the TBHS Jr./Sr. prom.

\$6 advance tickets can be purchased at the H.S. office or from a TBHS junior class member. Ticket prices at the gate are \$8. -for info call Sharon Stephens at 903-546-6319, ext. 104



## Senator Craig Estes files bill prohibiting use of RFID technology to track and monitor Texas students

Austin – State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) today filed SB 173, a bill that prohibits the use of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology by school districts to track or transmit information regarding public school students.

RFID is a tracking technology that uses radio waves to identify, track, and monitor physical objects. RFID tags can transmit data silently through the air, unhindered by doors, walls, backpacks, purses, or clothing.

Those opposed to using RFID tags to monitor school children note various concerns about the technology including violation of free speech and association, violation of religious freedom, conditioning children to be tracked and monitored, and invasion of privacy.

“I do not want our children and grandchildren to grow up in a world where this type of intrusive, big-brother surveillance is considered normal,” Senator Estes said. “This is the same type of technology used to track cattle, so it’s disturbing to me that we are now seeing government use that same surveillance technology to track and monitor our young citizens.”

In addition to civil liberty concerns, there are also fears that relying on the technology rather than observation would create security risks. For example, a student could be counted as present on campus by virtue of his or her RFID tag, but be miles away before his or her disappearance were noticed. Additionally, while RFID systems may be developed for use in a school, the RFID tags may be read covertly anywhere by anyone with the right reading device.

“Using RFID tags to track children is a perfect example of big-government run amuck. It’s time for legislators to step in and protect our citizens’ privacy,” Estes said.

*Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.*

## Community Martin Luther King Celebration Upcoming

SHERMAN, TEXAS-The ninth annual Grayson County Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Community Celebration Breakfast will be held at 7:30 am, Monday, January 21, in Mabee Hall of the Robert J. and Mary Wright Campus Center at Austin College. Grayson County Rotary groups and Austin College co-sponsor the event. Members of the community may attend at a cost of \$10 per person, payable at the door.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Kenneth Martin, Austin College Class of 1983 and a shareholder at Quilling, Selander, Lownds, Winslett & Moser, P.C., where he practices primarily real estate and corporate law. A Dallas native, Martin has served as lead counsel in complex commercial development projects across North Texas and in mergers and acquisitions on behalf of Fortune 100 corporations.

After earning a bachelor's degree at Austin College in political science and economics, he completed a Master of Public Policy degree at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a law degree at the University of Texas School of Law.

Martin has served on various boards and advisory boards, and has been approached numerous times about running for public office. His interests in public policy and politics, he said, are the product not only of the Civil Rights and Peace movements of the 1960s and his own beliefs on civil rights but also stem from his time at the Kennedy School, his 5 years of work in and for the government, and his interests in children and education. He has been a guest on various radio talk shows and his "Life After Death" interview is played on a nationally syndicated talk show on the ABC radio network as part of a "Best Of" series.

Dr. Marjorie Hass, president of Austin College, will welcome guests. Junior Austin Brewster of Houston, Texas, will provide a student address. The Sherman Federated Choirs, led by Priscilla Mask and Tonia Childs, will provide special music.

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## Notice to File for Election to the 15th Texas Silver-haired Legislature

The deadline to file for election to the 15th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) for a two-year term is February 28, 2013. Candidates must be 60 years of age or older, registered voters and live in the district they wish to represent. Statewide elections will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2013 for senior Texans who wish to serve Texas and represent senior constituencies from 123 districts stateside.

Candidates for the 15th TSHL whose residence is within Cooke, Fannin or Grayson Counties should contact Karen Bray, TCOG's Aging Services Director, at 903-813-3580 or email [kbray@texoma.cog.tx.us](mailto:kbray@texoma.cog.tx.us) for information on filing, duties of the office, necessary forms and deadlines.

For additional information, visit the TSHL website at [www.txshl.org](http://www.txshl.org)<<http://www.txshl.org>>. Candidates may also sign up for a course about TSHL at [www.tshlacademy.org](http://www.tshlacademy.org)<<http://www.tshlacademy.org>>.

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More than 1,000 people showed up across Texas as part of the First Day Hikes Program on New Year's Day to enjoy guided nature hikes at Texas State Parks. TPWD Photo by Bryan Frazier

## Hundreds Turn Out for First Day Hikes in Texas State Parks

New Year's Day Was a Day at the Park First Day Hikes Program Draws 1,100 Visitors to Texas State Parks

For the second consecutive year, hundreds of Texans showed up at State Parks across Texas to participate in the First Day Hikes Program, part of a nationwide effort to encourage people to get outdoors for healthier lifestyles on the New Year's Day holiday.

Fifty-seven state park locations offered a guided hike led by a park ranger or experienced park volunteer, up from 48 last year. In all, 1,100 visitors braved the cold and rainy weather conditions that gripped much of Texas on Jan. 1, and participated in a variety of nature hikes, ranging in length and degree of difficulty, from mountainous treks to birding boardwalks through wetlands.

"First Day Hikes is something we want folks to embrace as a tradition for years to come," said Karen Blizzard, assistant director of park interpretive services and the Texas coordinator for the national First Day Hikes program. "Hiking is a great way to see and enjoy the outdoors, and also a fun way for families to be together and stay fit."

Mother Neff State Park, located in Central Texas northwest of Temple, had the most hikers of any Texas park with 115, while Franklin Mountain State Park in El Paso hosted 78 visitors for its jaunt into the Chihuahuan Desert country.

Nationally, some 22,000 folks chose to ring in the New Year at more than 720 hikes, totaling more than 43,000 miles in all 50 state park systems.

For more information about hiking or other activities in Texas State Parks, visit [www.texasstateparks.org](http://www.texasstateparks.org).





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## Farmers and ranchers: Be offensive and win food fights

By *Mike Barnett*

Get your back up. Mix it up and fight those who use agriculture as a whipping boy.

That was the battle plan advocated by American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman in 2010 during his annual address to the membership in Seattle. I dubbed him the Mad Prophet of Agriculture back then.

President Stallman has mellowed a bit. And so has the tune sung by the organization and others in battling the myths and lies perpetrated about what we do.

The problem in the past, I think, was that agriculture reacted as a cornered animal when an animal welfare, food safety or environmental issue blew up. We played defense against every charge and mistruth launched against us, giving our customers reasons for doubt.

The stage has changed, as Stallman duly noted in this year's address. There are consumers—our customers—hungry for information about the food they eat. Others will put their dogs in the fight and fill that void if farmers and ranchers stay silent.

It's a kinder, gentler approach that can be summed up in three words.

Proactive, not reactive.

It's not about engaging activist crazies in fire fights where everyone comes back bloodied. We can reduce their clamor by building a wall of trust with our customers. It's as simple as talking with them on an ongoing basis, joining them in conversations about food and addressing their concerns.

Here's Stallman's advice:

- Build bridges with people influential in the food community, who drive opinions and are willing to engage in a conversation about food.
- Meet customers on their own turf and invite them to ours. Answer all concerns they have about food, whether the issues seem real to us or not.
- Talk about our desire to continually improve sustainability, quality and safety on the farm.
- Tell your personal story about how you use fewer resources to produce more, and let them know how you care for your land and animals.
- Be transparent. It builds trust. Share values with your customers.

To move public opinion... to counter the activists... "We must open our doors—and maybe more importantly, open our minds—to consumers and their perspectives about food and agriculture," Stallman said.

Sage advice, President Stallman. Let's get to work.

Mike Barnett, Director of Publications, Texas Farm Bureau

I'm a firm believer that farmers and ranchers will continue to meet the needs of a growing world population by employing equal measures of common sense, conservation and technology.

## Pecan Workshop for Grayson County

February 15, 2013  
9:00am to 12 noon

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Assembly Room

Don't wait until Fall to start thinking about your pecan crop. The time to start is in the Spring. We all love pecans, but they are expensive to purchase, so if you are thinking about growing your own pecans by either starting with new trees or working with older established trees you will want to attend the Pecan Workshop for Grayson County

The speaker will be Dr. Charles Rohla, Pecan Specialist, from the Noble Foundation.

Some of the topics to be discussed will be orchard location, pecan varieties, initial investment, management requirements, irrigation, and disease and pest control. A portion of the presentation will address bringing established native trees into production. There will also be a scheduled time for questions and answers.

One CEU (IPM) will be provided for Private Applicators. \$10 door charge. Enter the courthouse on the south side across from Knight Furniture. Any questions should be directed to Chuck Jones, 903-813-4202. Please RSVP.

*Educational programs of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.*

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## From Texoma Patriots Newsletter

Our first event of the year is the movie Occupy Unmasked.  
Date and time: Tuesday, January 22, from 7 to 9 pm  
Location: Grandy's in Sherman – 3201 Texoma Parkway  
Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend or neighbor or relative!  
Come early and enjoy dinner or dessert at Grandy's.

This film takes viewers into the Occupy Wall Street camps around the country from New York to Los Angeles and provides a first-hand look at violence and intimidation occurring within them. It exposes those at the heart of the events and reveals the highly orchestrated nature of the movement. Exclusive footage and eyewitness accounts document criminal activity and raw brutality in the camps – the majority of these incidents have not been reported by the mainstream media.

Occupy Unmasked features the conservative visionary Andrew Breitbart and journalists Brandon Darby, David Horowitz, Pam Keys, Anita MonCrief, Mandy Nagy, and Lee Stranahan.

It is written and directed by award-winning director Stephen Bannon (The Undefeated, Generation Zero) and produced by David Bossie (Border War, Perfect Valor). Occupy Unmasked is a shocking indictment of one of the most controversial movements in American history.

The movie is not rated and lasts approximately 75 minutes. [www.occupyunmasked.com](http://www.occupyunmasked.com)

### ***Municipal Elections Coming Soon***

It is time to start thinking about Municipal elections. In most cities, the election is scheduled for May 11th. Who is running for mayor or city council? Who is running for school board? Do those in office need to be replaced in order to make your city or school system more transparent or to plan for progress? Can you identify good candidates? Are you willing to run for local office? It is important to remember that “ALL POLITICS ARE LOCAL.”

Remember also that many boards need concerned citizens who will watch that UN Agenda 21 policies are not instituted and the governmental power is limited. Common sense is often missing in the writing of ordinances which end up restricting the freedom of the citizens. Volunteer to serve on Planning and Zoning, Economic Development Corp., Community Development Corp., Chamber of Commerce, Parks, etc. We should each get involved in our community's activities to ensure our freedom from enslaving regulations and ordinances. Build a community where your children and grandchildren can live freely.

January 19th is 2nd Amendment Appreciation Day. How are you going to support our right to bear arms?

As George Washington once said, “A free people ought ... to be armed.” Don't let the Left legislate away your Second Amendment rights. Instead, show your support for our gun rights.

On Saturday, the 19th, go to the shooting range and practice. Go to your local gun dealer and purchase ammunition or the gun you have been wanting. Carry a sign that shows support for the 2nd Amendment and march in front of a shooting range or gun store. Wording on a sign may be: “I SUPPORT THE 2nd AMENDMENT” or “PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN, PROUD TO BE A GUN OWNER” or “GUN RIGHTS ARE CONSTITUTIONAL!” or “A FREE PEOPLE OUGHT ... TO BE ARMED.” – George Washington or “IT'S NOT ABOUT GUNS, IT'S ABOUT CONTROL.”

RED RIVER FIREARMS LLC in Sherman has support our activities with donations and so has EDHUBE GUN CLUB in Bonham. LET'S SUPPORT THEM!

Sunday, January 20th is “A DAY TO PRAY.” Click on [www adaytopray.com](http://www adaytopray.com) for more ideas.

Join Mike Huckabee for “A Day to Pray,” where we will ask God to grant our leaders, from the local school houses to the White House, the wisdom they need for the road ahead. We will gather to ask God for forgiveness and healing of our land and to bless our Country and her people. This will not be a political rally but a spiritual event and hopefully one that can help bring us together as we move forward as a nation.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” - 2 Chronicles 7:14

## Gun Control

Vermont State Rep. Fred Maslack has read the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as well as Vermont's own Constitution very carefully, and his strict interpretation of these documents is popping some eyeballs in New England and elsewhere.

Maslack recently proposed a bill to register “non-gun-owners” and require them to pay a \$500 fee to the state. Thus Vermont would become the first state to require a permit for the luxury of going about unarmed and for the privilege of not owning a gun.

Maslack read the “militia” phrase of the Second Amendment as not only the right of the individual citizen to bear arms, but as ‘a clear mandate to do so’. He believes that universal gun ownership was advocated by the Framers of the Constitution as an antidote to a “monopoly of force” by the government as well as criminals. Vermont's constitution states explicitly that “the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the State” and those persons who are “conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms” shall be required to “pay such equivalent.”

Clearly, says Maslack, Vermonters have a constitutional obligation to arm themselves, so that they are capable of responding to “any situation that may arise.”

Under the bill, adults who choose not to own a firearm would be required to register their name, address, Social Security Number, and driver's license number with the state. “There is a legitimate government interest in knowing who is not prepared to defend the state should they be asked to do so,” Maslack says.

Vermont already boasts a high rate of gun ownership along with the least restrictive laws of any state .... it's currently the only state that allows a citizen to carry a concealed firearm without a permit. This combination of plenty of guns and few laws regulating them has resulted in a crime rate that is the third lowest in the nation.

There is no reason why gun owners should have to pay taxes and fees to support police protection for people not wanting to own guns. Let them contribute their fair share and pay their own way. Sounds reasonable to me! Non-gun owners require more police to protect them and this fee should go to paying for their defense!

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### Cherry Mound

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Sun School 9:45; worship, 11,  
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903/532-6828; Roger Roper,  
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45  
**BETHEL BAPTIST**  
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Hutson, pastor, 903/532-6032  
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903/815-1472 ; Kcvin Bouse  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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903/532-6441;  
Toby Socheting  
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100 E. Davis, 903/532-5504;  
Roger Tidwell, pastor  
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810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;  
Tom Medley, minister

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Charles Morris, pastor

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**LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST  
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Harvey Patterson,  
903/893-2252  
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150 Fellowship Ln, Luella  
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

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### Proverbs 3:13-20 (KJV)

<sup>13</sup> Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

<sup>14</sup> For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

<sup>15</sup> She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

<sup>16</sup> Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

<sup>17</sup> Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

<sup>18</sup> She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

<sup>19</sup> The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

<sup>20</sup> By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

<sup>21</sup> My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

<sup>22</sup> So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

<sup>23</sup> Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

<sup>24</sup> When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

<sup>25</sup> Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

<sup>26</sup> For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

## Christian Fellowship

D'Anna Lodge will be speaking this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Join them each Sunday morning at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. A Christian Fellowship is proud to announce they are a part of the ONE MOVEMENT in Texoma.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time.

ACF offers KIDZ CHURCH each Sunday morning during worship time for KIDZ ages 2-10. It is called KIDZ IN DA ZONE FOR JESUS! They learn about the bible, memory verses, skits, games and puppet shows. Come bring your Kidz for a fun time.

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

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 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333.

## Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on [www.PregnancyDecisions.org](http://www.PregnancyDecisions.org).

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

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#### BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.  
903/450-3708

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#### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

#### FRIENDSHIP UNITED

#### METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

#### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,

601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,  
Rev. Mack Rogers

#### RED RIVER

#### COWBOY CHURCH

3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75);  
Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

### Van Alstyne

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Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County  
Line Rd.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

#### EAST SIDE

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

#### ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,  
903/482-6356

#### FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,

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

#### LIFE CHURCH,

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

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

#### FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

903/482-6646,

Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

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301 S. Preston,

Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

#### GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

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On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen,  
903/482-6700;

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#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

#### SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.

Arnold Baker, pastor

### On Bypass

Forty-one states in the U.S. are currently battling widespread influenza outbreaks, including Illinois, where six people – all older than 50 – have died, according to the state’s Department of Public Health. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that at least 18 children have died in the U.S. during this flu season.

Some emergency rooms in the U.S. have been overwhelmed with so many flu patients that they’ve had to turn some of them and others with non-life-threatening conditions away due to lack of space.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL was one of eight hospitals in the country on “bypass” on Monday and Tuesday. “On bypass” means that the hospital asks ambulances to take patients to other hospitals if they can do so safely.

The situation is due to influenza; Northwestern recently reported a 20 percent increase in flu patients every day.

Hospitals turning patients away?? That’s how bad the flu season is right now!

Yet there is ANOTHER condition that is much more serious and life-threatening...

The most serious condition affecting mankind is SIN. “For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). The situation is UNIVERSAL, affecting every person of every tribe of every nation. And, it is DEADLY, for “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).

But God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross to redeem us from sin (John 3:16). His blood is the remedy that will heal our sin-sick souls and give us eternal life (Ephesians 1:7).

And Jesus won’t turn anyone away who is willing to submit his life to Him.

On one occasion, some scribes and Pharisees were disturbed because Jesus ate with some tax collectors and sinners. Jesus told them: "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Luke 5:27-32).

That’s Good News because ALL of us need the Great Physician!

Jesus will heal the sin-sick souls of those who will place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Won’t YOU allow the Great Physician to heal your sin-sick soul? You won’t be “bypassed” or turned away - if you will humble yourself and come to Him on His terms.

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Alabama

\* Information gleaned from “Flu Outbreak Swamps Hospitals” by Alex Perex and Andy Fies, www.abcnews.com. Many thanks to Gary Davis of Lavonia, GA, for sharing this article and his excellent insights with us!

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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.

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Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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*Letter to the Editor:*

## The Obama Appeasers

President Obama's recent picks for Secretary of Defense-Chuck Hagel and Secretary of State-John Kerry call into question Obama's judgment and wisdom and his ability to lead this country.

Chuck Hagel opposed the successful troop surge in Iraq and he wants to prematurely pull troops out of Afghanistan. He believes in placating Communist Cuba and wants to negotiate with the terrorist organizations Hamas and Hezbollah. Hagel is committed to negotiating with Iran on its nuclear development program. He wants to make dramatic cuts to our military, which will weaken our national security posture. Hagel will be in lockstep with Obama and will continue the policies of appeasement.

John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam War veteran with medals that Swift Boat commanders stated he did not deserve, will march to Obama's tune of appeasement. Kerry, in Congressional hearings, turned on his fellow Vietnam War veterans. He could be another apologist for the Obama administration.

As a former Navy enlisted man and officer I question the ability of the Obama/Hagel/Kerry threesome to lead this country from a position of strength in the world. I do not have confidence in the capabilities of these key individuals to promote our national security.

Donald A. Moskowitz  
Londonderry, NH

## Cornyn: Closed Door Meetings, Retraction Letters Can't Erase Hagel's Record

AUSTIN – Today U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement regarding the nomination of Sen. Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense:

“No closed-door White House meeting with a single Senator or a letter can erase a problematic 12-year Senate record and many troubling public statements from Sen. Hagel.

“Retractions of long-held positions raise serious questions about where Sen. Hagel stands on critical issues of national defense. Our nation and our men and women in uniform need a Secretary of Defense who says what he means and means what he says.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary 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.

## Hall Co-Sponsors Fair Tax, Balanced Budget Amendments

WASHINGTON, DC . . . At the start of the 113th Congress, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) became a co-sponsor of several bills to address the national debt crisis. H.R. 25, The Fair Tax Act, introduced by Rep. Rob Woodall (R-GA), repeals the Sixteenth Amendment and replaces the current income tax with a single, national consumption tax. H.J.Res 1 and H.J.Res. 2, introduced by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), propose a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

“Washington continues to spend and borrow money it doesn't have, and America's national debt now exceeds \$16.4 trillion,” said Hall. “We are seeing the effects of the federal government's out-of-control spending in our country's weak economy, 7.8% unemployment rate, and high tax rates. To get the Nation's debt under control, we must make responsible spending cuts and tax reforms. I am a long-time supporter of both a Fair Tax and Balanced Budget Amendment and am pleased to co-sponsor these common-sense bills.”

Hall continued, “America's current tax system is bureaucratic, wasteful, and broken, with thousands of pages dedicated to carve-outs and loopholes which favor the person with the best lawyers. I believe a simpler plan would boost economic activity and therefore bring in more revenue with lower rates and less waste. The Fair Tax would eliminate the payroll tax and IRS and instead put into place a single, national consumption tax. By creating a fairer and simpler tax code, America's revenue would be more reliable and our economy stronger.”

“Likewise, a Balanced Budget Amendment would prohibit the federal government from exceeding its budget (except during times of war) unless Congress, by a three-fifths roll-call vote from both the House and Senate, authorizes a specific increase. American families and 49 states balance their budgets every year, and it is crucial to America's economic security that the federal government do the same.”

“The idea that America can continue to raise the debt ceiling and spend trillions of dollars without consequence is reckless, and I do not intend to give this President more money to buy votes with. Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren should not inherit the heavy burden of paying back our debts - they deserve a strong and competitive country and I will continue to work towards that goal.”

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## Dear editor,

With the Super Bowl on the horizon, millions of people are going to watch what is arguably the biggest annual sporting event in the world. On a Sunday, no less. And on that Sunday, even with the kickoff scheduled for sometime in the early evening, much of the viewing audience probably won't spend a couple of hours of their pre-game time in the morning to attend church services. For them, football is their god (or so I think). And if that's the case, I think that's very sad.

After all, once the Super Bowl is over, six months will go by without an NFL game being played. What will these fans do during that time without their "god" to satisfy their needs? I think they need to put down their *Sports Illustrated* magazines (or whatever they have) and read the Bible. Perhaps they would get to know Jesus Christ a lot more and be able to develop a personal relationship with Him. It would last a lot longer than any football game or season would.

**A.J. Chilson,  
Princeton, TX**

## Cornyn Statement on Nomination of Jack Lew for Treasury Secretary

WASHINGTON-Today, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued the following statement on the nomination of Jack Lew for Treasury Secretary:

"Under Jack Lew's leadership at the Office of Management and Budget, we saw trillion dollar deficits and no serious attempt to rein in spending. As President Obama's Chief of Staff, we've seen on-going dilatory tactics as the nation stares down one fiscal crisis after another. While Mr. Lew deserves a fair hearing, Texans deserve to hear the President's plan for cutting spending and balancing our budget."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







## House Membership

As we have discussed over the last few weeks, the 83rd Legislative Session began on January 8. The start of the legislative session is a very busy time for returning and new legislative members. While each member is there to do the same job of representing the needs of his or her constituency, each legislator's background is unique. Through other members, legislators learn about issues facing Texans across the state that may be specific to their areas. The Texas House consists of 150 members; this year there are 43 new members, or 29% of the total membership. There are 113 incumbents returning from last session, 36 of which are entering their second session as members.

This coming week, members will take up changes to the House Rules, and will also submit their committee preferences to the Speaker. The backgrounds of the legislators are important in deciding on which committees they will serve. Occupation, community activities, and the geographical location of the district help the Speaker determine to which committee members can most effectively contribute.

The diverse occupations of members make the legislature a truly unique atmosphere. While many of the legislators are attorneys, there are also veterinarians, ranchers, farmers, insurance agents, doctors, nurses, small business owners, teachers, and engineers. The age of members also varies widely; there are 3 members under the age of 30, and 3 over the age of seventy. A majority of the members are between forty and seventy years of age.

Members' districts are as diverse as the individual members, ranging from large rural areas to densely populated urban areas. The largest House district in terms of square mileage is represented by Rep. Pancho Nevarez in West Texas. His district is composed of 12 counties and encompasses over 36,884 square miles. The smallest House district is represented by Gene Wu, of Houston, and is only 18.3 square miles. By comparison our district, comprised of Delta, Fannin, and Grayson Counties, contains 2150 square miles.

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“Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?”

The drunk looks back and says, “Yes, preacher, I sure am.”

The minister dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up.

“Have you found Jesus?” the preacher asks.”Nooo, I didn’t!” said the drunk.

The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up, and says, “Now, brother, have you found Jesus?”

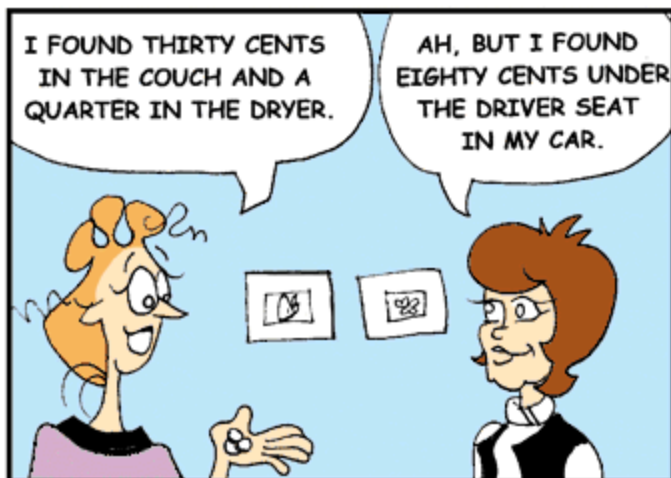
“Noooo, I have not, Reverend.”

The preacher, in disgust, holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time, brings him out of the water, and says in a harsh tone, “My God, man, have you found Jesus yet?”

The old drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher, “Are you sure this is where he fell in?”

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We believe that your local news provided should provide you with news, information, facts, and sources to further study that information. Here are some websites that are providing those facts, at least at the time of their listing on our page. If you know of others that our readers would enjoy send them to us. Or if some of these are no longer working let us know.

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

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

[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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## Let's Reminisce: Traveling In The 1920s

By Jerry Lincecum

Recently I found an interesting account what it was like to travel from Sherman to Canada by car in the 1920s, camping and cooking meals outdoors all the way. In 1925 a lady named Mita Holsapple Hall organized a remarkably extensive automobile trip (by Model-T) for Sherman's first Camp Fire group, which she had initiated four years earlier. On a month-long tour she and her sister chaperoned four of her teenage Camp Fire girls, plus three young men from her church youth group.

Their nights were spent in the open or in non-commercial facilities (haystacks, Camp Fire Girl camps or churches). Moreover, they prepared almost all their meals (no fast food or other restaurants).

Highlights of the tour included Stone Mountain, Georgia; Norfolk, Virginia, where they toured the battleship Texas, then in dry dock; and Niagara Falls. Of course they covered the typical tourist sites in Washington, Philadelphia, and New York City.

While in the New York City area they were guests at a lovely Camp Fire Girls camp on the banks of the Hudson River, where they enjoyed swimming, hiking, and a number of sports. Miraculously, they were blessed with favorable weather throughout, except for experiencing brief sub-freezing temperatures in Ontario.

Given Sherman's enthusiastic acceptance of the first Camp Fire group, two more were soon organized and an inaugural summer camp was held in July 1927. In 1928, responding to a request from many of her new Camp Fire girls, and their parents, Mrs. Hall organized another month-long trip similar to that of 1925. This one except included four chaperones and ten Camp Fire girls, traveling in four vehicles.

A highlight of the 1928 venture was an unusual episode in Massachusetts. An ingenious reporter for a Salem newspaper heard about the travelers but was unable to locate them for an interview. He arranged through the local police department for a ticket to be issued to the group, requiring their appearance at a police court.

Responding to the citation, the entire group appeared in court. After learning there were no charges against them, they gave the reporter a detailed interview: Here are excerpts from his story:

"The statement that 14 Texas ranchers invaded Salem yesterday might be expected to stir things up in the peaceful old Witch City. Just as true as they were in Salem, equally correct is that they were so quiet that few knew they were here.

"Instead of coming in covered wagons or on pintos, they chose to come here in three Fords and an Erskine. Aside from having one of their cars skid and turn over into a ditch, another having the transmission and rear end go, plus blowouts and punctures on the four cars, they report nothing exciting happened and no one was injured."

Understandably, Mrs. Hall told the *Sherman Daily Democrat* that her Camp Fire Girls felt it would be desirable to bring some New Englanders to Texas for an educational tour on the life and customs of our state.

-30- Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject:  
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A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

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

Dale and Lana Rideout

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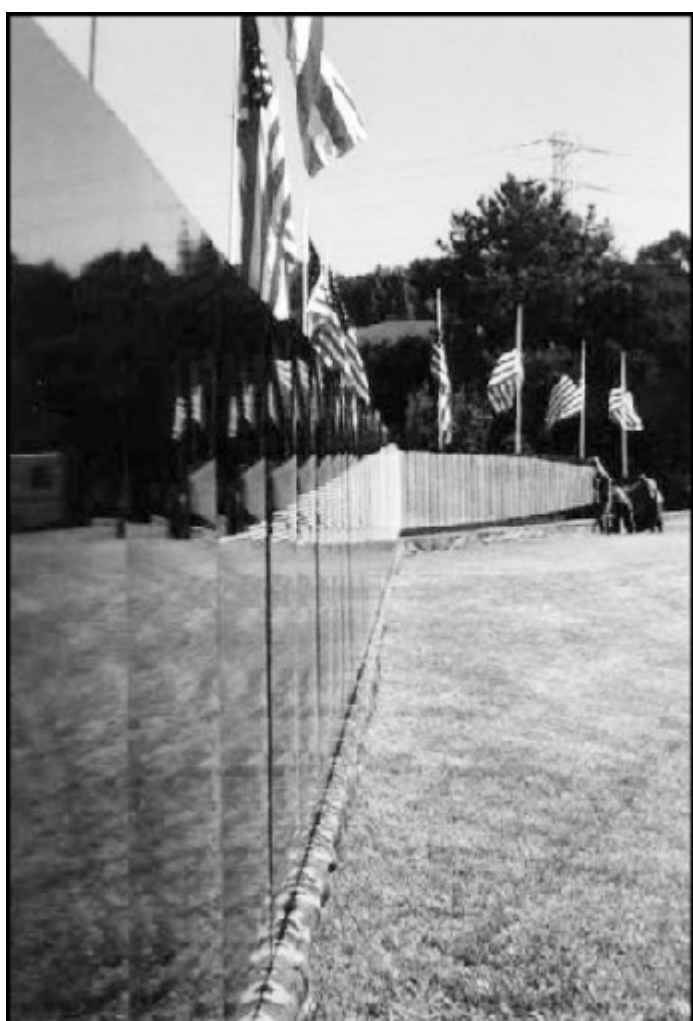
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# Texoma Montage



**The Wall**, looking East  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*

## *Traveling Vietnam War Memorial*

**by Dorothy N. Fowler**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

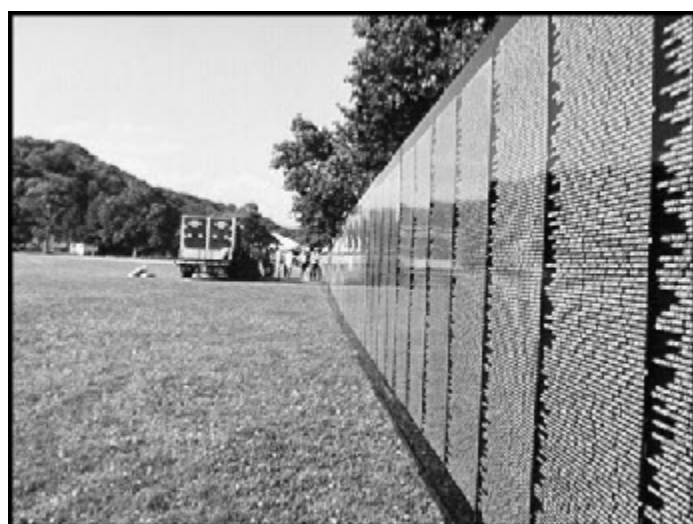
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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

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



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



**The moving wall** - set up and ready for visitors.  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*





# What's Cookin...

# Texoma Montage

By Lana Rideout

## Cooking During Wartime

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

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

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

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

### Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

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

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

### Southern Johnny Cake

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

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

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



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



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





# Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

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

by Dorothy N. Fowler

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

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

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

## VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The other men nod agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Thanks.”

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

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

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

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

Photo by Dorothy Fowler



## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

# Texoma Montage

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

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

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

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

### Ely Park World War II Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Fairview Park War Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium



## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

### Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

**G. A. R.**  
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**Nathaniel Lyon**  
**Post No 5**  
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**In Memory of**  
**the Loyal Soldiers**  
**and Sailors**

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# Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

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

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

## The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

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

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

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

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

## War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

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

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

### Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

### Fort Washita

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Specialties are:

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

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

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

## Telling Our Stories

# DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

*by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham*

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

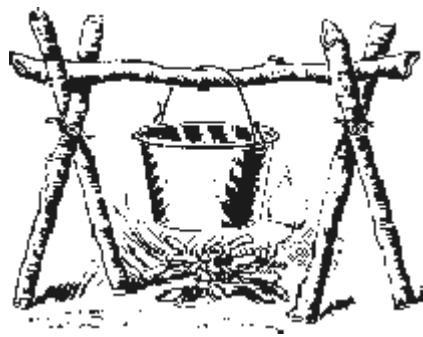
Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



*Ruby Frizzell Draisey*



## *Cookin' Out*



### **Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake**

*by Dale Rideout*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Dump Cake**

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

*¼ pound butter or margarine*

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

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

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

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## *Southern Algebra*

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

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



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## *Turkey Vultures*

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

## *One Vote*

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

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

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

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

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

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## *Dining Out with my Grandson*

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## *Telling Our Stories*

### REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

*by Jack Frost McGraw*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Jack Frost McGraw**

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



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**Freedom Plaza  
Farmersville, TX**



**Sherman Liberty Garden**

**Twisted Tree  
Ft. Washita, OK**

