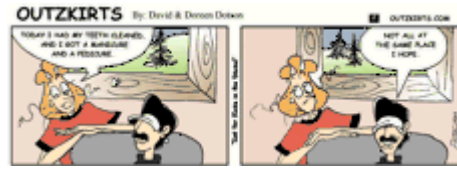


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Going Green Seminar at GCC

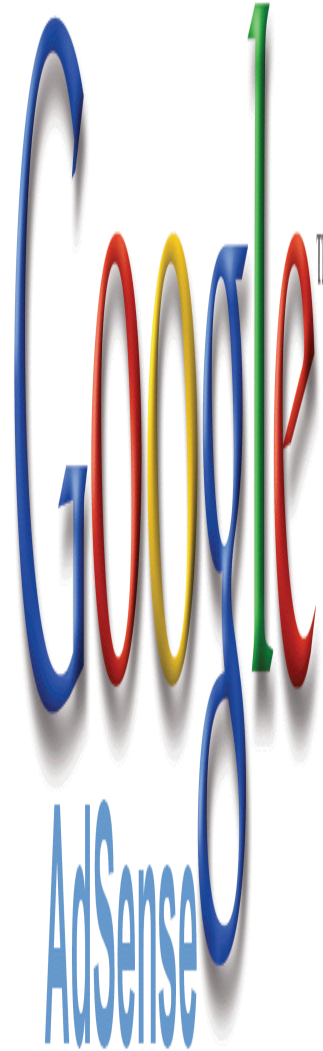
“Going Green” is the topic of a free seminar set for 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. January 31. The new offering is co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Grayson County College, the Sherman Chamber of Commerce and the Denison Chamber of Commerce.

“Green 101” is an interactive presentation by, Dana McLaughlin, that will discuss what it means to “go green” or become sustainable and what the market for sustainable businesses and products looks like. The presentation will include low to no cost strategies and behavior changes everyone can do to get started, each of which can result in reduced operating costs to help you save money and the planet.

McLaughlin is a Small Business Sustainability Counselor with the SBDC for Enterprise Excellence at the University of Texas at Arlington. She has a passion for environmentalism and a wide range of experience with environmental issues, including conservation and the resulting cost savings. She earned an MS in Environmental and Earth Science from the University of Texas at Arlington.

The seminar will meet in GCC’s Health Science Center, room 202. Seating for the program is limited. To register and obtain a guest parking permit, call the SBDC office at 903-463-8787 or e-mail <mailto:jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu> jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu.

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SE Live set for February 8

DURANT, Okla. - High school seniors and juniors, plus their parents and families, are invited to attend SE Live Open House hosted by Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

SE Live is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, on the Southeastern campus in Durant, Oklahoma.

“SE Live is a great day for high school seniors and juniors to visit Southeastern’s campus and envision themselves as college students for a day. It’s a chance for students to see our campus and the great opportunities Southeastern provides as a University,” said Marcus High, University Recruiter.

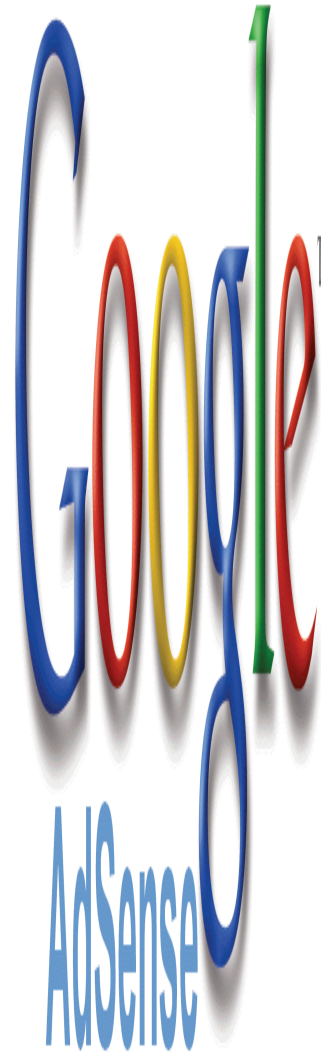
SE Live Open House is an excellent opportunity for high school students to experience what life is like as a Southeastern student. Students will attend workshops on Scholarships and Financial Aid, Southeastern Traditions and a College Success class. Campus tours will also be available in the afternoon.

Other highlights of the day will include entertainment by several of Southeastern’s performing groups, including the Sparks Dance Team. The choir and band will also hold early auditions for scholarships. In the afternoon, students will have an opportunity to visit Eaker Field, home of the Southeastern Aviation Program.

All students attending will receive an SE Sackpack and one free lunch ticket. Lunch is sponsored by First United Bank.

SE Live is an annual event on campus. Last year more than 500 students attended.

To view an event schedule, get directions and register, go online to www.SE.edu/SELive or contact the Office of University Recruitment at 580-745-2060.



Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

Last week I had jury duty in Sherman on Tuesday. Only one jury was needed so they had called a smaller jury pool than usual. It was very interesting as it was for the County Court at Law which has a jury of six people instead of 12.

Eighteen people were selected to be questioned for the final panel. The case involved a person who had pled guilty to stealing some money. His lawyer and the county's lawyers could not agree on a sentence, so a jury was set to decide the punishment phase.

Questions were asked by lawyers on both side; as they tried to decide on who would end up with a verdict.

I was not chosen to be on the jury so I do not know the outcome. If you have never served on a jury, it is interesting. I have been on two jury panels in the last thirty-something years.

On another note, my husband broke his foot last Saturday. He is hobbling around with a boot type of shoe. He should be in the boot for several weeks.

Sausage Wonton Cups

- 1 pound bulk sausage
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet red bell pepper
- 1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1-1/2 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup Ranch Dressing
- 1 can (2.25 ounces sliced black (ripe) olives or 1/4 cup chopped
- Vegetable oil spray
- 1 package (48 pieces) wonton wrappers

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

In a heavy skillet, saute sausage, red pepper, onion, and garlic, stirring often to break apart until sausage is cooked through and crumbly. Drain grease and let cool to room temperature,

While sausage cools, spray non-stick mini-muffin pans with vegetable oil. Place one wonton in each mini-muffin slot and spray again with vegetable oil. Bake 5 minutes until light golden brown. Remove baked wontons to a foil-lined baking sheet. Reduce heat to 400 F.

Combine cooling sausage mixture, Cheddar cheese, Monterey Jack Cheese, ranch dressing and olives. Mix well. Fill each wonton cup with sausage mixture, using all of the mixture. Bake filled wontons an additional 5 to 10 minutes until melted and bubbly. Let rest for 10 minutes, then serve warm.

Yield: 48 appetizers.

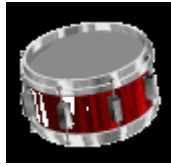
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Accelerated Reader Goal, 3rd Six Weeks

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Howe Elementary Top Dogs for the week ending January 20th are: Mikayla Hudek, Ivonne Delgado, Cameron Lankford, Kiki Harvey-Toney, Cheyann Brady, Katie Grogan, Jennifer Torres, Michelle Caballero, Avery Snapp, Kevin Bateman, Kris Craig, Austin Haley, Ariana Ross, Trey Phillips, Autumn Owens, and Ryleigh Craven.

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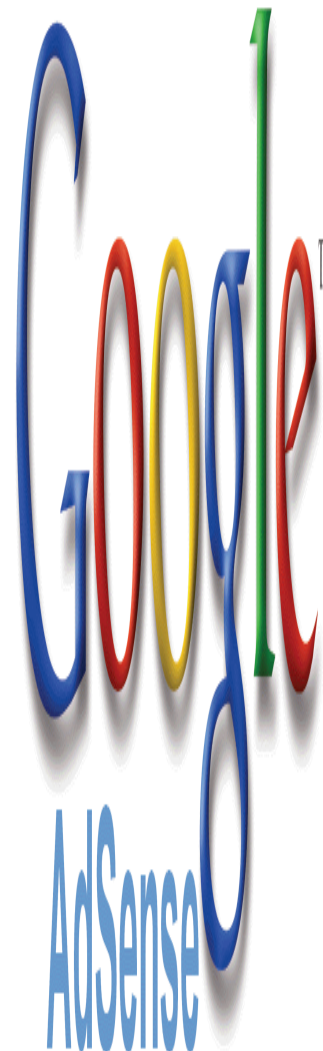
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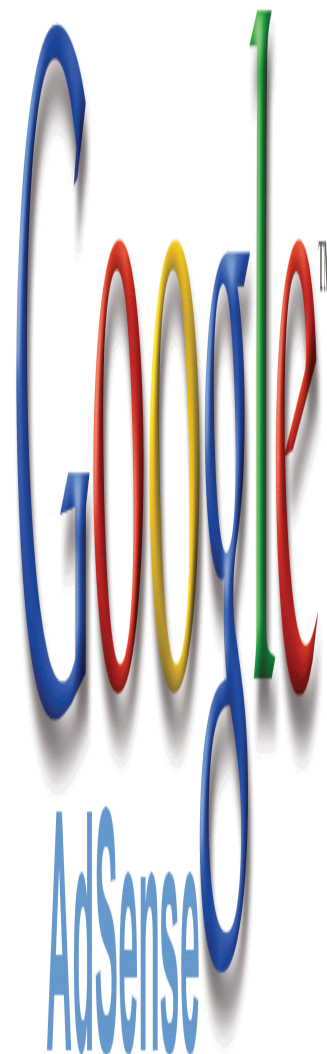
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Gunter Library Grand Opening

The Gunter Library and Museum has moved and is now located at #4, Gunter Center Plaza (Morgan Center, 110 S. State Highway 289). The grand opening was held on Saturday, Jan. 21 with a fundraising breakfast followed by tours of the new library space.

The Library is staffed by volunteers. Sheri Smith is the librarian. President of the Friends is Jeanine Hawkins. A ribbon cutting was held Saturday and several activities were available to patrons.

New Library hours are: Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2:30-7:30, Thursday 2-6, and Saturday 10-2. Services available include free

Internet, current authors and books, children's and adult programs, reference and homework help, books on CDs, DVD and VHS movies, basic computer classes and Internet use.

Join us for Brown Bag Book Discussion Club each 4th Wednesday at 12 noon. Bring your lunch.

Let us know what other activities you would like the Gunter Library and Museum to provide as we become your Neighborhood Resource Center. For more information, phone: 903-207-4527



Ribbon cutting for the Gunter Library and Museum new facilities



Children's books at Gunter Library

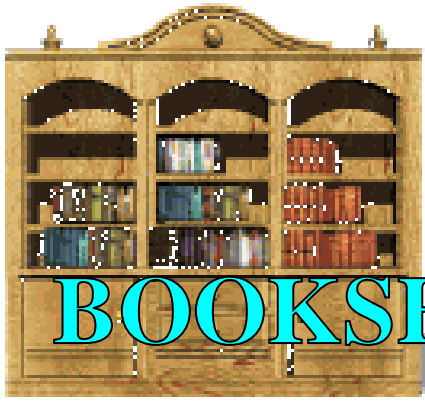


Gunter Museum includes photos, newspapers, maps, and artifacts of Gunter history.



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BOOKSHELF

By Tracy Luscombe

If you are planning to have a vegetable garden this year then you will want to join us for our program on seed starting techniques. Master Gardener Trudy West, who brought us a great program last August, will return on Saturday, February 25. Learn how to give the best start to your delicious vegetables. The hour-long program will start at 10:30 am and will be followed by some time to ask Trudy some questions. Hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us.

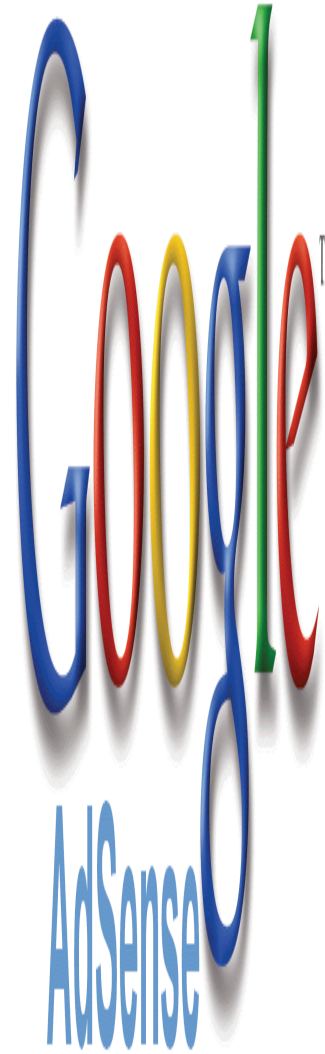
Teen Poetry Writers sharpen your pencils and get your best work together to share on Thursday, February 23 from 4:30-6:30 pm. More details will follow in future articles.

Did you know you can now renew your items from the Van Alstyne library online instead of having to call the library. Just call or come by the library to establish a personal identification number to get started.

Here are a few of the newest titles you'll want to come check out.

Love in the afternoon by Lisa Kleypas, *Break Down: a V.I. Warshawski* novel by Sarah Paretsky, *Never let you go* by Erin Healy (audio), *The Witch's daughter* by Paula Brackston, *Every Day a Friday* by Joel Osteen, *Gabby: a story of courage and hope* by Gabrielle Giffords and Mark Kelly.

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.



Schools Board

January Board Briefs

Tom Bean Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, January 21, 2009. President, Joe Jaska called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Steve Book led the invocation.

The minutes of December 14, 2009 along with the Financial Reports were approved as presented. The Quarterly Investment Report was given by Business Manager, Peggy Miller along with a monthly report of our total revenue, expenditures, transfers, and investment accounts.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Ariel Waller (EL); Ramie Byers (MS); and Maddie Cavender (HS).

Jessica Boren received a plaque from the Board of Trustees recognizing her selection to the ATSSB All-State Band. This is a prestigious honor for any music student in the state of Texas. Jessica is ranked in the top 40 trumpet players out of all the 1A, 2A, and 3A bands in the State of Texas. She will be traveling with the band directors and her family in February to compete.

Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance, discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events for February.

The month of January is Board Appreciation month. The Tom Bean ISD Board of Trustees received posters, certificates, thank-you cards, their names on the marquee, gift baskets, blankets, hoodies, and calendars from all campus staff members. Yvonne Harkness gave each member their name which was cut out of the original gym floor that flooded in the high school. The High School staff led by Mrs. Marci Chapman and Rusty Turner, sponsor of the FFA department presented the entire board and guests with a meal for their hard work and support to the children of the Tom Bean ISD. Presentations were made by the campus administrators, the student council, and students. Board members include: Joe Jaska, President, David Harrison, Vice-President, Brian Trentman, Secretary, Jimmy Jones, member, Steve Book, member, Stan Woodruff, member, and David Ellis, member.

John Orozco, Curriculum Director, gave is report which included the Safe and Drug Free program, Career and Technology meeting, benchmark testing, and vertical alignment.

The board agreed to enter into an agreement of updating the 403(b) plan to maintain compliance with the new IRS changes.

The Tom Bean ISD spends approximately 3% of its budget in electricity cost. In order to save money for our constituents, the board agreed to consider bids immediately to lock in lower prices for electricity. The cost savings will allow the school district to spend the savings in needed areas for students.

The board approved a one year extension on the Superintendent's contract.

Boys Basketball

The Tomcat basketball team struggled to a pair of losses vs. Whitewright last night. (Jan. 24)

A big JV comeback fell short 43-37 dropping their record to 6-13 on the season, 2-6 in district.

The leading scorer was Sheldon Roberson with Tanner Ellis providing excellent defense.

The varsity couldn't get their shots to fall all night as the Tigers caught fire from 3pt range, defeating the Tomcats soundly. The Tomcat record dropped to 7-16, 2-6 in district.

Scoring was provided by Cody Miller and Stephen Kinney with 9 points each, with Caden Gomez having a huge game on the boards gathering 12 rebounds.

Both teams next see action this Friday hosting Bells.

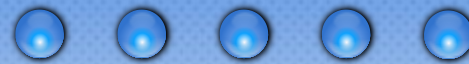
Upcoming City Election

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

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

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





Genita Rose “Nita” Helvey (1933-2012)

Genita “Nita” Rose Helvey, 78, passed away at home in Howe, Texas, January 20, 2012. Nita was a retired bookkeeper from a local insurance company.

Nita was born in Greenville, Texas, on August 10, 1933 to Herbert and Gladys Smith. She spent most of her life in the Sherman/Howe area. She graduated from Howe High School in 1951 as the salutatorian of her class. She married Alton Jearl “Jerry” Helvey on August 30, 1952. They were married for almost 60 years. Jerry and Nita had two children, Gaylene Helvey Chrystie of Arlington, Texas, and Dr. Jearl Kenton “Ken” Helvey of Allen, Texas.

Nita was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church and held membership in the Howe Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Wesleyan Sunday school class, United Methodist Women and the Wednesday Workers.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Jerry Helvey of Howe; daughter, Gaylene Chrystie and husband Bruce of Arlington, Texas; son, Ken Helvey and wife Sheena of Allen, Texas; grandchildren: Stephanie Richards and husband, Stephen of Dallas, Texas, Kendall Helvey of Comfort, Texas, Emily Helvey and Asenath Helvey of Allen, Geni Chrystie and Travis Chrystie, both of Arlington, and great-granddaughter Holly Hope Hall. She is also survived by sisters Linda Roe and husband Johnny of Sherman, Texas, Betty Euler of Evansville, Indiana, Wilnetha Townley of San Angelo, Texas; sisters-in-law, Imogene Smith of Sherman and Peggy Smith of Grapevine, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Gladys Rose Smith; brothers, Rodney and Eugene Smith; and grandson Casey Chrystie.

She will always be remembered for her strong faith and loving devotion to her family. Nita valued the education of her children and grandchildren. The greatest joys of her life were her beloved husband, her children, grandchildren and love of family gatherings. Nita’s uncomplaining spirit, brilliant smile and song of laughter will be remembered by those who loved her and she will be missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at the Howe Methodist Church at 5 p.m. Sunday, January 29, 2012. All memorial gifts are to be made to Howe Methodist Church. You may sign the online guestbook at www.scogginsfuneralhome.com.





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

SCP opens “Bus Stop”

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

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

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

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

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

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



Where is My Voter ID Card - Update

Counties are still awaiting the go-ahead from the State to send out Voter ID Cards which is dependent upon the outcome of the re-districting lawsuits.

It is not necessary to re-apply for a Voter ID unless you have moved or have had a name change.

Voter registration cards are mailed out every two years. In this particular cycle, a challenge has been made to the redistricting boundaries drawn by the 82nd Texas Legislature. Under normal circumstances, the cards would be in process of being mailed out by December in odd numbered years.

Voters may call or email the local Registrar's Office to verify registration. For Fannin County call 903-583-7488.

The Secretary of State has a helpful web site at:
<http://www.votexas.org/faq.html>

Tammy Biggar, Fannin County Clerk

Grayson County Candidate Debate

The public is invited to attend the candidate debate on January 31.

Candidate Debate for: Grayson County Sheriff and Precinct 1 County Commissioner races. GOP Chairman race will have a short forum

Date: January 31 - Tuesday

Time: 7 to 9 pm

Location: Grayson County Courthouse in Sherman, East Courtroom (2nd floor).

100 W. Houston St, Sherman, TX.

Texoma Patriots, assisted by Sherman Daybreak Toastmasters, is holding this candidate debate for the citizens of Grayson County. The debate moderator is Jeff Walton.

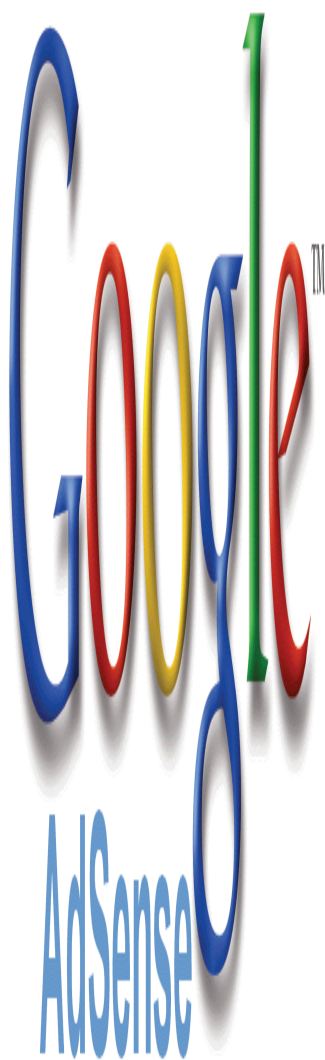
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Now is best time of year to aggressively control wild pigs AgriLife Extension specialist: Hungry hogs more careless

By Robert Burns rd-burns@tamu.edu 903-834-6191

OVERTON – From now until spring green-up is one of the best times of the year to control wild pigs, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert. One factor is that hungry wild pigs are on the move and more likely to be out in the open to forage for food this time of year, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist, Overton.

Wild pigs, aka feral hogs, browse wooded areas, graze pastures and root up planted crops for food, Higginbotham said. They also scavenge and raid deer-feeder sites. From January through spring green-up, many of these food sources are not as available.

“Native foods such as acorns disappear as winter wears on, and many deer hunters do not continue to supplement their deer population after hunting season,”

Higginbotham said. “As a result, the wild pigs will be increasingly on the move and more susceptible to baiting as they search for food.”

Another reason to step up control efforts of wild pigs this time of year has to do with the animals’ breeding behavior, he said.

“Wild pigs are one of the most prolific large mammals in the world,” Higginbotham said.

According to a 2011 study, the average age of a sow having her first litter is about 13 months, he said. Mature sows will have an average of 1.5 litters per year, and the average litter size is 5.6 piglets.

“Though sows can have litters any month of the year, there always seems to be a peak in farrowing during the early spring,” Higginbotham said. “This is an added incentive for landowners to strike as soon as possible before even more pigs hit the ground.”

Landowners have the choice of several control methods for wild pigs. These include trapping, snaring, dogging and shooting, both aerially and on the ground, he said. But because of the large amount of cover afforded by forest and brush in

many parts of Texas, trapping and shooting remain the most effective options for landowners in such areas.

“A 2011 survey of 700 landowners in 139 Texas counties by AgriLife Extension detailed the frequency of control method utilized,” Higginbotham said. “Of 36,664 wild pigs removed in 2010 by survey respondents, 57 percent were removed through trapping and 24 percent via aerial and landowner shooting. Hunting was responsible for removing another 11 percent of the pigs taken. Catch dogs removed 6 percent of the total while 2 percent were removed through the use of snares.”

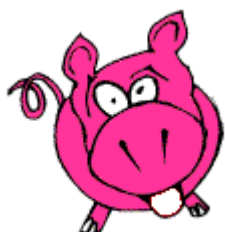
Higginbotham has detailed information on designing wild-pig traps at <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu>. Though design is important, there’s more to successfully controlling hogs than just buying or building a good trap, he said.

“Trapping is a process -- not an event,” Higginbotham said. “That process includes training the pigs to bait, determining the size of trap based on the size of the sounder (family group), training the pigs to become accustomed to the trap’s presence and to regularly enter the trap with the gate secured open. Then and only then should the trap be set to actually catch the pigs.”

Higginbotham noted that the most difficult pig to trap is one that has been “almost” caught, but got away because of poor trap design or planning. Mature pigs, especially boars, also learn to be wary of traps when they see other members of their sounder are caught. So it’s important to catch as many as possible with one setting of the trap.

He also recommended using a remote-sensing camera, available from sporting-good retailers, to determine the size and feeding habits of pigs before constructing the trap. The cameras are designed to operate automatically at suspected pig haunts. They are tripped by motion detectors with pig activity and take digital photos, marking the time in the process. Setting these cameras and interpreting the results are also outlined on the wild pig control website, he said.

“Landowners remain the first line of defense because Texas is 95 percent privately owned land,” Higginbotham said. “We are not going to eradicate wild pig populations with the current legal control methods, but research has clearly demonstrated that the economic impact wild pigs have on agricultural operations can be significantly reduced by the control methods we do have.”





Sparrows to be topic of Second Saturday program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Carnegie Libraries

By Bob Bowman

When Tyler's historic Carnegie Library building celebrated its anniversary, the event reminded East Texans of the legacy Andrew Carnegie left before his death in 1919.

Carnegie, a Scottish-born steel magnate, helped create a network of public libraries across America in the early 1900s. Before he launched his effort, the country had only about 600 fledgling libraries. By the time he was done, the nation had added nearly 1,700 more.

In Texas, Carnegie donated \$645,000 to 31 Texas communities ranging in population from Houston, which had only 44,600 people at the time, to Pecos, which had only 639. It is little wonder that an early writer called the old capitalist "the Santa Claus of Texas libraries."

In East Texas, the Carnegie legacy continues in the communities of Tyler, Jefferson, Marshall, Palestine and Franklin. Some of the towns' Carnegies have remained libraries while others serve different community roles. Carnegie buildings, however, have vanished in Clarksville, Pittsburg, Sulphur Springs, and Winnsboro.

Tyler's Carnegie is the home to the Smith County Historical Museum and houses a wonderful collection of materials related to the county's history. Tyler recently raised a hefty sum to give the building a centennial facelift.

During the Depression, the building acquired murals entitled "Industry of East Texas," painted by Dallas artist Douthett Wilson.

Palestine's Carnegie today houses the Chamber of Commerce in a Prairie one-story and basement building with a series of graceful arched windows across the facade. The interior is almost original.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

I listened with interest and admiration to President Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night. I have listened with interest and disbelief this Wednesday morning as Republicans have explained repeatedly the difference between earned income and capital gains.

Earned income, they have said, comes in the form of hourly wages or salary that a worker gets for performing a service or producing something for someone who is willing to pay for that service or that product. Capital gains are what a person gets for investing in something.

Believe me, I already knew that and did not have to have it explained to me. If people were paying attention in their economics classes -- required in Texas for high school graduation -- they should have known it.

According to the Republicans to whom I have listened, those who perform services or produce something tangible or at least identifiable should expect to be taxed at a higher rate than those who engage in transferring money from one person's pile of money to another person's pile of money.

That is an oversimplification, of course. Some investors do actually invest in something tangible or at least identifiable. They provide the money to buy capital goods -- the equipment, buildings and other hardware -- used to make goods or produce services for people to consume or to use to create other capital goods.

Some investors invest in research projects in the hope that the research will result in some saleable product, something like a computer or a GPS or a new and better cancer-fighting-drug or permanent wave solution that will cut the time required to curl your hair in half. The object of such investment is obviously producing something identifiable that people will buy in enough quantity to give the investor a profit on the investment.

Many of us are investors. We bought stocks or bonds that give us a tiny part of the ownership of a company like Texas Instruments, Metropolitan Life Insurance or Principal Financial Group (full disclosure: those are the stocks I own and last year my investments lost about \$6,000 in value) or we bought bonds, which make us creditors to companies like General Motors or Ford or to the City of Howe or the State of Texas or the United States government.

Most of us are not going to make or lose enough money on our investments to appreciably affect our daily lives. We will go on working at our jobs, producing something identifiable that someone else might be willing to pay for. We will pay taxes on our earnings at an average rate (effective tax rate) of something that approximates 20 percent.

The way the progressive income tax works or ought to work, is really pretty simple. Let's say you make \$100. You, and



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

At Franklin, the Carnegie is similar in design. It served as a library for only a few years after it was built in 1914 and today houses classrooms and shop classes for the Franklin school district.

Jefferson's Carnegie is still maintained as a library six days a week and Marshall's Carnegie is used as an administrative building on the campus of Wiley College.

The public libraries Carnegie built were not cheap. Between 1890 and 1919, he spent \$40 million of his own money for library grants. In Texas he also built one college library and a lecture hall.

Appropriately, the Pittsburgh-based philanthropist began his Texas grants at Pittsburg in East Texas with a gift of \$5,000 in 1898.

Carnegie had a good personal reason for building libraries.

Growing up in Scotland, he had seen his father persuade his fellow weavers to pool a portion of their salaries and buy books, which were read aloud as they worked.

When he was twelve, after his family came to America, Carnegie wrote a letter to the Pittsburg newspaper, seeking public access to a private library which, to that point, had been reserved for mechanics and tradesmen. Carnegie never forgot the opportunities libraries gave him during his career.

But a town didn't get money for a library because it requested one. It had to provide a location for the building and annual taxes to support the library.

If the library proposal had been up to Eugene Debs, an American socialist leader, no libraries would have been built.

Debs believed Carnegie's money came from an unfair capitalist system and, as such, no one should take any of it.

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the billionaire next door, pay 3 percent or \$3 on that first \$100. If you and the billionaire next door make another \$100, you will pay 3.2 percent on that next \$100, or \$3.20. And thus it goes in this example, until you get to the end of your annual income, which let's say is the national median of \$49,000 for a family of four. On the last dollar of that income, you will pay 35 percent. (These figures are only examples for the sake of simplicity.)

The billionaire next door will pay 35 percent on the last dollar of his \$49,000, also.

So far, we seem to be even, except we aren't.

The billionaire keeps on getting money, frequently not from working, but simply from moving money without producing anything identifiable except more money, which he or she may stash in a bank in the Cayman Islands or in a Swiss Bank account to avoid paying taxes on it.

But even if he or she brings all of it home, at the present time the United States' tax policy sets a top limit of about 15 percent on gains made from moving money from one pile to another. That means the billionaire's effective tax rate (a sort of average of the tax rate on all the dollars he or she gets) will fall far below the 35 percent you paid on the last dollar of the \$49,000 you made.

The theory was that having a low tax rate would encourage investors to lend money to build more factories, buy more capital goods and thereby create more jobs.

Apparently the theory was incorrect. Since that lower tax rate was enacted, many of our factories have emptied and the jobs they once created are gone, many, if not most of them, forever. The investments that were made in factories and jobs were made in foreign countries, where labor was cheap and there were few if any laws to protect workers from dangerous machinery and hazardous working conditions.

Moreover, our own history seems to indicate that lowering tax rates has a negligible effect on investment.

Now I do not understand all the ins and outs of investment. If I did, I would be selling what I know instead of writing a column for which I do not get paid. I would be making money by the barrel instead of living on an income of less than \$50,000 a year, on which I paid an effective tax rate of about 17 percent last year.

What I do know is that expecting the mega rich to pay taxes at the same rate I pay taxes for the same benefits -- good highways, the United States Marines, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard, the Food and Drug Administration and thousands of other benefits that we all get from living in the United States is only an expectation of fairness.

It is not class warfare, it is not divisive and it is not an expectation based on envy. It is simply good sense.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

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

House Committee on Higher Education

*Review the various research funding programs available to institutions of higher education. Analyze the effectiveness of each program and recommend whether state funding should be continued. Consider whether the investments made in these programs are attracting research projects to Texas and whether more emphasis should be placed on policies that attract outside research funding to Texas. Consider whether maintaining multiple programs dilutes the state's efforts to attract groundbreaking research to Texas.

*Review potential improvements to transfer pathways within the state's higher education system. Examine the impact of transferability on timely degree completion. Study and recommend strategies to improve the "2+2" model as a low-cost degree option.

*Evaluate proposals for the state's next master plan for higher education beyond 2015, including a review of various metrics to measure successful outcomes in higher education.

*Evaluate the funding, performance, and administration of the state's adult basic education programs. (Joint with the House Committee on Appropriations)

*Examine the impact of research at state universities on the state economy. Identify ways to increase the partnership opportunities between private business and research institutions to enhance the commercialization of newly discovered technology. (Joint with the House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development)

The House Committee on Higher Education can be reached at 512-463-0782. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

Phillips recognized as 'Friend of Education'

Texas State Rep. Larry Phillips (R-Sherman) has been selected as the Texas Classroom Teachers Association 2011-12 Friend of Education in the public official category. Texas Classroom Teachers Association presents the award annually to honor a public official who has made a significant contribution to public education in Texas. Founded in 1927, the association is an independent, nonunion association for Texas teaching professionals and serves 50,000 members across the state.

A member of the Texas House since 2003, Phillips is a key member of the House leadership team by virtue of his high profile chairmanship of the Transportation Committee. He also is a member of the General Investigating & Ethics, Border & Intergovernmental Affairs and Redistricting committees.

In nominating Phillips for the award, the Whitesboro Classroom Teachers Association described him as "a true supporter of education, demonstrated through his efforts to put common sense back into education." The nomination specifically credits his close working relationships with local teachers and his efforts to remove or modify harmful provisions in the "deregulation" bills of the 2011 legislative session. Phillips was named a Texas Classroom Teachers Association Legislative Star in 2011 because of his work in offering and defending what became known as "the Phillips amendment" to preserve important protections for students and teachers.

The Friend of Education awards have been presented since 1976. Recipients must be judged to be true friends of education, educators and students as demonstrated by their leadership, actions and support. Texas Classroom Teachers Association will honor Phillips on Feb. 10 during the first business meeting of the association's annual convention in Houston. Retired Army Gen. Robert M. Shoemaker, a resident of Killeen and recipient of TCTA's Friend of Education award in the private official category, also will be honored. Educators from across the state will participate in professional development seminars, elect Texas Classroom Teachers Association leaders for statewide and district positions and discuss current education issues.

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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South of Tom Bean

God's glory is magnified by His works, and by His love to man

1 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalms 8:1-9 (KJV)

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed at 9:30 with classes for all ages. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Denis Gray. Come join them for an inspirational service.

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

C.R. Men's Step Study class meets every Saturday night at 6:30 pm at the church building, this program helps those that may be struggling with such things as alcohol abuse, drug abuse, family problems, just to name a few.

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

The church is planning a VBS for the week of July 16-20. The times will be 6:30-8:30, so mark your calendar for this fun filled week.

The church offers home study groups throughout the week. 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 the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219.

A Good Life Stands For Good

Devotional Thoughts from Dr. Lowell C. Howard,, Bells, Texas

Philippians 1:27 "No matter what happens around you, always live your life with a view to honoring God and living out the Good News of Christ. In this way, whether I am with you and see how you live or hear about how you live from others, I will be assured that you stand as one with the body of Christ and that you put your life where your mouth



Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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is so that you stand as one with those of the faith." Cowboy and Stockyard - Practical Teaching Version - LCH)

Those who live good lives consider the lives of others as being full of worth and value! Good people look for good in others. Good people find what is good in these others and seek to make self available to encourage that which is best in others. Good people invest themselves in others. Good begets good and is the spark for something which will be even better in both parties.



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702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev. Arnold Baker, pastor

When the view is off of self one plays a larger role in the lives of others! Good living is not about self but good living improves self. When one is no longer consumed with self it is far easier to see that which is potentially good in others. It is here that good people begin to invest themselves in children to seek the highest and best in them. It is also here where one discovers the potential in adults who have never seen any potential in themselves.

The foundation for good living is God's plan upon which one builds all of life! God seeks to be the foundation of life. By making the Lord the foundation of life, that which is built upon Him rests upon Him for His design, the motivation and the outcome of life. Good lives can be lived without regard to the possessions of wealth or the station in life which is achieved. It is not about what one has but what one is that is a good life.

Good people elect to join hand and heart in the labor of love for others, often giving themselves selflessly in the work of helping and of caring about people! Good people do things which cost them but do not complain. They do not enter areas of service or ministry to increase self. They will enter a fiery house or face a crazed criminal on behalf of others because they are good people and desire something better, safer, for others. A good life stands for the Lord of life in an alien world!

Such a good life influences the world around it to a higher view of the Lord! Having a good view of the Lord and making commitment to the things of the Lord improves perspective on life. One cannot live up the God's highest potential and maintain a low view of people and of the prospects for this world. A good life chooses to see things from the point of view of God.

Good lives reflect a higher motivation for living, a purpose and calling to be a positive benefit to their world! Living up to ones highest potential is motivated by a higher relationship than is grubbing out a life in a field of rebellion and anger. Good will arise in lives where God is part of the fabric and the product of living. Good lives leave a trail of good where they have walked.

It is in good living that one can make better decisions both possible and complete! Good people see things from God's point of view and from the perspective of those they seek to help. Seeing things as God sees them adds a dimension to ones decisions that is lacking in all who deny God room in this life.

Good lives honor and celebrate the Lord God Who is granted the ability to be in charge of all that they are! Good lives find holy purposes in life and good lives make room for God to turn dark areas of life into delightful and hopeful scenarios. Good lives celebrate the Lord by living for Him and by bearing His message in faithful flesh and committed heart. Does this describe you and your life? Good living will get the most out of life!

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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Senator Estes Comments on the Keystone XL Pipeline

Last week President Obama and his administration rejected a permit application that would have allowed for the construction of the 1,700 mile Keystone XL Pipeline. With this decision, President Obama confirmed what many Texans have feared - that he cares more about politics than sound economic policy.

If constructed, the \$7 billion Keystone XL Pipeline would have the capacity to transport over 800,000 barrels of crude oil per day from Canada to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast. The National Association of Manufacturers estimated the privately funded pipeline would have created 20,000 direct jobs and 118,000 spinoff jobs. At a time when Texas' unemployment rate hovers at 8.5 percent, private sector projects like this are the key to getting thousands of unemployed Texans back to work.

These new jobs would have created an additional \$20 billion in private sector spending and would have increased tax revenue for pipeline corridor states by \$5.2 billion. In Texas, it was anticipated that construction associated with the project would stimulate the economy to the tune of \$2.3 billion in new spending. Consequently, Texas' state and local tax revenues would have increased by almost \$50 million.

Not only would constructing the Keystone XL Pipeline have created precious jobs in the midst of a historic economic downturn, but it would have also served America's national security interests. The Canadian oil sands are the 3rd largest known oil reserve in the world behind only Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. Securing access to oil from friendly neighbors rather than relying on unstable regimes reduces our nation's unhealthy dependence on foreign oil. The pipeline could reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil by 8 percent if used to capacity.

President Obama's cowardly decision seems to be based more on politics than substance. In a transparent move to placate radical environmentalists, we now run the risk of the Canadian-produced oil being shipped overseas to China, a country not exactly known for adhering to rigid environmental standards. Preventing the Keystone XL Pipeline from being built will neither keep oil in the ground nor lead to a reduction in America's dependence on oil-based energy.

In my role as a State Senator, I have been supportive of augmenting energy sources, and I was instrumental in founding the Bioenergy Policy Council, which works to expand research and development of domestically produced alternative fuels in order to promote economic growth and reduce dependence on foreign energy. However, until we perfect alternative energy technologies, our nation must continue to allow for the creation of projects that will supplement our supply of conflict-free oil.

The bottom line is that the Keystone XL Pipeline, had it not been thwarted by President Obama, would have provided a stable, reliable, affordable source of energy while creating thousands of jobs and billions in private investment. If any subsequent permit applications are denied by this administration, America's economic future and energy independence will remain at risk.

All of these facts lead to one inescapable conclusion - Obama must go.

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



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Cornyn: PIPA Deserves a More Thoughtful Process

“Texans Have Soundly Rejected the ‘Pass Now, Learn Later’ Approach”

AUSTIN - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, released the following statement today on S. 968, the PROTECT IP Act (PIPA):

“Texans have soundly rejected the ‘pass now, learn later’ approach that we saw with Obamacare, and the potential impact of this legislation is too far-reaching to ram it through Congress in such an abrupt way.

“Stealing content is theft, plain and simple, but concerns about the internet and free speech necessitate a more thoughtful, deliberative process.”

Last week Sen. Cornyn joined Republicans on the Judiciary Committee in sending the attached letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) requesting him to delay consideration of S. 968 so that concerns with the proposed legislation can be addressed.

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

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 13, 2012

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid:

We write to express our concerns with your decision to file cloture on the motion to proceed to the PROTECT IP Act (S. 968). We strongly believe that the theft of American intellectual property is a significant problem that must be addressed to protect property rights. However, for both substantive and procedural reasons, the process at this point is moving too quickly and this step may be premature.

As you know, on May 26, 2011, the Senate Judiciary Committee favorably reported the bill by voice vote. Prior to committee action, some members expressed substantive concerns about the bill, and there was a commitment to resolve them prior to floor consideration. That resolution has not yet occurred.

Since the mark-up, we have increasingly heard from a large number of constituents and other stakeholders with vocal concerns about possible unintended consequences of the proposed legislation, including breaches in cybersecurity, damaging the integrity of the Internet, costly and burdensome litigation, and dilution of First Amendment rights. Moreover, in light of potential cybersecurity implications, we believe hearing from the Administration and relevant agencies is imperative. As always, our current fiscal crisis demands we carefully consider legislation that would cost taxpayers up to \$48 million according to the Congressional Budget Office. These are serious issues that must be considered in an informed, deliberative and responsible manner. This underscores the need to resolve as many outstanding concerns as possible prior to proceeding to floor consideration.

Furthermore, we want to ensure that S. 968 will be afforded full and fair consideration on the Senate floor. It is important that the bill be fully debated and amendments not limited. We would like a firm commitment that once the Senate considers S. 968, the amendment process will be open, with senators being able to offer their amendments without the filling of the amendment tree, and that cloture will not be prematurely filed on the bill.

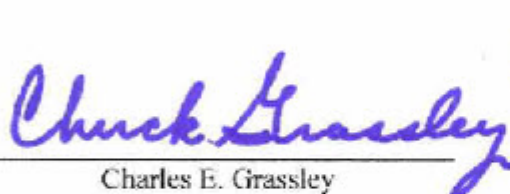
We are all in agreement that the online distribution and sale of pirated content and counterfeit goods impose a huge cost on the American economy in terms of lost jobs, lost sales, lost innovation and lost income. We also believe, however, that we need to arrive at

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the right solution in the right way on this important issue. To do so, we must have adequate time to properly analyze and resolve these concerns to the best extent possible prior to proceeding to the bill.

While we remain fully committed to addressing outstanding issues with S. 968, we believe that, at this point, the scheduled consideration of the bill on January 24, 2012, may not permit us to work through many of the concerns that have been raised.

Sincerely,

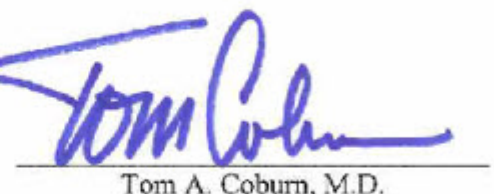

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TELLING OUR STORIES

By Jerry Lincecum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

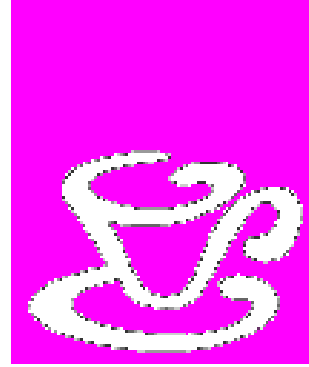
Coming from a large family, I have memories of a very orderly system of taking turns opening gifts. Then chaos ensued and almost inevitably some important tag or leaflet disappeared amid the wrapping paper.

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

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

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



God, Send Me Money!

Little Johnny wanted \$100 for a new bike and prayed for two weeks, but nothing happened.

Then he decided to write God a letter asking for the money. When the local postmaster saw the letter addressed to "God, USA," he decided to send it to the President of the United States.

The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5 bill.

Little Johnny was delighted with the \$5 and wrote a thank-you note to God. It read: "Dear God, thank you for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington, D.C. As usual, those crooks deducted \$95."

Grandpa and God

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"

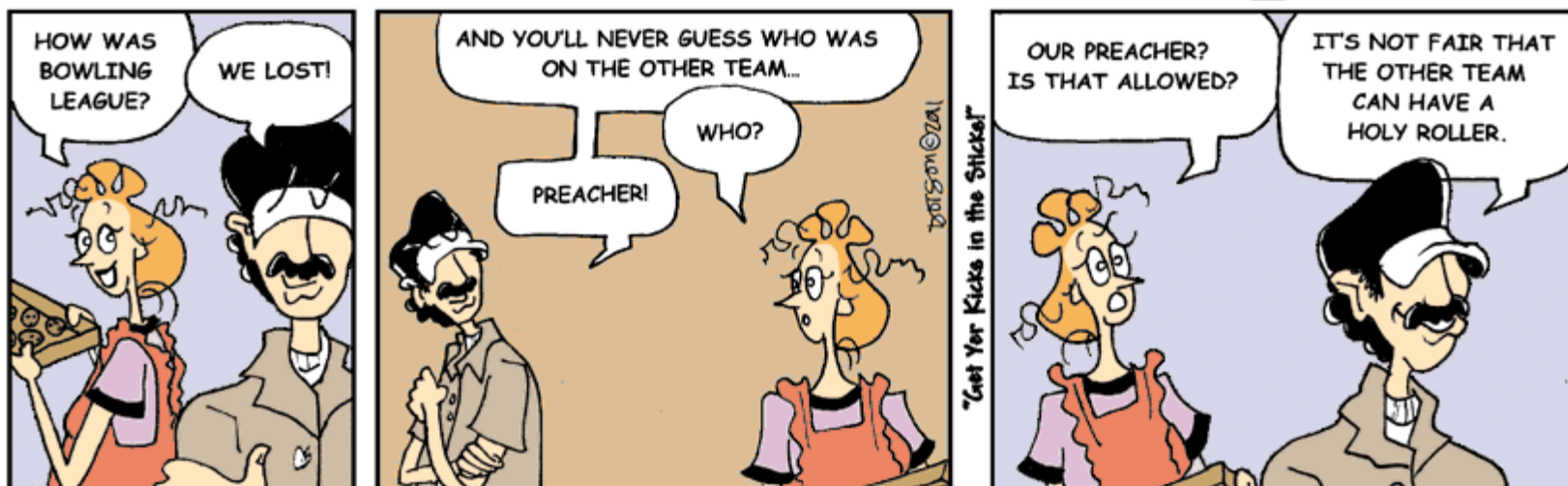
I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "Now, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied.

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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

