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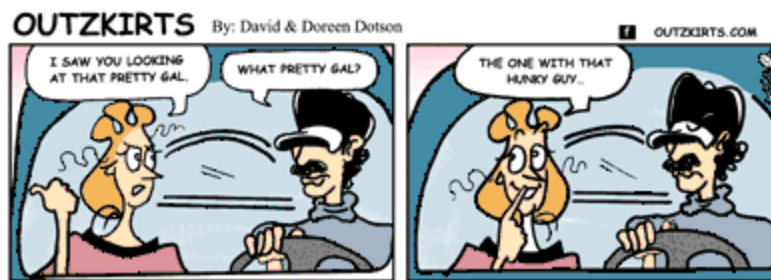
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Bike Rally



Collegee Welding Art



Humor



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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Last week I gave you a list of celebrities I have seen in person. I forgot Howe's favorite son, Buck Owens.

Buck grew up in the Howe area and often returned to see several local folks.

When Sherman was remodeling their Municipal Auditorium a few years ago, Owens gave a performance there. Buck's son also appeared at the performance.

Back a few years when we were doing the *Texoma Montage*, my husband and I interviewed Alex Cord. Just last week Red Steagal interviewed Alex. It reminded me of several things about Alex. He grew up in Long Island, New York. He always loved horses, and a big part of his movie and TV programs were related to horses.

He also has written several books.

He has pretty much retired to his home in the Gainesville area. He said to be a cowboy he needed to come to Texas.

Recipe

Amazing Cabbage Salad

INGREDIENTS for Lemon Dressing:

- 3 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

INGREDIENTS for Salad:

- 1 (16-ounce) package thinly sliced cabbage
- 2 or 3 small green onions, diagonally sliced
- 1 small carrot, coarsely shredded
- 1 Tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

TO PREPARE:

For the dressing, whisk the olive oil, lemon juice, lemon zest, garlic, salt and pepper in a bowl until incorporated. For the salad, toss the cabbage, green onions, carrot and parsley in a salad bowl. Add the dressing and mix until coated. Chill, covered, until serving time. SERVES: 4



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Grayson students cross train in Art and Welding Programs

Grayson College students who are cross-training in the Art and Welding programs show off their latest sculpture that will be donated to charity. Pictured are students Kaye Jambor and Martha Henderson and Welding Professor Alan McAdams. With the help of Welding Program Assistant Pat Curry and Greg Beckley, the students have been creating projects for charity for the last year. Their latest creation, "Stiletto," will be auctioned at CASA's annual fundraiser, Chocolate Indulgence on Feb. 9. CASA of Grayson County provides court appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children who are involved in the court system.

Last fall, the students completed a sculpture that was auctioned at the Boot Scootin' Ball and raised \$3,700 for Preston Volunteer Emergency Services. The students are currently working on two more sculptures for charity; one will go to Special Olympics at the Cedar Mills Marina Arctic Blast Festivities and the other is for the Fannin County Family Crisis Center



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1st Row: Jaycie Grisham, Mackenzie Bryant, Noah Riley
2nd Row: Ricky Ramirez, Brooke Robinson, Jake Fabacher
Not Pictured: Garron Lankford, Gracie Randall, Connor Gauntt, Kailyn Ireland

This is a repeat from last week, but we forgot to label why these students had their picture included. They are the Howe Elementary Students of the Month.



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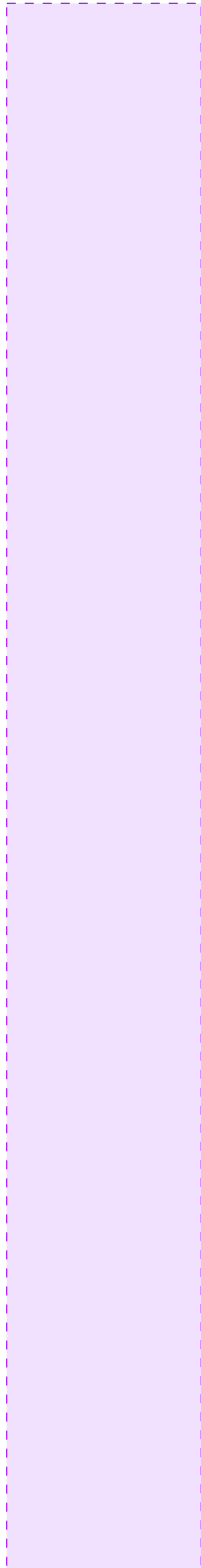
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A Honor Roll - 3rd Six Weeks

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First Grade: Jacob Campbell, Caden Garner, Kayley Laubhan, Carter Layton, Lucas Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Sandra Nitchman, Autumn Owens, Jesse Portman, Jake Snodgrass, Riley Troxtell, Kendall Griffin, Alex Jones, Brooklyn McCaleb, Mahlon Walker, Ryleigh Craven, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Dax Foster, Jaycie Grisham, Emma Hitesman, Morghan Lamb, Zadrian Morris, Jonathan Smith, Makayla Smith, Isaac Vidales, Kelcey Ireland, Haley Richardson, Noah Riley, Fisher Robertson, Jonathan Sanderson, Payton Stapleton

Second: Mackenzie Bryant, Abby Earnhart, Caleb Fetzer, Matthew Hayes, Trey Phillips, Keira Robertson, Jeslie Toral, Korie Bouse, Jaggar Courtney, Ethan Duer, Austin Haley, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Emma Sutherland, Dakota Tinker, Jordan Brunner, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Jana Nitchman, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Jentrie Doty, Audie Martin, Linda Segura, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc

Third Grade: Luke Catching, Caytie Coco, John Griffin, Jaryn Grisham, Niko Longoria, Avery Snapp, Eli Wilson, Zoey Moore, Clayton White, Caleb Wahrmond, Kailyn Ireland, Jordan Sanderson, Ben Speed

Fourth Grade: Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Brett Burnett, Leah Butcher, Katie Grogan, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Sierra Copeland, Kriston Harris, Reese Smiley, Austin Thurman, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Mason Moreau, Hannah Dwyer

A-B Honor Roll - 3rd Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Aviana Acevedo, Hali Howard, Luke Miller, Presley Quintero, Wyatt Renfro, Triston Williams, Seth Lea, Logan Reese, Analys Turci, Elizabeth Word, Hayden Adkins, Hunter Roberson, Marcos Tapia, David Grant, McKinzy McCollum, Tristin Smart, Devon Wallace

First Grade: Brayden Bahr, Camryn Boatman, Ainsley Denham, Shianne Freeman-Williams, Matalée Stewart, Gage Troxtell, Catelyn Armstrong, Britton Burt, Mikaylah Komorowski, Jace Martin, Cassie Morrison, Kade Murphy, Kolin Murphy, Jenna Roper, Emery Snapp, Mary Burris, Kimberly Gonzalez, Jaeden Howard, Cooper Jones, Gracie Max, Ashton Trevino, Mia Wilson, Cody Adams, Jayde Harris, Ryleigh Jenkins, Cheyenne Matthews, Gabby McMillen, Kolton Mitchell, Jacob Ortega, Logan Smith, Courtney White

Second Grade: Kaylyn Bryant, Daniel Gonzalez, Chesnee Lawson, Brody McCollum, James Richardson, DeMarcus Smith, Leo Becerra, Connor Gauntt, Christina Harper, Jalie Hill, Christian Moody, Kelly Caballero, Bryan Crees, Danielle Hargrove, Taylor Reynolds, Ayden Burris, Bryce Crosby, Carson Daniels, Bettye Delavan, Ryan Hough, Andra Jones, Marshal Larsen, Samantha Lowder, Noah Miller, Sergio Rico, Stone Trevino

Third Grade: Jaden Bryant, Michelle Caballero, Ricky Ramirez, Jessica Bastida, Kevin Bateman, Luis Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Adrianna Money, Ramie Mosse, Brooke Potter, Kaleb Strong, Justin Whitaker, Trinity Williams, Harley Brockelman, Drew Cowin, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Caleb Maddison, Katie Parker, Gavin Richardson, Abby Alvarez, Cierra Brussow, Ethan Conrad, Zak DeFrange, Will Fleming, Alyssa Sharp, Ethan Tindell

Fourth Grade: Ava Bader, Kayle Chapman, Braeden Wise, Clay Barnett, Grace Brennan, Kamryn Gardner, Kriston Harris, Kameron Hopper, Rebecca Reinecke, Rene Spinks, Mariana Cano, Holly Cavender, Karrah Gardner, Mikayla Hanson, Kaden Raborn, Brooke Robinson, Ethan Sanders, Reagan Troxtell, Camryn Adams, Noah Campbell, Erin Catching, Jake Fabacher, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Kaytee Roper



Accelerated Reader - 3rd Six Weeks

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Tom Bean ISD Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 7pm. Secretary, Shane Pennell called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Jimmy Jones led the invocation.

The minutes of December 17, 2012 board meeting along with the Financial Reports for the month and the quarterly report was approved as presented.

January is Board Appreciation month for the Board of Trustees. Appreciation was shown to each member from the elementary, middle school, and high school campuses. Gifts, cards, posters, their names on the marquee, and a meal furnished by the FFA showed how proud we are of our board and what they do for the students of Tom Bean.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Recipients included Chanze Hall (Elementary); Abby Farrer (Middle School); and Dylan Ashlock (High School). Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character.

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 January.

Mr. Orozco shared the updated Emergency Operating Plans (EOP) with the board.

The Board of Trustees approved moving the February board meeting date until February 25, 2013. TBISD will begin its newest electricity contract on December 2013, at the locked in rate of 4.74 cents/kwh for three years.

The board accepted the resignation of Dewitt Smith, MS Principal, and the resignation of Torry Price, Athletic Director as presented.

The informational items included the May 11, 2013, Election Worksheet; Security for TBISD; the TBISD School Logo; Hwy. 11 Fields, Updates from BWA & BTC Architectural/Construction firms; and the 2013 Track Schedule.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held on February 25, 2013.



Tom Bean Middle School A Honor Roll

8th Grade A Honor Roll

Garret Gomez, Lillian Jones, Carter Khoury, Sean Page

7th Grade A Honor Roll

Abigal Burns, Abigal Farrer

6th Grade A Honor Roll

Bryce Grier, Rebekah Gross, Madison Harris, Olivia Johnson, Sophia Langford, Mandalyn Mack, Claire McMeen, Patrick Oates, Dakotah Punzel

Library Board Annual Meeting

It's 2013 and we have been pretty quiet for awhile. It is time for our annual meeting and we will hold it Feb. 16 (Sat), from 10 - 12 in the Community Room at Tom Bean City Hall.

Last year's musical presentation was so much fun, we decided to try another one this year. Jan Hickerson, who is mastering the hammer dulcimer, will play several old songs that will make your toes tap.

Our program this year hopes to help you and your guests with recording some memories, both written and pictorial) to pass down to your kids, grandkids, neices, nephews, young friends etc.

Kristin McMee,n who has prepared many scrapbooks, over the years will offer us tips to present and preserve our memories in small as well as big ways. She will have a hands-on project (a memory page) to get you started so if you have a favorite photo or two, please bring them along.

This doesn't need to be about genealogy but it can be. It might be just one hobby, event, trip that you want someone to remember: hunting with a grandson, taking a trip with a neice, sewing with friends, baking with children, gardening tips from grandma.

Come join up. And as usual we will serve refreshments.



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Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

We hope everyone had a Happy New Year and a restful January. We hope to see you on February 2nd for our Bluegrass Day.

We are changing our jamming schedule from Thursday night before the first Saturday Bluegrass event to a jam beginning at 3 pm on the first Saturday. We have scheduled an open mic at 6:30 pm. Our regular show will then begin at 7 pm.

We welcome Copper Canyon from the Lewisville area to our stage for our first Bluegrass Event of 2013. You will enjoy their outstanding music and energy. Band members include Jim Hughes, mandolin, Celesta Hughes, guitar, Joe Hood, banjo, and Tom Smith, bass. All members sing.

Admission this year will be \$7 per adult with children under 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

The doors and concession area will be open at 6 pm, with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided. Persons interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>.

("Like" us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com)

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 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>>. Candidates may also sign up for a course about TSHL at www.tshlacademy.org<<http://www.tshlacademy.org>>.

Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes offered

If you have recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes or if you have had it for a while but have trouble understanding what to eat or how to keep up with your readings, we have a program designed to help.

Do Well, Be Well with diabetes is a nine lesson program that discusses what diabetes is and how to manage it. Each class is taught by a dietitian, nutritionist, nurse or physician with knowledge specific to diabetics. The nine classes will be taught over a 5 week period beginning on Saturday, February 2 from 2 - 4 pm. The cost is \$30 per person to attend the five week series which runs on consecutive Saturdays through March 2. Some scholarships are available thanks to a grant with the Grayson County Health Department if you have type 2 diabetes and want to participate but can not afford the \$30 fee.

The class series will be held in the Assembly room of the Grayson County Courthouse, 100 W. Houston St, downtown Sherman. You must pre-register to attend. You can pre-register by calling Joyce White, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences at 903-813-4203 or you can stop by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office on the ground floor of the south side courthouse annex to pick up the registration form.

Texas Health Presbyterian - WNJ is working with the Grayson County Health Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to offer these programs to you. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



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Soon mountain bikers from all over will descend on Big Bend Ranch State Park for the third-annual Chihuahuan Desert Bike Fest, Feb. 14-16. Last year, almost 300 riders participated, with more expected for this year's event. Big Bend Ranch State Park is the largest in Texas, and considered by many to be a premier mountain biking destination (TPWD Photo by Bryan Frazier)

Big Bend Ranch State Park to Host Third-Annual Chihuahuan Desert BikeFest Three-Day Mountain Bike Event Adds More Ride Options at Texas' Largest State Park

LAJITAS -- Big Bend Ranch State Park, located in the remote mountain country of far Southwest Texas, is set to host the third-annual Chihuahuan Desert Bike Fest, a challenging three-day mountain bike ride Feb. 14-16, at what many consider to be the up-and-coming premier mountain biking destination in the Southwestern U.S.

Bike Fest 2013, which is co-sponsored by Terlingua-based outfitter Desert Sports, will again feature three full days of guided rides through rugged, exigent desert terrain at the 300,000-acre plus state park, Big Bend National Park, and on the Lajitas Trail system. Numerous guided and unguided ride opportunities are scheduled each of the three days, led by veteran riders from Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. and Desert Sports/Big Bend Trails Alliance.

Highlighting the event's agenda again will be the signature, 58-mile EPIC ride (as designated by the International Mountain Biking Association) scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16, onto which bikers can elect to extend an additional 12 miles (covering 70 miles total). There's also a two-day EPIC ride option, with an overnight stay and meals at the park's Saucedo bunkhouse.

There will also be daily forays along the state park's 30-plus-mile Rincon Loop, Chimney Rock Cut Across, Dome Loop and Contrabando trails, all of which are popular routes because of their single-track trails, vivid desert scenery, and historical points of interest.

In addition, park staff has added additional rides for this year's event, such as the Rock House Tour, a 21-mile course led by a park ranger that ventures off the beaten path to some of Big Bend Ranch's natural and cultural features like 100-plus-year-old ruins. And a "Geo-Ride" has been added, which is a self-guided geocache tour for bikers who like to use their GPS skills.

Water stations with drinking and potable water are located at various intervals along the trails for Bike Fest, and trained park staff and volunteers will be on hand for each ride. Even so, all riders should bring ample supplies of water, and do some advanced prep and training

Participants are encouraged to read the "Gear List" on the Desert Sports event website and be fully equipped before heading to Chihuahuan Desert Bike Fest: <http://www.desertsportstx.com/mountain-bike-event/suggested-gear-list/> "We're telling riders to bring at least two or three liters of water per person, per day, sunscreen, and at least two self-sealing bike tubes, as a minimum," said Dan Sholly, deputy director of Texas State Parks. "This country is gorgeous, but it can be unforgiving if you're not prepared. It is critical to have tubeless bike tires or self-sealing tubes."

Although most of Bike Fest's rides are geared for advanced mountain bike enthusiasts, the park also offers shorter, ranger-led rides of 10-11 miles for strong beginner and low-intermediate level bikers who have the conditioning to ride 11 miles of relatively flat terrain. A kid's ride is also scheduled for Friday and Saturday as well.

"While there are many challenging trails in the state park, there are also a number of double-track sections, which are great for beginning-level mountain bikers who are physically fit and equipped with appropriate gear and water," said Sholly.

The primary staging area for Chihuahuan Desert Bike Fest will again be the comfortable Lajitas Golf Resort and Spa, and Maverick Ranch RV Park, also in Lajitas. Both are strategically located along FM 170 near the event's daily trail head start and the state park's Barton Warnock Visitor Center.

Fun won't just be limited to the two-wheel variety; each evening there'll be live music, swimming, hula-hoop dancing, dining in Terlingua, and other activities. Bike manufacturing / company reps will also be on hand with a fleet of demo bikes for riders to try out on the trails. In all, last year, nearly 300 riders participated in Bike Fest, and more are expected for this year's event. Proceeds from Bike Fest will benefit the Big Bend Trails Alliance.

Advanced reservations for all overnight accommodations are highly recommended. For more information, to view a daily schedule of event rides, or to register for the Chihuahuan Desert Bike Fest, visit www.desertsportstx.com or www.lajitasgolfresort.com.

Additional Web resources are:

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/big-bend-ranch>
http://tpwmagazine.com/archive/2012/oct/scout2_bikefest/
<http://www.tpwdmagazine.com/archive/2011/mar/scout1/>
http://www.tpwdmagazine.com/archive/2009/nov/ed_1/
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1mQzYs32Ds>

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GC Foundation kicks off 2013 Annual Campaign

“Supporting the Dream” is more than just the theme of the Grayson College Foundation’s 2013 Annual Campaign; it’s a commitment to the lives and learning of GC students. Campaign co-chairs Betty and Phil Roether of Pottsboro selected the theme because they believe the annual campaign supports dreams.

“By supporting the GC Foundation annual campaign, donors not only help make dreams come true for GC students who need financial assistance to pursue their educational goals, but they support the dream of making the communities in which they live a better place with more highly educated friends and neighbors,” said Tina Dodson, director of annual giving at the foundation. “It’s a win-win situation.”

The Roethers are no strangers to community service. Since retiring from their respective corporations in 1999, they have served on numerous boards and charitable organizations in Pottsboro, Denison, Sherman and Grayson County. They will host a kick-off party for community team leaders, volunteers, GC trustees and administrators, and foundation board members and staff on Jan. 31. The Roethers and Dr. Jeremy McMillen, GC president, will speak. Several current and former GC scholarship recipients will attend as well.

The volunteer-driven phase of the campaign runs from Feb. 1 to March 31 with the support of team leaders, including: Johnny and Carol Waldrip of Bells, Connie Snider of Denison, Barbara Woodroof of Gunter, Diana Williams representing Pottsboro, Lauren Bolin Roth of Sherman, Sharon Brazeal of Van Alstyne, and Narda Goodson of Whitewright.

While the GC Foundation continues to accept donations throughout the year, the volunteer period ends March 31. The Roethers, team leaders and campaign volunteers hope to raise \$300,000 during the volunteer phase of the campaign. They will personally contact individuals, organizations and businesses to ask for financial support. Donors can make gifts or pledges during this time.

“We ask that annual pledges be honored by Aug. 31, prior to the beginning of the fall semester at Grayson College so that the students’ scholarship funding will be in place for the 2013-2014 academic year,” Dodson said. “Donors who wish to permanently endow a scholarship fund for GC students should contact the GC Foundation office for more information.”

Financial support garnered from the volunteer period and during the extended campaign will fund a variety of needs – based on the donors’ interests – including scholarships for GC students, endowed faculty chairs for teaching excellence in various academic departments, facility and equipment improvement or expansion on GC’s two campuses, and other projects pertinent to student achievement. During last year’s volunteer-driven phase of the campaign, more than \$232,000 was raised for scholarships for GC students. Combined with previous annual scholarship contributions of more than \$833,000 and scholarship funds generated from earnings on its permanently endowed scholarship funds, volunteer efforts allowed the GC Foundation to present nearly \$399,000 in scholarship awards to 404 Grayson College students for the 2012-2013 academic year.

“Contributions came from a variety of donors, including area residents, GC alumni and employees, local organizations and foundations, and area industries,” Dodson said. “I believe the citizens of our area must be the most generous and caring people in the world. They gave even in today’s tough economy, and their generosity made a difference in the lives of GC students.”

Donors who wish to make dreams come true for Grayson College students – and those who would like to volunteer in the campaign – should contact the co-chairs, team leaders or GC Foundation at 903-463-8716 or by e-mail at dodsont@grayson.edu. The GC Foundation is a 501(c)3 corporation. Contributions to the GC Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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.

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Texoma Poetry Society

Dr. Roger Platizky will be the guest speaker when the Texoma Poetry Society meets this Saturday. The session begins at 2 pm in the Hope Waller Community Room of the Sherman Public Library. Following his presentation, there will be a brief break with refreshments. At 3 pm, persons with original poems will have the opportunity to read their work and exchange feedback. The session is free and open to the public.

Platizky is a professor of English at Austin College where he has taught for 24 years. He earned his doctorate in Victorian literature at Rutgers College in New Jersey and taught at Penn State and at Rutgers for several years. He has authored a book on Alfred Lord Tennyson (*A Blueprint of His Dessent: Madness and Method in Tennyson’s Poetry*) and will introduce the program by sharing personal experiences on his initial and deepening interest in Tennyson and the Victorian period when in college and graduate school.

Platizky’s chosen focus is on love and grief. He will read from Tennyson’s work and from his own privately-published collection of AIDS poems, *Bearing Witness*. At Austin College, Platizky regularly teaches courses in expository and creative writing, literature and medicine, gender studies, Victorian literature and British modernism.

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Senator Craig Estes holds joint hearing on school safety

Austin - State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) held a joint hearing of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security, and the Senate Committee on Education to discuss increasing the safety of students and teachers in Texas public schools.

Recent events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, and at Lone Star College in Harris County have prompted lawmakers to discuss how to improve school safety in our state. Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst has directed Senator Estes to recommend ways to prevent heinous acts of violence against our children.

“The number one job of government is to protect its people, and it is critical that students, teachers and staff feel safe in Texas schools,” Senator Estes said. “Though it is impossible to legislate against evil, we will work together to identify and address gaps in public school resources that measurably affect the safety and well-being of Texas students and teachers.”

The hearing included testimony from law enforcement, school administrators and school safety experts.

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.

Summer in Texoma Art Contest

Texoma Council of Governments invites public, private and homeschooled students in grades 2, 3, and 4 to enter the “Summer in Texoma” Art Contest sponsored by Texoma Medical Center. Artwork chosen as grand prize will be featured on the front cover of the 2013 Summertastic! Texoma Youth Guide.

The guide is produced by TCOG’s 2-1-1 Texas program and features local family friendly summer activities available in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties as well as Southern Oklahoma. The guide is distributed to 80,000 homes, area school districts, libraries, Chambers of Commerce and local businesses and will be available online at:

www.tcog.com/summertastic<<http://www.tcog.com/summertastic>>.

For more information about obtaining art contest rules and application contact Judy Fullylove at 903-813-3549 or jfullylove@texoma.cog.tx.us<<mailto:jfullylove@texoma.cog.tx.us>>.

Super Bowl XLVII Gets A Texas-Sized Push From Agriculture

AUSTIN - Our Texas football teams will be watching from the sidelines, but Texas agriculture will still take the field when Super Bowl XLVII kicks off February 3 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. Whether you root for the Baltimore Ravens or San Francisco 49ers, make sure to also cheer on the farmers and ranchers who make the Bowl so Super.

*Leather is used to make footballs, and in Texas we lead the nation in cattle with nearly 12 million head generating an annual production value of more than \$11 billion.

*Texas produced 5 million bales of cotton in 2012, which is enough to make a Super Bowl Championship T-shirt for every person in the U.S. - and China, India, Russia, Mexico and Japan.

*Peanuts are a favorite snack at football games, and in Texas we produced 508 million pounds in 2012 - enough to make more than 5 billion peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches or 1 billion 8-ounce bags of roasted peanuts.

*Hot dogs are a traditional favorite at football games, and in Texas our pork industry has an annual statewide economic impact of more than \$110 million.

*Hot dogs also need hot dog buns. Texas growers produce an average 90 million bushels of wheat annually - enough to make more than 25 billion hot dog buns.

*How better to celebrate a Super Bowl Championship than with a good steak dinner? Texas produces about 7 billion pounds of beef each year. That's the equivalent of 14 billion 8-ounce steaks or enough to supply 130 steaks to every person watching the game in the United States (according to Nielson estimates, last year's Super Bowl attracted a record 111 million U.S. viewers).

*Cornstarch can be used to make a biodegradable plastic for drink cups, utensils and more. Texas growers produced 202 million bushels of corn in 2012.

*A football field, including the end zones, is 360 feet long by 160 feet wide and covers 1.3 acres. By comparison, Texas is home to 144 million acres of agricultural and rural land - more than any other state in the nation.

*Texas is a leading dairy state and produces enough milk each year to fill the Mercedes-Benz Superdome more than seven times.



Area Churches

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Cannon

CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,
903/482-6761
**SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

BAPTIST CHURCH,
6335 FM 1753, Denison
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11,
evening 6; Wednesday, 7pm

Dorchester

**DORCHESTER BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Hwy. 902W, 903/476-5525

Gunter

**COLLEGE HILL
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
304 E. College, 903/433-4835
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Bruce Stinson
Brooks Plaza
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship
www.thegbf.com
VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Howe

APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
405 S. Collins Frwy,
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun.
10am & 6pm
**NEW BEGINNING
FELLOWSHIP/AG,**
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon
Hutson, pastor, 903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kcvin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis, 903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
903/813- 3263. S- School
10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

Luella

**LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**
3162 St. Hwy. 11,
Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,
150 Fellowship Ln, Luella
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST
903/546-6620
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
903/546-6898

Proverbs 10:19-32 (KJV)

- ¹⁹ In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.
- ²⁰ The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.
- ²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.
- ²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.
- ²³ *It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.
- ²⁴ The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
- ²⁵ As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.
- ²⁶ As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so *is* the sluggard to them that send him.
- ²⁷ The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- ²⁸ The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
- ²⁹ The way of the LORD *is* strength to the upright: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.
- ³⁰ The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.
- ³¹ The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.
- ³² The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *speaketh* frowardness.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis 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.

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

[Click Here for more Church News](#)



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INSPIRATION POINT

COWBOY CHURCH

FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean
Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

PILOT GROVE

BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.
903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

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

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH

301 S. Preston,

Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

WORSHIP CENTER

On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen,

903/482-6700;

Chris Jones, pastor

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,

972/562-0752

MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Arnold Baker, pastor



For Sale

There is a house for sale at 546 Munich Street in San Francisco, California. It is near public transportation and two parks. It is also just minutes from the coast. The house is described as a single-family home with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. You may see a picture of the house with its listing (<http://vanguardsf.com/RESI-403636.php>) or drive by the property, but that's all that you'll get to see. According to the listing, the "Seller will not provide any interior showings or inspections." It will be sold "AS IS with no repairs," and no one but the current tenants knows the condition of the inside of the house.

The house is occupied by "tenant and former owner," but the listing also advises: "Please do not disturb the occupants who will not be vacating prior to the sale." To make matters worse, the listing states: "The Buyer assumes all risks associated with the existing tenancies after close of escrow. Seller will not transfer any legal action related to any existing tenancies." According to AOL Real Estate, this statement "means that once you buy the home of mysterious interiors, you also have the responsibility of kicking out the tenants!" *

Now who would want to buy a house without looking at its interior and knowing that the buyer would have to deal with some mysterious tenants?

But WE succumb to the same kind of "listings" frequently...

Satan, the tempter (Matthew 4:3), makes SIN look very appealing, but he purposefully doesn't disclose all the details about it. He emphasizes the personal pleasure of engaging in sin, but he doesn't inform the victim that the pleasure is only temporary (Hebrews 11:25) and that the consequences are deadly (Romans 6:23).

Observe the tactics of the tempter with his first "listing": see Genesis 3...

The "property" that Satan wanted Eve to "buy" was the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, concerning which God had commanded Adam and Eve NOT to eat, "for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17).

Satan sought to raise doubts in Eve's mind as to God's command and His character by telling her: "You will not surely die. For God

knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5).

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate" (Genesis 3:6).

What Satan did NOT "list" were the consequences of sin such as shame (3:7-8), fear (3:10), guilt (3:7-13), hardship (3:16-19), and death (3:22-24).

Satan uses the SAME kind of "listings" to tempt us to sin (1 John 2:15-16; James 1:14-15), without including the destructive consequences. Sadly, each one of us has "bought in" (Romans 3:23).

But God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross to pay the price for our redemption from sin (Ephesians 1:7) and to defeat Satan (Hebrews 2:14-15).

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

Buying in on Satan's property is a terrible deal. But God will "buy you back" (redeem you) if you will only accept the Savior's offer on His terms.

Won't YOU?

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<http://realestate.aol.com>,
<http://vanguardsf.com>, and "Buying a House Without Looking Inside" by Brett Petrillo in Daily Bread (1/7/13), an e-mail ministry of the Bear Valley Church of Christ in Denver, CO. See
<http://www.bearvalleycofc.com>.



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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



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Legislators, Park Advocates Call for Truth in Budgeting

Petition signed by 10,000 Texans Calls for End to Diversion of Sporting Goods Sales Tax

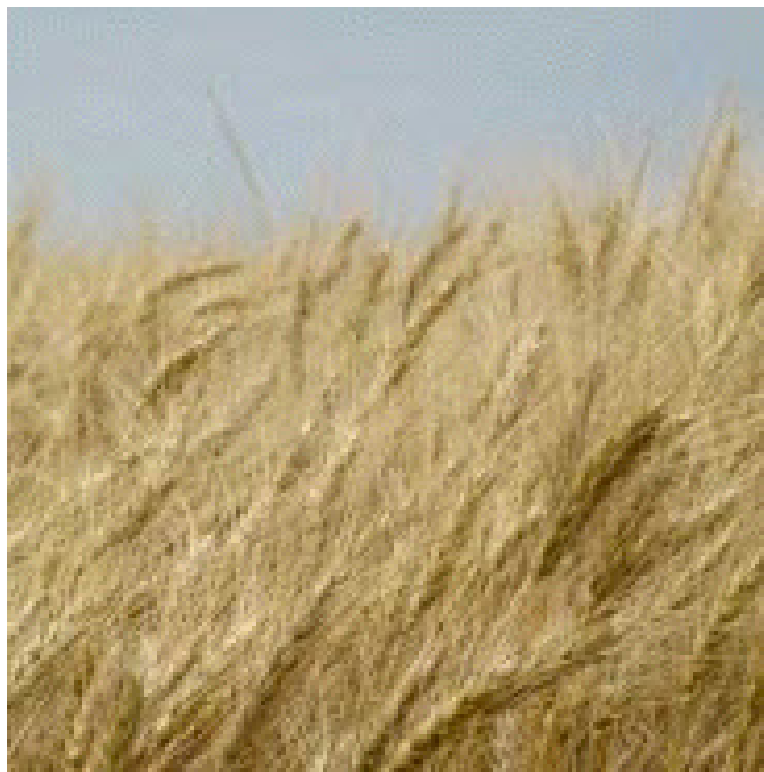
AUSTIN - Sen. Craig Estes of Wichita Falls and Rep. Lyle Larson of San Antonio have joined thousands of parks advocates across Texas today to call on legislators to take an important step towards prioritizing park funding by ending the diversion of the sporting goods sales tax. Since 2007, more than \$400 million intended for state parks has been used to certify the budget or for purposes unrelated to parks.

“These parks and historical sites are not just a part of our economy, they remind us and tell others about who we are as a people,” said Senator Craig Estes of Wichita Falls. “I agree with Governor Perry that dedicated funds should go to the purpose for which they are intended.”

“If we’re going to restore integrity in the budgeting process, there is no better place to start than providing parks the funding that has been promised,” said Rep. Lyle Larson. “Our state parks have a profound impact on every person who lives in or visits our great state, and they are the most visible example of how the state takes care of its most iconic Texas institutions.”

Rep. Larson has filed HB 162 and HJR 40 and Sen. Estes has filed SB 175 and SJR 17 to stop diverting the 94% of proceeds from the sporting goods sales tax intended for Texas parks, county and municipal parks, and Texas’ beaches.

Environment Texas sponsored the petition that garnered over 10,000 signatures from Texans who view parks as an invaluable Texas asset. “People are starting to mobilize on this issue,” said Luke Metzger, Director of Environment Texas, “investing in infrastructure seems to be a priority this session, and parks are an important part of our state infrastructure and Texas heritage.”



Change: One step forward, two steps back

By Gene Hall

I had some fever last week with my bout of bronchitis, which normally would be no time to plan a blog, but I got carried away.

What if, I surmised in my fevered state, the protagonists in some of America’s greatest true stories -- those of scientific advancement - - had tried to further their ideas in the age of the Internet and cable TV?

In the early 19th Century, Edward Jenner, the first to consider smallpox vaccination, might have received this response from a skeptic on his “Cowpox is Good for You” blog: “Are you kidding me? Inject a cow virus into MY body? Who’s making money off this, you corporate hack?”

Jenner, of course, figured out that folks who worked with cows and were exposed to cowpox did not get sick with the great killer of the age, smallpox.

On the blog, Jenner might have responded: “I have proven that a mild case of this lesser disease would provide immunity from smallpox.”

“NO!!! IT HAS NOT BEEN TESTED!!” yelled the skeptic in 19th Century all caps.

“Actually, it’s been in practical use now for years, with millions of successful immunizations,” Jenner responds.

“How much money have you made, you immoral slug?” the skeptic asks.

When the steam locomotive was first put into use, there was great fear that the human heart could not withstand the unheard of speeds—as much as 35 miles per hour -- the hurtling locomotive could achieve.

I can only imagine the critics: “I saw on the Susan B. Anthony Show that this thing will cause heart attacks!”

And more: “I read on backtothe17thCentury.com, (don’t look for this -- I made it up) ‘If God had meant for people not to walk, he’d have put wheels on ‘em.’”

Dr. Norman Borlaug, the father of The Green Revolution, is credited with saving more human life than anyone else who ever lived with his dwarf wheat varieties. His discoveries paid off in the 1950s and 1960s.

But today, by the light of glowing computer screens, some critics have said his work is not “sustainable.” By some estimates, Borlaug’s work “sustained” the lives of about a billion people.

The world has managed to move forward despite resistance to change. Change is uncomfortable and sometimes hurts, and nothing is more necessary. I’m just glad Borlaug didn’t have to deal with MSNBC.

Gene Hall, Public Relations Director, Texas Farm Bureau, I believe that the only hope for a food secure world is capitalism and reasonable profits for America’s farm and ranch families – that the first element of sustainability is economic survival.



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What to Do With an Inherited IRA

Inheriting an IRA may seem like a good thing, but there can be tax consequences if you aren't careful. If you inherit an IRA, you should check with an attorney or financial advisor as soon as possible to find out your options.

IRAs are personal savings plans that allow you to set aside money for retirement and get a tax deduction for doing so. Earnings in a traditional IRA generally are not taxed until distributed to you. At age 70 1/2 you have to start taking distributions from a traditional IRA. Earnings in a Roth IRA are not taxed, nor do you have to start taking distributions at any point, but contributions **to a Roth IRA are not tax deductible. Any amount remaining in an IRA upon death can be paid to a beneficiary or beneficiaries.**

Spouse as beneficiary

If you inherit your spouse's IRA, you can treat the IRA as your own. You can either put the IRA in your name or roll it over into a new IRA. The Internal Revenue Service will treat the IRA as if you have always owned it. If you are not yet 70 1/2 years old, you can wait until you reach that age to begin taking minimum withdrawals. If you are over 70 1/2, you can use a longer joint-life expectancy table to calculate withdrawals, which means lower minimum withdrawal amounts. If you inherit a Roth IRA, you do not need to take any distributions.

You can leave the account in your spouse's name, but in that case you will need to begin taking withdrawals when your spouse would have turned 70 1/2 or, if your spouse was already 70 1/2, then a year after his or her death. If you want to drain the account, you can use the "five-year rule." This allows you to do whatever you want with the account, but you must completely empty the account (and pay the taxes) by the end of the fifth year after your spouse's death.

Non-spouse as beneficiary

The rules for a child or grandchild (or other non-spouse) who inherits an IRA are somewhat different than those for a spouse. You can choose to take distributions over your lifetime and to pass what is left onto future generations (called the "stretch" option). The required minimum distributions will be calculated based on your life expectancy. This allows the money to grow tax-deferred over the course of your life and to be passed on to your beneficiaries, if you wish. If you want to do this, you must retitle the IRA into an inherited IRA and take your first distribution by December 31 of the calendar year following the year the decedent died. For more on stretching out an IRA, [click here](#).

If you choose not to stretch the IRA, you will have to withdraw it all within five years of the original IRA owner's death. This can lead to a large tax bill--unless the IRA is a Roth, in which case the distributions are tax-free.

Trust as beneficiary

If the IRA names a trust as the beneficiary, the trust may not be able to take advantage of the opportunity to stretch withdrawals across decades. Stretching an IRA may still be an option, however, if the trust is considered a "see-through" or conduit trust. If you have inherited an IRA in a trust, contact your attorney to find out your options.

Estate tax

If the decedent's estate was subject to an estate tax, the IRA beneficiary may be able to get an income tax deduction for the estate taxes paid on the IRA.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Legislative Deadlines

This week I will talk about the legislative process, and specifically some of the deadlines that the legislature works under every session. My office frequently receives questions regarding the legislative process, especially from those who are watching specific legislation or issues. The legislature convenes on the second Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years, and lasts for 140 days. The house and senate rules lay out the deadlines for the consideration of bills to help legislation move through the process. All house and senate bills must go through a committee and a report must be issued on each bill before consideration by the full body; bills and joint resolutions must also be read three times before being passed by either chamber of the legislature. Below are some of the major dates during this legislative session.

- * Tuesday, January 8, 2013 (1st day): Legislature convened at noon.
- * Friday, March 8, 2013 (60th Day): Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor.
- * Monday, May 6, 2013 (119th day): Last day for house committees to report house bills and house joint resolutions.
- * Friday, May 10, 2013 (123rd day): Last day for house to consider nonlocal house bills and joint resolutions on third reading and to consider consent house bills on second and third reading.
- * Friday, May 17, 2013 (130th day): Last day for house to consider local house bills.
- * Saturday, May 18, 2013 (131st day): Last day for house committees to report senate bills and senate joint resolutions.
- * Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (134th day): Last day for house to consider senate bills and joint resolutions, other than local and consent, on second reading.
- * Wednesday, May 22, 2013 (135th day): Last day for house to consider local and consent senate bills on second reading or any senate bills or joint resolutions on third reading; last day for senate to consider any bills or joint resolutions on third reading.
- * Sunday, May 26, 2013 (139th day): Last day for house to adopt conference committee reports. Last day for senate to concur in house amendments or adopt conference committee reports.
- * Monday, May 27, 2013 (140th day): Last day of 82nd Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate. Session ends.
- * Sunday, June 16, 2013 (20th day following final adjournment): Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session.
- * Monday, August 26, 2013 (91st day following final adjournment): Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law.

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



Do Cats Go to Heaven?

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, "You have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask."

The cat says, "Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors."

God says, "Say no more." And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, "All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore."

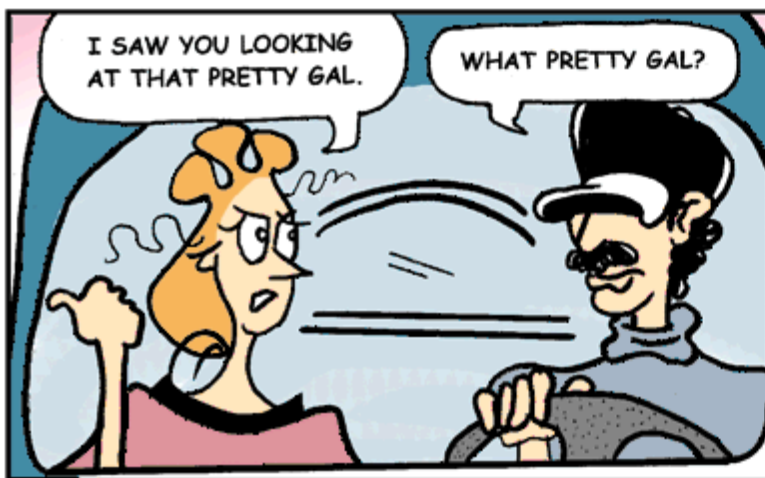
God says, "Say no more." And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, "How are you doing? Are you happy here?"

The cat yawns and stretches and says, "Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!"

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Let's Reminisce: Good To The Last Drop

By Jerry Lincecum

There's a new twist to the old "Use it up, wear it out" motto. While shopping for toothpaste recently, I came across a little thingamajig that could be attached to my toothpaste to enable me to get all the paste out of the tube. Trouble was, it cost about as much as a new tube, so I wasn't sure it would pay for itself.

Then I conducted a little internet research and found that sales of gadgets claiming to help empty bottles and tubes have increased over recent months, building on significant gains made in the last five years. Apparently consumers feel like they're "winning" when they use these products.

One new tool is a \$4.99 spatula called "Every Drop," which digs out left-behind lotion, hair-care products and even trapped lipstick. It promises "extra weeks of use out of each beauty container."

I don't use beauty products myself, but surveys show that those who do think they are losing up to 25% of those expensive creams, lotions, and serums. This spatula lets you get under the lid and scrape out the last drop of that liquid gold.

In a similar vein, marketing researchers for a leading laundry soap observed consumers taking knives to their bottles of liquid detergent in an effort to drain them completely. That desire to get it all out prompted the soap maker to introduce single-dose detergent pods. That way the customer felt none was wasted. I suppose you can cut the pods in half if you really want to stretch your laundry dollars.

As for toothpaste tubes, you may have noticed they are now made from a more-flexible plastic laminate, so the paste can be pushed out more smoothly. I can remember when the tubes were made of lead and squeezing out that last ounce was difficult. Then they switched over to aluminum tubes, which didn't roll up very well. They have also changed the formula for the paste to make it less sticky.

More than our concern with nickel-and-dime savings, it appears that using every last drop seems to give consumers a sense of satisfaction and doing the right thing. Aren't we clever?

Starting in 2008, consumers rated the ability to empty a package completely as the most important feature in beauty and personal-care packaging. Before that, other priorities like attractiveness of the container usually topped the list.

It's as if we are saying, "Maybe I can afford to waste these products, but it's just not a good thing to do. Valuable resources like soap need to be conserved."

As another version of this attitude, I remember my dad's tractor shed with a variety of ancient tools, leftover machinery parts, odd-sized nuts and bolts, and half-empty cans of axle grease -- all just waiting for the right need or occasion to come along and enable them to save the day.

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In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

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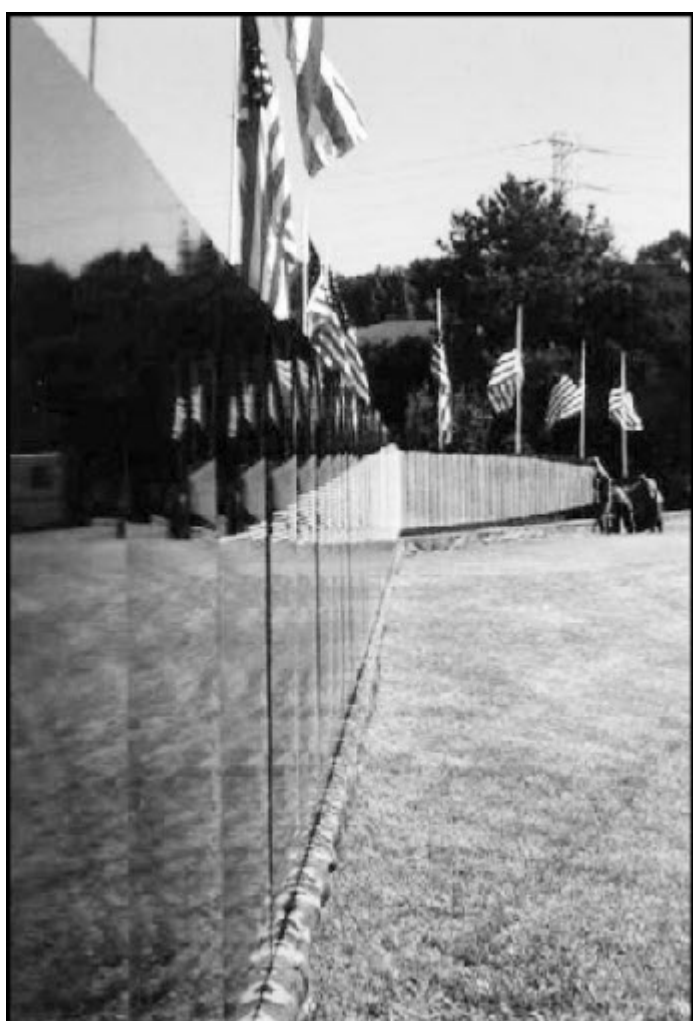
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

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."

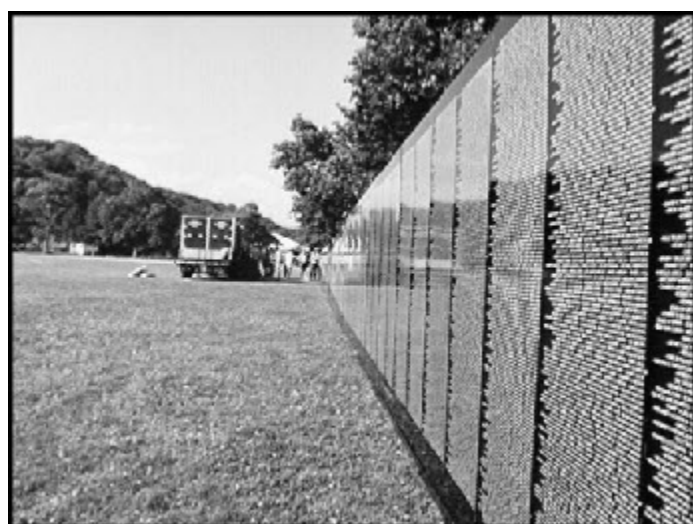
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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.
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What's Cookin...

By Lana Rideout

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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.



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

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?

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 11th 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.
1906
Erected by
Nathaniel Lyon
Post No 5
Department of Texas
In Memory of
the Loyal Soldiers
and Sailors**

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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 20th 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 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th 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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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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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,

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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.

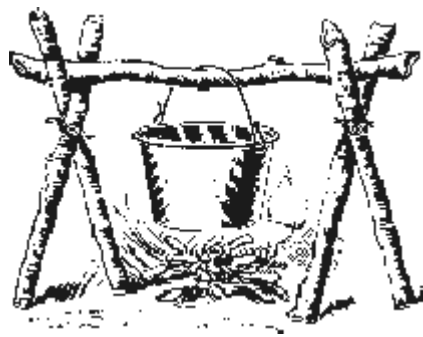
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

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

We 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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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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*This was the backpage for our first issue.
Hope you enjoyed our magazine.*