Capitol Watch

Gifted and Talented Dioramas
Texoma Patriots

Our next meeting . . .

Monday, January 13th, at 7 p.m.

BUCK SNORT BBQ in Van Alstyne, 224 E. Jefferson St.

CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct #2

Gary Cox has confirmed

Justice of the Peace Precinct #4.

Rita Noel and Jeff Stanley have confirmed

Each candidate will have between 8 to 10 minutes to give personal background information and his/her ideas on the main issues of the job. We will also have time for audience questions for the individual candidates.

Please invite your friends, neighbors, church goers, and relatives. Local politics is where it all begins.

Everyone is welcome

Our events are free to the public

Other Texoma Patriot events . . .

Saturday, January 25th, at 11 a.m.

OVERPASSES TO IMPEACH OBAMA

We'll meet at 11 a.m. at Albertsons, 100 E. Taylor St, Sherman. We will hold our signs on the overpass of Highway 75. Meet in the far corner of the parking lot nearest to the highway. Bring signs or we will have some available for you to wave. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.
New Laws for the New Year

Most bills that pass during a regular legislative session take effect on September 1 of that same year. A bill can take effect immediately if it receives a 2/3 vote in both the House and Senate. However, it is sometimes necessary to delay the date the new law becomes effective. This week, I will write about a few laws that took effect on January 1, 2014.

Currently all Texas employers must report quarterly to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) the number of workers in their employment who are considered employees under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (Act). The employer must then pay unemployment insurance (UI) taxes on the workers who are classified as employees each quarter in accordance with the Act. If an employer is found to have workers who are employees but are not being reported as such, TWC requires the employer to pay any retroactive UI taxes as well as any future UI taxes that are due for the employees. House Bill 2015 amends the Labor Code to establish that an employer (general contractors and subcontractors or person) awarded a contract for public works must ensure that any individual performing services under such contract (including individuals working for subcontractors) are properly classified as an employee or independent contractor. If it is found that a worker has been miscategorized, the employer can be fined $200 per employee. This law went into effect on January 1, 2014.

Senate Bill 1611, known as the Michael Morton Act, amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to revise provisions relating to discovery in a criminal case. Previous law required the state to disclose certain evidence in a pending criminal action only on a good cause showing by the defendant and on notice to the other parties. The new law instead requires the state to produce and permit the inspection and the electronic duplication, copying, and photographing of certain evidence by the defendant or his attorneys. Under SB 1611, the state is required to disclose to the defendant any exculpatory, impeachment, or mitigating document, item, or information in the possession, custody, or control of the state that tends to negate the defendant's guilt or would tend to reduce the punishment for the offense charged. If at any time before, during, or after trial the state discovers any additional exculpatory, impeachment, or mitigating document, item, or information, the state must promptly disclose its existence to the defendant or the court. Additionally, before accepting a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or before trial, each party must acknowledge in writing or on the record in open court the disclosure, receipt, and list of discovery provided to the defendant.

For more information regarding these laws or any matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

Texas Historical Markers

Over the holidays I had the opportunity to visit an old cemetery while in East Texas (Anderson County) to learn more about my family that settled there. While driving back from the cemetery we came across an old farm house that had a historical marker in the front yard. Taking a chance that it might provide insight regarding my family, we stopped to read the marker. We were rewarded for our efforts by finding out more about my family and their settlement from the information on the marker.

Historical markers are one of the best-known programs of the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The markers commemorate diverse topics, including the history and architecture of houses, commercial and public buildings, religious congregations, and military sites; events that changed the course of local and state history; and individuals who have made lasting contributions to our state, community organizations, and businesses. Historical markers can be found in all 254 Texas counties. Age, significance, and architectural requirements govern the eligibility of topics and sites when applying for either a subject marker, Historic Texas Cemetery marker, or a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker.

The Historical Commission also has a feature called the Texas Historic Sites Atlas. The Atlas features nearly 300,000 site records, including data on Official Texas Historical Markers and National Register of Historic Places properties in Texas. Also included are courthouses, museums, and sawmills across the state. You can search by Historic Designation, Keyword, County, Address, or Site Name to get instant access to detailed textual descriptions, historic photographs, and interactive maps to help you discover what makes Texas and your areas of interest unique. The Texas Historical Commission’s website, www.thc.state.tx.us, provides a wealth of other information on Texas Historical Markers, including how to apply for a marker.

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GC offers How to Start an eBay Business seminar

The Small Business Development Center at Grayson College is offering a free seminar on “How to Start an eBay Business” on Jan. 25 from 10:00 am–4:30 pm. The class will be held at the Grayson College Career and Technology Center on the Main Campus. Special SBDC funding through the Jobs Act is making this opportunity available free for participants.

The course is comprehensive and covers essential information needed to start and succeed in an eBay business, including everything from registration on eBay and PayPal, digital photography and photo editing, to packing and shipping. Upon completion of this course, participants will be ready to launch an eBay business. The seminar is packed full of eBay best business practices and based on the eBay University curriculum.

Stephanie Inge, an adjunct eBay professor at a local college and education specialist trained by eBay, will be the instructor. Inge started her online store in 1999, and is founder of the original and largest of all eBay sellers meet-up groups in the world, was eBay’s first PowerSeller, and has just completed a book entitled “Meetup Organizer Step-by-Step Success Guide:Road Map to Success for Meetup Organizers and Their Leadership Teams.”

Seating is very limited. Contact Helen Jeffcoats at 903-463-8787 or email jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu to reserve a seat in the class.

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Proverbs 1:1-19 (KJV)

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding:
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity:
4 To give subtlety to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion:
5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:
6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.
11 If they say, Come with us; let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for thine blood:
12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave, and whole, as those that go down into the pit:
13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:
14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:
15 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.
16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.
17 They design evil and contrivance; they lurk privily for their own blood.
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Christian Fellowship

Lake Parker will be leading services this week at a Christian Fellowship church in Luella. Come join them each Sunday morning beginning at 9:00am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 10:00am. Worship service begins at 10:30. Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. They have a class for children called Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus. Ages for that class are 2 years up to 10 years old. They learn about stories in the bible, memory verses, they have puppet shows, lots of fun things. Bring the kids and come on out.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-271-1870 or David Ellis at 903-315-1333.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Our services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9:00 am and worship at 10:10 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6:00 pm. The Lord Supper is observed on the first Sunday of each month. In addition to our regular services, we have radio programs each Sunday at 7:00 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:00 am on KFPY 1420AM and KKFY 93.3 FM. The program is a devotional. We also have two other programs - the North Side church of Christ is at 9:00 am, and Leonard church of Christ is at 8:30 am both on KFPY 1420 AM. The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at:

http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter/leland/
Their television program comes on KFYN 1420 AM at 7:30am.

“A Woman's Choice” a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.com

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The Incarnation: God became one of us so that He could show us the way to eternal life. (1 John 1:7).

He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:9). For if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7). And He is the propitiation for our sins (Romans 3:25). (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13). Jesus WILL save those who place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38).

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"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, Full of grace and truth." – John 1:14

Jesus came to save us! To accomplish this mission, He not only had to become a man. He also had to die on the cross for our sins (1 John 2:2).

Jesus WILL save those who place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-16), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38).

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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 23rd year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.
SAN ANTONIO – Gov. Rick Perry today touted the important strides Texas has made in bolstering transportation infrastructure in the state since 2001. The governor spoke at the Ninth Annual Texas Transportation Forum, where the Texas Transportation Commission announced the creation of the Governor Rick Perry Leadership in Transportation Infrastructure Award. Beginning next year, the award will be presented annually to recognize leaders who have shown a commitment to advancing transportation infrastructure in Texas.

Under Gov. Perry’s leadership, the Texas highway system has grown by more than 6,600 new miles from 2001 – 2012, more than any other state over that time, and invested more than $59 billion in transportation projects. This includes crucial infrastructure projects. Without raising taxes, this investment will secure funding for crucial transportation improvements across the state for years to come.

“Transportation fuels the economy that’s making it possible for families to build lives, but transportation is also essential to help families enjoy the lives they’ve built,” Gov. Perry said. “That’s a simple fact of life that we need to keep in mind moving forward. That’s why we’ve taken so many steps over the past decade to improve our roads, while remaining true to the essential Texas value of fiscal responsibility.”

To further advance transportation projects in the state, Gov. Perry called on lawmakers in the 83rd Legislative Session to pass House Bill 1, which pending voter approval this fall, will allow the state to direct surplus severance tax revenue to the essential Texas value of fiscal responsibility.

Gov. Perry Calls on Obama to Abandon Failed Big-Government Policies Keeping Americans Out of Work

WASHINGTON— U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) called on President Obama to move on from his failed policies that have led to high unemployment across the nation.

“The President continues to blame Republicans for failing to pass unemployment insurance, and yet he refuses to take responsibility for his failed big-government policies that have put us in this position,” Sen. Cornyn said. “The President has been in office for five years, and the Democrats have controlled the Senate for seven. In that time, President Obama has pushed out-of-control spending and a government takeover of healthcare that will hit American wallets for years to come.”

“It’s time for the President to stop playing the blame-game and step up to the responsibilities of leadership with policies that will actually grow our economy.”

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

Gov. Perry Touts Progress in Texas Transportation

Namesake award recognizes dedication to infrastructure investments

WASHINGTON— U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) called on Senate Democrats to stop blocking an open amendment process that would allow all Senators to propose legislation to help grow jobs and the economy.

“As the Republican Leader said yesterday we actually used to have committees that voted on amendments, then passed bills that came to the floor. And we used to actually have an open amendment process where people would offer their amendments and then we would debate them and vote on them. What a novel idea. That’s, of course, called legislating.

”...[T]he Majority Leader, who basically is the traffic cop for the Senate floor, he’s the one that determines whether or not we have an opportunity to have this sort of fulsome debate to offer these constructive, bipartisan in many instances, ideas to try to reform our unemployment compensation system and help grow the economy, help the private sector create jobs and get more people back to work so they don’t have to depend on extended unemployment insurance.”

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In Case You Missed It: Magpul Industries to Move Headquarters to Texas

AUSTIN – Firearm accessories manufacturer Magpul Industries has announced it is relocating its corporate headquarters from Colorado to Texas. Magpul began a nationwide relocation search following the passage of anti-Second Amendment legislation in Colorado this summer that made it difficult for the company to do business.

"In Texas, we understand that freedom breeds prosperity, which is why we’ve built our economy around principles that allow employers to innovate, keep more of what they earn and create jobs,” Gov. Perry said. "I’m proud that Magpul is the latest employer to join the ranks of companies that call Texas home.”

"Excessive government regulation undermines a culture based on personal responsibility and creates a detrimental business environment,” Magpul CEO Richard Fitzpatrick said. “Texas supports personal freedoms and our company will thrive in that environment.”

Gov. Perry has reached out to more than 30 firearm manufacturers in states across the country that are considering restricting sales and manufacturing in the industry. Magpul cited the Lone Star State’s business-friendly environment, predictable regulations and consistent respect for the Second Amendment as key elements in its decision to relocate.

Keep Free Speech in America

By Glenn Mollette

Arts and Entertainment television was out of line for suspending Phil Robertson for a recent statement that the network executives did not appreciate. They may not have liked his Bible quote but he was stating his personal belief and not speaking on behalf of the network. I realize that he is employed by the network, but that should not prohibit him from stating his opinion.

Every American in most circumstances has an opinion and many will disagree or agree depending on the subject. Because someone states something does not mean that it is reality, except in that person's mind. However, there are many circles of shared belief throughout our world. I happen to believe some are right but some are also wrong... in my opinion.

My opinion is based on my background, upbringing, Bible reading, education, personal studies, media, folktales and even common sense. I don't like everything I see on television, read in the paper or hear on the radio. However, I have yet to eliminate any of the three from my life. I don't like everything I see and hear in church but I still go. Yet, I believe in the freedom of religion just like I believe in the freedom of people to state their opinions and quote their favorite books whether it's the Bible or Reader's Digest.

As a free society our task is to muddle through the free speech and make a sensible determination. Free speech encourages or offends people. However the goal of speech should never be to limit human rights to anyone. A worthy goal for us all is to use our free speech to make America better even though words can burn as in the case of Robertson's statements. Again, just because somebody makes a statement does not mean that it is reality, except in the mind of the person who made the statement. The statement simply is a window into that person's soul. I may not agree with what you say or even like it but let's please preserve the First Amendment. A good America is a free America and a free America means free speech.

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He is the author of American Issues and numerous other books.

Statement by Gov. Perry on Death of Harold Simmons

AUSTIN -- Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 30 issued the following statement regarding the death of Harold Simmons:

“Harold Simmons was a true Texas giant, rising from humble beginnings and seizing the limitless opportunity for success we so deeply cherish in our great state. His legacy of hard work and giving, particularly to his beloved University of Texas, will live on for generations. Anita and I send our thoughts and prayers to the Simmons family.”
Howe 3rd and 4th grade Gifted and Talented Students with the dioramas they created after reading the book “The Boxcar Children”.

Kneeling: Kaitlyn Fuhr, Caleb Fetzer. Sitting: Henry Gill, Janna Nitchman, Austin Haley

GT students recently read the book The Boxcar Children. They did research to discover facts about the author, Gertrude Chandler Warner, searched the internet for ideas for their dioramas and enjoyed sharing with each other what they learned. They each did an outstanding job!

Howe Elementary Students of the Month For December

Eli Stoner, Haley White, Elijah Morrison, Presley Shockey, Jacob Campbell, Catlyn Armstrong, Austin Haley, Jana Nitchman, Trinity Williams, Luke Catching
A young brunette goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it.

"Impossible," says the doctor. "Show me."

She takes her finger and pushes her elbow and screams in agony. She pushes her knee and screams, pushes her ankle and screams and so on it goes.

The doctor says, "You're not really a brunette are you?"

She says, "No, I'm really a blonde."

"I thought so," he says. "Your finger is broken."
YET ANOTHER SOMETHING (PAID)-FOR-NOTHING (GOTTEN) SCAM

By Joe Klock, Sr.

"Just pay additional processing and handling!" crows the TV huckster, as he offers you ladies three more brassieres, in addition to the three propper-uppers for which you are already being charged a full processing and handling fee.

Never mind, mind you, that you more than probably have no more than two proppable breasts and routinely launder your undies more frequently than every six days.

The offer, therefore, is about as beneficial to you as would be "free" birth control to your great-grandmother, who hasn't been bedridden since great-granddad bought the farm many years ago - but we digress.

The first proposal mentioned was three bras for $59.99, plus $12.99 "processing and handling," a subtotal purchase price of $73.00, if you'll forgive a two-cent rounding up.

But wait! The buyer of that sextuple set of chest protectors is not given the option of buying just these three mammary holsters and paying a single P&H fee.

Instead, the irreducible package consists of six bras and two P&H fees, for a rounded-up total of $86.00; note that the additional $12.99 is for popping six, instead of just three, propper-uppers into the outgoing package.

Still with us?

Our expert research staff found that the same brand of bandeau* was available at a local Walmart for 10 bucks each, which came out to a less-grand total of sixty simoleons.

*Aside: Regular readers know that we like to throw in a touch of Frenchified palaver here and there for snob appeal.

Buyers who bite on the TV offer may request a refund of (ONLY) the purchase price, if they are dissatisfied, leaving them about $26.00 out-of-pocket, PLUS the cost of return shipping, probably another $3-$5, further plus a non-fun trip to the post office.

That $26 retained by the vendor more than likely more than reimburses them for the cost of the failed transaction, and they additionally profit from the probability that many dissatisfied customers just won't bother applying for the refund.

By contrast, the Walmart (or elsewhere) shopper can see the identical product, try it on for size and continue looking if it doesn't fit the bill (and bauld).

This example is but one of the many too-good-to-be-true enticements that lurk in the shadows as we surf the Internet, randomly punch the channel selector and/or stray into the uncensored columns of classified ads in the daily newspaper.

Second Aside: Lest we be accused of a sexist putdown in the example used here, we hasten to cite a popular commercial which promises to get an underperforming Lothario out of one beachfront bathtub and actively into the adjoining one, which is conveniently furnished with a presumably preheated female - but here we digress again.

If you are long enough in tooth and memory, you may recall a TV pitchman named Sid Stone, who was featured on Milton Berle's "Texaco Star Theater."

His signatures presentations featured undisguised scams, followed by the come-on, "You say you're not satisfied? You say you want more for your money? Tell you what I'm gonna do....!

He then followed each thin veneer of half-truth with yet another thin veneer of the same quality, until chased off-screen by a police whistle.

The difference between Sid's charades and much of today's television advertising is barely discernible when exposed to the harsh light of full disclosure and commonsense skepticism.

Third Aside (A new record here, by the way): If Sid Stone's weekly gig rings a bell, you are a prime target for the half-truths and unproven claims that pervade modern merchandising.

My late father was fond of saying that "you'll never hear a huckster yell 'rotten fish'," and nowhere is this advice more applicable than among the rants that are rampant in modern "badvertising," wherein the headline giveth and the fine print taketh away.

Dad also used to say that if something looks too good to be true, it probably is.

These are axioms that hold up in foundation garments as well as having a foundation in fact.

Freelance wordworker Joe Klock, Sr. (joeklock@aol.com) winters in Key Largo and Coral Gables, Florida and summers in New Hampshire. More of his "Klockwork" can be found at www.joeklock.com.
LET'S REMINISCE: HOMEMADE ENTERTAINMENT

By Jerry Lincecum

While browsing in a department store recently, I spotted a commercially manufactured playhouse completely with tall legs. It could be handled in a backyard as a substitute for a sandbox. The price was too high for my limited dollars! I then remembered a spool tractor I had made as a child. It cost nothing since we discarded all types of materials including a wooden spool, matchsticks and a bit of hard soap.

Making a car with shoe polish cans for wheels was far beyond my ability, but I have seen pictures of one and another introduction to making a spool tractor. To make it simple, take an empty sewing-thread spool, and the flanged edges of the spool ends would do it.

A spool tractor was a self-propelled toy made from an empty sewing-thread spool, a rubber band, matchsticks and a bit of hard soap. If you wanted traction to enable your tractor to climb over barriers, notching the flanged edges of the spool ends would do it.

I had tinker toys and an Erector set, so the homemade spool tractor did not appeal to me as it did to an older generation. Some of you will recall this self-propelled toy made from an empty sewing-thread spool, a rubber band, matchsticks and a bit of hard soap.

Here's where it really gets interesting. In variations of this superstition, the donor rabbit must possess certain characteristics, or have been killed in a particular place, or killed by a particular method, or by a person possessing certain characteristics or powers. It could be拴上脚 or be killed in a cemetery.

The various rituals suggested here were intended to reverse the laws of nature and bring about good fortune. The result was to achieve the status of the rabbit's foot as a talisman.

Mark Twain knew more about this kind of folklore than most American writers. His interest in superstitious customs was encouraged by his cousin, who specialized in the magical side of country life. Twain considered the rabbit's foot the subject of many thousands of jokes.

He would get just a rabbit's foot for a rabbit's foot, and he would get it hot. Some people thought it was only hot. The rabbit's foot was a talisman that could be used to protect the wearer from harm. It could also be used to bring good luck.

The common element in all these toys and games was children using their own imagination and ingenuity to entertain themselves. The common element of reversing what is "normal" and there is nothing they can do about it. To reduce the frustration, carmakers are creating "Quiet Labs."

LET'S REMINISCE: FROM RATTLETRAP TO QUIET

By Jerry Lincecum

With the increase in the number of cars, some people have noticed the increase in road noise. The more cars on the road, the louder the noise.

The database is used with computer software to help identify which sounds need muffling. They have compiled a database of more than 1,000 noises caused by the motor and blowers inside a car's heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit, ranging from low throaty rumbles to a high-screeching whistle or chirp tone.

They also measure how much noise is transmitted to the inside of the vehicle. This includes sounds coming from outside, the more drivers are hearing the annoying little chirps, rattles and drones on the inside. That's because more owners are bringing in their new cars for warranty repairs.

One company spent more than a million dollars to develop a sound-testing facility, which includes two acoustic rooms to compare and test vehicles. They've developed a "quiet Silverado," a heavy-duty pickup truck that features a quiet cab.

To accomplish the quiet Silverado, General Motors added enhanced baffling inside the doors and thicker, better-sealed seals around the doors. They also put sound deadening in the floor of the cab, and they replaced parts of the engine and transmission to make the engine run quieter.

To cut down wind noise, their engineers inlaid the cab doors so their top edges no longer curve over the windows. To cut down wind noise, their engineers inlaid the cab doors so their top edges no longer curve over the windows.

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Earth Quake Cake

1 c. chopped pecans
1 c. shredded coconut
1 German chocolate cake mix
1 (8oz) pkg cream cheese
1 small box powered sugar
1 stick oleo
1 tsp. vanilla

Grease 9x13 inch pan or spray with cooking oil. Spread pecans and coconut on bottom of pan. Mix cake according to package. Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar, oleo and vanilla. Spoon this on top of cake mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 – 45 minutes.
Storybook tea party

Tom Bean – a “Storybook Tea Party” for girls, their mothers and grandmothers is set for 10 am on Jan. 18 at Tom Bean High School. Hosting the event are the school’s Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and the Theatre Arts Department.

Attendees can come as they are or dress up as their favorite storybook character. There will be entertainment, tea party, snacks, door prizes games and more.

Advance tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children under age 12 and are available at the high school office. On the day of the event, tickets will be $10 for all.

For more information, contact Sharon Stephens at 903-546-6319.