

July 11, 2013

## WRITING WORKSHOP OFFERED

The "Telling Our Stories" program will hold a writing workshop in Whitesboro on Saturday, July 13, at 2 p.m. in Wesley Hall of First United Methodist Church, 122 S. Union St. The instructor is Dr. Jerry Lincecum, Professor of English at Austin College.

The class is intended for those who want to write personal or family stories. No experience or previous training is necessary.

The cost is \$10. A monthly series of TOS classes will begin in August in both Whitesboro (Saturday afternoons) and Sherman (Sunday afternoons). You may join the class at any session.

For more information, contact Dr. Lincecum at 903-803-6041 or by email: [jlincecum@me.edu](mailto:jlincecum@me.edu).



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## Internet and Social Media Marketing

The Grayson College Small Business Development Center, in partnership with the Denison Chamber of Commerce and the Sherman Chamber of Commerce, is offering local business owners and managers an opportunity to learn about Internet and Social Media Marketing from a leading expert in the field.

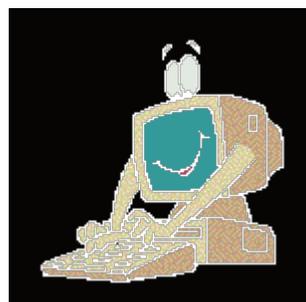
Eric Spellman, with Spellmann and Associates, Inc., the largest web design firm between Dallas and Denver, will be a guest presenter for three seminars at Grayson College on July 23, beginning at 11 am.

With nationwide clientele and a unique model for measuring online success, Spellmann has established Spellmann and Associates, Inc., as a leader in helping customers meet their online goals. He also helps companies realize even greater success by understanding and utilizing the most effective social media for a particular company. "His entertaining presentation style, plain English and jargon-free actionable tips will supercharge your marketing strategies and give you the tools you need to compete successfully on line," said Karen Stidham, SBDC executive director.

Stidham adds, "He will take business owners step-by-step through the essential strategic processes necessary to guarantee successful online results. Seminar participants will be provided critical information needed to build an on-line business in three days or less, and will provide details on on-line marketing strategies that work for every business."

Stidham says if a business owner is just beginning to think about expanding marketing efforts and starting or increasing visibility on line through web page development, Facebook, twitter, etc., this seminar is a must. This seminar is also a must for entrepreneurs whose businesses already have an internet presence but need improvement or expansion.

Spellmann's GC appearance is only one of many state and national conferences that he conducts every year. The seminar is free of charge but advanced registration is required. The seminars will have limited seating, with registrations accepted in the order received. Registration confirmations will be sent on or before July 19. For more detailed information or to make a reservation, call the Grayson College SBDC at 903-463-8787 or e-mail [jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu](mailto:jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu).



# Dot's

# D-A-S-H-E-S



## Dot's Dashes

*By Dorothy N. Fowler*



I wish Microsoft would stop improving things. The alleged improvements may benefit someone, but for me and for most of the people I know, it takes several weeks for us to adjust to them and by that time, another improvement has come along and we are back to square one.

Thinking that way probably puts me in the "get a horse" crowd that believed the new-fangled automobile would never last and that Fulton's steamboat would never sail. It is said that on the day Fulton's boat made its maiden voyage, a huge crowd stood on the bank of the river chanting, "It'll never start," and when it did chug merrily down the river, they started chanting, "It'll never stop."

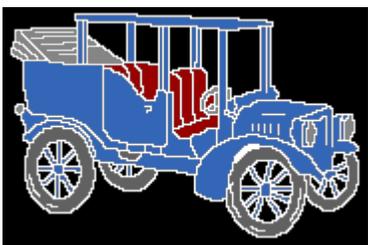


I grew up in the days before air conditioners were commonplace; after they became commonplace, they were most commonly swamp coolers, which worked wonders to cool the hot, dry desert air that prevailed in the Permian Basin. Swamp coolers still work well in the country and in small towns, but as the population increased in the bigger towns, the humidity increased and now residents of larger cities need refrigerated air. Considering the crisis of water supply and the massive amounts of water a swamp cooler can take in hot weather, refrigerated air is the best choice anyway.

What triggered this line of thought was one of those notes someone sent about the good old days and how much better things were in the '50's than they are now.

It's hard to imagine where they were in those years that those years seem to them to be better than the ones we're living in.

My mother often asked that question of people who claimed the 19 teens and 1920's were better than the 1950's and 1960's. Mama spoke often of hoeing cotton in the stifling heat somewhere around Canton. She said she and her sisters prayed for passing cloud to offer shade to cool them for a few minutes. After 10 to 12 hours in the field, Mama and her mother and sisters had to go into the farm house kitchen and cook a big meal on a wood burning stove while the men and boys of the family washed up and lay down on the floor of the porch or the living room.



After the women cleaned the kitchen, there was still cleaning, laundry, sewing and chickens and barn animals to feed. Mama was never quite clear on what the men and boys were doing while the women toiled on, but she knew that men worked from sun to sun but the women's work was never done.

If Mama were here, she would not be complaining about improvements that Microsoft keeps making. She would grit her teeth and learn how to use the improvements and might even think up some better ways herself.

Put another way, when you've done the family laundry on a rub board stuck in a tub in the backyard, you probably aren't going to complain about an electric washing machine and dryer.

And I am going to quit complaining about Microsoft improvements. Even though pencil is a word processor, its eraser cannot begin to compete with the delete key.



## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout



## Recipe

I was born in 1944 during World War II. Japan had bombed Hawaii several years before that. I saw movies of the bombings.

D-Day occurred just a few weeks after I was born.

The first tragedy I remember was when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I was in college at Abilene Christian. I heard someone in the hall say something about his death. Then I went with my roommate to the TV in the dorm.

Other assassinations followed in later years – Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy!

There have been horrible explosions killing many people.

The 9/11 destruction brought more loss of lives. And we still have more bombings, etc. ... more killings.

### Toffee Imperial

1 cup fine quality margarine  
1-1/2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar  
2/3 cup coarsely chopped toasted almonds  
4 (1-ounce) Hershey bars  
1/2 cup finely chopped toasted almonds

Combine margarine and sugar in a heavy two-quart saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring, until mixture comes to a full boil. Do not burn. Continue to boil, stirring occasionally, until mixture reaches the hard-crack state or a candy thermometer registers 300 degrees.

Remove from heat. Quickly stir in coarsely chopped almonds. Pour into a greased nine by thirteen-inch pan.

Let stand until set but still very warm. Place pieces of Hershey bars over the top; as chocolate softens, spread evenly with a spatula. Immediately sprinkle with finely chopped almonds. Lightly press almonds into the chocolate. Cool until completely hardened. Break toffee into irregular pieces; store in a covered container.

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## Climate Change Regulation: Scarier than climate change?

By Gene Hall

Only minutes after President Obama announced his new climate change regulatory plan, I was swamped with calls from the media asking for comment. Not knowing much about it then, I said that farmers and ranchers would examine the legislation for clues about the future and continue seeking ways to reduce carbon pollution.

We now know the plan, implemented almost entirely by executive order, might also be called, “choke the life of whatever feeble economic recovery we’ve managed so far.” I’m ready to say I don’t like much about it at all.

There’s a lot of code in there for unleashing enthusiastic federal regulators on job creators and workers. The net result follows like night after day. There will be less job creation and fewer workers.

Reporters often ask me leading questions that suggest farmers would benefit from draconian climate change regulation. It’s frankly hard to see how with a regulatory scheme that penalizes farmers for starting a tractor. Chemical and genetic breakthroughs have dramatically reduced trips across the fields and application of fossil fuel based inputs. Still, no one knows yet how to grow a crop without driving a few times over the land. Farmers might well support reducing carbon pollution – if the methods are incentive and market-based.

What about the drought, you say? Well, a quick look back through history will demonstrate that drought is not a 20th and 21st Century phenomenon. The current one is troublesome, but others in less carbon emitting times were even worse. All this comes up at a time when the U.S. has reduced its carbon emissions to early 1990s levels. Other countries are spooling up new coal fired generators. Oil from the Keystone Pipeline will be burned in Asia if not here.

This administration plans to punish U.S. energy and food producers even more. I’m not seeing how unilateral surrender of our own economic fortune does any good whatsoever in the climate change grand scheme of things.

I’m not a “denier,” but I am a “skeptic” on the whole global warming thing. From where I sit, climate change regulation is much more terrifying than climate change itself.

*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.*

## Parents, not USDA, will make kids skinny

By Mike Barnett

USDA is determined that kids are going to be skinny. I agree that kids need to slim down, but it’s not USDA’s job to get them there.

USDA’s efforts have focused on limiting fat in school lunches and taking junk food out of our cafeterias to cure our childhood obesity problems. I wouldn’t have a problem with that if it was the local school board making the decisions. But the Ag Department holds the purse strings and the power.

Their new “Smart Snacks in Schools” program is the most recent effort and replaces potato chips and candy bars with baked chips and granola bars.

That makes me wonder what potato chips and candy bars were doing in schools in the first place. When I was a kid, we didn’t have particularly healthy lunches but most of us didn’t have a weight problem either.

I know a lot of people say the major food companies are marketing this junk food directly to our nation’s youth, but they’ve done that for years.

In my day, it was *Captain Crunch* and *Tony the Tiger*. We were always tempted by Twinkies and Snickers, sugary cereals and all that wonderful stuff that tickled our taste buds and shot up our blood sugar.

The difference was our parents considered them treats and not staples of our diets. A Twinkie or Hershey bar was savored only on special occasions. We might get a small Coke one night a week at the local Dairy Bar. The kids I’m familiar with seem to have a steady supply of all this stuff.

The other difference was we were never in the house. We were burning calories either helping dad or playing outside. Inside meant you were idle and idle hands did things like hand waxing parquet floors or shining silverware.

I often wonder at kids’ penchant for sitting in front of computers for hours eating double-stuffed Oreos. I wonder why parents let them.

USDA can control what the kids eat at schools, I guess. But it’s up to parents on the home front to show their kids how to be lean and mean by eating right and exercising more.

Mike Barnett, Director of Publications, Texas Farm Bureau

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

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## New Texas Master Naturalist Class Starting in August

The Bluestem Master Naturalists of Grayson County are looking for persons who love the outdoors and want to learn about ecology and how to preserve healthy environments for future people and animals. Grayson County Master Naturalists have lots of opportunities to make a difference. They count birds for national surveys, teach child and adult nature programs, organize recycling programs, help at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and Eisenhower State Park, advise on conservation and restoration opportunities and many more.

Requirements include forty hours of basic training, then forty hours of service and eight hours of advanced training in a chosen subject each year. Families are encouraged to participate; teens younger than eighteen are welcome with a mentor. Cost is \$160 and includes a background check and Bluestem Master Naturalist membership. Classes and field trips are held on Saturdays from 8:30 – 3:30 at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge or Eisenhower State Park.

August 17, Field trip to Austin College's Sneed Prairie, Kathy Macussi & Peter Schulze; Ecological Concepts: Peter Schulze, Austin College, HNWR; Orientation: Staff, History of Texas Master Naturalists: Cathy Van Bebber, Master Naturalist

August 24, Geology: Rick Lynn, Grayson College (pending) HNWR; Herpetology, Tim Patton, SOSU

September 7, Entomology, Mike Merchant, AgriLIFE Extension, P.M. To be scheduled

September 21, Archaeology & History of Lake Texoma/Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge  
Wetlands Ecology and Management, Field trip to HNWR lagoons:  
Kathy Whaley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Mammalogy, Jessica Healy, Austin College

September 28, Ornithology and Shore Birds field trip: Jack Childs, Bird Expert & Master Naturalist, HNWR; Weather: David Baker, Austin College (pending)

October 19, Tree ID & Forestry Ecology and Management, field trip at Eisenhower State Park: Paul Kisel, Texas Parks and Wildlife; Rangeland Ecology and Management: Chuck Jones, AgriLIFE Extension

October 26, Aquatic Systems Ecology and Management, Macro-invertebrates: Doris Floyd, GCCC Lab Instructor and Master Naturalist and Andrew Blacklock, Outdoor Educator and Master Naturalist  
Advanced Training: Mapping the Refuge by Canoe/Kayak, Gerry Shehan

More information at <http://bluestemmasternaturalists.org>,  
[bluestemmasternaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bluestemmasternaturalists@gmail.com).

\*Sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service, Grayson County and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Educational programs of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

## Cornyn Statement on Texas Governor Rick Perry

WASHINGTON-U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) today made the following statement after Texas Governor Rick Perry announced that he will not seek reelection:

“Under Governor Perry’s leadership, Texas has been a shining example that less government, lower taxes and fewer regulations helps to grow jobs and move our economy forward. It’s a striking contrast to the big government, big spending, liberal mindset of the current Administration.

“Sandy and I wish Gov. Perry and Anita the best, and I look forward to continuing to work with him on behalf of 26 million Texans.”

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



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## Theatricks ends season with 'The Hobbit'

Theatricks will end its 2012-13 season with *The Hobbit*. The large cast, featuring children, teens and adults, will bring the play to life in six July performances at the Honey McGee Playhouse in Sherman.

Bilbo Baggins, Gandalf and other familiar characters will take the stage when Theatricks presents *The Hobbit* as its season finale. Performances are scheduled for July 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at the Honey McGee Playhouse, 313 West Mulberry, in Sherman.

In this version of J.R.R. Tolkien's classic, audiences will follow the adventures of Bilbo Baggins as he is selected by Gandalf the wizard to join a band of dwarves, led by Thorin. The group's quest is to reclaim the dwarves' mountain home and the treasure it holds. On their journey, they encounter trolls, elves and goblins and they must defeat Smaug, the dragon who took their village from them. Only Bilbo and his mysterious ring of power can help Thorin and his crew.

Making up the cast are: Rafe McConnell as Bilbo Baggins; Noah Scheibmeir as Gandalf; Caleb Crocker as Thorin; the dwarves - Simon Scheibmeir as Balin, Nathan Childress as Dwalin, Sarah McGinn and Bella Orley-Guthrie as Kili and Fili, Jeffery Sutton as Nori, Brittani Crocker as Ori, Colin McGinn as Dori, MacKenzie Kozak as Oin, Logan Shurtleff as Gloin, Grant Dominick as Bifur, Cory Alejandro as Bofur and Andrew Hill as Bombur; Kaitlyn Casmedes as Gollum; Lew Cohn as the Great Goblin and the voice of Smaug; Matt Maxwell as the goblin attendant and the dragon puppeteer; Sophie Hermann as the elven queen; Isaac Scheibmeir, Karen Childress and Alexander Wheeler as Bert, Essie and Tom, the trolls; TJ Blankenship as the grocery boy and Aaron McGinn as his fellow hobbit; Reed Thornton and Tobias Scheibmeir as the goblins; Misty Hebert and Rachel Cohn as elven guards; and Abigail McGinn, Sophie Baca and Keatyn Smoot as elves.

Among supporting production crew members are: Webster Crocker, Theatricks director; Katherine Ailshire, assistant director and sound designer; Wylie Mitchell and Steve Futrell, fight coordinators; Leo T. Ransom and Steven Milward, costumers (Milward also created the dragon puppet); Shelley Shurtleff, wigs and hair; and Christina Childress, Elanor Goldsmith and Maddie and Emma Snyder heading up props.

Tickets will go on sale beginning July 9 and the theater box office will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For information on the production and Theatricks, call 903-892-8818 or visit [www.theatricks.org](http://www.theatricks.org).



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## Area Churches

# Church Page



### Cannon

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### Psalm 23:1-6 (KJV)

- 1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



### Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be leading worship service this week. Come join them at 9:00a.m. for coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30, and worship service at 10:30.

David Ellis also is leading praise and worship and its a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

ACF celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service.

Kidz zone-Children's church Sunday starting at 10:30a.m. Kidz under construction for Christ, bible stories and journey on Rt. 66 to learn the books of the bible.

ACF will be having VBS July 22-26, times 6:30-8:30p.m. Theme is Gotta Move by Go Fish. Ages: kindergarten-5th grade.

Wednesday nights begin with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-271-1870 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 radio programs each Sunday at 7:30 am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8 am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30 am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

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

### VBS information:

Church name: A Christian Fellowship  
VBS Theme: You Gotta Move  
Date and Time: July 22-26 @ 6:30-8:30 pm  
Ages: kindergarten-5th grade  
Address of church: 150 Fellowship Lane, Hwy 11 Luella (I believe it's a Sherman address though)  
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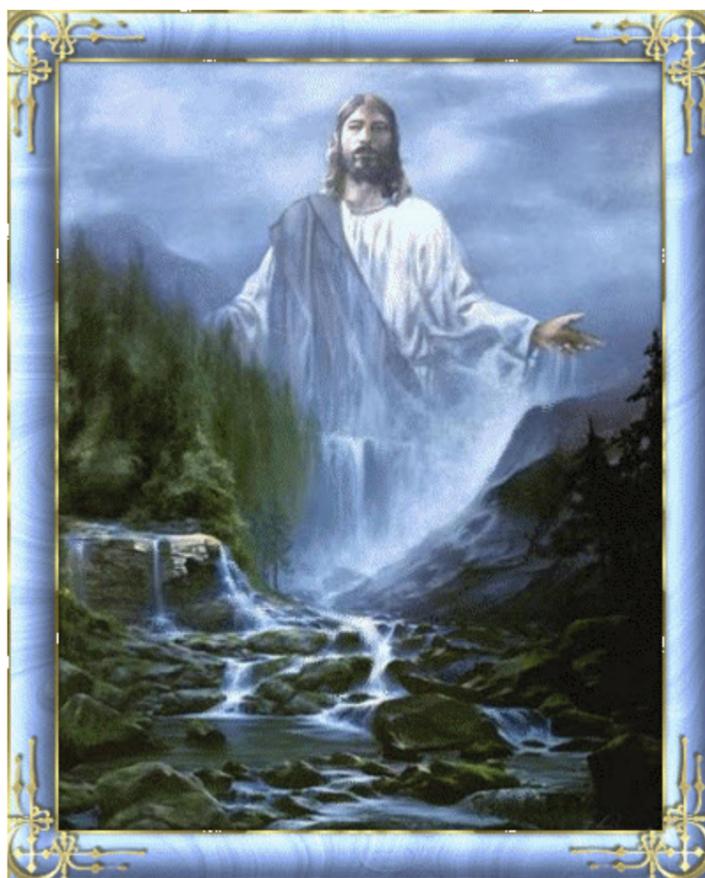
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## Into the Fire

The Independence Day celebration on July 4th in Prescott, Arizona, served a dual purpose: people celebrated the freedoms that are enjoyed in this country, but they also honored 19 fallen firefighters.

The nineteen firefighters were members of the "Hotshots" firefighting team. The Hotshots crew had deployed on the previous Sunday to what was thought to be a manageable lightning-caused forest fire near the small town of Yarnell, about 35 miles from Prescott. Violent winds fueled the blaze and trapped the team. The Hotshots deployed their emergency fire shelters to no avail. They died while trying to put out the raging fire that threatened the town of Yarnell, a fire that as of the night of Independence Day has destroyed more than 100 homes and burned about 13 square miles.

Some of the bereaved family members of the deceased firefighters spoke about their loved ones. Coleen Turbyfill, mother of 27-year-old Travis Turbyfill, recalled that she had misgivings when her son's elite "Hotshot" firefighting crew set out for a fire burning so close she could see the flames, but he comforted her and told her, "This is what I love."

When we were doomed because of our sins and headed for the "everlasting fire" of punishment, God sent Jesus to our rescue so that we would not perish in the flames (Ephesians 1:7). Jesus went "into the fire" and suffered the punishment for our sins. He "endured hell" so that we wouldn't have to. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree [i.e., the cross], so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). He died for us so that we might live (1 Thessalonians 5:10).

Jesus will save and give eternal life to those who accept His offer of salvation on His terms: placing their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will

continue to cleanse those who strive to continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Why would Jesus go "into the fire" for us?

He did it because it was His Father's will (John 6:38) and because of His great love for us...

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." – John 15:13

Won't YOU respond to His great love by accepting His gift of salvation and life on His terms?

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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

## **Cornyn, Schumer To Introduce Legislation To Improve Voting Process For Military And Overseas Voters**

*Bipartisan Legislation Would Improve MOVE Act Implementation, and Include New Proposals to Streamline the Process of Registration and Voting for Military Voters, Reform On-Base Voter Assistance Program*

Today, U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) announced that they will introduce legislation to expand access to voting for military and overseas voters that both streamlines the process and ensures that errors or delays in ballot distribution can be corrected in time for service members and civilians living overseas to vote. The Safeguarding Elections for our Nation's Troops through Reforms and Improvements Act ("The SENTRI Act") makes critical adjustments to the implementation of the senators' 2010 MOVE Act that dramatically improved access to military voting.

"For far too long in this country, we have failed to adequately protect the right of our troops and their families to participate in our democratic process," said Cornyn. "These brave Americans put their lives on the line for our democracy, so the least Congress can do is ensure that both the Defense Department and the states do everything possible to safeguard their voting rights."

"The men and women who put their lives on the line so that we have the right to vote should not be denied that right themselves," said Schumer. "Our legislation makes important improvements and adjustments to military voting assistance protocols to ensure that all of our soldiers, even those serving at remote outposts around the globe, can participate in the democracy they fight to protect. I'm hopeful it will gain wide bipartisan support and pass the Senate this year."

### Background on the SENTRI Act

The legislation would take two critical steps in order to ensure that states send out absentee ballots to troops and their family members at least 45 days before Election Day, as mandated in the MOVE Act.

First the states would be required, both before and after the 45-day mark to report on their compliance in sending out ballots on time. In the event that a state misses the pre-election deadline, that state would be required to express-mail the ballots out to troops and, in extreme cases, provide for the troops to express-mail the ballots back after they have been marked.

Second, the senators' bill would repeal the MOVE Act provision that permitted states to seek waivers from the 45-day pre-election requirement for sending out ballots to troops and their family members. Three years after passage of the MOVE Act, the hardship waiver provision is no longer needed.

The SENTRI Act also requires the Department of Defense to reform its on-base voter assistance program to ensure that troops and their families receive the same level of voting assistance under the National Voter Registration Act that their civilian counterparts receive at locations such as state DMV offices.

The Senators today said they hoped to offer the legislation as an amendment to the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act. Schumer and Cornyn were the authors of the MOVE Act that they introduced after a 2008 survey by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration showed that as many as one in four ballots cast by military and overseas voters went uncounted in that year's presidential election.

The MOVE Act addressed several of the flaws responsible for such widespread disenfranchisement. Among other provisions, it requires that all states provide military voters with ballots no later than 45 days prior to the election, so that they have adequate time to complete and return them. The bill also required states to provide ballots electronically. Additionally, it enhanced the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) at the Department of Defense, which is the main source of election-related information and assistance for many members of the military.



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## Why 2014 Could Be the Year of the Senior

By Douglas E. Schoen

As we approach summer in Washington, policymakers and pundits alike remain distracted by a host of scandals. The alleged targeting of conservative political groups by IRS officials, while relegated to Congressional hearings and calls for additional investigations (for now), will be red meat for candidates running in next year's midterm elections. Recent revelations that the NSA has been monitoring phone calls only adds to the narrative that we'll likely see play out in the coming months: government, regardless of its reach, is increasingly misguided.

However, it would be political malpractice to assume that fundamental issues - Medicare, the economy, trade, etc. - will take a backseat to today's scandals. As incumbent policymakers know well, taking one's eye off these fundamental issues (often at the expense of entire voting blocs) is often a recipe for failure. This is especially relevant for voters over 65, who are increasingly drifting to the Republican Party. Taking into account that nearly six in 10 seniors voted for Mitt Romney (up from half who voted for McCain 2008), it's critical that Democrats right the ship before 2014.

By all accounts, 2012 marked a period in which Democrats were inspired by a larger turnout of young and non-white voters. However, two years earlier, seniors comprised 23 percent of the vote (an increase from 16 percent in 2008). The youth vote in 2010 was only 11 percent, down from 18 percent in 2008. A fired up senior electorate can easily sway a close election.

With this idea in mind, a key issue for Republicans and Democrats will be establishing a permanent trust on Medicare. Every American over 65 relies on the program in some way, and a large swath of Medicare participants have to deal with a chronic medical condition. Seniors are often afraid of losing their benefits and having programs they rely on cost more money or get cut altogether.

Case in point is Medicare Part D, the popular prescription drug benefit. This is a program that has been a sterling success, in a time when confidence in government is reaching all-time lows. Part D is a rare example of a government program that has consistently cost less year after year than originally budgeted. To be specific, it has cost \$348 billion less than original estimates. The Congressional Budget Office found every one percent increase in prescriptions filled results in a .20 percent decrease in spending on other Medicare services.

Key take-away for seniors: what works in health care is likely to be well received heading into next year's election. While Obamacare continues to experience stagnant approval ratings (the latest polls continue to trend downward), it's clear that seniors will gravitate toward public policies that meet their needs and help to address health care spending.

For both Democrats and Republicans, the good news is that the senior vote is still gettable. However, a good portion of voters over 65 pay close attention to policy specifics, making it more important to ensure that both parties recognize this. Preserving programs that work, while prioritizing seniors' long-term interests, will yield significant political dividends in 2014 and beyond.

Neither side can afford losing them.

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## Cornyn Calls on EPA Nominee to Work For, Not Against Texas

WASHINGTON- U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) sent a letter today to EPA nominee Gina McCarthy to express his concern over EPA regulations affecting Texas. Sen. Cornyn asked for her commitment to work with Texas to ensure that pending and future regulations will be based off of accurate and verifiable data from Texas and input from the state.

“It is imperative that our state officials are able to have effective, substantive communication and a constructive dialogue with you and other EPA officials on regulations impacting public health,” he wrote.

“We need to understand how the EPA, under your leadership, will address these prior problems with due process for Texas in the future.”

*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.*

## Letter to the Editor

As I read “letters to the editor” in Texas newspapers, I see emotions riding high of those on both sides of the abortion issue and recent events in the state. Whether one is pro-life or pro-choice, there are two groups of facts one needs to know in order to be well informed when taking a stand. These are facts, not opinions. They are certainly facts on which opinions can be based, but they are facts, none the less. Therefore, I am challenging both sides to research these two groups of facts, whether online or otherwise.

First, study the facts about the development of the unborn child (fetus) from conception until birth.

Secondly, research the several different methods of abortion and learn what happens to both the woman and the fetus in each method.

If one is going to take a stand, one must be informed. If these basic facts are not known, one is not well informed. The challenge is before each one of you on both sides of the abortion issue.

LaBetha Casey  
Former Texas resident  
Stonewall, LA

As most Americans find the scandal built around something Paula Deen said over two decades ago to be hypocritical foolishness, I am reminded of one of the “classic” examples of the same kind of politically correct hogwash. Only a few days ago, I was talking to a recent high school graduate and asked her what she knew about Mark Twain. Basically she had heard the name but that was it.

Several years ago, the books of one of America’s greatest writers, Mark Twain, were removed from any school libraries because in his books, he used the “N” word. No one bothered to mention that Twain was a lifelong abolitionist who actively spoke out for the rights of the black man and fought against slavery.

This first came to my knowledge when I watched a movie about one of Twain’s lesser known books by the name of *Pudd’nhead Wilson*. The evil of slavery was clearly revealed in this work.

In Twain’s better known works, he was more subtle. He wrote stories that both the pro-slavery and the anti-slavery folks would enjoy. In *Huckleberry Finn*, one of the main characters was “N. Jim.” Jim was a slave and Huck’s close friend. When Jim sought to escape to freedom, Huck assisted him. The readers on both sides of the slavery issue found themselves hoping that Jim would succeed in his quest for freedom. This was Mark Twain’s intention. He was generating sympathy for the slave.

In visiting Twain’s Connecticut home, I was surprised to learn that Twain’s next door neighbor was none other than Harriett Beecher Stowe, the author of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*. Twain and Stowe worked together in their efforts against slavery. The books of both authors contained the “N” word. But whereas Stowe’s *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* was a blatant attack against slavery, Twain’s works were more subtle, trying to open the eyes of readers who weren’t thinking about slavery one way or the other.

Stowe’s works are honored in our schools. Twain’s are not. What asinine foolishness.

This is only one of many examples of how politically correct insanity has robbed the younger generation of a good education in favor of political extremism. God have mercy on us!





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## Finding the Best Possible Nursing Home Care for a Loved One

PROVIDENCE, R.I.— When their mother became a nursing home escapee, her helicopter daughters wondered what the sweet 93-year-old widow was thinking. With her daughters hovering anxiously, she was quick to answer. “I wanted to pick up a few things to cook for your father tonight.”

The woman’s daughters gave a collective deep sigh. Their mother remained young at heart, but the memory thief of dementia turned her mind into an intermingling of long-term remembrances, short-term forgetfulness and delusional thinking. She was stuck in her married past unable to comprehend why she had to live in a room with no kitchen to cook pasta for her husband, who had actually died.

Her daughters realized that they could neither stop their mother’s mental deterioration nor prevent behavior one would expect from an impetuous teenager. But, what they could do was to find a nursing home where their mother would be safer and maybe happier, too.

Despite their hovering and search for the perfect nursing facility, their mother’s worsening dementia limited their choices. Questions to ask about quality ratings, activities and atmosphere as well as cultural sensitivity, patient rights, and physician availability may seem obvious.

However, even with all the guides designed to help families, getting answers is a challenge.

In addition to general manuals, such as the comprehensive 72-page *Your Guide To Choosing A Nursing Home* — Medicare.gov, getting a sense and feel of a home by visiting more than once may make the difference between sleepless nights and peace of mind.

Questions to admission directors are important, but observation is often a better predictor of how well a person will adjust to the new environment. Answers from staff may dramatically clash with the reality of a nursing home’s ratings, atmosphere, activities, patient rights and physician availability.

### Things to Look for Onsite

Often a nursing home placement is made hastily because of a hospital’s “time’s up” policy. Patricia L. McGinnis, executive director of California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, [<http://www.canhr.org/>] said, “Contradictory to their role -- appropriate placement – discharge planners are often pressured to get patients out of the hospital because of billing issues.”

Atmosphere is important: With nursing homes, beautiful furniture and new curtains do not necessarily translate into good care. You may see a facility that has a four- or five-star rating, but the atmosphere or patient population may not be well suited for a potential resident.

Always look at dining rooms during lunchtime to see how many residents are there instead of eating alone in their rooms.

Ask to look at activity charts to determine how those requiring various levels of care may participate and benefit. While offering residents Wii Bowling sounds good on paper, residents with dementia will not be able to remember the steps involved for knocking down the pins. On the other hand, BINGO plays an important role in routine and socialization.

Music in nursing homes should be more than just recreation; it should be therapy, even for residents who are cognitively challenged. Some experts in aging say that making music can be a protective factor against the most difficult aspects of dementia.

For example, the documentary *Alive Inside*, explores how patients are transformed by listening to iPods. In a nursing home there can never be too much music.

Patient rights and physicians: From small issues to more substantive ones, patients’ rights versus the best interest of a patient is tricky. Be certain to ask about patient-choice issues. Important examples are:

Dining room seating -- Do new residents get assigned tables and is there flexibility to be able to move to another table? You want flexibility.

Room changes -- Residents may be shifted to different rooms merely for the convenience of the home. But sometimes roommates are not compatible. Ask how this is handled, and is the staff quick to make changes if problems arise?

Showers and changes of pull-ups or diapers -- To prevent urinary tract infections, or UTIs (a common health issue that can also worsen a senior’s mood), it is important that residents are changed and bathed frequently. Ask how often this takes place and how they handle a person who refuses. Hiding behind patient rights is not acceptable when a health issue is involved. Incontinent patients should be checked every few hours.

Make certain family caregivers are permitted to be involved with helping a person with dementia make appropriate choices.

Ask how a facility handles conflict. A well-trained staff can often coax even the most belligerent resident into complying with a health issue. Hydration and frequent diaper changes are key to preventing potentially debilitating UTIs.

In the elders, a UTI can create agitation and delirium that leads to preventable hospitalization. This is only one reason why having a full-time physician or nurse practitioners on staff makes good sense. Does the home have one?

### Ombudsmen and Other Resources

Despite your best efforts, if nursing home issues concern you, contact the local long-term care ombudsman. These people, usually found through the state or local government department or commission on aging, are independent officials designated by the U.S. Older Americans Act, to monitor area nursing homes and assist residents. They usually can fill you on about a facility’s record.

However, keep in mind what Donna McCormick, managing attorney for the Elder, Health and Disability Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services—ombudsman programs are uneven around the country. She explained, “In theory all nursing homes should have ombudsmen, but the challenge takes place when they become so intertwined with management that they don’t always advocate effectively for residents.”

The other alternative is to find a different home. Physicians and researchers tell us that seniors can be more adaptable than we realize.

What is every family’s goal? Dr. James M. Ellison, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, said, “Families need to know that their loved ones are being cared for by a kind staff in an atmosphere that stimulates them emotionally, socially and cognitively. It’s important to remember that even with a diagnosis of dementia people can find joy in the appropriate surroundings.”

As a result, families often find themselves in search of a different nursing home.

Here are some helpful resources keyed to quality of care, nursing staff, health inspections and safety issues.

\* Medicare.gov - Nursing Home Overview;

\* Nursing Home Compare - Medicare.gov directs one to state sites and phone numbers;

\* America’s Best Nursing Homes - News - US News and World Report, is a star-rated overview;

\* Nursing Home Inspect, makes nursing home inspection reports.

\* California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform’s “Nursing Home Guide,” a national model for state searches.

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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Second Special Session Begins

On Monday, July 1, the 2nd Called Special Session of the 83rd Legislature convened in Austin to consider the items placed on the call by the governor: legislation relating to the regulation of abortion procedures, providers, and facilities; legislation relating to the funding of transportation infrastructure projects; and legislation relating to establishing a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender. Since each of these items were also placed on the call for the first called special session, bills relating to each of these subjects were pre-filed prior to the start of the second special session. On Monday, bills were referred to their respective committees for hearings in the coming week. The House and Senate both adjourned until Tuesday, July 9th.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, the House Committee on State Affairs heard testimony on House Bill 2, which regulates abortion procedures, providers, and facilities. This bill would prohibit an abortion of an unborn child that is more than 20 weeks of gestational age, with certain exceptions. The bill would also require that by September of 2014, facilities where abortions are performed must meet the same minimum safety standards as do ambulatory surgical centers. The State Affairs Committee took testimony for over 8 hours before passing HB 2. The bill will now go to the floor of the House for debate, probably sometime next week.

The Senate this week passed the constitutional amendment relating to transportation funding, SJR 1, out of committee, and is scheduled to take it up on the Senate floor on Tuesday, July 9. I am the author of the identical HJR 1, which the House Committee on Appropriations will hear on Tuesday as well. Should this constitutional amendment pass this session, it would go to the voters for approval in November.

Lastly, House Bill 4, which relates to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual younger than 18 years of age, is scheduled to be heard in the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence on Monday, July 8. The Senate has already passed its version of the bill, SB 2, out of committee, and is expected to take it up before the full Senate on Tuesday.

For more information on these bills or any state matter, 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](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.





This bald eagle is one of 12 photos taken by Kevin Vaughn at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and currently exhibited online at [www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery). He was selected at the refuge 's "Photographer of the Month" for July.

## Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club

Kevin Vaughn has been selected as July's "Photographer of the Month" by the Friends of Hagerman. A dozen of his Hagerman Wildlife Refuge photos are now on display at [www.friendsofhagerman.com](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com).

Vaughn has worked for the United States fish and wildlife service for almost 12 years as a federal wildlife officer.

The Friends of Hagerman's Nature Photography Club meets bi-monthly and is open to all photographers, beginners to professionals, who are interested in nature photography. The next meeting will be at 12:30 pm July 13 at the refuge. The club also organizes small group photo shoots on the refuge and the annual Refuge Photo Contest. For more information, send an email to [fohphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com)

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Dale and Lana Rideout took a friend to Hagerman on Saturday, June 29 for a tour on their Tram. One of the stops was by this large pond filled with American Lotus. The website for Texas A&M university gives this description or the flower:

American lotus is a perennial plant that is often confused with water lilies. Leaves are simple, round, bluish-green in color, up to 2 feet in diameter, attached to the stem in center (no slit like water lilies). Leaves are flat if floating or conical if emergent and can stand above the water's surface as high as 3 1/2 feet on the rigid stem. Flowers are large (to 10 inches across) yellowish-white to yellow with more than 20 petals. The center of the flower, the seed structure, is cone-shaped (or like an inverted shower-head) and has openings in which the seeds develop. Lotus can form large colonies and spreads by seeds and large fleshy rhizomes.



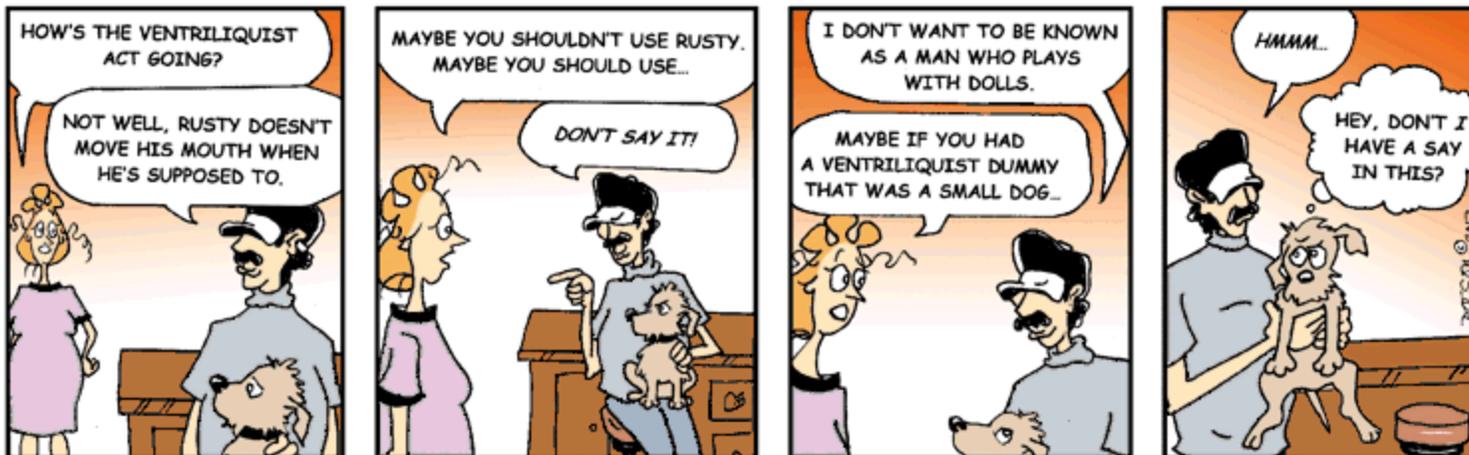
## 10 Christian Pick-up Lines

- \* Nice Bible.
- \* God told me to come and meet you.
- \* Excuse me, I believe one of your ribs belongs to me.
- \* I know a church where we could go and talk.
- \* What are your plans for tonight? Feel like a Bible study?
- \* Nice bracelet. Who would Jesus date? Oh, I mean, what would Jesus do?
- \* Do you believe in divine appointment?
- \* Have you ever tried praying at a drive-in movie before?

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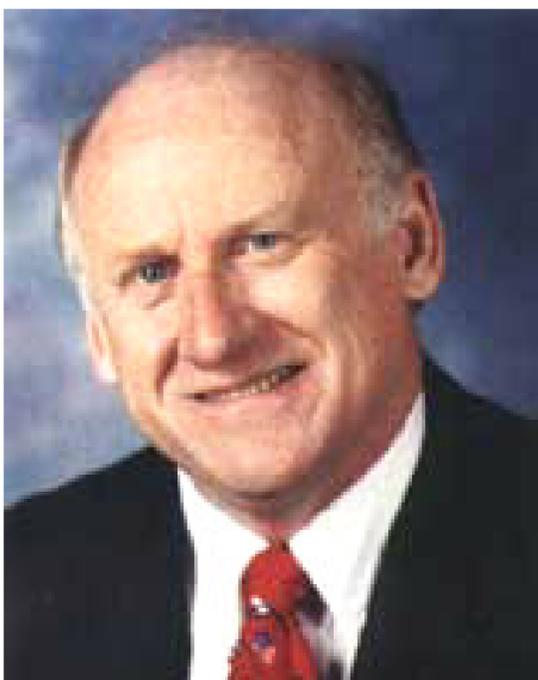
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[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

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

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.



## **LET'S REMINISCE: *Raising Tomatoes And Watermelons***

**By Jerry Lincecum**

Some time ago I heard an interview with the author of a new book about the tasteless tomatoes produced by industrial farming, and it brought to mind some of my own experiences in raising tomatoes and watermelons.

Raising a few tomatoes in town is a way of paying homage to my roots as a farm boy and practicing skills I learned from my parents about gardening. I can remember their having an acre of tomatoes for a year or two during my childhood, before I was old enough to do any work in taking care of them. Maybe that's why it gives me so much satisfaction to gather a few tomatoes from my little patch.

What I recall best is the fun part, accompanying Daddy as he took bushels of the green fruit to the tomato shed in town. I watched the women as they graded our crop, separating number ones from number twos (too big or odd-shaped) and giving us back culls and pinks. Then we picked up a modest check for the proceeds, and I was given a stick of candy.

The fact that pinks were unacceptable forecast the future of tomato farming. Today tomatoes need to be green as gourds when harvested and tough as a boot to survive long distance shipping. As one mass producer commented recently, "I don't get paid a single penny for taste."

In my little hobby patch, heirloom varieties are the ones I raise, such as Box Car Willie, Arkansas Traveler, Rutgers, Cherokee Purple, Old German, Yellow Pear. By using a raised bed and supplying ample water this year, we have had a bumper crop of delicious tomatoes in varying sizes and colors. Add just a little salt to a saucer-sized tomato slice, and you are tasting the food of the gods.

Daddy soon shifted from tomatoes to watermelons as a cash crop, and I did my share of turning vines and cultivating between them. The best part was still taking a pickup load to town, except we had to sit around for hours hoping an eighteen-wheeler driver would show up to buy our load and want more.

One time we found a buyer who was shipping refrigerator rail cars of melons to Chicago. I remember being impressed by the skill of the "stacker," whose job it was to place the right number and size of melons in orderly rows to fill that boxcar and travel without shifting.

After selling our melons for a good price in 1953, we went by the Ford dealership, planning just to see what they had on offer. Since our banker was in another town, Daddy felt buffered against being pushed into a deal. He didn't anticipate how willing the dealer would be to place a long-distance call.

Alas, when we arrived home in a new sky blue truck, Mother was not pleased. But we kept it, and I can still remember the seating arrangement that for years allowed four kids and two adults to fit into a standard cab. Maybe that's why I prefer big cars with lots of comfortable seating

*-30- A retired English professor, Dr. Jerry Lincecum teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any topic: [jlincecum@me.com](mailto:jlincecum@me.com)*

## **WRITING WORKSHOP OFFERED**

The "Telling Our Stories" program will hold a writing workshop in Whitesboro on Saturday, July 13, at 2 p.m. in Wesley Hall of First United Methodist Church, 122 S. Union St. The instructor is Dr. Jerry Lincecum, Professor of English at Austin College.

The class is intended for those who want to write personal or family stories. No experience or previous training is necessary.

The cost is \$10. A monthly series of TOS classes will begin in August in both Whitesboro (Saturday afternoons) and Sherman (Sunday afternoons). You may join the class at any session.

For more information, contact Dr. Lincecum at 903-803-6041 or by email: [jlincecum@me.edu](mailto:jlincecum@me.edu).

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