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The poster features a central illustration of a cowboy on a horse herding a group of cattle. To the left, a brown horse is rearing up. Below the main scene, a woman in a pink dress is playing a guitar. The text 'in CINECOLOR' is written in a stylized font. At the bottom, it says 'Gene AUTRY and CHAMPION in The STRAWBERRY ROAN' and lists other cast members: 'with OLGA HENRY - JACK HOLT - OAK JONES - FAY BRYAN'. It also includes production credits and the approval of Gene Autry Entertainment.

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Studio City, California
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Well, Well!!





Grayson College helps create statewide college marketing group

Grayson College has taken a leadership role in forming a new statewide college marketing organization and has helped plan the group's inaugural conference held last month in Austin.

Shelle Cassell, Grayson College director of Marketing and Public Information, joined several other marketing directors in Austin last November to discuss the need for a statewide consortium of community college marketing professionals. With the support of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the group formed the Texas Association of Community College Marketers (TACCM) in February.

Cassell serves as the organization's membership coordinator and has worked closely with marketing professionals from seven other colleges to get the organization off the ground. As membership coordinator, she chaired the organization's membership drive and conference registration.

"It's great to be a part of this new group," Cassell said. "TACCM gives us an opportunity to network, share ideas, and learn from one another as we all work to tell the Texas community and technical college story."

Cassell said marketing and recruiting are no longer functions of a single department. It takes all faculty and staff working together to successfully promote a college's programs and services, and Grayson College is leading other colleges in developing integrated marketing plans.

"College marketers and recruiters are tasked with promoting programs and courses that lead to good-paying jobs that are in high demand," she said. "There's a misconception that students need a bachelor's degree to get a good job, but many of the best jobs in Texas are attainable through degrees, certificates, and training offered at community colleges. We've made a lot of progress in changing perceptions about community colleges, but we still have more work to do."

More than 100 professionals from 40 colleges around the state attended TACCM's inaugural conference, "Telling & Selling Texas Community & Technical Colleges," held June 23-25 in Austin. Marketing, public relations, and career and technical education experts from around the state spoke on a variety of topics and issues that professionals deal with daily in the community college setting.

The three-day conference featured a pre-conference intensive titled "Web Marketing Made Simple" as well as a conference welcome from state Rep. John Davis of Houston, chair of the House Committee on Economic and Small Business Development and a member of the House Committee on Public Education.

Other keynote speakers included:

Delores Brooks, director of Marketing & Creative Services at Moraine Valley Community College in Illinois, who spoke on "Marketing in the Era of College Completion."

Mick Normington, business specialist in the Labor Market & Career Information Department of the Texas Workforce Commission. His topic was "Do You Have the Skills to Pay the Bills?"

Dr. Mark David Milliron, chancellor of WGU Texas, who addressed "Education as a Game Changer."

Steven Johnson, vice president of public affairs for the Texas Association of Community Colleges, who provide a legislative update to conference attendees.

GC Enrollment Specialist Rhonda Marroquin gave a presentation titled "Show Me the Relevance! Illustrating Pathways for Gen 'WHY?'" She shared how Grayson is packaging career information together with work skills required, educational steps needed to achieve desired career goals and salary/wage data to help students understand the path from high school to career goal.

TACCM is a statewide consortium of marketing and public relations professionals for public community and technical colleges in Texas. The organization serves as a clearinghouse for information, promotes public community and technical colleges in Texas, and serves in an advisory capacity to other statewide organizations. The group will also develop and implement strategic marketing and communication plans to address statewide initiatives impacting public community colleges.

For more information about TACCM, visit www.TACCM.org.



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GC trustee Barnes-Plyler elected to CCATT board

The Community College Association of Texas Trustees elected Grayson College trustee Debbie Barnes-Plyler to a one-year term on its board of directors. Nominated by her GC colleagues, she is one of three trustees representing medium-sized colleges on the board, which includes three officers and nine directors.

Formed in 2007, CCATT provides resources, education and professional development to more than 400 elected trustees of the 50 Texas community college districts. The association and its members advocate for the advancement of community college education while increasing recognition of the value and positive impact of community colleges to economic development and growth in the state of Texas.

Barnes-Plyler believes that community colleges are vital in supporting the educational needs for economic development and quality of life in the community. Since their founding in 1965, community colleges like Grayson have a rich history of providing a variety of education opportunities for university transfer, career technical education, developmental, and community education.

“If America is to again lead developed nations in the number of college graduates, then the community college culture must evolve to emphasize student success as a necessity,” Barnes-Plyler said. “Under GC President Jeremy McMillen’s leadership, Grayson College has embraced the culture of student success and community partnership, articulating a strategic plan focused on student success goals and established benchmarks of achievement.”

Barnes-Plyler appreciates the opportunity her selection to the CCATT board provides. Through her participation, she’ll gain a broader perspective as she works with state leadership to know the issues and to develop statewide strategies for meeting future challenges for community colleges in Texas and across the nation. “I look forward to working with community college trustees from the entire state of Texas as we implement effective strategies for our students’ success and for advancing our communities,” she said. “We can learn so much from each other.”

The CCATT board’s main goal this term is symbiotic to GC’s goal: cultivating a culture of student success in community colleges. This requires an evolution of community college culture from outputs to outcomes as well as knowing what worked and what didn’t. Grayson College already participates in several initiatives to support student success, such as “Success by the Numbers,” “Achieving the Dream,” and its quality initiative program, “Got Math?”

“The GC Board of Trustees, Dr. McMillen and GC administration, faculty, staff and student leaders share a vision and are committed to transforming lives in North Texas,” said Barnes-Plyler. “It’s an exciting time to be part of Grayson College and the CCATT board.”

For more information about Grayson College’s offerings in education, job training, cultural enrichment and lifelong learning, visit the college’s website at www.grayson.edu.



Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

"I'm going to make an egg sandwich," Mama said as she got the skillet out, put several slices of bacon in it and let them sizzle while she got a carton of eggs out of the refrigerator. When the bacon was done to the proper crispness, she put it on a plate that had a paper napkin on it, and while the grease was still hot, she broke the eggs and put them into the skillet, where they stayed until the whites turned brown around the edges and the yolks cooked until they were medium hard.

Then she coated slices of white bread with mayonnaise, put a couple of slices of bacon and an egg on one slice, salted and peppered the egg and covered it with another slice of bread. Sometimes we cut them in half and sometimes we just grabbed them up and ate them from the outside in, waiting to savor the salted and peppered yolk.

My guess is that each sandwich provided a thousand calories and enough milligrams of sodium and cholesterol to clog our arteries.

Other days Mama decided she wanted to make cornbread. She put a hefty tablespoon of vegetable shortening (she hated the taste of lard) into the cast iron skillet and put it in the oven to heat while she mixed cornmeal, flour, baking powder (or was it soda), an egg and enough milk or was it buttermilk) to get the right texture. By that time the skillet was hot and she poured a dollop of the melted grease into the raw cornbread, mixed it up again and put it into the still smoking hot skillet. The bread sizzled when it first went into the pan and after she put it into the oven, it rose to become a thick chunk of bread.

When she took the skillet out of the oven, she turned the bread out on a large dinner plate and we cut big slices, buttered them and ate them with syrup or peanut butter or just plain buttered. If we were still hungry, we took a chunk of still warm cornbread, crumbled it into a glass of cold sweet milk and ate it with a spoon.

Every Sunday Mama put a beef roast in the oven, sometimes surrounding it with thick slices of potatoes and carrots that roasted alongside the meat and absorbed lots of its flavor. Accompanied by a salad and green beans and a slice of white bread or Brown and Serve rolls, we had a feast.

About once a month, Mama cooked red beans, accompanied by her cornbread, fresh tomatoes, onions and milk or iced tea laced with lots of sugar.

Most people ate about like our family ate, left-over roast on Monday, meatloaf on Tuesday, red beans on Wednesday, chicken fried steak on Thursday, salmon patties on Friday, catch as catch can on Saturday. I do not recall anyone worrying about getting fat, although some people were and I do not recall that people around us were dropping dead because of the food they ate.

Mama lived to be 88 years old and Daddy died of an industrial accident.

If there was anything easier about life during those long ago years, it was that nobody highlighted her hair, or got a new set of artificial nails every two weeks. Men were not judged by the width of the lapels on their suits or the width of their ties or whether their half-shaved faces were sexy enough. Magazines were full of news, short stories and informative articles about growing roses or cucumbers, never about "How To Lose Weight" or "How to Have More and Better Sex."

It seems to me that we have constructed a good many artificial problems for ourselves and since we created them, should deconstruct them. 1



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Texoma Enterprise



HHS Band at UIL

More than 50 students from the Howe High School Band qualified to compete at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest in Plugerville. Band members returned home with 16 first division metals earned by the percussion ensemble, flute quartet, and brass quintet.



Catelyn Armstrong makes a funny face with Clown Kelly

Circus Clown visit to the library

Clown Kelly with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus recently visited the Howe Community Library. Kelly entertained the crowd with a range of tricks including juggling plates and plastic drinking cups. He also shared one of his favorite circus picture books. Children can earn a free circus ticket through the library's summer reading program. This was the sixth time for Kelly to visit the library. His visits are always a fun event for all ages.



Alex Reed was excited to hold his hand



Kids Entertaining Kids Fund-raiser Set

Fun for kids and fun for the whole family will be featured in the fifth annual Kids Entertaining Kids fund-raising event to be held Saturday, July 27, 2:00-4:30 p.m., Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 405 North Rusk, Sherman. Sponsors are the Trinity River Chapter of Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans, many area businesses and individuals and underwriting is provided by the Clara B. and W. Aubrey Smith Foundation. Event tickets may be purchased for \$1 per child and \$2 for adults at the door the day of the event.

The fund-raiser is benefiting Early Childhood Intervention-Texoma (ECI). ECI serves infants and children zero to thirty-six months of age with developmental delays in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Delta, Lamar, and Hopkins. ECI is funded through the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and hosted by Texoma Community.

Performances include Musical Hands, Clarice Davidchik, Denison Family Karate, Bonham Players in Progress, Cooke County 4-H Share the Fun, Theatricks, Winx the Clown, and more. Larry Massey will be the Master of Ceremonies. Other attractions will include face painting, balloon animals, and refreshments.

Clarice Davidchik has been singing since she was 7 years of age and is now an Austin College student majoring in music. "Amazing voice, amazing talent. She performs professionally and has perfect pitch" states her voice teacher, Jill Brown-Hill of Jill Brown Studio. She has performed the National Anthem for the Texas Rangers at Ameritrust Field in Arlington, Texas and at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium. Clarice also has performed in Branson, Missouri. She has recently received the Music Hall of Fame Runner-Up in Carthage, TX. Her parents are Zach and Jennifer Davidchik and grandparents Willie and Fran Jacobs.

Musical Hands is a Sherman-based children's singing sign language troupe. Using choreographed sign language in combination with prerecorded popular and patriotic tunes, the children are able to share the beautiful and expressive language of sign with the hearing world and their love of music with the deaf and hearing impaired. The members of Musical Hands range in age from 4 to 18.

Bonham Players in Progress featuring Gracie and Gabby White and Brant Stuber will entertain everyone with basketball skills and tricks. Denison Family Karate owned by Sam Perez will be demonstrating martial arts moves. The Cooke County 4-H Share the Fun youth will consist of several acts. Theatricks will also perform a small portion of a current production, "The Hobbit."

"A silent auction will be held during the event. So many businesses, individuals, and organizations have contributed to make the silent auction pretty spectacular. We have donations from the Dallas Stars, Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Frisco Rough Riders, Texas Rangers, restaurants, and much, much more. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide Maintenance of Effort to support our services and help the families we serve with needs that cannot be found in other community services," states Linda Horton, ECI Program Manager.

A drawing for six prizes will be held the day of the event, and you do not have to be present to win. Donated prizes include \$500 cash, 2 NASCAR tickets, \$200 Shell gasoline gift card, a box of Tyson's ribeye steaks, a \$200 Kohl's gift card, and \$100 Hess's Meat Market gift certificate. Tickets are a donation of \$5 for 1 or \$20 for five. Call 903-957-4865 for tickets.

ECI's mission is to support families of children by providing or helping access services that support family choice and promote independence within the context of the family's natural environment and daily routines. The program is designed to encourage and assist parents with an infant or a child who appears to be slow in development or who has organic deficiency and/or medical conditions that usually result in developmental delay. Early Intervention is the most effective strategy to enable the child to live as a functional adult and is the most cost-effective time. This intervention helps avoid more extensive and expensive intervention as the child progresses through the school system and later in life. For more information on services or referrals, call: 903-957-4810.

Memories by the serving

By Jessica Domel

As I scrolled through my Twitter feed yesterday, I saw similar messages from news outlets across the nation-Twinkies are back.

I remember last year when my friends were posting messages about how sad they were that the company who had the snack cakes had filed for bankruptcy. They were devastated at the loss of the oval-shaped, vanilla-filled sponge cake.

This week, a little over a year later, there's rejoicing that a food from their childhoods is back in stores-and more diet friendly, perhaps, too.

At first I was amused by the reaction to the news. It's just a snack cake, right?

Maybe not.

Thinking about the foods that are tied to my childhood memories, like the Chex mix my grandmother made at Christmas and the vine-ripened tomatoes we'd eat on the porch at my grandfather's farm, I see now why the return of Twinkies is such a big deal.

Whether or not we realize it, many of us tie major events in our life to the tastes, smells and emotions surrounding them.

To me, watermelon will always be something we eat as a family on the back porch on a hot summer day. Corn on the cob will taste best when it's fresh out of the garden and hot off Grandma's stove.

Now that I think about it, I'm sure I'd have the same reaction my Twinkie-loving friends had if I found out that I couldn't have those farm fresh foods ever again.

So what's your memory-laced food of choice? Twinkies? Steak? Sizzling hot fajitas? Share your family favorites with us.

Jessica Domel, Field Editor, Texas Farm Bureau

As a farmer's daughter and granddaughter, I believe life is best experienced on the farm. I believe Texas agriculture is the backbone of our economy, and we should be proud to show our Texas roots.



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

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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
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Howe

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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

Psalm 24:1-10 (KJV)

- ¹ The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- ² For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
- ³ Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- ⁵ He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- ⁶ This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- ⁸ Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.



Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading worship service this week. Come join them at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30, and worship service at 10:30.

David Ellis will be leading praise and worship and it's 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 10:30 am. 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 6:30-8:30 p.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 7:30am 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 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am 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.



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)
No Transportation Provided

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South of Tom Bean
Duane Peters,
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1271 Pilot Grove St.
903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

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OF CHRIST**

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903/892-9635, Sun. 10

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RED RIVER

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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

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301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

WORSHIP CENTER

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903/482-6700;

Chris Jones, pastor

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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972/562-0752

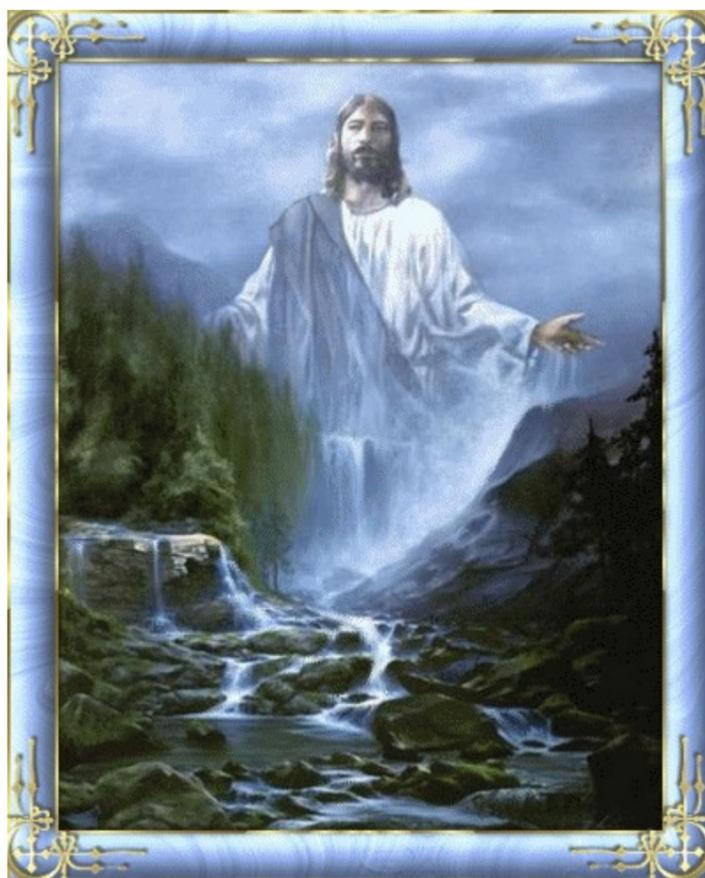
MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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



For All to See

Tom Moore recently wrote about the life of J.C. Hall...

Born to poor parents, J.C. Hall was quickly put to work, mostly in sales, to help keep himself and his family afloat. Along with his brothers, he began selling postcards in Norfolk, Nebraska. But the postcard business wasn't thriving there. So, with little else than a couple of shoe boxes of postcards, he moved to Missouri to start afresh. Full of innovative ideas, he moved on from postcards to greeting cards. When the store from which he operated burned down in 1915, he and his brothers invested in an engraving business and began printing their own cards.

But it wasn't just the quality of the cards that burgeoned the business. It was Hall's groundbreaking idea to move the cards from behind the counters, where clerks would pick an "appropriate" card for the customer, out into display cases where customers could see them, handle them, and admire them.

By the time he died in 1982, Hall had turned two shoe boxes of postcards into a multi-billion dollar company known as Hallmark.

Says the Hallmark corporate website, "J.C. Hall took greeting cards out of drawers in retail stores, and into displays that let shoppers see all their choices, dramatically changing the way cards were merchandised."

Moore then makes this application: God did the same thing when He sent Jesus Christ into the world. That's when the Word of Life was moved from "behind the counters" of prophecy, "out of the drawers" of prediction, and placed in the "display case" of the first century for all the world to see, handle and admire. Today we have this wonderful display of our Lord in the New Testament. *

The Apostle John testified: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes,

which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life – the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us" (1 John 1:1-2).

God "was put on display" – He became flesh and dwelt among us (incarnated) – so that:

Man might come to know God more fully (John 1:14,18),
That we may understand that God knows us all (Hebrews 4:14-16),
And so that we can be saved through Jesus (Hebrews 2:17-18).

ONLY the sinless Son of God could be the perfect sacrifice to atone for the sins which condemn us. "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people." – 1 Timothy 2:5-6

Jesus will save those who accept His offer on His terms by 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). Then, as we walk in the light of His Word, His blood continues to cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

Jesus came into the World for all to see God and the know the Way to "seeing" God for eternity (John 14:6).

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* Tom Moore, "For All to See," 6/27/13,
www.fromthepreacherspc.org

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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

It's time we learn what green energy costs states and cities

By Merrill Matthews

In all the focus on federal green energy spending, what's been overlooked is that states and cities are also neck-deep in renewable energy subsidies.

In Texas, which is hardly unusual here, Dallas has a green building program that expedites permits for more energy-efficient building projects. And Plano provides a Smart Energy Loan Program "to provide energy-efficiency loans to homeowners."

But we apparently have no idea how much taxpayers and consumers, through higher energy bills, are spending to subsidize all of those green energy projects.

At the federal level, a 2012 paper from the Washington-based Brookings Institution estimates that federal spending on "clean energy technology," which includes nuclear, could hit \$150 billion from 2009 through 2014.

And more is coming if President Barack Obama has his way. His 2014 budget includes \$2.8 billion for the Office for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and \$28.4 billion for the Department of Energy to be spent on various projects.

But there's more, as state and local governments have created thousands of green and renewable energy programs.

The North Carolina Solar Center at North Carolina State University manages the Database for State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency and has been tracking state and local initiatives since 1995. That database is funded in part by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The listed options for funding renewable energy projects are numerous: corporate tax incentives; green building initiatives; loan programs; performance-based incentives; rebate programs; personal, property and sales tax incentives, plus others.

According to the database, there are 1,124 state, territorial and local financial incentive programs for renewable energy (all numbers exclude a small number of listed federal programs).

By far, the most common practice is rebates, 557. The second most frequent approach is loans, 201.

The programs do not seem to follow the usual red state-blue state patterns. While no one would be surprised that California is toward the top of the list for renewable rebate programs (56), Minnesota has the most (76). But red state Indiana has 34 and Texas 29, while blue state Vermont has only one and Connecticut four.

The North Carolina center also tracks similar categories for energy efficiency, some of which cover traditional energy sources like natural gas, but also things like home energy audits or refrigerator recycling. Some programs target individuals, others focus on business. And while many of these efficiency programs may not be directly related to green energy, they are still part of a taxpayer-funded effort to promote specific types of energy consumption or conservation.

The database identifies 1,442 state, territorial and local financial programs to encourage energy efficiency, including 1,137 rebate programs and 222 grant programs.

However, no one seems to know how much state and local governments spend on these programs. Complicating the cost estimate is the fact that while many are funded with tax dollars, others are funded by overcharging consumers (i.e., ratepayers) on their utility bills.

For example, California's Legislative Analyst's Office released a paper in December entitled "Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Programs," which claims, "Over the past 10 to 15 years, the state has spent a combined total of roughly \$15 billion on such efforts [energy efficiency and alternative energy], the vast majority of which has been funded by utility ratepayers."

Ironically, while taxpayers and utility ratepayers are being hammered coming and going to subsidize alternative energy and efficiency programs, the most reliable and cost-effective energy sources, fossil fuels, are the brunt of both political scorn and proposed tax increases.

While some of the green energy programs may be well worth the money, it's hard to know because most taxpayers have no idea how much they're spending. State legislators should press for those answers. We may be surprised at how much we spend for how little we receive.

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Why 2014 Could Be the Year of the Senior

By Douglas E. Schoen

This summer, policymakers and pundits alike remain distracted by a host of scandals in Washington. 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: IRS Targeting Creates Culture of Mistrust

WASHINGTON-U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after the IRS admitted in a letter to Sen. Grassley (R-IA) that tax records of candidates and campaign donors were improperly examined and disclosed by government officials:

“These abuses by IRS officials are beyond inappropriate; they’re a serious breach of faith with the American people and are potentially violations of our criminal law. These actions make it extremely difficult to trust both the motivations of this Administration and their interest in working together on real solutions for the issues of the day.

“The IRS owes all Texans an apology for violating the public trust, and I demand that the Justice Department work swiftly to hold the responsible parties accountable.”

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.

Big Brother is watching the farm and his name is EPA

In this age of free-flowing information, when most anything can be found in cyberspace, it’s a little disconcerting that government knows the most intimate details of your family, finances and business. It’s downright alarming when they release that information to those who might do you harm.

Earlier this year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released personal information about thousands of livestock and poultry farmers and ranchers in 20 states in response to Freedom of Information Act requests from three environmental organizations. The massive data release included home phone numbers, home emails, employee contact information, home addresses, GPS coordinates and, in some cases, personal notes about the families, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF).

When agriculture groups protested, EPA redacted some of the information and asked the groups to return the original information. But the horse was out of the barn.

Now EPA intends to release more personal information on farmers in a number of states. AFBF and the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) say enough is enough.

They are seeking an immediate court order stopping EPA until a court can clarify EPA’s obligation to keep personal information about private citizens private.

EPA’s actions go far beyond collection of farm and ranch business data for government use. Personal information in the wrong hands can lead to disruptions in farm activity, farm equipment theft; even sabotage or criminal mischief. Remember, many of these farms store chemicals and fertilizers or have large numbers of animals on the farms. It’s a crazy world we live in today and those factors can make them targets.

EPA claims they have no legal obligation under the Freedom of Information Act to keep the information private. That is typical bureaucratic nonsense.

We agree with AFBF President Bob Stallman. Farm Bureau is not only standing up for farmers in this case, but is also standing up for all citizens who shouldn’t have their private information publicly disseminated by their government.

We hope that the court sees eye-to-eye with AFBF and NPPC and reins in this craziness. Farmers and ranchers not only work on the farm, they and their families live there, too. Dishing out their personal information for the world to see is an invasion of privacy, plain and simple.

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.

Cornyn Backs Governor’s Appeal For West Disaster Aid

Sends letter to White House with Cruz, Flores

MIDLAND - U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, has joined Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Rep. Bill Flores, R-Texas, in sending a letter to President Obama supporting Texas Governor Rick Perry’s recent appeal for a Major Disaster Declaration for West, TX. Perry’s original request was denied by the President on June 10th.

“The State’s appeal of your previous denial of a Major Disaster Declaration represents a significant opportunity to support the process of rebuilding and recovery in the wake of this disaster, and we urge you to give this request every due consideration,” the delegation wrote.

The full text of the letter is below.

July 12, 2013
The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to you in support of the Major Disaster Declaration (MDD) appeal for West, TX fertilizer plant explosion that was made on July 9, 2013.

We appreciate the effort made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to work with federal, state, and local officials to plan and execute a response that met the immediate needs of those most affected by this disaster. The tragic explosion in West injured hundreds, caused millions of dollars in damage, and took 15 lives, including the lives of 12 first responders.

It is our understanding that, as part of the state-federal coordination efforts, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) worked directly with FEMA to document under-insured and uninsured losses. As the appeal clearly outlines, the damages to public infrastructure in the City of West exceeded the federally-determined threshold required under the Stafford Act to issue a major disaster declaration.

We remain grateful for your visit to Waco, TX, particularly the commitment you made at the memorial service for the first responders of West, where you stated to the victims that “your country will remain ever ready to help you recover, and rebuild, and reclaim your community.” The State’s appeal of your previous denial of a Major Disaster Declaration represents a significant opportunity to support the process of rebuilding and recovery in the wake of this disaster, and we urge you to give this request every due consideration.

We look forward to working with you to follow through on this commitment and ensure the City of West and its citizens are given a chance to reclaim their community.

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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



Use of Cell Phones While Driving

One of the issues about which constituents contact me frequently are laws regarding the use of cell phones while driving. Over the past few sessions, there have been a few bills passed, and many more proposed, that regulate the use of cell phones while driving. This week I will discuss the laws currently in place and the outcome of legislation from the most recent legislative session.

Currently, it is against the law for a person under the age of 18 to use a wireless communications device such as a cell phone in any manner while operating a vehicle, except in case of an emergency. This law has been in effect since 2009, when we passed legislation substantially enhancing the graduated driver's program in Texas. This legislation was named "Less Tears, More Years," after two Pottsboro students involved in fatal traffic accidents.

House Bill 347, which will take effect on September 1, 2013, provides for a state-wide ban on the use of a wireless communications device while operating a vehicle on the property of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school for which a local authority has designated a school crossing zone, during the time a reduced speed limit is in effect for the school crossing zone, unless the vehicle is stopped; the wireless communication device is used with a hands-free device; or the device is used to make an emergency call.

House Bill 63, which would have banned texting while driving state-wide, passed the House but did not pass the Senate during the session, and therefore did not become law. However, many local jurisdictions have passed bans on texting while driving, and a few have prohibit the use of cell phones without a wireless device altogether. Although the ordinances vary depending on the jurisdiction, these bans are usually a traffic violation with an associated fee of \$200-\$500.

For more information on these laws or any other 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. 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. 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.

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

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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 of 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.



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If you want a happy ending, it depends on where you end the story. -- Orson Welles

Both liberals and conservatives claim to pray to the same God, but for different results. Abraham Lincoln noted this conflict in his Second Inaugural Address: "Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other ... The prayers of both could not be answered."

Perhaps what's needed is less praying for results favorable to one side and more listening to what the One to who each side is praying has already said. - Cal Thomas

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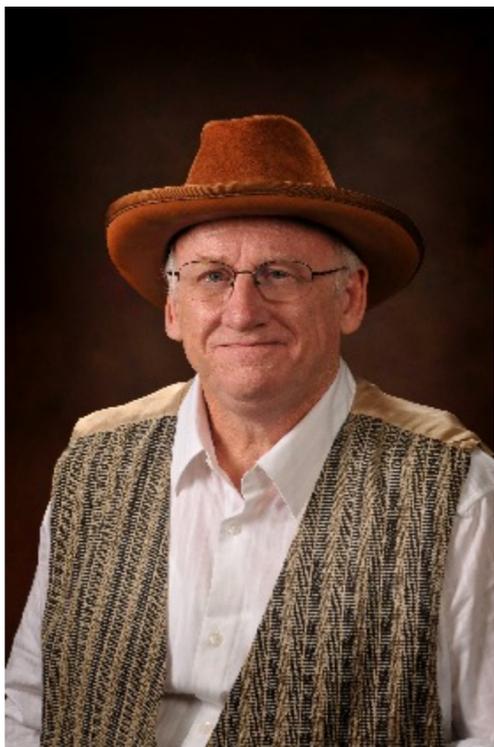
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LET'S REMINISCE: WELL DIGGERS WERE NECESSARY

By Jerry Lincecum

In frontier Texas and even well into the 20th century, well diggers were respected artisans whose work was essential for building a town and even making a home. Frequently, their expertise including locating an underground stream that would keep a well supplied with water. Where rivers and large flowing springs were not available and before central water systems existed, every home and business needed to have access to a well.

The well digger was a mason, but he created a brick structure from the top down. At a place where he believed water could be found, he placed bricks on the ground, forming a tight circle at least three feet in diameter. He then dug inside this circle and carefully created a small cavity under the first layer, at a place where a lower brick would support the ends of the two bricks above.

With the digger gradually descending inside the deepening hole, this procedure would be repeated, as circular layer under layer of bricks was carefully placed. Soon the hole was deep enough for him to require an assistant using a rope to pull up buckets of dirt (and later mud or water). Some wells were quite deep and enlarged near the bottom to insure a pool of water.

The tightly-placed circles of brick prevented the sides of the well from collapsing during and after construction. The work was dangerous, because often as the digger deepened the hole, water would enter it, requiring its removal in a bucket pulled up to the surface, along with the debris from the digging.

Reflecting the importance of a water supply, the town of Sherman had to be moved from its original site for lack of water: an attempt to create a public well resulted in failure. In 1848 the Texas Legislature approved relocating the county seat to the present site, thought (correctly) to have abundant water.

1880s maps of Sherman created by the Sanborn Company for fire insurance companies, show many water wells and cisterns, all dug by hand. The courthouse square was surrounded with four huge cisterns: one at the intersection of Crockett and Lamar (capacity of 100,000 gallons), another at the corner of Travis and Lamar (28,000 gallons), a third at the corner of Houston and Crockett (30,000 gallons), and one more at the corner of Travis and Houston (30,000 gallons). The number of small cisterns and wells shown on these maps is too great to count.

The creation of Sherman's water system around 1900 required a large number of professional well diggers together with their crews. The well diggers' era reached its peak by 1890.

The next phase began with Sherman's first deep well, dug by machinery with steam power. It provided water to fill a large standpipe (135 feet tall). Pressure from this tall column of water enabled piped water to flow through the system into the town.

In contrast, forty years ago I watched my father-in-law, Cecil Sanders, dig a well for himself on a farm located about five miles from Jewett. Just by looking down into the hole that he was digging and seeing underground water seep into it, I understood the old saying "Cold as a well digger's rump."

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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

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.

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