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July 26, 2012



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Food Network Cupcake Wars



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GC offers COMPASS math test review

Grayson College's Math Department is offering two mathematics review sessions for the COMPASS Placement Test. Presented by the college's full-time mathematics faculty, the review sessions are free and open to new students as well as to those who need to retake the math portion of the test.

As part of the Texas Success Initiative, Texas law requires all new students in public higher education institutions to have their academic skill levels assessed prior to entry in college-level courses. Most GC students take COMPASS, which is one of four approved placement tests used to demonstrate college readiness for TSI purposes. COMPASS assesses skills in mathematics, reading and writing.

Both math review sessions meet in Room 113 of the Success Center, located on the north side of GC's Main Campus in Denison. The day review session runs from July 30 to Aug. 2 from 8 am to noon. A compressed evening review session is available Aug. 7-9 from 6-9 pm. No reservations or registration are required.

Students should bring pencils and a simple calculator to the review session. They will receive a workbook with practice problems designed to help them review and prepare for the COMPASS math portion. For students who previously have taken the COMPASS, the 30-day waiting period to retake the test is waived for those attending the review.

"By concentrating on reviewing COMPASS math topics with a math instructor, students may strengthen their math skills now as they prepare for the test," said Dayna Ford, GC's math hub coordinator. "By raising their scores on the test, it's possible they will place in a higher math class."

For more information about the math review sessions, contact Ford at 903-463-8663 or <mailto:fordd@grayson.edu> ford@grayson.edu, and Shawn Eagleton, GC math department chair and professor at 903-463-8746 or <mailto:eagletons@grayson.edu> eagletons@grayson.edu.



Howe's That *Recipe*

by Lana Rideout

Several weeks ago, President Obama has claimed his "you didn't build that" quote has been taken out of context, but the video released by his own campaign -- the quote in question is insulting and the context is even worse.

Clearly this President's whole philosophy on the American Dream is upside down. It's time to make a change.

Syndicated author and Fox news consultant Charles Krauthammer has pointed out that indeed the entire clip is much more demeaning to folks who have worked hard to build businesses that succeed from their own sweat and sometimes "blood" to succeed.

The President is an academic who does not know what it takes to build a successful business.

On another topic, folks need to be more tolerant. I oppose same sex marriage. It is my right to do so.

The owner of Chick-Fil-A also believes that same sex marriage is wrong.


Last week at midnight Thursday night, 12 people lost their lives at a movie theater. The alleged killer sprayed the movie theater with bullets. Another 53 were injured.

Yellow Squash

- 1 pound yellow squash, sliced
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup half and half
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 egg, beaten
- Dash of nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs
- Paprika to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Steam squash and onion until done. Drain. Combine squash and onion in a large bowl, add cheese, half and half, butter, egg, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Mix well. Place mixture in a greased casserole dish. Top with cracker crumbs and paprika. Bake approximately 25-30 minutes until slightly browned.

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Howe City Council

Regular Meeting, July 17, 2012

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 a.. Members present were Dale Rideout, Georgia Richardson and Dennis Bozeman.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Georgia Richardson to approve the consent agenda which included the financial reports for June 2012 and the minutes of the June 19, 2012 council meeting. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

CURRENT BUSINESS

No action was taken on the bids for the 45 acres for baling as no bids were received.

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Georgia Richardson to approve the placing of “park library” at Memorial Park. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

No action was taken on the hours of operation for access to brush pile as this will be left to city staff discretion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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Minutes of Howe ISD Board of Trustees, July 18

BOARD MEMBERS: Present were Leonard Huntsman, Greg Akins, Pat Stewart, Bruce Dawsey and Scott Renfro. Absent: Brad Anderson and Mark Abner

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Snapp, Clay Wilson, Darla Williams, Ritchie Bowling, Charles Everett, Rosetta Everett and Michael Smiley.

Board President Leonard Huntsman established a quorum and opened the meeting according to Texas Government Code Section 551 at 6 pm.

The Invocation was given by Scott Renfro. The Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Clay Wilson. Public Forum: No one signed up for or participated in the Public Forum.

Reports:

Michael Smiley provided the High School report. He reviewed changes to the High School Handbook and summer activities.

Ritchie Bowling provided the Middle School report. He reviewed changes to the Middle School Handbook.

Darla Williams provided the Elementary report. She noted changes to the Elementary Handbook and the campus floor plan.

Clay Wilson noted the resignations of Eric Rodgers and Misty Hargrove. He also noted that the district had hired Patrick McGinnis as a history teacher/ coach. He noted the preliminary FIRST Rating. Mr. Wilson provided an update on summer maintenance projects including the floor plan changes to the elementary school. He then provided an update on the Tax Ratification Election timeline.

A) The Board reviewed the minutes from the Special Meeting/ Public Hearing on June 27, 2012.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting/ Public Hearing on June 27, 2012. The motion carried 5-0.

B) Clay Wilson provided information regarding the HISD Internet Safety Policy. Clay Wilson made the recommendation to approve the HISD Internet Safety Policy as presented.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Greg Akins to approve the HISD Internet Safety Policy as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

C) Julie Snapp reviewed the Monthly Financial Report. Clay Wilson made the recommendation to approve the report as presented.

A motion was made by Greg Akins and seconded by Pat Stewart to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

D) Julie Snapp reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report. Clay Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

E) Clay Wilson provided information on the cafeteria prices. Clay Wilson made the recommendation to increase the elementary and high school lunch prices by 5 cents for students and adults for the 2012-2013 school year.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Greg Akins to increase lunch prices by 5 cents for students and adults for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried 5-0.

F) Clay Wilson provided information on the 2012-13 PDAS Appraisal Calendar and made the recommendation to approve the calendar as presented.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Greg Akins to approve the 2012-13 PDAS Appraisal Calendar as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

G) Clay Wilson provided the PDAS List of Appraisers for 2012-13 and made the recommendation to approve the list as presented.

A motion was made by Greg Akins seconded by Pat Stewart to approve the 2012-13 PDAS List of Appraisers as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

H) Clay Wilson provided information on Policy Update 94 and made the recommendation to approve Policy Update 94 as presented.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve Policy Update 94 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

I) Clay Wilson provided information on the Candidates for TASB Board of Directors and made the recommendation to endorse Kate Whitfield and Karen Ellis as Candidates for the 2012 TASB Board of Directors Election.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Scott Renfro to endorse Kate Whitfield and Karen Ellis as Candidates for the 2012 TASB Board of Directors Election. The motion carried 5-0.

J) Clay Wilson provided information on the proposed Resolution Concerning High Stakes, Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students and made the recommendation to adopt the Resolution Concerning High Stakes, Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students as presented.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Pat Stewart to adopt the Resolution Concerning High Stakes, Standardized Testing of Texas Public School Students as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

K) Clay Wilson reviewed the proposed HISD Code of Conduct and made the recommendation to approve the Code of Conduct as presented.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the Code of Conduct as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

L) Clay Wilson reviewed possible changes to the Order of Election for September 8, 2012.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Scott Renfro to Amend the Order of Election for September 8, 2012 by designating two early voting sites including the Howe Middle School on Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 5 pm to 8 pm and the Howe Stadium Field House on August 31, 2012 from 7pm to 9pm. The motion carried 5-0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:05 pm in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074.

Certified Agenda is on file with Howe ISD. The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:24pm.

Action on Items from Closed Session: M) No Action taken on this item. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.





Tom Bean FCCLA Members Bring Home the GOLD!!

BRINGING HOME A GOLD MEDAL were Tom Bean High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members Lindsey Holder and Brianna Stowers, who recently represented Texas in National FCCLA STAR Event competition in Orlando, Florida.

Competing against the top student teams from FCCLA chapters across the nation in the Chapter Service Project Display category, Holder and Stowers presented TBHS's 2011-2012 service project, "Kicking Butts and Taking Names!" This project involved peer education about the dangers and risks involved in tobacco use, both in our community and in the entire North Texas area. A panel of judges scored their visual display, 10 minute speech, and interview about the project.

While in Orlando, the students also had the opportunity to participate in leadership sessions, meet students from other states, and hear dynamic motivational speakers.

L to R: Brianna Stowers and Lindsey Holder

City of Tom Bean News

Posted on July 12th, 2012 at 5:46:43 AM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

The TBVFD and the City of Tom Bean have been working to get our ISO rating lowered in order for your insurance rates to also be lowered. BUT in order to make this happen, the Fire Department is having to get some required work done on several of their fire engines in order to meet state requirements. Funds are low at this time and because of this, our rating will remain at a "8" (with "10" being the worst) until funds are received. We are asking you to think about the necessity that we have in our having our fire department and make a donation today! We thank you very much!!

Posted on July 13th, 2012 at 1:54:36 PM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

Denim and Diamonds (corner of Britton and 902) and Texas Iceberg are both planning to be open sometime in July. Denim and Diamonds will be offering t-shirt screen printing, banners, bling jewelry, etc. and Texas Iceberg (corner of Garner and Britton) will be offering snowcones and then later hamburgers, breakfast tacos, etc. We are excited to have these new businesses in our town!! Welcome to Tom Bean!!

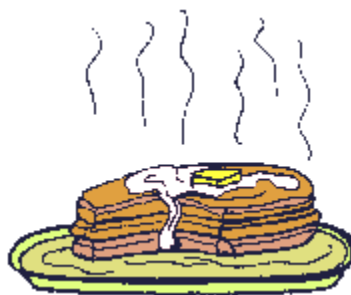
Posted on July 16th, 2012 at 6:27:49 AM by Mayor Sherry E. Howard

As you have already seen the work that is going on down the west end of Ball Street, Precinct 1 is making great progress in renovating this bad road in our city. Due to budget/fund limitations, the city will only be able to do a portion of the street (from FM2729 to Randolph) this year. The reason that this end was chosen to start on was because it was in the worst shape. The Type A Community Development Board generously donated \$5000 to the city to add to the funds required to make this happen this year. Our thanks to the Type A Board!

Tom Bean Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be held August 18, 2012, from 7 to 10 am at the City Hall Community Room.

**Menu includes pancakes,
sausage, bacon,
coffee, water, orange juice,
milk.**

**Price: Donations greatly
appreciated.**



Denison Business Owner Buffy Hanson To Compete On The Food Network's Cupcake Wars

The excitement is building in Downtown Denison for local business owner Buffy Hanson. She competes in the popular Food Network Television show "Cupcake Wars" on Sunday, July 29th at 7 p.m. A watch party is being hosted by Downtown Denison Inc. in the Rialto Theater at 424 W. Main.

Buffy Hanson, owner of Buffy's Cupcakes on Main in Downtown Denison, will be featured in this week's episode of Cupcake Wars. The show will have four of the country's top cupcake bakers faceoff in three elimination challenges until only one decorator remains. Buffy will be competing in the "Angry Birds" competition where they will decorate according the theme of the popular game series. The prize for the winner is \$10,000 and the opportunity to showcase their cupcakes at the winning gig -- a huge kickoff party for the Angry Birds Space app in Seattle.

This is very exciting for Downtown Denison and Buffy. "Even though it sounds like a cliché, it really was an honor to be chosen for the show. So many people submit audition tapes, but only 40 teams are selected per season." She began the process by contacting the network and submitting basic information. They let her know that casting would begin in January.

Ms. Hanson was pleasantly surprised when the Food Network contacted her in January to request an audition tape. The contents of the tape were coordinated through a casting director. After submission, she immediately received a call back. She and assistant Micah Baylor went to Los Angeles in March to tape the show, and they had to keep the experience a secret until now.

The show is aired to a national audience, and it is creating excitement throughout the entire town! Limited seating is available in the Rialto for those wishing to join the watch party. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and those in line will be allowed entrance as space is available. The public is encouraged to line up early for the best chance to gain entry.

Denison Main Street Director Donna Dow is very proud for Buffy. "She has been a tremendous asset in Downtown Denison since opening. She recently added Blue Bell Ice Cream, and this has made her shop even more popular. During taping for the show, she repeatedly promoted her commitment to our Downtown. We all celebrate her accomplishments and wish continued success for her business."

Ms. Hanson opened her business to a packed house on September 30, 2011 at 409 W. Main in Denison. She is a former preschool director who had a dream of owning a bakery. She contacted the Grayson College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to learn what she needed to do to start a business. She has been one of their featured success stories at both the local and North Texas Small Business Development Center levels.

Experience in the industry provided her with the baking skills she needed to create an excellent product. With the help of her SBDC Business Advisor, Karina Alvarez, Ms. Hanson learned about market research, business structures, registrations, licensing, tax issues, developing a business plan, projecting startup and operating costs and securing financing.

Buffy's Cupcakes on Main features cupcakes baked fresh daily, special order cakes, and cookies as well as wedding and birthday cakes. Buffy uses social media extensively in her marketing efforts. Daily Facebook posts keep everyone informed of what flavors are on the shelf. A great product and good marketing skills have resulted in sales continuing to exceed the pre-opening projections. Buffy Hanson is looking forward to the premier at the Rialto as well as the growth of her business in Downtown Denison.

Buffy's Cupcakes on Main
409 W. Main Suite 101
903.337.1629
buffysonmain@gmail.com





Kids Entertaining Kids - (L to R) Early Childhood Intervention staff Betty Mollenhour, Karrie Snow, Joanna Gallegos, and Aimee Stephens are preparing silent auction items for Kids Entertaining Kids Entertainment and Silent Auction to be held Saturday, July 28, 2 pm-4:30 pm, Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 405 North Rusk. Entertainers will be Gracie Brown, Denison Family Karate, Musical Hands, Rylee and Rachel Gentry, Alex Massie, and Cooke County 4-H Share the Fun: Elijah Lewis, Emily Yosten, and Smile including Elizabeth and Rebecca Blessing, Meg Fletcher, Victoria Smith and Lizbeth Wilson. Tickets for the event are \$1 for children under 12 and \$2 for adults.

Summer has Arrived - Don Mathis

You know summertime has finally arrived when you open your car but don't get inside because the temperature is 25..

Rain clouds appear but then they quickly fizzle.
We'd be lucky if we just got a drizzle.
Any rain evaporates with a sizzle.

Electric bills will be astronomical.
A high thermostat is economical,
still, the kilowatt hours are comical.

Ten minutes outside and you begin to fry.
It's so hot; you think you are going to die.
That's the way it is in a Texas July.

But there is an upside to all of this heat.
The beauty of summer flowers can't be beat.
Who doesn't like the way the Crepe Myrtles creep?

Texas Sage is one of the plants I love most,
but its magnificence cannot come as close
to the colors of the Pride of Barbados.

This is the time for the river for swimming
and check out the scanty clothes on the women.
I think it's healthy, my wife thinks it's sinning.

It doesn't get dark now until nine at night.
So we've got these extra hours of daylight.
The July sun at noon is never so bright.

It's so hot and dry, even the rust has dust.
And just when you think the heat index can't bust,
you ain't seen nothing till we get to August!

Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Event

July was a more restful month for us with just the potluck on the 4th of July and James King on the 21st. But we are gearing up for a very busy last half of the year.

We host a bluegrass jam at 7 pm on August 2nd. Donations are accepted to defray expenses. Listeners are welcome.

On August 4th we have two bands that will entertain. No Turning Back from the Lillian area will perform at 7 pm. Members of this band are Paul Stimson, bass, lead singer, Barbara Fuller, guitar and vocals, James Robins, banjo, and Larry Joyner, guitar and low harmony.

Our second band, Remington Express, is from the Gunter area. Members include Dick Milan, banjo, Greg Shipper, fiddle, Danielle Logan, bass, Angie Logan, mandolin, and Danny Logan, guitar. We hope you will come out and support these two bands.

Admission for the evening is \$6 per adult. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Youth 12-17 are half price.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided.

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows. We serve hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches, candy, soda, coffee, water, and ice cream novelties.

Individuals or bands interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or "<http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com/>"

Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

Our August schedule is as follows:

August 2 -- Bluegrass Jam 7 pm

August 4 -- Bluegrass Show -- No turning Back, Remington Express 7 pm

August 11 -- Tanner Young and Friends 7 pm

August 22-25 -- Deep Summer Bluegrass Festival (See www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com for in depth information) (Times vary. Check the website.)

August 30 -- Bluegrass Jam 7 pm.



Local Churches

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

Dennis Stewart, pastor,

Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

Dorchester

DORCHESTER BAPTIST

CHURCH Hwy. 902W,

903/476-5525

Gunter

COLLEGE HILL

CHURCH OF CHRIST

304 E. College, 903/433-4835

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

300 Pecan, 903/433-3335

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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

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903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse

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903/532-6441;

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903/532-6718;

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903/813- 3263. S- School

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Luke 15:1-10 (ASV)

¹ Now all the publicans and sinners were drawing near unto him to hear him.

² And both the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

³ And he spake unto them this parable, saying,

⁴ What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

⁵ And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

⁶ And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I

have found my sheep which was lost.

⁷ I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, *more* than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.

⁸ Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it?

⁹ And when she hath found it, she calleth together her friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost.

¹⁰ Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be leading the service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella.

Join them at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classed for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads them in praise and worship and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

C. R. Men's Step Study group is on hold for now. Call Jesse @ 903-744-2716 for more information.

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

The church host's a "Free" movie night each month. The movie night has been moved up to Friday July 27 @ 6:30pm. Bring the whole family out for a night of movie fun. Free popcorn, candy, and drinks are provided as well.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball @ 903-870-0219 or Cathy Hossle @ 903-814-5381 and we will direct you in the right direction.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7:00pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

This year's 2012 Texomaland Youth Series theme is "No Spiritual Myth Is Safe." The last meeting is July 31 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Colbert church of Christ in Colbert, Oklahoma. Brandon Johnson will bring the lesson titled, "Don't Worry About It".

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.

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



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903/450-3708
Sherman/Denison
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DAY SAINTS
1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.
FRIENDSHIP UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450
WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
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3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington,
903/463-5840
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
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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
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102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
Gary Giibbs, pastor
FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
903/482-6646,
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH 301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister
GREYWOOD HEIGHTS WORSHIP CENTER
On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen, 903/482-6700;
Chris Jones, pastor
HOLY FAMILY
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MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL
103 Bowen, 902/482-5431
SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH
702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev. Arnold Baker, pastor

Lost No Longer

William LaFever, a 28-year-old man, called his father from Boulder, UT one day in June to inform him that some of his hiking gear had been stolen and that he was out of money. LaFever told his father that he would make his way to Page, Arizona, where he'd be able to receive a wire transfer of funds.

The family didn't hear from LaFever for weeks. They feared for his life and called for help.

The Utah Highway Patrol and the Garfield County Sheriff's office began searching for LaFever. The search to find him became more and more urgent not only because LaFever had been in the desert for three weeks but also because he has autism.

Shane Oldfield, a helicopter pilot for the Utah Highway Patrol, remembered that he had learned in a recent search and rescue class that individuals with autism are drawn to water. So Oldfield and Deputy Ray Gardner of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office decided to fly over the Escalante River to search for LaFever. In their first pass over the river last Thursday afternoon, they spotted LaFever sitting in the river, waving his arms. He was alive but out of food, dangerously emaciated, and near death. "He couldn't walk. He couldn't crawl. He was down to rolling," said Oldfield. *

There is another "search and rescue" mission that is ongoing in which Someone is looking for YOU and ME...

You and I are lost because of our sins. Sin leaves us spiritually emaciated and destined for destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

But Jesus, the Son of God, came to this world "seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus "knows where to find us" because He knows to what we are drawn: sin (see James 1:14-15). He also knows that every one of us has failed to resist temptation and sinned in the sight of God (Romans 3:23). But because of His great love for us, He died on the cross so that we might have forgiveness for our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7).

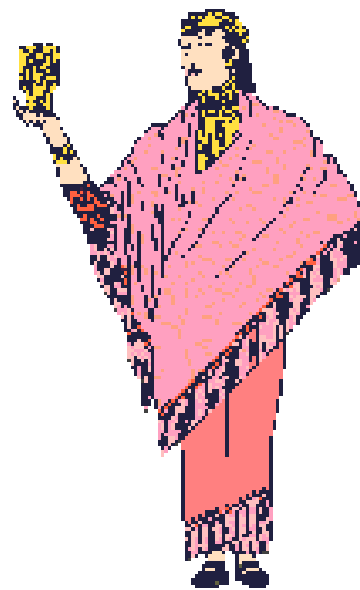
Jesus will rescue us when we place our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

Jesus already knows where we are and how desperately we need to be rescued. We can be saved if we will accept His offer on His terms.

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The cotton pickin' theater

By Bob Bowman

Dozens of old cotton gins dot the landscape of East Texas, the last relics from the days when cotton was a major cash crop for farmers.

And most of them are slowly rotting away without historical markers to remind people of how important they were to communities decades ago.

But that isn't the case at Point, a small town of some 700 souls in northern Rains County.

Here, a sturdy old gin has found a new life as an entertainment venue that draws crowds from all over East Texas and performers like Mark Chestnut, Pee Wee Walker, and Gary Busey.

And the sounds of the Saturday night music and comedy go out on the air waves of the best named rural radio station in Texas -- KMOO of Mineola. You'll find it at 99.9 on your radio dial.

The old cotton gin sat unused beside U.S. Highway 69 since the 1970s, when it stopped ginning cotton for Rains County's farmers. But about five and a half years ago, Brent Cason and his mother and father, Lena and Joe Ben Cason, saw something different in the dirty, neglected old building.

With the support of Point's people, they turned the gin into The Cotton Pickin' Theater and opened it to music performers of all kinds.

Today, each Saturday night, the old gin comes alive as people drive to Point for some of the best entertainment in East Texas.

While country music is the mainstay at the gin, the second and fifth Saturday nights of each month are devoted to gospel music. And on the

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

My preferred computer has caught not one, but several viruses and is now at the computer hospital getting cleaned out.

I absolutely and unequivocally hate the people who are sitting around somewhere invading my privacy and stealing my time and my money while I am working at my house in splendid isolation. I want nothing more than for them to leave me and my computer alone.

It was once a joke in our family that when we were overwhelmed, we would just crawl under the bed with the dust bunnies and stay there until we felt better. Now, I'm not at all sure the dust bunnies have not been corrupted by someone whom I have never seen and would never notice if I did see them.

Having said that, I'm just plain tired of destroyers, people who come into a situation that is going well -- not perfectly, but well -- and dismantling everything the people who have been there for years have built successfully.

Joseph, the Old Testament hero who saved Egypt from starvation, should have been revered by all the Pharaohs who followed, but "there arose in Egypt a new Pharaoh who did not remember Joseph." That new Pharaoh enslaved Joseph's people and caused immense suffering among folks who had been doing their jobs. He killed their children and, only after generations had passed did they finally escape into another land, where they had to struggle but at least did not have to put up with Pharaoh.

I believe that is a parable about what is happening to public school teachers right now and I think the ultimate result will be the same. They will escape and the United States will be poorer for it.

When I was young, bright wonderful women had few occupational choices. They could become nurses or teachers. Those women were energetic, creative and dedicated and those who chose teaching are largely responsible for the social, industrial and economic successes we enjoy today. They were enablers who inspired students to become all they could be.

Bright, wonderful women might still choose teaching IF they were allowed to be bright and wonderful and creative. They might still choose teaching in spite of the reality that teaching is a dead end job without hope of advancement and a public that resents paying these well-educated people a living wage. They might still choose teaching if anyone anywhere had any respect for the act of teaching.

But the reality is that fewer and fewer women and men are opting to teach if they can find anything else to do and the

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BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

fourth Saturday night, the Rural American Idol contests pulls in contestants from all over the map.

Performers come in all size and ages, from three years old to 85. No one really knows when Point's gin was built, but it probably dates back to Point's beginning

The town began as a flag station and post office around 1880 on a section of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad from Mineola to Greenville. Residents proposed the name Rice's Point for William Rice, a Kentuckian who settled in the area, but the post office rejected the name and several others because they were already in use.

In 2006, Point opened another landmark, also related to the community's farming heritage.

A large monument, sitting beside the old cotton gin, was built to recognize the birth of the National Farmers Union by Isaac Newton Gresham at Point in 1902.

Founded to address farm issues during a time when America was courting the American industrial revolution. Gresham was a small town newspaper editor who was sympathetic with the problems faced by small farmers around the turn of the century.

Today, the NFU has a membership of 250,000 farm and ranch families in 26 states and continues with Gresham's mission of protecting the economic well-being of farmers and ranchers and their rural communities.

Meanwhile, the Point gin keeps on ginning -- not with cotton, but music.

The other day, however, Joe Ben Cason found a survivor of the old cotton days--a live boll weevil.

No one knows how he survived or why he stayed.

Maybe he just liked the music.

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brightest and best teachers in the profession are leaving if they can find a way to get out.

This is why. A good teacher has to have a strong ego. He or she goes into the classroom and faces a group of ruthless critics every day. It doesn't matter whether the students are kindergartners or seniors, they know and evaluate their teacher every day. They know who knows something to teach and they know who has the guts to teach it.

A good teacher is creative. When I started teaching, the rule was, "Here is what we think students need to know (that's curriculum) and we don't care if you teach it dancing on your desk as long as you teach it." Until school reform began in the 1980's, largely as a ploy to get federal money for private schools, I saw immensely talented teachers who made history, government, algebra II, grammar and literature, and plane geometry so exciting that a student had to be unconscious not to learn something.

That creativity has been stifled by administrators and their "evaluation instruments" and canned curriculum, lessons in a box. In Texas, 80 percent of the school districts use something called C-Scope, a curriculum that not only is dumbed down, but the way it is being administered by administrators, has made it next to impossible to deal with student's questions or to engage in meaningful class discussions.

By the way, there is a new buzz phrase among administrators. I suppose they got it from some the same source that mandated "no drill and kill," which is the reason math students are still counting on their fingers when they get to the seventh grade. That source also instituted the idea of HOTS -- higher order thinking skills, which no one objected to except that in order to have HOTS, you have to learn something to think about. The Texas Republican Party Platform specifically objects to higher order thinking skills and I'm not sure it isn't right, given the way basic knowledge has been skipped before getting to HOTS.

The new buzz word is "no more sit and git." It's being introduced at the same time virtual classroom learning is being considered by school districts, in spite of research that shows it isn't a successful means of transferring knowledge. The virtual learner will go into the classroom with a teacher who puts a DVD into a machine which will then present the lesson. If that isn't "sittin' and gittin,'" I don't know what is.

Think about that works in history, government, economics, literature, art, music, and all other classes. One viewpoint, one idea, no deviation from whatever Big Brother wants to you to know and believe.

I want to know: Where is the John Birch Society now that we need it? And are you beginning to understand why the brightest and best teachers are getting out of teaching if they possibly can?



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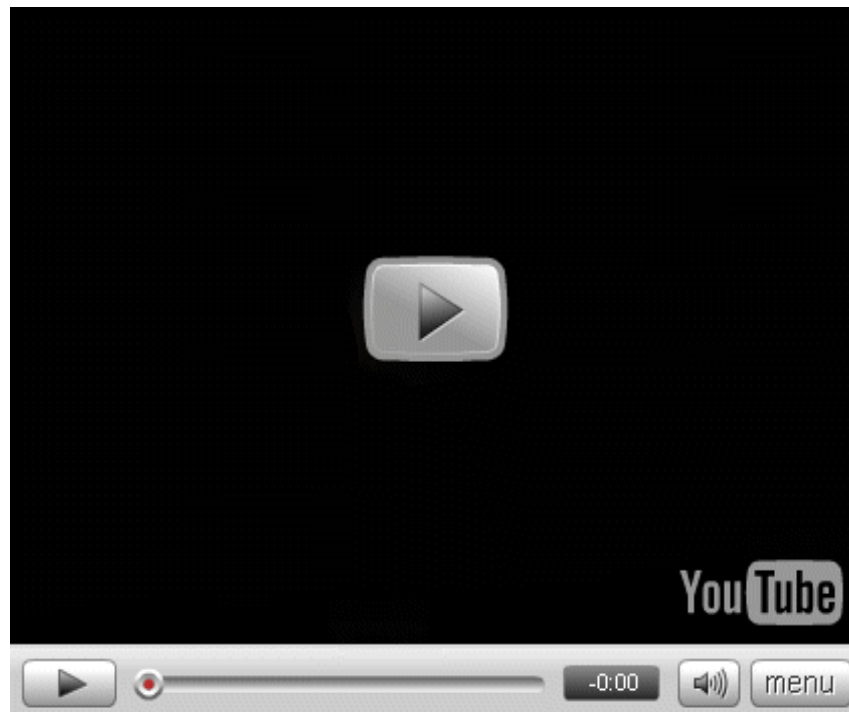
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Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

Cornyn Votes to Protect Texans From Largest Tax Hike in American History

*Opposed Democrats' Plan that Included Small Business,
Death Tax Increases*

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), a member of the Senate Finance Committee, issued the following statement after he voted to prevent a tax hike on nearly 1 million job creators and an increase in the death tax:

“Two years ago, President Obama and a majority of Senate Democrats supported an effort that made sure working families and small businesses wouldn’t be hit with higher taxes.

“Their refusal to join this effort today, in a more sluggish economy, is nothing short of baffling.

“Republicans will continue to push for an extension of all current tax rates, protecting Texas families, farms, and small businesses from the largest tax increase in American history.”

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





Texas water debate starting to get ugly

By Mike Barnett

The chatter about where Texas gets water to meet a future population explosion has taken an ugly turn lately as agriculture -- the state's largest water user-- is being accused of wasting water.

The criticism comes on the heels of last year's devastating drought which left many areas high and dry and has many speculating on how Texas will meet future water needs.

What really grabbed my attention was a recent editorial in the Houston Chronicle that suggested agriculture will be responsible for future water shortages in high growth areas of Texas, which is nonsense .

Then there is an activist group called Environment Texas that is on a water conservation campaign, labeling agriculture and other users as "water hogs" in their attempts to grab attention and stir change.

What seems to be forgotten in this debate is that people have to eat. And crops and livestock need water to grow. Still, agriculture is an easy target because it is the single biggest user of water in Texas. And I'm not here to tell you that every single drop of that water is used wisely. But I can tell you a remarkable record of agriculture's water use in Texas over the past four decades.

The total number of irrigated farm acres in Texas declined 18 percent from 1974 to 2008, while the total amount of water used

for irrigation dropped by 32 percent. Those numbers come from the USDA Census of Agriculture, Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey.

Irrigated corn production increased from 138 bushels per acre in 1981 (the first year irrigated corn numbers are available) to 202 bushels per acre in 2010, a 46 percent increase, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Data Base. Irrigated cotton production per acre more than tripled from 335 pounds in 1974 to 1,015 pounds in 2010.

In other words, Texas farmers are doing a whole lot more with a lot less water. That doesn't sound like water waste and inefficiency to me.

But we can do better. As can industry and municipalities. We have to because Texas will only get thirstier.

Conservation is part of the answer. But so is exploration of new methods of obtaining fresh water such as desalination and recycling waste water. We need to repair existing water distribution systems and draw plans for future systems. New incentives to use less water must be developed and funding for water improvements must be addressed.

The Texas water debate may become intense and ugly, especially if Texans choose sides and pitch rural interests against urban. The better alternative is to work together to wisely manage this precious resource to ensure our prosperity for years to come.

Mike Barnett, Director of Publications, Texas Farm Bureau

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A new food perspective

By Nathan Smith

Imagine walking five to 10 miles each day for drinking water. Imagine not knowing where tomorrow's food is coming from. Imagine living in a home with a thatch roof and dirt floor—a single pan for cooking all meals.

We've all seen the pictures and videos from third-world countries. We've heard the stories of poverty and despair. Last week, I returned to Texas from Benin, Africa, where the people don't have to imagine the scenarios above—they live them every day.

Benin is a West African country about half the size of Pennsylvania. I'll never forget what I witnessed there.

For the average citizen, every day is a struggle to survive. They live without refrigerators, without reliable electricity or sanitation. They have adapted and conduct business as they have for the last few thousand years. Thatch roof stands line the roads into each village with merchants selling their wares.

In Benin, there is no Wal-Mart. The country imports more than 80 percent of its food. There are no quick trips to the store for milk that has a government seal of inspection or expertly-cut beef steaks free from E. coli. These people are hungry. They eat what they can grow in their region. If it doesn't rain, they have to travel a great distance and pay high prices elsewhere for food.

On this trip I realized I've never been hungry in my life. When I got home, I opened my refrigerator and it was an emotional moment. The amount of food I saw could feed dozens of people. The sheer abundance and variety was enough to shake me up inside.

I talked to some farmers with a translator's help, and they were amazed at the way we grow food here and how it's shipped across the country. I described our grocery stores, with some embarrassment, and their eyes grew wide. The idea of wealth and a never-ending food supply was totally foreign to them.

For us, it's part of normal life. We count on food to be on the shelves and in our pantries and refrigerators. We take it for granted.

What these people lack in infrastructure and food security, they make up for in gratitude. Each meal is a blessing, a helping hand is always acknowledged and they were willing to share everything they had with me. Benin and other countries like it have many challenges ahead but their attitude toward food is one we could all learn from.

Hats off to all the farmers, ranchers and gardeners wherever they may be!



A man prepares salsa with peppers



Children play next to a corn field near Cotonou, Benin.



Pineapples lie beside the road, ready for sale.



Chili peppers ripen on the vine.



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May Someone With Dementia Sign a Will?

Millions of people are affected by dementia, and unfortunately many of them do not have all their estate planning affairs in order before the symptoms start. If you or a loved one has dementia, it may not be too late to sign a will or other documents, but certain criteria must be met to ensure that the signer is mentally competent.

In order for a will to be valid, the person signing must have "testamentary capacity," which means he or she must understand the implications of what is being signed. Simply because you have a form of mental illness or disease does not mean that you automatically lack the required mental capacity. As long as you have periods of lucidity, you may still be competent to sign a will.

Generally, you are considered mentally competent to sign a will if the following criteria are met:

You understand the nature and extent of your property, which means you know what you own and how much of it.

You remember and understand who your relatives and descendants are and are able to articulate who should inherit your property.

You understand what a will is and how it disposes of property.

You understand how all these things relate to each other and come together to form a plan.

Family members may contest the will if they are unhappy with the distributions and believe you lacked mental capacity to sign it. If a will is found to be invalid, a prior will may be reinstated or the estate may pass through the state's intestacy laws (as if no will existed). To prevent a will contest, your attorney should help make it as clear as possible that the person signing the will is competent. The attorney may have a series of questions to ask you to assess your competency. In addition, the attorney can have the will signing videotaped or arrange for witnesses to speak to your competency.





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Update on Voter Identification

During the last legislative session in 2011, the legislature passed Senate Bill 14, which requires a person to present a valid form of identification when voting. Since Texas is still subject to the federal Voting Rights Act, any laws that the state passes relating to voting are subject to review by the Department of Justice (DOJ) before the law can take effect. This week, I will provide an update on the status of the voter identification legislation.

After the bill passed, Texas' secretary of state submitted the legislation to the DOJ for preclearance in July of 2011. In March of this year, the DOJ declined to approve the legislation. While awaiting the DOJ's decision, the state's attorney general filed suit in January in federal court seeking to have the legislation pre-cleared by a panel of three judges. On July 9th, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia heard testimony regarding Texas' voter identification laws. The state has requested that the judges reach a decision by September 1, 2012, in order that the law, if approved, be effective for the November elections.

If you want for information on this or any other matter of state government, please contact my office. You can contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.





Hagerman History Day

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends will be hosting “History Day” at Hagerman from 2 to 4 pm on July 29.

The topic of the special program/workshop will be the dedication of the Denison dam and the filling of Lake Texoma in 1944. Local residents who have personal stories of the “before and after” of the big event are encouraged to share those stories. Of particular interest are memories from people who live in the Hagerman area. Participants are encouraged to bring vintage photos, clippings, letters and other items from the era that can be copied and added to the Hagerman archive. Material can be copied from 1 pm to 5 pm on that day.

Leading the workshop will be Dr. Jerry Linsecum and Dr. Peggy Redshaw of Austin College. They will base the workshop on the principles they have developed for the Telling Our Stories series.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the refuge at 903-786-2826 or email to friendsofhagerman@gmail.com. The refuge is located at 5464 Refuge Road.

Friends of Hagerman

Entries into the third annual Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Photography Contest, sponsored by the Friends of Hagerman, will be accepted from July 21 through Sept. 5. Rules and entry information are now available online at www.friendsofhagerman.com/Gallery.

The contest is open to all interested photographers. Photos submitted must have been taken at Hagerman Wildlife Refuge, and no photos taken prior to 2010 will be accepted. Photo categories will be wildlife, flora and macro, landscape, artistic and youth. The winners will be determined by a three-judge panel who will not know the identities of the photographers. The top three winners in each category will receive ribbons, and a cash prize will go to the entry chosen as Best In Show. Winners will be announced on Oct. 13, and winning photos will be displayed at the Friends website and at the refuge’s Visitors’ Center.

In addition to the contest, the Friends of Hagerman and the refuge offer a variety of activities for photographers of all levels.

The Nature Photography Club meets every other month at the refuge for technical programs and photo sharing. The next meeting will be at 12:30 pm Sept. 8. Guests are welcome to attend.

Small group photo shoots are held twice yearly, and the Friends of Hagerman select a “Photographer of the Month” every month, exhibiting his or her photos on the Friends website.

Details on these programs and refuge happenings are available at www.friendsofhagerman.com or by sending an email to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.



Calling the Last Rites

A man is struck by a bus on a busy street in New York City. He lies dying on the sidewalk as a crowd of spectators gathers around. "A priest! Somebody get me a priest!" the man gasps. A policeman checks the crowd but finds no priest, no minister, no man of God of any kind.

"A PRIEST, PLEASE!" the dying man says again. Then out of the crowd steps a little old Jewish man of at least eighty years of age. "Mr. Policeman," says the man, "I'm not a priest. I'm not even a Catholic. But for fifty years now I'm living behind St. Mary's Catholic Church on Third Avenue, and every night I'm listening to the Catholic litany. Maybe I can be of some comfort to this man."

The policeman agrees and brings the octogenarian over to the dying man. He kneels down, leans over the injured and says in a solemn voice: "B - 4. I - 19. N - 38. G - 54. O - 72."

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Let's Reminisce: Cotton Field Memories

By Jerry Lincecum

There's an old nostalgic song about "those cotton fields back home." Having been there and done some of that, I don't feel at all sentimental about the hard work that went into growing and harvesting cotton.

By the time I can remember being in the field (around 1950), King Cotton had been dethroned. We had maybe 40 acres in cotton, but that year Daddy had a good enough crop to require some extra pickers.

The Craig family was available and they proved equal to the task. Roscoe Craig went down the rows like a house afire, and Miss Ola was not far behind.

However, at the close of the first day's work, the youngest boy (2 years older than I) managed to get the car door slammed on his hand. He and I then became fast friends, me being too young to pull those bolls and him disabled.

One of the readers of my column, Joyce Moore, grew up on a Grayson County farm, and she has confessed to frequent daydreaming in the field. She and her sister Susie were supposed to be hoeing cotton, but almost any thought could lead to a daydream -- a dance, a date, or a glass of ice water. The hazardous part came when sharp hoe connected with bare foot. The sores were slow to heal.

Although Mama encouraged Joyce to wear shoes, they were a bother. The loose earth came over the shoe tops and had to be dumped regularly to prevent blisters. Other daydreaming dangers included snakes and scorpions.

Joyce also reminded me that whirlwinds were frequent in the cotton field, and chasing them was fun -- until you started looking for the hoe you had dropped. They were quite erratic and seldom caught, but she felt that standing in just one whirling column was worth many failed efforts.

Chasing rabbits in the field was even more futile than chasing whirlwinds, but rabbits were more plentiful. Joyce remembers the time her daddy tried to catch one for her little sister. He zigged. He zagged. He lunged, fell, and scrambled up again to continue the chase. His ultimate failure made her feel embarrassed and sad for him.

There was more than one way to escape the hard labor of picking cotton. My mother had a cousin who was spoiled rotten (only child). His mother needed money, so he was sent to pick cotton. First he put rocks in his sack, receiving a stern warning when that was discovered.

Then he caught in his sack the small dog of the man in charge. His antics became so entertaining that no one was working. So he got his wish and was sent home. He didn't even get a whipping!

Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject: jlincecum@me.com





Theresa (Futch) Pettit (1940-2012)

HOWE - Funeral services for Theresa Futch Pettit was held at 10 am Tuesday, July 24 in the Chapel on the Hill at Cedarlawn Memorial Park. Rev. Bobby Fletcher and Steven Medford officiated with her grandsons, Jermery Schneider, Justin Schneider, Jeffrey Schneider, Jason Schneider, Garet Schneider, and Cooper Porter serving as pallbearers. Mrs. Pettit, 72, passed away Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Theresa was born January 28, 1940 in Sherman to the late Leonard and Kitty (Hancock) Futch. She attended Sherman schools. Theresa retired from the Howe ISD and was affectionately known as "Grandma" by the students and staff. She was a member of the Dorchester Baptist Church.

Mrs. Pettit will be remembered as an extremely kind and caring person. She loved her family more than anything, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by six sons, Terry Glen Schneider and wife Elaine of Clovis, N.M., Kenneth Allen Schneider and wife Joy of Rogers, Steven Mark Schneider of Wolfe City, Ricky Don Brinlee and wife Sherry of Howe, Phillip Wade Schneider and wife Jania of Howe, and Robert Lynn Brinlee of Dorchester; one daughter, Laura Kay Deaton and husband Derek of Howe; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Carl Eugene Futch and wife Marlene of Georgia and Lewis Ray Futch and wife JoAnn of North Carolina; one sister, Patricia Whitaker and husband Duaine of Denton; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; four siblings; three husbands, Don Edward Brinlee, Glen Franklin Schneider, and Tommy Leslie Pettit; one grandson, Colton Rhett Porter; and one daughter-in-law, Cynthia Houston Schneider.

The family received friends Monday July 23 at Waldo Funeral Home. The register book can be signed online at waldofuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association at P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.



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