

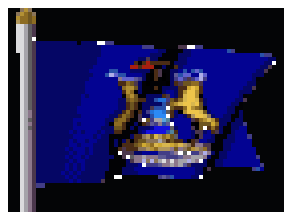
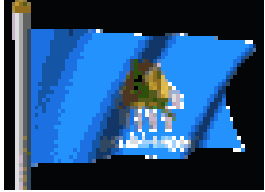
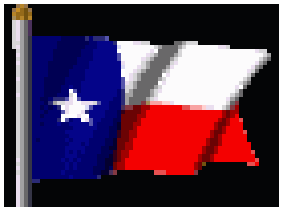
July 28, 2011

## We The People



**People of the United  
in Order to form a more  
Union, establish Justice,  
domestic Tranquility,  
for the common defence,  
promote the general Welfare, and  
secure the Blessings of Liberty to  
ourselves and our Posterity, do  
ordain and establish this  
Constitution for the United States  
of America.**

*We should all read this preamble to OUR Constitution from time to time, and it would do no harm to peruse the Constitution itself at least once a year. There is no excuse for not knowing what is in the Constitution, for it is easily found on the web. Some may be surprised to find that we the people have the power to make Congress do what the Constitution authorizes them to do, or put them out of office.*



We are printing the full text of President Obama's and John Boehner's speeches from Monday night, July 25.

## Obama's Speech on National Debt, July 25, 2011

Good evening. Tonight, I want to talk about the debate we've been having in Washington over the national debt - a debate that directly affects the lives of all Americans.

For the last decade, we have spent more money than we take in. In the year 2000, the government had a budget surplus. But instead of using it to pay off our debt, the money was spent on trillions of dollars in new tax cuts, while two wars and an expensive prescription drug program were simply added to our nation's credit card.

As a result, the deficit was on track to top \$1 trillion the year I took office. To make matters worse, the recession meant that there was less money coming in, and it required us to spend even more - on tax cuts for middle-class families; on unemployment insurance; on aid to states so we could prevent more teachers and firefighters and police officers from being laid off. These emergency steps also added to the deficit.

Now, every family knows that a little credit card debt is manageable. But if we stay on the current path, our growing debt could cost us jobs and do serious damage to the economy. More of our tax dollars will go toward paying off the interest on our loans. Businesses will be less likely to open up shop and hire workers in a country that can't balance its books. Interest rates could climb for everyone who borrows money - the homeowner with a mortgage, the student with a college loan, the corner store that wants to expand. And we won't have enough money to make job-creating investments in things like education and infrastructure, or pay for vital programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

Because neither party is blameless for the decisions that led to this problem, both parties have a responsibility to solve it. And over the last several months, that's what we've been trying to do. I won't bore you with the details of every plan or proposal, but basically, the debate has centered around two different approaches.

The first approach says, let's live within our means by making serious, historic cuts in government spending. Let's cut domestic spending to the lowest level it's been since Dwight Eisenhower was President. Let's cut defense spending at the Pentagon by hundreds of billions of dollars. Let's cut out the waste and fraud in health care programs like Medicare - and at the same time, let's make modest adjustments so that Medicare is still there for future generations. Finally, let's ask the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations to give up some of their tax breaks and special deductions.

This balanced approach asks everyone to give a little without requiring anyone to sacrifice too much. It would reduce the deficit by around \$4 trillion and put us on a path to pay down our debt. And the cuts wouldn't happen so abruptly that they'd be a drag on our economy, or prevent us from helping small business and middle-class families get back on their feet right now.

This approach is also bipartisan. While many in my own party aren't happy with the painful cuts it makes, enough will be willing to accept them if the burden is fairly shared. While Republicans might like to see deeper cuts and no revenue at all, there are many in the Senate who have said "Yes, I'm willing to put politics aside and consider this approach because I care about solving the problem." And to his credit, this is the kind of approach the Republican Speaker of the House, John Boehner, was working on with me over the last several weeks.

The only reason this balanced approach isn't on its way to becoming law right now is because a significant number of Republicans in Congress are insisting on a cuts-only approach - an approach that doesn't ask the wealthiest Americans or biggest corporations to contribute anything at all. And because nothing is asked of those at the top of the income scales, such an approach would close the deficit only with more severe cuts to programs we all care about - cuts that place a greater burden on working families.

So the debate right now isn't about whether we need to make tough choices. Democrats and Republicans agree on the amount of deficit reduction we need. The debate is about how it should be done. Most Americans, regardless of political party, don't understand how we can ask a senior citizen to pay more for her Medicare before we ask corporate jet owners and oil companies to give up tax breaks that other companies don't get. How can we ask a student to pay more for college before we ask hedge fund managers to stop paying taxes at a lower rate than their secretaries? How can we slash funding for education and clean energy before we ask people like me to give up tax breaks we don't need and didn't ask for?

That's not right. It's not fair. We all want a government that lives within its means, but there are still things we need to pay for as a country - things like new roads and bridges; weather satellites and food inspection; services to veterans and medical research.

Keep in mind that under a balanced approach, the 98% of Americans who make under \$250,000 would see no tax increases at all. None. In fact, I want to extend the payroll tax cut for working families. What we're talking about under a balanced approach is asking Americans whose incomes have gone up the most over the last decade - millionaires and billionaires - to share in the sacrifice everyone else has to make. And I think these patriotic Americans are willing to pitch in. In fact, over the last few decades, they've pitched in every time we passed a bipartisan deal to reduce the deficit. The first time a deal passed, a predecessor of mine made the case for a balanced approach by saying this:

"Would you rather reduce deficits and interest rates by raising revenue from those who are not now paying their fair share, or would you rather accept larger budget deficits, higher interest rates, and higher unemployment? And I think I know your answer."

Those words were spoken by Ronald Reagan. But today, many Republicans in the House refuse to consider this kind of balanced approach - an approach that was pursued not only by President Reagan, but by the first President Bush, President Clinton, myself, and many Democrats and Republicans in the United States Senate. So we are left with a stalemate.

Now, what makes today's stalemate so dangerous is that it has been tied to something known as the debt ceiling - a term that most people outside of Washington have probably never heard of before.

Understand - raising the debt ceiling does not allow Congress to spend more money. It simply gives our country the ability to pay the bills that Congress has already racked up. In the past, raising the debt ceiling was routine. Since the 1950s, Congress has always passed it, and every President has signed it. President Reagan did it 18 times. George W. Bush did it 7 times. And we have to do it by next Tuesday, August 2nd, or else we won't be able to pay all of our bills.

Unfortunately, for the past several weeks, Republican House members have essentially said that the only way they'll vote to prevent America's first-ever default is if the rest of us agree to their deep, spending cuts-only approach.

If that happens, and we default, we would not have enough money to pay all of our bills - bills that include monthly Social Security checks, veterans' benefits, and the government contracts we've signed with thousands of businesses.

For the first time in history, our country's Triple A credit rating would be downgraded, leaving investors around the world to wonder whether the United States is still a good bet. Interest rates would skyrocket on credit cards, mortgages, and car loans, which amounts to a huge tax hike on the American people. We would risk sparking a deep economic crisis - one caused almost entirely by Washington.

Defaulting on our obligations is a reckless and irresponsible outcome to this debate. And Republican leaders say that they agree we must avoid default. But the new approach that Speaker Boehner unveiled today, which would temporarily extend the debt ceiling in exchange for spending cuts, would force us to once again face the threat of default just six months from now. In other words, it doesn't solve the problem.

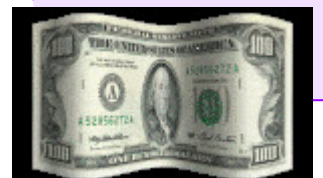
First of all, a six-month extension of the debt ceiling might not be enough to avoid a credit downgrade and the higher interest rates that all Americans would have to pay as a result. We know what we have to do to reduce our deficits; there's no point in putting the economy at risk by kicking the can further down the road.

But there's an even greater danger to this approach. Based on what we've seen these past few weeks, we know what to expect six months from now. The House will once again refuse to prevent default unless the rest of us accept their cuts-only approach. Again, they will refuse to ask the wealthiest Americans to give up their tax cuts or deductions. Again, they will demand harsh cuts to programs like Medicare. And once again, the economy will be held captive unless they get their way.

That is no way to run the greatest country on Earth. It is a dangerous game we've never played before, and we can't afford to play it now. Not when the jobs and livelihoods of so many families are at stake. We can't allow the American people to become collateral damage to Washington's political warfare.

Congress now has one week left to act, and there are still paths forward. The Senate has introduced a plan to avoid default, which makes a down payment on deficit reduction and ensures that we don't have to go through this again in six months.

I think that's a much better path, although serious deficit reduction would still require us to tackle the tough challenges of entitlement and tax reform. Either way, I have told leaders of both parties that they must come up with a fair compromise in the next few days that can pass both



## *Obama's Speech, continued*

houses of Congress - a compromise I can sign. And I am confident we can reach this compromise. Despite our disagreements, Republican leaders and I have found common ground before. And I believe that enough members of both parties will ultimately put politics aside and help us make progress.

I realize that a lot of the new members of Congress and I don't see eye-to-eye on many issues. But we were each elected by some of the same Americans for some of the same reasons. Yes, many want government to start living within its means. And many are fed up with a system in which the deck seems stacked against middle-class Americans in favor of the wealthiest few. But do you know what people are fed up with most of all?

They're fed up with a town where compromise has become a dirty word. They work all day long, many of them scraping by, just to put food on the table. And when these Americans come home at night, bone-tired, and turn on the news, all they see is the same partisan three-ring circus here in Washington. They see leaders who can't seem to come together and do what it takes to make life just a little bit better for ordinary Americans. They are offended by that. And they should be.

The American people may have voted for divided government, but they didn't vote for a dysfunctional government. So I'm asking you all to make your voice heard. If you want a balanced approach to reducing the deficit, let your Member of Congress know. If you believe we can solve this problem through compromise, send that message.



## **Speech by US Speaker of the House John Boehner, July 25, 2011**

Good evening. I'm John Boehner. I serve as Speaker of the whole House -- of the members of both parties that you elect. These are difficult times in the life of our nation. Millions are looking for work, have been for some time, and the spending binge going on in Washington is a big part of the reason why. Before I served in Congress, I ran a small business in Ohio. I was amazed at how different Washington DC operated than every business in America. Where most American business make the hard choices to pay their bills and live within their means, in Washington more spending and more debt is business as usual. I've got news for Washington - those days are over. President Obama came to Congress in January and requested business as usual -- yet another routine increase in the national debt limit -- we in the House said 'not so fast.' Here was the president, asking for the largest debt increase in American history, on the heels of the largest spending binge in American history. Here's what we got for that spending binge: a massive health care bill that most Americans never asked for. A 'stimulus' bill that was more effective in producing material for late-night comedians than it was in producing jobs. And a national debt that has gotten so out of hand it has sparked a crisis without precedent in my lifetime or yours. The United States cannot default on its debt obligations. The jobs and savings of too many Americans are at stake.

What we told the president in January was this: the American people will not accept an increase in the debt limit without significant spending cuts and reforms.

And over the last six months, we've done our best to convince the president to partner with us to do something dramatic to change the fiscal trajectory of our country. . .something that will boost confidence in our economy, renew a measure of faith in our government, and help small businesses get back on track.

Last week, the House passed such a plan, and with bipartisan support. It's called the 'Cut, Cap, and Balance' Act. It CUTS and CAPS government spending and paves the way for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, which we believe is the best way to stop Washington from spending money

America, after all, has always been a grand experiment in compromise. As a democracy made up of every race and religion, where every belief and point of view is welcomed, we have put to the test time and again the proposition at the heart of our founding: that out of many, we are one. We have engaged in fierce and passionate debates about the issues of the day, but from slavery to war, from civil liberties to questions of economic justice, we have tried to live by the words that Jefferson once wrote: "Every man cannot have his way in all things...Without this mutual disposition, we are disjointed individuals, but not a society."

History is scattered with the stories of those who held fast to rigid ideologies and refused to listen to those who disagreed. But those are not the Americans we remember. We remember the Americans who put country above self, and set personal grievances aside for the greater good. We remember the Americans who held this country together during its most difficult hours; who put aside pride and party to form a more perfect union.

That's who we remember. That's who we need to be right now. The entire world is watching. So let's seize this moment to show why the United States of America is still the greatest nation on Earth - not just because we can still keep our word and meet our obligations, but because we can still come together as one nation. Thank you, God bless you, and may God bless the United States of America.

it doesn't have. Before we even passed the bill in the House, the President said he would veto it.

I want you to know I made a sincere effort to work with the president to identify a path forward that would implement the principles of Cut, Cap, & Balance in a manner that could secure bipartisan support and be signed into law. I gave it my all.

Unfortunately, the president would not take yes for an answer. Even when we thought we might be close on an agreement, the president's demands changed.

The president has often said we need a 'balanced' approach -- which in Washington means: we spend more. . .you pay more. Having run a small business, I know those tax increases will destroy jobs.

The president is adamant that we cannot make fundamental changes to our entitlement programs. As the father of two daughters, I know these programs won't be there for them and their kids unless significant action is taken now.

The sad truth is that the president wanted a blank check six months ago, and he wants a blank check today. That is just not going to happen.

You see, there is no stalemate in Congress. The House has passed a bill to raise the debt limit with bipartisan support. And this week, while the Senate is struggling to pass a bill filled with phony accounting and Washington gimmicks, we will pass another bill - one that was developed with the support of the bipartisan leadership of the U.S. Senate.

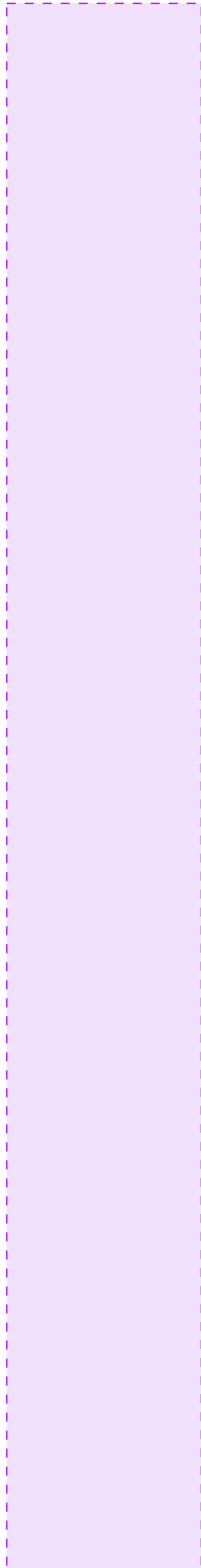
Obviously, I expect that bill can and will pass the Senate, and be sent to the President for his signature. If the President signs it, the 'crisis' atmosphere he has created will simply disappear. The debt limit will be raised. Spending will be cut by more than one trillion dollars, and a serious, bipartisan committee of the Congress will begin the hard but necessary work of dealing with the tough challenges our nation faces.

The individuals doing this work will not be outsiders, but elected representatives of the people, doing the job they were elected to do as outlined in the Constitution. Those decisions should be made based on how they will affect people who are struggling to



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get a job, not how they affect some politician's chances of getting reelected.

This debate isn't about President Obama and House Republicans ... it isn't about Congress and the White House ... it's about what's standing between the American people and the future we seek for ourselves and our families.

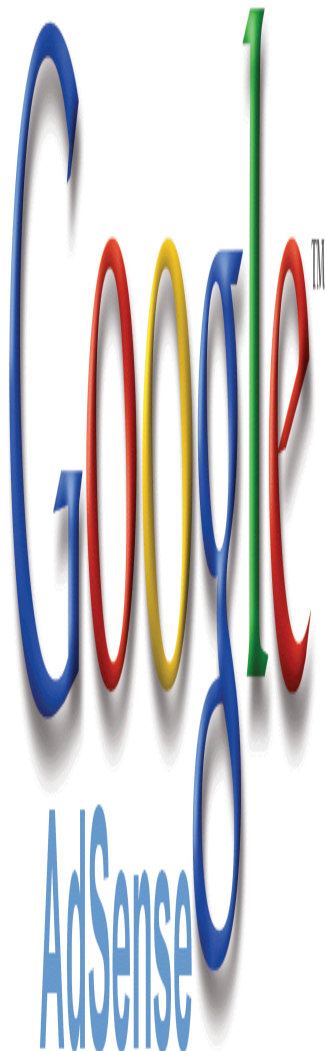
You know, I've always believed, the bigger government, the smaller the people. And right now, we have a government so big and so expensive it's sapping the drive of our people and keeping our economy from running at full capacity.

The solution to this crisis is not complicated: if you're spending more money than you're taking in, you need to spend less of it,

There is no symptom of big government more menacing than our debt. Break its grip, and we begin to liberate our economy and our future.

We are up to the task, and I hope President Obama will join us in this work.

God bless you and your families, and God bless America.



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## GCC offers Dog Obedience Training

Grayson County College's Center for Workplace Learning is partnering with Gerry Alblas to offer Dog Obedience Training on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays beginning Aug. 23. Two separate classes are offered; the Puppy Class is geared to dogs that are six weeks to 12 months, and the Canine Class is for dogs 12 months and older.

Puppy Class participants may choose from two course offerings: Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. starting Aug. 23 through Sept. 27, or Saturdays from 9 to 10 am beginning Aug. 27 and ending on Oct. 1. Likewise, those interested in the Canine Class have two options as well: Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. starting Aug. 25 until Sept. 29, or Saturdays from 11 am to noon beginning Aug. 27 and concluding Oct. 1.

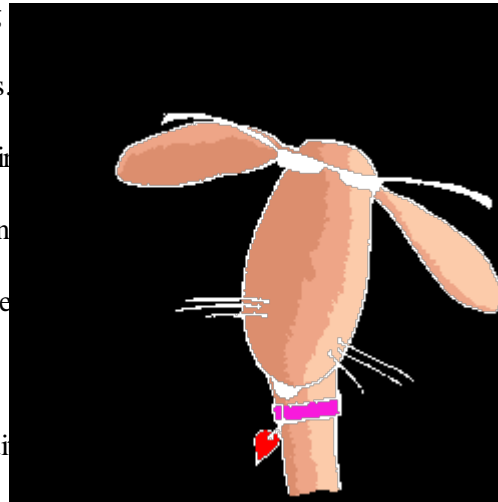
Both classes gather at the west parking lot of the Silver Wings Building on GCC's West Extension Site in Denison. Cost for each class is \$85. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required at the first class. In addition, needed class supplies include comfortable walking shoes for human participants; a six-foot leash, water, and treats for rewarding correct behavior should be brought for canine participants.

"Dogs are pack animals and as such are only comfortable when their role within the pack has been established," Alblas said. "Basic obedience helps to establish pet parents in the role of pack leader, and lays down clear behavior guidelines that the pack can follow. This allows the dog to relax since it knows what behaviors earn what type of attention."

During class, participants learn how to teach their dogs basic commands including heel, sit, stay, down, off, leave it, come, and wait. Each command provides the dog with an understanding of what is expected at a particular moment and reinforces a strong bond between the pet and its owner.

"In addition, it's fun learning the proper way to interact with your dog," Alblas said.

Registration may be completed in person weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm in the CWL on the college's Main Campus, online at [www.cwlgcc.org](http://www.cwlgcc.org), or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.



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## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Summer is moving very quickly to its end ... at least for some. Granddaughter Amber will soon be leaving for college. She put a note on Facebook that you should not watch *Toy Story 3* while packing for college. (Hmm, tears about growing up, excitement and happiness about looking forward to the future.)

It seems as if it was only a couple of years since I spent a lot of time on Thursdays and Fridays taking care of Amber while her parents were working. She has always liked art and I kept a box full of art type supplies with ribbons, crayons, pictures cut from magazines, etc.)

I am very proud of all my grandchildren. Two of them (Jordan and Chris) have already finished high school and gone off to college a couple of years ago.

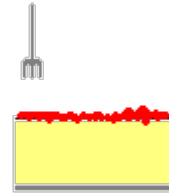
But Amber is the first to go off to the college my husband and I graduated from -- Abilene Christian University. Also our son Kirby, daughter Jamie and her husband Mark graduated from ACU. It has become a family tradition and she is the first of the third generation to attend ACU. She will be staying in the same dormitory her grandpa stayed in.

On a different note, my husband and I saw the final installment of the Harry Potter movies on Friday, July 15. We had planned to watch it the second day the film was out, but we ordered our tickets online and punched in the wrong date. We had to get ready quickly and drive to the theater. (We could have gone to a later showing, but we decided to go ahead with the time on our tickets.)

Of all the Harry Potter films, it is the only one we saw the first day it was out. Also, I don't usually like to be on the front row, but that was about the only place there were two seats together. It was not too bad being that close. I thought the film was good, but it was a little slow in places as they tied up loose ends for the final ending of the story.



## Recipe

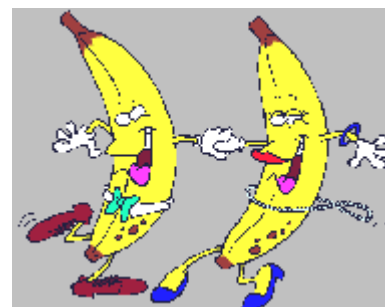


### Delicious Fresh Fruit Dip

A delicious dip for all kinds of fruit -- apple slices, orange sections, strawberries, grapes, fresh pineapple chunks, peaches, pears. Use it for a beautiful tray for your family or a gathering.

8 ounces cream cheese, softened  
7 ounces marshmallow fluff  
1 tablespoon grated orange peel  
dash of ground ginger

Mix all ingredients and chill. Use fresh fruit like peaches, berries, pineapple chunks -- whatever suits you -- and this incredibly easy and delicious fruit dip.



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## School Board Meeting

On Thursday, July 22, the Howe School Board met and conducted the following items of business:

Board Members present were: Leonard Huntsman, Greg Akins, Pat Stewart, Mark Abner, Brad Anderson and Bruce Dawsey. Absent: Greg Akins, Scott Renfro

In the absence of Supt. Kevin Wilson, Assistant Supt. Clay Wilson made recommendations to the board.

The Following Reports were made:

Becky Hogenson provided the Library report. She recognized Sarah Newman for her contributions to the Library in service to the Girl Scouts by completing the Teen Scene area for middle and high school students.

Blake Stiles 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.

Clarissia Doty provided the Elementary report. She noted changes to the Elementary Handbook and interviewing potential teachers.

Clay Wilson provided information on personnel including contracts offered and resignations. He noted the preliminary FIRST Rating and reviewed the findings from the Security Audit conducted by Region 10 representatives during the 2010-11 school year. He noted the \$300 donation from the Howe Athletic Booster Club and a \$500 donation from the Howe Softball Association.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on June 16, 2011 and the Special Meeting & Public Hearing on June 30, 2011. Motion to approve the minutes passed, 5-0.

Julie Snapp reviewed the Monthly Financial Report. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Mrs. Snapp reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Clay Wilson presented the Vendor List for 2011-12 and made the recommendation to approve the updated list as presented. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Mr. Wilson provided information on the cafeteria prices. Wilson made the recommendation to increase the lunch prices by 5 cents for students and adults for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Mr. Wilson provided information on the PDAS Appraisal Calendar and made the recommendation to approve the calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wilson provided the PDAS List of Appraisers for 2011-12 and made the recommendation to approve the list as presented. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

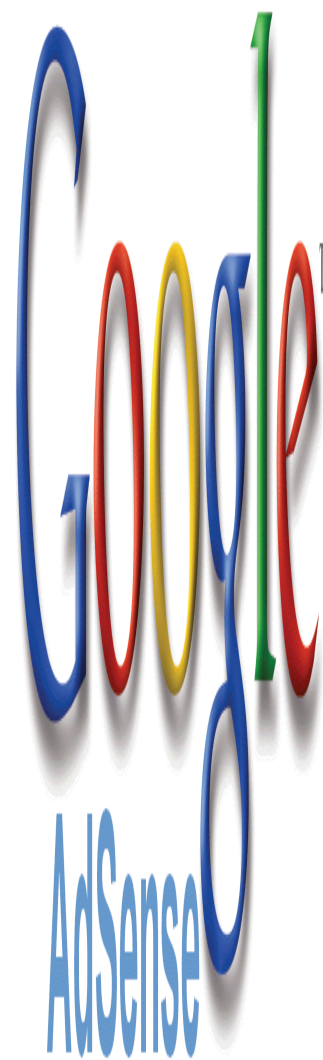
Mr. Wilson provided information on Policy Update 90 and made the recommendation to approve Policy Update 90 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wilson provided information on Policy EIE (Local) and made the recommendation to suspend portions of EIE (Local) for the 2011-12 school year as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## Howe ISD Upcoming Events

Substitute Orientation - Howe ISD will have substitute orientation: Thursday August 11, 2011 @ 9:00 am in the E.S. Science Lab. Please bring drivers license and social security card so we may make copies.

Aug. 15 - Freshman Orientation, 6:30 pm





## Dinner Theatre Comedy

A question of nudity on stage, choosing a new mattress, and confusion over spouses make up the Sherman Community Players' 10th annual summer benefit dinner theatre. Performance dates and time are the evenings of July 29 and 30 and Aug. 5 and 6, and matinee performances on July 31 and Aug. 7.

The format of the benefit is much like dinner theatres in the Dallas area. The event will be held in the Honey McGee Playhouse located directly behind the Finley Theatre and seating will be limited to only 96 people. Candlelit tables for four on varying levels will surround three sides of the performance area, making for an intimate dining and theatre-going experience. Three humorous, one-act plays entitled "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water Is Running" will be performed between the serving of meal courses. Complimentary wine will be available.

The first play finds a community theatre director facing the problem of nudity on stage because the new, young playwright insists. The second play finds a married couple in their 50's shopping for a new mattress. The wife has her heart set on twin beds, but the husband thinks giving up their old bed will end their good times. The final play features an elderly married couple who have each been married to so many other people that they can't remember who they are and who they're married to.

Reservations are required and must be made as soon as possible as the event is always sold out. The cost is \$40 per person and not tickets will be sold at the door.

For reservations and information, call Darlene Schwitzer at 903-893-7652.





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## Civil Air Patrol Members Tour Visiting Warbird



A U.S. Army OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter lands at North Texas Regional Airport for a stopover as it travels from Fort Riley, Kansas to Fort Hood, Texas.



[L-R] CW3 Chris Brown and 1-6 Air Cavalry Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Paul Cravey stand next to their helicopter after landing at North Texas Regional Airport.



Cadet Tech Sgt. Marcus Coleman, Cadet Master Sgt. Nathan Coleman, and Cadet Airman Andrew Coleman stand with the helicopter crew and members of the VFW Men's Auxiliary.



[L-R] U.S. Army CW3 Chris Brown discusses aviation careers with Cadet Master Sgt. Nathan Coleman.



At take-off, the Kiowa Warrior turns to leave North Texas Regional Airport and continue its trip to Fort Hood.

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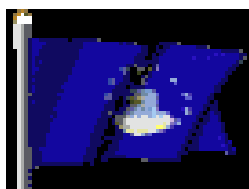
DENISON, Texas – On July 20, 2011, Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members from the Texoma Composite Squadron were invited to tour a military helicopter as it made a brief stopover at the North Texas Regional Airport in Denison.

The helicopter, a Bell OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, was assigned to the U.S. Army's 1-6 Air Cavalry Squadron based at Fort Riley, Kansas. Its crew, 1-6 Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Paul Cravey and Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CW3) Chris Brown, were delivering it to a maintenance center at Fort Hood, Texas, where it would undergo a major refurbishing and upgrade from a D-series to an F-series model.

During the stopover, the crew gave the CAP group a tour of the helicopter, describing its features and capabilities and allowing members to sit in the cockpit and look over the controls. The Kiowa, a military version of the Bell JetRanger, is used primarily for reconnaissance that can be used by units of attack helicopters such as the AH-64 Apache. To help it perform this mission, the Kiowa is equipped with a combination of cameras and sensors mounted in a large "ball" located on top of the main rotor, giving the helicopter a unique appearance. The Kiowa can also be used for light attack as well as ground troop close support. For this purpose, it has two mounting points that can carry a combination of machine guns or missiles.

Lt. Col. Cravey shared an interesting fact about this particular helicopter: it had been hit by enemy fire during its last tour in Iraq and forced to land, then was repaired and flown again before being brought back to the U.S. Following the tour and opportunities to take many photographs, the crew got back into the Kiowa and took off, continuing their journey southward to Fort Hood. The squadron is grateful to the members of VFW Post 2773 in Denison for having arranged the stopover and tour.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 113 lives in fiscal year 2010. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 26,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 69 years. It is a major partner with Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. For more information on Civil Air Patrol, visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com).



## Civil Air Patrol Cadets Receive Honors

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DENISON, Texas – On July 25, 2011, two Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets from the Texoma Composite Squadron in Denison received awards in recognition of their achievements in the CAP Cadet Program in ceremonies held at the North Texas Regional Airport.

Cadet Capt. John Pollock received the Amelia Earhart Award. Named in honor of the famed woman aviator and pioneer who achieved many aviation firsts before her disappearance while attempting to circumnavigate the world, the Earhart award is the third milestone in the cadet program, and is awarded to cadets who have completed 11 of the 16 achievements in the program. Less than 3 percent of all cadets nationwide receive this award. Cadet 2nd Lt. Mollianne Flood received the General Billy Mitchell Award. Named in honor of the aviation pioneer and advocate for an independent air force for the United States following World War I, the Mitchell award is the second milestone in the cadet program, and is awarded to cadets who have completed 8 of the 16 achievements in the program. In addition, this award signifies a cadet's transition from a non-commissioned officer into the cadet officer ranks. Approximately 15 percent of all cadets nationwide receive this award.

On hand to present the awards was Ed Rasimus, a retired U.S. Air Force Major and author who flew more than 250 combat missions over Vietnam in F-105 Thunderchief and F-4 Phantom fighters and received the Silver Star, five Distinguished Flying Crosses, and numerous Air Medals. He has written two books about his Air Force service (*When Thunder Rolled: An F-105 Pilot Over North Vietnam* and *Palace Cobra*) and a biography of the late Brig. Gen. Robin Olds (*Fighter Pilot: The Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin Olds*).

As the awards were presented, Texoma Composite Squadron Commander Maj. Jeff Harrell noted each cadet's achievements. "Cadet Pollock has been involved in so many activities and has had a busy summer. He was a Squadron Commander at the recent Summer Encampment, and he just came back from Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama where he attended a Cadet Officers School."

"We've encouraged cadets to get involved in activities and take advantage of what CAP offers," Harrell said. "(Cadet Flood) has done that and more. She has attended several encampments, gone to the CTEP (Cadet Training and Education Program) schools, and so many other activities...in spite of being really busy taking college courses, just starting a job, and even with all of these activities she is still heavily involved in Civil Air Patrol."

In remarks following the presentations, Mr. Rasimus noted one of the major differences in the military today compared to when he served. "I am really impressed with the number of women in the (Cadet) program. If you went back to my generation in the Air Force, women did not fly. They couldn't; it wasn't open to them...now, women are in fighters, women are flying (in) combat...women are very, very successful. I commend you and I'm happy to see you here. Those of you who have aspirations for flying careers...know that the door is wide open."

Maj. Harrell summed up the evening: "Both of the cadets who received awards tonight are taking advantage of what CAP offers – the educational opportunities, opportunities for responsibility and learning about leadership."

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Above: Cadet 2nd Lt. Mollianne Flood receives the General Billy Mitchell Award from Ed Rasimus, retired U.S. Air Force Major and author.



Right: Cadet Capt. John Pollock receives the Amelia Earhart Award from Ed Rasimus, retired U.S. Air Force Major and author.



Above: Cadet 2nd Lt. Mollianne Flood, General Billy Mitchell Award recipient.



Right: Cadet Capt. John Pollock, Amelia Earhart Award recipient.

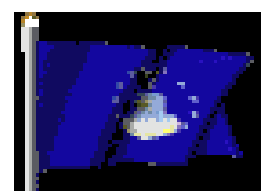
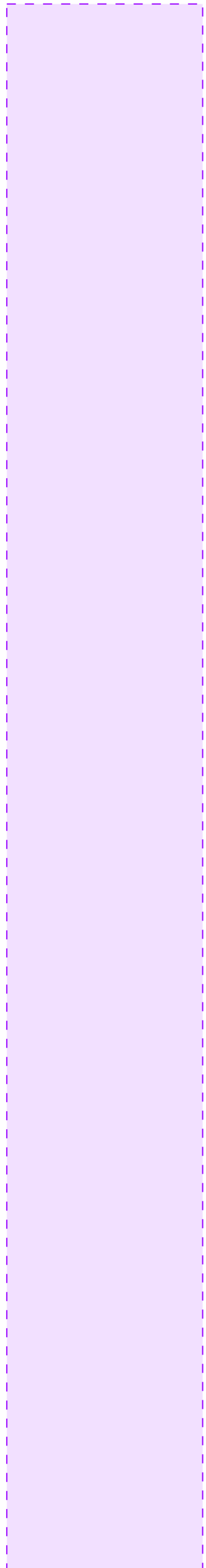


Above: [L-R] Texoma Composite Squadron Commander Maj. Jeff Harrell, Cadet 2nd Lt. Mollianne Flood, and Ed Rasimus, retired U.S. Air Force Major and author.



Right: [L-R] Texoma Composite Squadron Commander Maj. Jeff Harrell, Cadet Capt. John Pollock, and Ed Rasimus, retired U.S. Air Force Major and author.

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## Van Alstyne Toastmasters

President Juanita Hazelton led this week's meeting of the Van Alstyne Toastmasters group. The session opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Toastmaster of the day was Dorothy Bishop.

Hazelton spoke on "Making a Sale" with role playing by Katherine Presley. This is speech from the persuasion manual.

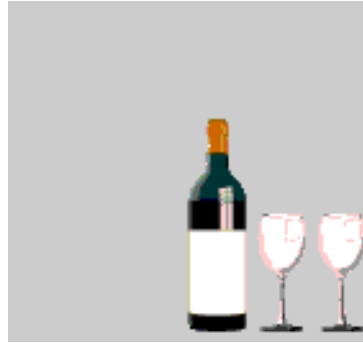
Bob Bishop presented "Deeply Satisfying," describing his restoration of a truck.

Pam Shaw led the table topics portion of the meeting. Speakers were Katherine Presley, Allison Presley and Garrett Shaw.

General evaluator was Katherine Presley, and Shaw served as timer. Evaluators were MJ Presley and Bob Bishop.

Winners for the meeting were Allison Presley best table topic and best evaluator; and Bob Bishop, best speaker.

The next meeting will be at 7 pm on Monday, Aug. 1, at the Independent Bank in Van Alstyne.



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## Tom Bean ISD Board Meets

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7 pm. President, Jimmy Jones called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and David Harrison led the invocation.

The minutes of June 20, 2011 along with the financial reports were approved as presented.

Roger Ellis, HS principal, shared information with the board regarding the 2009 Class survey as well as the 2011 Senior Class survey.

The Professional Development and Appraisal Calendar, the Student Code of Conduct, and the District Personnel Handbook were approved for the 2011-2012 school year as presented with upcoming updates.

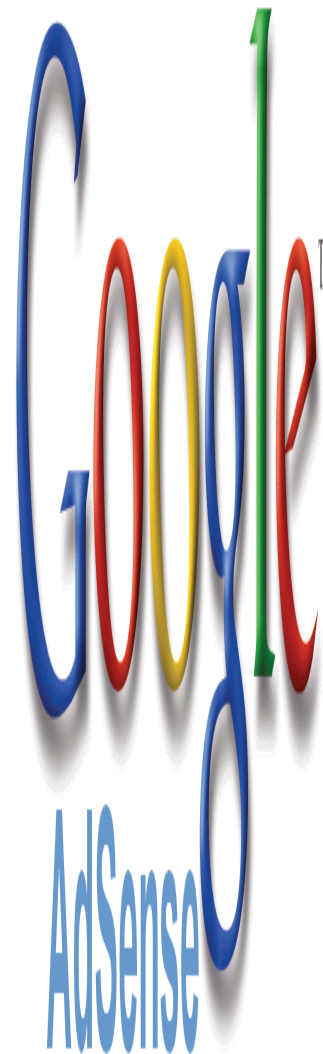
The board accepted the resignation of Michael Upchurch and Scott Ritchey as presented.

The board approved new board policy (EI Local) but tabled (FMH Local).

Last month, the board approved Four Star Heating and Air Services for the replacement of the air conditioners at the Middle School gym and this month approved the painting of the duct work inside the gym to white.

The State of Texas has mandated that reimbursable lunch prices must average \$2.45 for any school District. Tom Bean's average was below that amount. The Board of Trustees approved an increase for student lunches beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Middle School and High School students will be paying \$2.60 for lunch, while the Elementary students will be paying \$2.30.

Mrs. Garrison gave the board information concerning the Athletic handbook, the Staff In-service schedule, Campus handbooks, the UIL eligibility dates for extracurricular activities, revised athletic schedules, and the hiring of Lauri Summers for the Elementary cafeteria.



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## Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

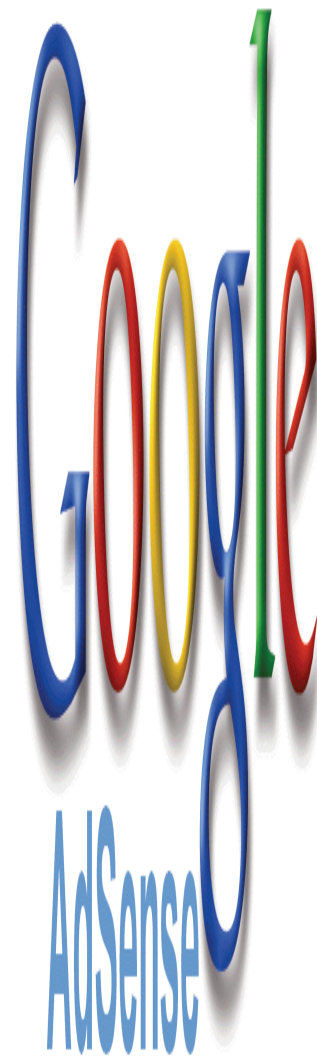
Our regular Bluegrass jam will be Thursday night, August 4th at 7 pm. Doors will open at 6 as usual. Donations will be accepted at the door to defray expenses. On August 6th we welcome Bluefield Express and Copper Canyon to our stage. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear some wonderful bluegrass music! Members of Bluefield Express are Jay Parker, guitar, Mona Parker, bass, Cody Crabtree, mandolin, and Kenny Williams, banjo. All sing

Members of Copper Canyon are Jim Hughes, mandolin, Celesta Hughes, guitar, Joe Hood, banjo, and Tom Smith, bass. All sing

Doors open at 6 pm for a 7 pm performance. Admission to this event is \$6 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. The concession area has brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

The Chrystal Opry House is located 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.

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



## Texoma Patriots

August 2nd at 7 p.m. at Grandy's in Sherman, 3201 Texoma Parkway, in the meeting room beside the dining room.

AVI LIPKIN will be speaking to us about Israel and the problems in the Middle East. The Texoma Patriots staff has been searching for quite a while for a qualified speaker, and this opportunity just opened up for us.

He speaks on the Middle East and Islam, a subject of great importance today. Avi offers compelling proof that the fanaticism of Islam is the number one threat to world peace today! He presents his belief that Christians and Jews must forge an alliance to stop Islam's secret goal to destroy Judaism and Christianity and dominate the world.

In a very compelling way, Avi points out the need for Christians to awaken to their responsibility to STAND WITH ISRAEL in the days ahead. He will be selling his books (of which there are 5) and his CDs and DVDs.

Mark your calendar – Tuesday evening, August 2. Come early and eat with us to help defray the expenses of the room.



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## **Rev. Cass French Jr. (1932-2011)**

Funeral services for Rev. Cass Stinson French Jr. will be held at 10 am Friday, July 29 at the Waldo Funeral Home Chapel. Judge Ray F. Grisham will officiate and the burial will follow at West Hill Cemetery in Sherman. Arrangements are under the direction of Waldo Funeral Home in Sherman.

He passed away on Monday, July 25, 2011 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital-WNJ in Sherman.

He was born on April 26, 1932, in Sherman, the son of Cass Stinson French Sr. and Lola Harrison French. Cass graduated from Bells High School. He joined the United States Navy serving in Korea as an Aviation Ordnanceman and a Tail Gunner. Cass married Nelda Janeas Ashcraft in 1956 in Denison, Texas. She preceded him in death on June 13, 2011. He served as a Grayson County Constable for eight years, Co-Director of the Tri County Senior Nutrition Program for 27 years, and Pastor of Pecan Grove Church for 33 years with a total of 54 years in the Ministry.

Cass is survived by his son, Bill French and wife Sherri of Howe, Texas, son, Danny French and wife Patti of Sherman; five grandchildren, Stephanie French, Cassidie Chapman, Bill French, Jr., Kirk Reese and Kevin Reece, 12 great-grandchildren and one brother, Charles French of Carthage, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers, George and Harrison French.



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## The short life of Sam Bass

By Bob Bowman

For more than four years, we have been working on a new book, *Bad to the Bone*, a collection of outlaws who left their imprint on East Texas.

One of the best known outlaws was Sam Bass, who was born in Indiana in 1851, one of ten kids in the family of Daniel and Elizabeth Bass. As a boy, Sam always dreamed of going to Texas and becoming a cowboy.

When his mother and father died within three years, Sam worked for his uncle on a farm, but ran away at the age of eighteen and headed for Texas.

In the Texas town of Denton, he worked as a cowhand and as a helper to Sheriff William Egan. He also bought a mare, known in Denton history as "the Denton Mare," and began racing her in local horse races. The mare led to his interest in gambling and racing, compelling Sheriff Egan to fire him.



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Dot's

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

One of the home economics teachers at Permian High School thoroughly disapproved of me. She did not believe it was appropriate for a woman to teach government and economics. Those fields, she thought, should be reserved for men, although she could not tell me exactly why.

It also really bothered her that I was a single woman who owned her own house, did much of the repair and maintenance work on it, mowed the lawn and as much as possible, trimmed the trees, participated in building a 12' x 18' foot covered deck just outside my den door, and laid concrete as the foundation for a tool room in the far back yard. In her view, only married couples should own houses and the chores associated with house ownership should be done only by men.

It came as a terrible shock to her when she learned that I not only knew how to sew, I actually made clothing and produced beautiful crewel embroidery pieces that were hanging on my wall. I also did some quilting, a craft about which I knew absolutely nothing except that I liked quilts.

My colleague especially appreciated handwork, a category that includes crochet, knitting, tatting, embroidery, counted cross stitch and without doubt, several other needle arts that I've never heard of.

She believed that the ability to do any or all of those things was inextricably associated with being "ladylike."

Permian had a teaching staff that exceeded more than 160, and that, coupled with the fact that our schedules differed, made it difficult to get really well acquainted with people outside the departments where we taught. It was several years before I learned that one of the best mathematics teachers in the building produced exquisite crochet projects. He made sweaters, shawls, wall hangings, bedspreads -- dozens of lovely things for his wife, his children, his grandchildren and friends.

He was the math teacher who finally opened the world of mathematics to me. I was by that time in my mid-thirties. He did it by having me walk along the masking tape he had laid in the center aisles of his class room. "The intersection of the tape is point zero," he said. "Walk forward from that point and everything is more than zero. Walk backward from that point and everything is less than zero."

For the first time, less than zero made sense, graphs made sense, algebra began to make sense and I was inspired to take college algebra again to see whether the second time around, 15 years after I took it and passed it the first time, it made sense. It did, and all because a man who crocheted also knew how to make math make sense.

My home economics colleague disapproved of our mathematics teacher colleague almost as much as she disapproved of me. She probably would have had a stroke



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## BOB BOWMAN'S

### EAST TEXAS, continued

Sam and several friends headed for Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) and Texas, where they won more racing money.

In San Antonio, Bass met Joel Collins, who had bigger ideas for making money. They ran a herd of cattle to Kansas and sold the stock to local ranchers.

They soon went to Deadwood to make more money in the town's gambling houses. After losing most of their money to card sharks, they fell in with four other men and starting holding up stagecoaches, but five holdups yielded only enough money to buy beans and bacon.

Bass and his friend Collins then started planning train robberies. They started with a Union Pacific train at Big Springs, Nebraska. Bass, Collins and four other men boarded the train when it stopped for water and came away with \$60,000 in newly-minted gold coins and a nice haul from passengers on the train.

In 1878, Bass' gang rode to Round Rock, where they planned to rob a local bank. But one of Bass' men sent a telegram to Major John B. Jones of the Texas Rangers, informing him of the planned heist.

Arriving at Round Rock, the Bass gang stopped at Koppel's Store, where the outlaws were recognized by Travis County Sheriff Morris Moore and Deputy A.W. Grimes. Bass quickly shot Grimes, killing him, and wounded Moore.

Rushing outside the store, Bass was met with gunfire from Jones' fellow Rangers. He sustained a critical body wound and a shattered right hand.

That night, a farmer rode to Round Rock and told authorities Bass was dying at his farm. The Rangers rode to the farm and brought Bass back to Round Rock. He lingered for three days before he died on Sunday, July 21 -- his twenty-seventh birthday. He was buried in Round Rock Cemetery.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of more than 50 books about East Texas history and folklore. He can be reached at bob-bowman.com)

## Dot's Dashes, continued

had she seen the counted cross stitch a man entered in the Permian Basin Stock Show and Exposition each year. It was the most beautiful counted cross stitch I have ever seen. His wife told me he started doing it after his physician told him he had to lose more than 100 pounds. "When he got hungry, he would stitch," she said. "The more he stitched, the better the stitches looked and the more weight he lost."

My home economics colleague also would have disapproved of one of my parishioners who made nearly all of his wife's dress clothes. He was an insurance agent by profession, but at heart, he was a tailor whose skill was unsurpassed. His wife was dressed like a fashion model all the time.

All these people, including the home economics teacher, enriched my life. My home economics colleague emphasized for me the dangers of stereotyping and the men affirmed my conviction that it is possible for people to excel at more than one task. They also convinced me that gender, while important, does not limit a person's ability to do whatever it is he or she needs or wants to do produce something useful and lovely. I am grateful to all of them.



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## Keep Cool With Weatherization

SHERMAN, July 22, 2011 -- Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG), has announced that TCOG is accepting applications from eligible individuals and families for weatherization assistance which will make their homes more comfortable and energy efficient this summer.

Thomas encouraged low income families across north Texas to take advantage of the resources available through the weatherization assistance program. "We're experiencing an enduring and oppressive heat wave; the air conditioners across Texoma are running non-stop. For almost all of us that equates to unusually high electric bills and uncomfortable, hot houses," stated Thomas. "We want to make sure that folks know there is help available, especially for the most vulnerable populations: our children and seniors. A weatherized home is a more efficient home, and that makes cooling your home through the dog days of summer much more affordable."

WAP provides eligible homeowners and renters with weatherization applications that reduce utility costs, address air infiltration and increase energy efficiency and comfort. Eligibility for the weatherization program is based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines and family size. For example, a one-person household with a gross income of \$13,613 (125% of the federal poverty level) can qualify for the program. A family of four with a gross income up to \$27,938 will also qualify.

TCOG's weatherization assistance program serves clients across 15 counties including the tri-county regions of Cooke, Grayson and Fannin plus 12 additional northeast Texas counties.

For weatherization program application information, call (903)813-3526. Applications can also be downloaded at [www.tcog.com](http://www.tcog.com) <<http://www.tcog.com/>>.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security, criminal justice, and transportation needs.

## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## More About Legislation Passed During the 82nd Session

Last week I wrote about the many emails my office has received regarding a proposed "Caylee's Law," and some of the existing laws the state has to protect children. This week I will discuss a few bills that were passed during the recent legislative session that pertain to the punishments for certain crimes against children.

Currently in Texas, if a child under the age of six is murdered, it is a capital offense. Most states that have an age-based trigger for capital murder have a higher age for the victim. Senate Bill 377, which takes effect on September 1, 2011, raises the threshold age for a charge of capital murder of a child to age 10. This change will bring Texas closer in line with other states that have an age-based trigger for capital murder charges.

Crimes of sexual assault against a child have one of the highest recidivism rates. Due to the heinous nature of these crimes and the likelihood of an offender to reoffend has caused some interested parties to suggest that repeat offenders be subject to a prison sentence of life without parole. House Bill 3, which also takes effect September 1, 2011, amends the Penal Code to make the requirement that a defendant be punished by imprisonment for life without parole if it is shown on the trial of a sexual abuse of a young child that the defendant has previously been convicted of sexual abuse of a young child.

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



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## Selected Sites

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

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

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

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

## Christian Fellowship

Each Sunday morning begins at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship begins at 10:30, this week there will be a special speaker so come on out and see what fun we have at our family oriented place of worship and don't forget that dress is casual.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service, also the church celebrates The Lord's Supper during worship time.

The church has home study groups throughout the week and prayer night on Thursday night at the church.

Wednesday night begins with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. The younger children will attend a vacation Bible school class throughout the summer months.

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



## Tom Bean

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 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

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



## America at the Crossroads?

By Willie Sofey

I do not believe America has reached the crossroads yet ... but, more likely is coming closer to being in the crosshairs.

This problem of debt is more of a symptom of a core cancerous moral problem that has grown into the body of this great nation of ours. American's seems to be focusing on ways to stop the pain the cancer has produced ... instead of taking the cure by eradicating the cancer that causes the pain.

How can a people who profess to be Godly, but deny His power by completely disobeying His laws as prescribed in the Holy Scriptures, intend to receive the blessings of health? The Holy Bible has an answer and / or a solution for all mankind's existence while occupying earth in this age prior to the coming millennium when Christ will rule the utopian earth that Godly mankind has desired after the fall in the Garden of Eden.

In Deuteronomy, Chapter 28, God describes the promise of blessings and the promises of curses to the nation of Israel (1410 B.C.) through Moses, on conditions of following all His commands. The apostle Paul (55 A.D.) explains in 1Cor 10:11, that "all these things that happened to Israel as examples, and they were written for our admonition (warning), upon whom the ends of the ages have come."

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 goes into detail about the blessings of the economy and how the enemies of this land would be defeated. Deut. 28:12 and 15:6 speak of

## Local Churches

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## America at the Crossroads? *continued*

the lending and borrowing principles of a nation so as to be the “head” and not the “tail”. In Deut. 28:15-69, the Lord is very explicit about the curses that will come upon the land “If you do not obey the Lord your God”. Deut. 28:43... “The alien will rise above you higher, but you will sink lower. He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, but you will be the tail.”

America’s deficit spending will be some \$1.6 Trillion in 2011. This figure, added to the total cumulative debt of some \$14 Trillion, will exceed the nations annual output of goods and services for 2012. America is adding some 11% of GDP to its debt every year. Paying interest on this

debt has a crippling effect on national economies. “You will sow much seed ... but you will harvest little” (verse 38). How about that trillion dollar TARP debacle!!! “The Lord will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed...” Deut. 28:28-29.

This reminds me of the fruitless stupor our leaders are stumbling around in trying to solve this massive debt and economic problem our nation faces. I would applaud many of our conservative, God-fearing Republican and Tea Party statesmen and stateswomen who are making strenuous efforts to convey some Godly principles

into this un-Godly national fiasco our nation has evolved into. If, or when, this nation ever reaches these “crossroads”... my prayer is that it takes the Godly high road direction. If not, it will be in line with the “crosshairs” of a fatal bullet of doom.



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## Neighborhood Genealogist - How to Preserve Records

by Dale Rideout

By now you have started to gather a fair bit of information. You have many names with their relationship to you along with birth and death dates and places. You have marriages and children and with some luck you are beginning to gather family stories. This is all your history and important to you and your family. How do we keep it all in order.

The most obvious choice is with a computer. There are many computer programs that are designed specifically for genealogy. Most of them range from about \$30 to over \$100. They all do about the same thing, but each one will have its own bells and whistles. Let me suggest that you not buy any one until you know which would suit your needs best. Do a lot of study about each one and just what you want your computer program to do for you. Check the bells and whistles so that you learn just what you want most in your program before purchasing any of them.

In the meantime, you can download Personal Ancestry File from FamilySearch.org. Got to the website. Click on "Go to Previous version." on the right-hand side about 1/2 way down the screen. When the new page opens, look on the right hand side for "Free PAF Family History Software." Near the bottom of the paragraph click on the words, "download PAF." Answer the questions and register for FamilySearch.org. You will download the software free and can begin your lifelong quest.

You should also keep a paper copy of everything you collect. I suggest using a simple three ring notebook with dividers. All of your Family Group Sheets, and Ancestry Sheets can be punched with a three hole punch and saved in that notebook. You will also have a minimum of eight sections for family names (surnames.) I suggest eight because that will take you back through your great-grandparents. As you have

success with your research, you can add more dividers for more surnames.

Choose you own method of organizing the records as you find out which information you most easily can acquire. You may want to file them by last name, alphabetically and then by year of birth with the newest records first and oldest ones last. This is all just a matter of choice and you may change it as you gain more information over the years.

When your binder gets full, then simply add another one, dividing the information between them. You can continue to add binders almost forever. One thing I would suggest is that you invest in some acid free paper, and pens designed for long lasting images. As you are doing your research you will find pages that have faded and the paper and ink have a lot to do with this fading.

Another thing to keep in mind is to "back-up" your work. I have my family history on four computers and several websites. I must admit that I have not made extra copies of my paper files. Do as I say not as I do. Keep a set of the files as well as your computer records at some location away from where you keep your research. I do not wish to scare folks, but a house fire could wipe out all your work. While some things can be replaced, your photos and records cannot, unless you have duplicates somewhere else.

As for your computer, let me tell you a little story. I have a friend who was working on her doctorate degree. She had all her information on her computer, including her dissertation. None of it was backed up and none of it was in paper form. One day a thief broke in and stole her computer. It was easy to get a new computer, but there was months of work in the research and writing of her dissertation. It all had to be done over. Back up your files. See you next month with more ideas about genealogy.

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## New regulations could threaten farm transportation

By Dane and Robin Sanders

This morning at breakfast, our son informed us that he couldn't wait until harvest time so that he could go with me to help tarp cotton modules and clean up around the module builders. Robin and I laughed knowing that those two jobs are definitely not the cleanest or most fun, but they all have to be done. It was nice hearing our son already wanting to help out on the farm and finding joy in hard work.

We feel fortunate that we are able to raise our children on our family farm where we can teach them the value of hard work and perseverance. This is what our family has done for generations.

I remember as a little boy, dreaming of the day that my father would let me drive a tractor all by myself. I have a feeling that my dad looked forward to that time as well because I was pretty cheap labor -- if I didn't tear anything up. From the time I was 8 or 9, I drove a tractor or combine all summer. When my classmates were playing baseball, I was farming with my dad and loving it.

I wouldn't trade that time with him for anything in the world. I learned that if I worked hard and didn't give up I could accomplish a lot, and sometimes, if the weather and markets cooperated, you even got paid for it.

I know that farm kids all across the country share a story similar to this one. Unfortunately, if the United States Department of Transportation has its way, a lot of what I just described won't be possible or legal.

The United States Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is considering requiring anyone operating farm equipment to have a commercial driver's license (CDL). The administration recently closed public comment on three questions:

1. Whether agriculture is intra- or interstate commerce.
2. The transportation implications regarding the factors states use in deciding whether farm vehicle drivers transporting agricultural commodities, farm supplies and equipment as part of a crop share agreement are subject to the CDL regulations.
3. Whether off-road farm equipment or implements of husbandry operated on public roads for limited distances are considered

commercial motor vehicles, and therefore, must drivers obtain a CDL?

The answer to these questions will help shape the next highway bill that Congress is beginning to consider. Changes to existing laws and regulations could potentially change the face of agriculture. Many farm and ranch employees -- if not most -- do not have a CDL. If everyone operating farm equipment is required to have a CDL, who will have to pay for it? The answer probably is the farmer. This would add additional expense and paperwork to an already heavily regulated group of business people. Not all farm employees will be able to obtain a CDL or would want to obtain one.

Currently during harvest, farmers are allowed to work as many hours as needed to get the crop out of the field. If farm equipment is considered commercial and the drivers have to have a CDL, they would have to abide by commercial transportation laws and regulations. This would require drivers to carry logbooks keeping up with their hours and only be able to work for a set amount of hours without resting. Farmers would have to hire additional employees, already difficult to find, to get the crop harvested in a timely fashion. Or, it would take longer to get the crop out of the field. This would add additional expense and cause farmers to leave a crop in the field longer at the mercy of the weather.

Another important impact would be that farm youth would not be able to legally drive a tractor until they are 18 years old, the age when they can apply for a CDL. Most family farms rely on family members, including their children, to operate machinery in order to reduce labor costs and be able to make a profit.

In our area, many high school kids from non-farm families are employed by farmers in the summertime. This benefits both the farmer and the community. As a teenager working on our family farm, I earned enough money to purchase my first vehicle. This is also how I helped save and pay for college. Those fond memories that I described earlier might not be possible for my children if these changes are made.

I encourage farmers and ranchers to contact their Congressmen and let them know the potential changes are bad ideas.

*Editor's note: Dane and Robin Sanders farm cotton and wheat and run beef cattle near Floydada.*

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## Letter to the Editor

I cannot believe the gall of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. He actually ran an advertisement, "Volunteers needed for Corpus Christi Child Support Office"  
(<http://www.caller.com/news/2011/jun/29/volunteers-needed-for-corpus-christi-child/>).  
Such audacity is only surpassed by other aspects of the Child Support Industry.



Isn't it enough the Federal Government gives millions of taxpayers' dollars to the Attorney General merely to record the collections and disbursements of child support? True, once in a while, the Office of the Attorney General will throw some dead-broke dad in jail because he couldn't pay some arbitrary amount of child support - and then they leave county taxpayers to pick up the bill for incarceration.



Many people missed the recent news about the agency contracted by the AG to issue child support debit cards. Fourteen employees of Affiliated Computer Services (which has an \$18.2 million contract with the state) have been charged in connection with a scheme to divert money meant for Texas child-support recipients  
(<http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/Another-SA-woman-in-child-support-scam-1046740.php>).

This was after San Antonio taxpayers paid ACS \$300,000 for keeping their business there  
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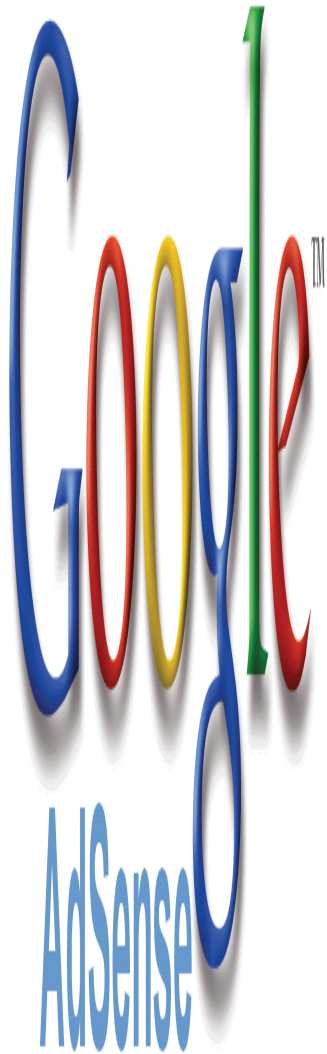
Also in state news (<http://lubbockonline.com/local-news/2011-05-28/texans-could-be-facing-more-fees-thanks-state-budget>) was a small blurb that Texas will charge a \$3.00 monthly processing fee from every noncustodial parent beginning September 1. This may not seem like a lot - until you consider it affects about 40 percent of the fathers in Texas.

The government has figured out how to extract money from city, county, state and federal taxpayers to benefit from the destruction of the American family. Other taxes are disguised as fees or urcharges. Now they want people to volunteer their time for this multi-million dollar industry. Have they no shame?

If laws were changed such that children of divorce were to spend half their time with each fit and loving parent, and that parents support their kids during the time they spend with them, the entire concept of child support could be abolished -- and the tax infrastructure could be dismantled.

There is another benefit from such a notion -- children of divorce would have equal access to both mom and dad. After all, more than money, children need both parents.

*Don Mathis, Sherman, TX*



## Historical Trivia

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig... ' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace..

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades...' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck..'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

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## Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

### Change the street name

OK. So Old Man is on the City Counsel again. There was an interesting meeting this week. One of the items on the agenda was an information item concerning the changing of a street name.

Background information is that there are three streets in our immediate area named "Farmington." Only one is in the city limits so we do not have any jurisdiction on the others. This one is a short street with only 35 homes on it. Several of those homes are duplexes with only short term families living in them.

A street name change would require a degree of inconvenience to the ones living there. Our local post office assured us that they could handle this small change with no problems. Our police and fire departments have agreed the change could be helpful.

Our 911 system does have some problems. Just a few weeks ago a lady went into labor at home and they called for an ambulance. Because of the three streets with basically the same name, the ambulance was delayed - it went to the wrong "Farmington." The baby was born at home before the ambulance could get there. The good news is that everyone is fine and the baby is healthy. The bad news is, "What if this had been a heart attack, or major bleeding that needed immediate care?"

This street name problem has caused delay several times in the past when emergency help was needed.

There was one elderly couple who attended the meeting. They do not want the street name changed. I overheard the comment from the lady, "We have lived there for over 50 years and never had a problem. I don't want to make all those changes."

It is fine to disagree. I understand that this lady is now going to go to all the homes and try to get a petition together to not make the street name change. Again that is her privilege.

I just wonder? Is that petition going to be more work than notifying folks about her new address. What if she or her husband had fallen and couldn't get up, would she like to wait maybe 30 minutes or more while help was going to a different "Farmington" road and trying to find her?

This old cat just thinks the old woman is totally selfish and doesn't want a little inconvenience that might save the lives of some of her neighbors. It will be interesting to see what happens.

Have a good week.



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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



"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana



"Santa" Rideout

