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Howe, Texas
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July 5, 2012



City of Tom Bean Summer Workshop



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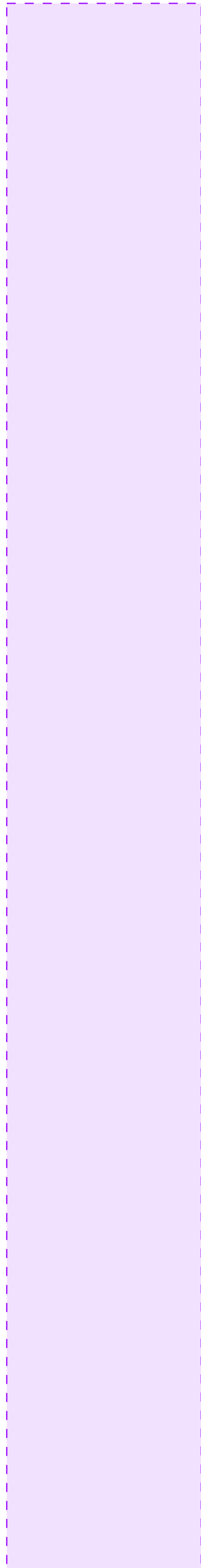
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GC scholar receives statewide recognition

Grayson College graduate Shelly Alejandro is one of 126 scholars from Texas community colleges named to the 2012 All-Texas Academic Team. Recognized during an awards ceremony in Austin recently, she received a medallion and became eligible for a full scholarship to attend the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) or its partnering colleges.

Honorees were nominated by their respective colleges and selected by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for students of two-year colleges. Nominees were evaluated on several criteria, including academic achievement, community service, leadership and expression.

“It was an honor to receive the award and I am grateful to Grayson College, all my professors and Mary Linder, my PTK adviser,” Alejandro said. “Everybody I came into contact with at GC wanted me to succeed in my education.”

A Whitewright resident, Alejandro graduated GC on May 12 with an associate degree in business administration. She plans to transfer to Texas A&M University-Commerce for the fall semester. Married to Rene Alejandro, they have one son, Cory. She also is the daughter of Floyd and Shirley Black.

Established in 1991, the All-Texas Academic Team is sponsored by the Texas Association of Community Colleges, the University of Texas System, Austin College, Baylor University, Midwestern State University, the University of the Incarnate Word and the University of North Texas.

GC Policy Academy graduates pass state licensing exam

For the second year in a row and the fourth time in five years, graduates of Grayson College’s Texoma Regional Police Academy achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the state licensing exam. While students are given three attempts to pass, all 16 graduates of the June 8 graduation class passed on their first attempt.

“An exemplary pass rate on the state licensing test is a major achievement for all academies in Texas, and it is the first statistic mentioned among state auditors and academy coordinators,” said J.B. (Brad) Blankenship, director of GC’s academy. “Our last five classes have tested 25 for 25, 18 for 18, 20 for 21, 7 for 7, and 16 for 16 on their first attempt.”

The exam covers 29 chapters of the state’s curriculum, which requires a minimum of 618 hours. GC’s academy is 864 hours long and covers the things new officers need to know for the first few years of their employment. By completing the training and passing the state exam, TRPA graduates have earned two of the three criteria for becoming Texas peace officers. Once they are hired by a policy agency - as municipal police officers, constables, sheriff’s deputies, etc. - they will be licensed peace officers.

“GC’s academy trains of pool of applicants for Texas law enforcement agencies,” Blankenship said. “We provide the men and women who respond when you call 911.” TRPA is a certificate program specifically designed for those who want to be Texas peace officers. It is a regional academy that serves Grayson, Cooke and Fannin counties. As such, 95 percent of the peace officers in these counties were trained at the GC academy. Several of the college’s recent graduates have law enforcement jobs now (some in Denison, Sherman and Gainesville), and the rest are in hiring processes.

Academy students receive 25 semester hours and graduate the GC program after completing training through lectures, homework, written tests and hands-on exercises. Course work covers a variety of topics including the Texas Penal Code, mechanics of arrest, driving, shooting, decision-making, property and vehicle searches, using force and deadly force, etc.

“They are trained in all aspects of police work in the classroom,” said Dwayne Barber, chair of GC’s Career Services Division and professor of criminal justice. “They get practical experience in the field as well. In addition to shooting and driving, they have been on the receiving end of a Taser electroshock weapon and pepper spray. All of the classroom and hands-on training is designed to prepare them for what they will face in the line of duty.”

According to Blankenship, many areas of the academy have seen improvement in physical resources, instructional methodology, and group culture. An advisory board of 12 local men and women (sheriffs, chiefs, attorneys and community leaders) meet to determine specific enrollment standards, testing procedures, and performance criteria; they also advise the academy director. Adjunct instructors hail from a variety of law enforcement agencies, the private sector, the District Attorney’s office, the Women’s Crisis Center, and other sources. They must be licensed state instructors or subject matter experts for the topic selected.

The GC program offers three classes per year. The two day academies finish after four and a half months. The night academy finishes after approximately 10 months. Applications are being accepted now for the spring course, which begins Jan. 13. The college’s Office of Financial Aid is available to assist eligible students in securing funding for their studies.

For more information about the GC Texoma Regional Police Academy, call 903-463-8711, email <<mailto:trpa@grayson.edu>> trpa@grayson.edu or visit <<http://www.grayson.edu/trpa>> www.grayson.edu/trpa.





Sarah Plain and Tall

Last play of the season

Beat the summer heat the next two weeks by seating in the AC of the Honey McGee Playhouse watching Theatricks 2011-2012 ending show SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL July 6-15.

The play SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL is adapted from the Newberry award-winning book written by Patricia MacLachlan by acclaimed children's playwright Joseph Robinette. Set in the early 1900's, this play brings to life the charming, heartwarming story of Kansas farmer Jacob Witting, a widower with two children, Anna and Caleb, who places an ad in the newspapers seeking a wife. He receives a letter from Sarah Wheaton of Maine who says she will visit the family for a month to see how things work out. The joys and challenges of everyday life are richly depicted in this classic.

Starring in the title role as Sarah Wheaton is new-comer Carrie Golike, a stay-at-home mom who has two kids of her own. Jacob Witting is played by veteran SCP actor and Baylor University student, Taylor Nall. Playing Jacob's children Anna and Caleb are veteran children actors by the same first names; Anna Nall and Caleb Crocker. The Witting's Kansas Neighbors, Nordstorms, are played by new-comers Ken Kozak as Matthew, Kelly Hudgins as Maggie, and Elanor Goldsmith and Logan Shurtleff as Violet and Rose.

Sarah's brother and his wife, William and Meg Wheaton who live in the family homestead in Maine are played by Chris Goldsmith and Greta Nall. This will be Chris' second time in a Theatricks production, now for SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL and over ten years ago as a boy in THE SECRET GARDEN as Dickon. Greta is also in her second Theatricks production, the first being two years ago in JOSEPH AND THE

AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT. Telling the story of this play is an adult version of the younger Anna Witting, who introduces the audience to all of the major characters and events that change their lives forever. This part is portrayed by Theatricks new-comer Leanne Duigan who is thrilled to be making her Theatricks' debut. She was last in SCP's 2011 summer production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC.

Filling in all of the other colorful characters in this story are Mac Kenzie Kozak as Ephraim the paperboy, Howie the postman, and Eben the coachman; Blake Rice as Levi the train station master and Judson Moffet Anna's finacee; and Alan Duigan as Mr. Titus a farmer and Chester a salesman.

This cast of fourteen is complemented by a staff of several volunteers creating the other elements of this play production. Michelle Anderson Shurtleff is the costumer who is assisted by Kaytlyn Hensley, Anna Hudgins, and Leo Ransom. Assistant Director is Brittani Crocker, Lighting Operator is Dylan Osborne, Lighting Designer and Video Projections by Candice Cogburn, and Sound by Jesse Childress and Becca Gauthier Johnston. Box office staff is Kathy Butler, Darlene Schweizer, Judy Sloan, and Karen Tooley.

For more information about the production of SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL and purchasing tickets call 903-892-8818 or visit www.theatricks.org. Box office opens Monday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Theatricks season members, and then on Tuesday, July 3 for the general public. Don't forget to pick-up a 2012-2013 season brochure at the same time!



Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

As I write this column(July 4), our nation is celebrating Independence Day. I think about all the reasons I love the USA.

Our Declaration of Independence and US Constitution give us a great many freedoms. However, there are those who would take away our freedoms.

If you are a praying person, please pray for our country to continue to be free.

I also thought about some of the vacations my family has taken over the years. A lot of our vacation trips were trips to see my husband's family in Michigan and in Kentucky. On these trips, in addition to visiting family, we saw some museums and other local attractions.

After our children were grown, they did not go with us. On one of last times we went to Kentucky, we took our youngest daughter and her family. Dale's dad had passed away and his mother had moved to Kentucky. Our vacation trips were long weekends and it was nice for his mother to see the grandkids and great-grandkids.

I also remember a several trips going through Memphis. Traveling on the Interstates is nice except for high traffic times. I think at least a couple of times we ran into construction and missed our exit and we ended up in a downtown area. It took us a bit of time to find our way back onto the Interstate.

I always enjoyed our trips that took us across the Mississippi River. That river is one of my favorite rivers in the US.

Cauliflower au Gratin

- 1 medium head cauliflower
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Separate cauliflower into flowerets. Cook in small amount of boiling salted water ten to twelve minutes or until tender. Drain. Place half of cauliflower in a one-and-one-half-quart casserole. Season with salt and pepper. Spread half of sour cream, half of cheese, and half of sesame seeds over cauliflower. Repeat layers. Bake 15 minutes or until the cheese melts.

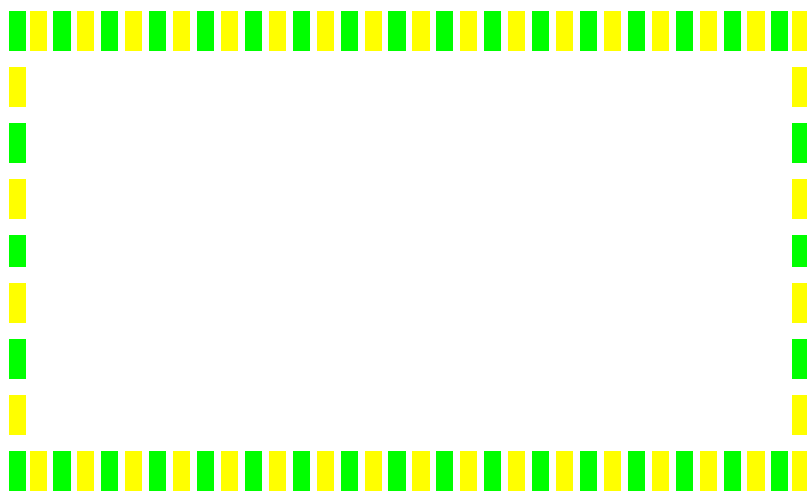
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Howe City Council Minutes of the June 19, 2012 Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 715 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS ("CITY") AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 694 TO ADD SECTIONS TO MEET TCEQ 30 TAC 290.41(c)(1)(A)-(E) and TAC 290.41 (c)(1)(F)(iv)(III) PROHIBITING POTENTIAL POLLUTION SOURCES WITHIN SPECIFIED DISTANCES OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELLS; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

Following the public hearing, the council voted 5-0 in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

The council voted to approve consent agenda which included May 2012 finance statements, and minutes of May 15, 2012 and May 22, 2012 council meetings. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Motion by Jack Leavenworth, second by Sam Haigis to approve Resolution No. 12-0008 bank signatures. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve Resolution No. 12-009 approving Grayson Central Appraisal District resolution authorizing the District to purchase real property and improvements. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Dale Rideout to advertise for the lease of the 45-acre park for baling grass. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

No action was taken on delivery of council packets.

No action was taken on the sale of alleys located in the W A Park Survey between 105 and 109 E Young and the Toby Thomas Survey, Mills Addition between blocks 5 and 6.

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Jack Leavenworth to approve reserve officer.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Stanley informed the council that the Howe Volunteer Fire Department volunteered to stage the fireworks show on July 4th.

There are two active duty soldiers receiving military service awards on June 27, 2012 at Reba's Ranch House. The 1st Calvary Division will also be doing a demonstration.



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Tom Bean Genealogy Bunch

Ed Note: A group of folks interested in Genealogy meets the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm at the Tom Bean Library. We are inform and so did not want to call ourselves a "Society" and any other uppity names, so we just call ourselves a "Bunch" or whatever we want. Come visit with us on July 7.

Beverly Jay Martin is a native of Howe, TX and spent 20 years as an Army wife. She has lived in many places including Germany and Alaska and has traveled widely. She is the mother of 3 sons and has 8 grandchildren and two great grands. When her husband, Ernest, retired from the Army he became a professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette for 20 years. After retiring again they moved to their ranch in Van Alstyne, it has been in Bev's family since 1845, a Peter's Colony land grant.

In 2005 a friend from Georgia, Sarah, visited her. Sarah looked at Bev's genealogy program and said, "You need to join the DAR". Beverly was aware of two Patriots. Sarah began researching on the internet. She found several; some had pension applications and were proven on the DAR Genealogical Records Site by other applicants. Bev became a member of DAR in April of 2006. In the same month she and Sarah attended the Volunteer Genealogist workshop in St. Louis, MO. In 2007 the two were off to Washington, D.C., for the DAR Genealogist Consultant class and became certified. This qualifies them to teach prospective DAR members to research their family genealogy and to fill out their applications for DAR. Beverly has served DAR as Librarian, Registrar, Lineage Research Chairman and is presently the Regent of Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter and Associate member of Chief John Ross Chapter in Chattanooga, TN.

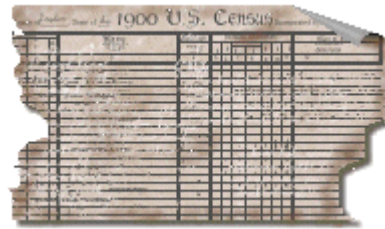
Beverly now has 17 verified Patriots, of whom 5 children of Patriots had never been proven before for the DAR. Her husband, Ernest, is a member of TXSSAR and she has proven 6 Revolutionary Patriots for him. She says "we both have many more patriots just waiting to be documented. I just need the time to do the research." In addition, she volunteers many hours each week to assisting individuals across the United States prove their family lineage. To Date 73 women have become member of DAR with her help.

In 2011, she was selected as the DAR Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist for the state of Texas. She has recently been appointed Vice Chairman of Volunteer Genealogist for District VI.

Beverly has conducted workshops on genealogy and how to fill out and prove a DAR application. The application must be legally proven with various documents for each generation from the applicant to the Patriot. Acceptable service is not confined to military service but includes Civil Service and Patriotic Service. The Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter in Sherman has a lineage research committee to help one on one with research and filling out the application is not such a daunting task as one might expect.

Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer service organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing America's future through better education and promoting patriotism. Their motto is God, Home, Country.

Bev will be speaking about the current events of the DAR and her co-hort, Carol, will speak on the history of the DAR. A short media presentation will be included. They will be available to take questions from the audience about the DAR and about genealogy issues in general. I hope that everyone with an interest in American history and/or family history will be there. The public will be invited and I'll hopefully get a little advance newspaper coverage of the event. If you have any questions for me please email me.



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Edwards Community Room at 1st National Bank

July 14, 2012

Agenda

8:30-9:00-Light refreshments/coffee

9:00-9:05-Pledge of Allegiance and invocation (Jerry Harris)

9:05-9:30-Welcome by Mayor, introductions, DVD of Tom Bean, photo session

9:30-10:15-History of P&Z, Type A and Type B boards (Mayor)

10:15-10:30--Break

10:30-10:45-Update on budgets of Type A and Type B boards (David Harrison, Rick Magers)

10:45-11:00-Update on website for city and all boards (David Harrison, Rick Magers, Mayor)

11:00-12:00-Discussion/ideas of #1 thing needed for Tom Bean (board members)

12:00-12:30-Lunch break

12:30-?????-Continue discussion and final summary of ideas (all and wrap up by Mayor)

The 2005 City of Tom Bean Community Development plan (financed through provisions of a Texas Community Development Program grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Community Affairs) was designed to look at the future in a realistic manner and provide guidance that may aid decision-making by the elected officials, citizens, and City staff. It also reflects the vision for the City that has been trends in local government, input from City staff, and the various long-range plans that currently exist within the City organization. Now is the time for us to get started since we have great boards in place!

The City Council, Type A, Type B and P&Z boards are moving forward in a cohesive manner in planning for projects that are beneficial for the City's growth and the well being of its residents and businesses.

A first annual workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, July 14th from 8:30 to 3:00 in the Edwards Community Room at the Tom Bean 1st National Bank. A light breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 8:30 to be followed by a full agenda which will include history of all the boards, budgets, new websites, DVD of Tom Bean and photo session. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 12:30 with the afternoon for discussion from all members of the workshop on what they consider projects that need to be worked on in the future.

The citizens of Tom Bean and the surrounding areas are welcome to attend the workshop and participate in the discussion part of the afternoon workshop.



Independence from Child Support

About 30 percent of America's children live apart from their father by order of a court. Most of these men are decent and loving dads. They didn't ask for a divorce and most pay their child support. More and more women are ordered to pay child support – just because the law demands a winner and a loser. On July 4th, our country's Independence Day, it is time to consider independence from the child support industry.

Many people do not know that Texas (for example) receives roughly \$1 in federal funds for every \$8 it collects in child support. The \$1 comes from every person who pays income tax. Texas – and every other state – collects millions in federal tax dollars merely to maintain a record of who pays and who receives child support. Once in a while when a parent cannot pay child support, the Attorney General will throw him or her in debtors' prison – and leave county taxpayers to pick up the bill for incarceration.

If one wants to pay his Texas child support with a credit card, there is a convenience fee involved. Many counties in Texas have a monthly \$1 service charge. Other counties have a \$5 service charge for those who wish to pay in person. If one has payroll withholding of child support, an employer may deduct an administrative fee of \$10 each month. Then there is a \$3 monthly fee collected from custodial parents who receive child support processed through the state. Did I mention that Texas also imposes an annual service fee of \$25 on every child support case?

These amounts may seem like small change until one considers there are some seven million noncustodial parents in the state. The Texas Child Support Division collected \$3.1 billion in child support last year. That means Texas received \$387 million dollars from federal taxpayers and millions more in various state fees!

Millions of noncustodial parents have lost their job in the current recession and wish to lower their child support payments. If they hire a lawyer, they can expect to pay \$3,000 and up; not the kind of money one is likely to have if unemployed. To add to this injustice, courts are reluctant to lower child support even though it's based on earnings. A judge will figure a parent is capable of earning the salary he

or she previously received and will base payments on imputed income.

Aside from all the governmental agencies having a hand in the pocket of the child support obligor, why have a child support order at all?

In the "Father Knows Best" days, men were the wage-earners and women were the home-makers. But things are different now. Both parents, whether married or divorced, usually work. We learned from women's liberation that gender is no indicator of an ability to do a job; even if that job is rearing a child.

Yet today's law dictates that one parent has custody of children of divorce – even if both parents are fit and loving. The same law demands that the other parent pay child support – even if both parents earn an equitable amount. There is no reason for child support to be a scheme to transfer the wealth.

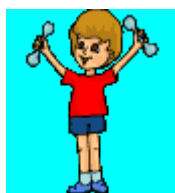
If each divorced parent supports the child during the time the child is with him or her – and each parent has custody of the child 50 percent of the time – there would be no need for a child support order. Sure, if a mom or dad does not want to spend time with the kid (or if a parent is deemed unfit), child support may be warranted. But in all other cases, the child of divorce should have equal access to both parents.

Childhood is a rare and precious thing. Why would anyone wish the days of youth would fly? So it is with bittersweet celebration that half of all divorced parents commemorate their independence from child support when their child turns 18 and graduates from high school.

The other half of divorced parents experiences double the lament. Not only is their little child preparing to leave the nest, their child support will leave as well.

It is time to end this double adversity. More than money, children need both parents. It is time for America to declare independence from the child support establishment!

Don Mathis, San Antonio, Texas



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Braddock Summer Celebration



On Saturday, June 30th Braddock Chiropractic held their 2012 Summer Celebration!!!

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Tuesday, July 17

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd floor Assembly Room,
Sherman, TX

Agricultural product producers or homeowners who wish to acquire a Private Applicators License through the Texas Department of Agriculture should plan to attend a training and testing program scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th in the 2nd Floor Assembly Room of the Grayson County Courthouse in Sherman.

Registration begins at 7:30 am. The training will begin at 8 am sharp and last until about 12:30 pm.

There is a \$10 training fee that can be paid at the door. Study manuals are also available for \$50 at the Grayson County Extension Office. It is suggested that you pick up these study manuals and review the material and questions prior to the training and testing date. Please bring a pencil and a calculator to the class.

After the training, the test will be administered by a Texas Department Of Agriculture representative at 1:30 pm. Persons wishing to become licensed in order to buy and use "Restricted Use" chemicals on their own private property need to take this training and testing. Please call the Extension Office at (903) 813-4202 to reserve a space for the class.

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Cherry Mound

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Dennis Stewart, pastor,

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7pm

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Toby Socheting

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903/532-6718;

Tom Medley, minister

Ida

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14 And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and

Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading our services this Sunday at A Christian Fellowship. Join them at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service is at 10:30.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

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

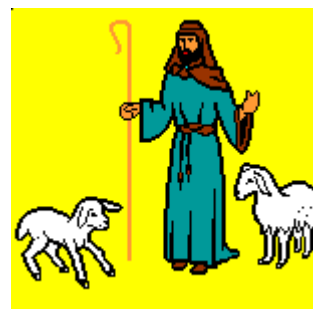
C R Men's step study group has been put on hold till further notice. This class is for those recovering from drugs and alcohol and want a closer walk with God. For any info on this class contact Jesse @ 903-744-2716.

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

The church also hosts a movie night each month, the movie night for July will be July 27th, movie to be announced later. Bring the family out for a free movie with drinks popcorn and candy and it's all free to the public.

VBS will be held on July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 and the age group is age 4-6th grade.

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 info contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0291 or Cathy Hossle at 903-814-5381



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 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 2012 Texomaland Youth Series has begun. This year theme is "No Spiritual Myth Is Safe." The program will be in Whitesboro July 10. Brandon Watson will be the speaker and his lesson will be "It's My Choice

"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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A Frog Story

By Willie Sofey

Students and scholars of ancient history are aware of the practices of idol worship to certain creatures by paganistic nations millennium ago and even up to time present.

For brevity's sake, I will concentrate this article on the time of Moses' return to Egypt at age 80 to lead the exodus of Israel from their slavery, (approximately 1450-1410 B.C.). You may recall the history of Joseph, the son of Jacob who was sold into slavery earlier (1897-1804 B.C.)... see Genesis Chs. 37-48.

After two imprisonments in Egypt, the "Dreamer" Joseph became a Prime Minister, second only to Pharaoh of Egypt (Gen. 41:1-57). Because of Joseph's successful plan to save the nation of Egypt from starvation, he was allowed to bring his family (father Jacob and all his brother's families) to Egypt. The Israelites enjoyed a comfortable life for many years in Egypt but eventually became slaves to Egyptian oppression (Ex. 1:8-14).

Some 230 years later (1570 B.C.), the Pharaoh Ahmosel decided to have Hebrew midwives kill male babies born of the Hebrews (Israel), see Ex. 1:15-22. Baby Moses was one of these babies that escaped death and was raised in Pharaoh's court for 40 years. Moses exiled himself for 40 years in Midian and returned to Egypt at 80 to lead an exodus of the nation of Israel out of Egypt in 1445 B.C. according to God's command (Ex. Chs. 3 and 4).

After many pleas by Moses to Pharaoh Amenhtep II and many denials by the Pharaoh.., God caused ten plagues to

disrupt the lives of Egyptians (Ex. 7:14 – 11:9).

The second plague of frogs wreaked havoc on the land of Egypt.., hopping around everywhere including in the houses. The frog was a sacred creature to the Egyptians. The frog represented fertility because of their domicile in and around the Nile River. From the frog's mouths, flowed the same precious Nile water that watered the Egyptian crops.

The laws of Egypt prohibited people from killing frogs, and the killing of a frog could be punishable by death. This, obviously, created more of a problem in ridding these pesky creatures from the house.

I believe it was by no coincident that the Lord used a sacred idol to become a tormented plague to a person or people. In our present age, we have many "sacred cows" or idols in our lives. We are misusing many of God's creations and man made material items from God's creations.

The modern high-tech items in our lives are many times a two-edged sword.., used as a blessing and many times used to become a "curse or plague".

This frog story, some 3500 years ago, is just one of many stories throughout the Bible that God's Holy Spirit inspired some forty authors to document as an admonition to mankind throughout the ages (1 Cor. 10:11).

Be totally in love and worship your "Desired" (Almighty God), and not in love with desire (fleshly idols). Willie Sofey



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Bevilport

By Bob Bowman

History laid a heavy hand on on Bevilport.

But you won't find it on many road maps or marked by highway signs.

The old townsite -- once a steamboat port on the Angelina River -- was named for John Bevil, a Virginian who came to Texas in the 1820s. He is given credit for founding the community, as well as Bevil's Settlement, the forerunner of Jasper, the county seat of Jasper County.

As a speculator, Bevil's propensity for land deals occasionally got him in trouble, and he was reportedly forced to leave Jasper County for a time as a result of disputes over land titles. He also developed the unsuccessful City of the Pass (now Sabine Pass) in Jefferson County.

As a river navigation point from 1830 to 1860, Bevilport was noted for its bustling docks, which shipped East Texas cotton and hides to New Orleans. A mail station operated there in 1835 and the community was incorporated by the Republic of Texas in 1837. General Sam Houston, who engineered the Texas Revolution, was given the first lot in the townsite.

Bevilport had a main street and a hotel by the 1850s and served as a business and social center until the Civil War. It also continued to be a freight depot for Jasper County during high-water seasons.

But, when logging for Beaumont sawmills began to interfere with riverboat traffic on the Neches River below its confluence with the Angelina River, Bevilport began to decline.

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

I didn't know that three of the Founding Fathers — all of them Presidents of the United States — died on July 4. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, who after all their political differences became good friends, the first of what became in the 20th Century, The President's Club, died July 4, 1826.

I've read that Adams' last words were, "Jefferson still lives," although I don't know that the source was reliable. What's more, I've never understood who was standing around a deathbed with a notebook and pencil so he/she could record last words of the famous and perhaps rich.

James Madison died July 4, 1831. I knew about Jefferson and Adams, but not about Madison.

I did know that the Continental Congress voted to declare independence from England on July 2. The document declaring independence was adopted July 4 and was published and distributed to the public in several venues — broadsides, the Philadelphia newspaper, and of course, word of mouth.

The document suitable for signing, was not completed until August 2, when most of the members of the Continental Congress signed it. It was the work of Thomas Matlock. Some sources say that the original document has disappeared; others claim that it is on display in Washington, D.C. In any case, the ink with which the document was written has faded over the last 236 years and is virtually illegible. What is known to be true is that William Stone, in 1823, produced a copper plate engraving of the original declaration and that all modern copies of the declaration are derivatives of those plates.

When I was teaching the unit on propaganda in my government classes, the United States Declaration of Independence was required reading. Some years we read it aloud, an exercise that exhausted 20th century students who were accustomed to reading Cliff's Notes. The point of the reading was to see how propaganda can be used to demonize a political enemy.

After all, if he/she is a demon, whatever you do to him or her is justified.

Once students had slogged through all those demonizing clauses, it was easy for them to spot the technique in contemporary political campaigns. However — and you can trust me on this one — knowing the technique and recognizing its use does not mean you are not influenced by it.

To wit, a woman I have known for some time informed me that President Obama is both a Muslim and a secret member



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and when they got to Bevilport, we'd be there to meet them," remembered old-timer Albert Gray in the 1960s.

Bevilport's post office, established in 1854, was closed in 1867, reopened in 1897, and closed permanently in 1899.

Today, there are few buildings left at Bevilport. One of the town's old homes, once owned by Randolph C. Doom, an early customs collector, still stands -- but not in Bevilport.

Former Congressman Jack Brooks of Beaumont bought the home, moved it a few miles north of the river, and refurbished it as a family retreat.

During Brooks' heyday as a political power broker, House Speaker Sam Rayburn stayed there, fished in the Angelina River, and had a room in the Doom home named for him.

Vice President Lyndon Johnson also stayed there several months before President John Kennedy's assassination, which propelled Johnson into the presidency.

The Doom house may be the only Deep East Texas house that can claim that a U.S. Vice President and a House Speaker "slept here" within a span of two years.

But Bevilport's best claim comes from an old store ledger once used in a Bevilport store.

The ledger shows that Sam Houston bought a gallon of kerosene on credit at the store in the 1830s -- and never paid for it.

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of the Taliban. "Where did you get that information?" I asked as patiently as I could.

"Why everyone knows it," she answered.

"But how did they get the information?" I persisted.

"They just know," she said.

When I mentioned this conversation to another friend, horrified that anyone would believe either assertion, my friend mumbled, "Well, he may be a Muslim."

Because we were driving up Highway 75, I didn't begin to scream, but that's what I felt like doing.

Those assertions are patently silly and false and are meant to demonize a candidate for public office. They are as stupid as telling fathers to lock up their daughters before Thomas Jefferson and his followers took over the presidency because all of them were libertines and rapists.

Once again, use a little sense.



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"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007



Doctors and Mike agree Genetically modified is A-Okay

By Mike Barnett

With all the hoopla over genetically-modified Tifton-85 bermuda grass killing cows in Texas last week — which by the way was totally false, because there is no such thing as genetically-modified Tifton-85 bermuda grass — you might have missed some important news from the American Medical Association (AMA) regarding bioengineered food.

That august body of physicians said in a policy statement, adopted at their annual meeting in Chicago, that there is no need to label foods containing genetically modified ingredients.

That jives nicely with my reasoning that bioengineered food and food that uses conventionally bred crops are pretty much one and the same.

They don't look different. They don't taste different. Neither has an adverse effect on your health, unless you're prone to overeating, in which case both will make you fat.

There are two distinct camps out there when it comes to bioengineered food, with a whole lot of confused consumers in the middle who don't know what to believe. One camp views bioengineered food as evil and threatening and uses hype and fear to drive an unsuspecting public away from them.

I pitch my tent with the other group, who say bioengineered foods on the market today are safe — based on science and government oversight — and will be necessary to feed an exploding world population.

Unfortunately, as in the cow case in Texas, hype and fear is a much better story than the truth. Fortunately, the AMA — a highly credible source if there ever was one — is a voice of reason in this maddening debate.

The physicians said that “there is no scientific justification for special labeling of bioengineered foods, as a class, and that voluntary labeling is without value unless it is focused on consumer education.”

AMA board member Patrice Harris further explained the reasoning in an article in the Los Angeles Times: “The AMA adopted policy supporting this science-based approach, recognizing that there currently is no evidence that there are material differences or safety concerns in available bioengineered foods.”

AMA called for continued government oversight of bioengineered crops and livestock. And they called for a careful assessment of each new genetically modified organism (GMO) by the Food and Drug Association. Good ideas, both.

It should come as little surprise that doctors — who rely on science every day to save lives and keep us healthy — came down on the side of reason in the GMO debate.

Thank you, AMA, for having the courage to say so.

Mike Barnett, Director of Publications. Texas Farm Bureau
I'm a firm believer that farmers and ranchers will continue to meet the needs of a growing world population by employing equal measures of common sense, conservation and technology.

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What Can Jim Morrison's Simple Will Teach Us About Estate Planning?

It's a bit of ancient history, but Jim Morrison's will highlights a misunderstanding in estate planning that is still common today: What happens to the balance of a bequest when the beneficiary dies?

The Doors lead singer's will provided that his entire estate would pass to his girlfriend, Pamela Courson, provided she survived him by three months. If this "primary beneficiary" didn't survive him, then his property would instead pass to his brother and sister, his "secondary beneficiaries." Well, his girlfriend did survive Morrison by three months, but not much more than that. And when she died, Morrison's property all passed to the girlfriend's parents -- not to his parents or brother and sister. Morrison

Maybe this was an intentional result, but not likely. Most likely it was based on a misunderstanding or was simply accepted as one of the potential pitfalls of a "simple" will. Some who do "simple" wills believe that when they name a primary and secondary beneficiary, the secondary beneficiary will receive the property when the primary beneficiary dies. For example, in Morrison's case his intention could have been that when the girlfriend died, his property would pass to his brother and sister. But this would only have happened if the girlfriend herself created a will to state this (and not change it after Morrison's death).

When a beneficiary of a "simple" will survives the person creating the will, the property becomes the beneficiary's -- period. He or she can leave the property to anyone, without regard for the other beneficiaries named in the will (or the wishes of the person who left them the property). This not only has implications for rock stars, who likely care little for the humdrum practice of estate planning, but for many everyday situations -- such as families with second marriages to name just one example.

If not careful, a couple who is on their second marriage and has children from a prior one could end up passing all of couple's property to the children of only one spouse, leaving the children of the other spouse out. Or, in another example, if a person leaves property to a child who is on a second marriage, a "simple" will could result in all the property going to the second wife, leaving the person's grandchildren out of the picture.

There are many other examples of estate planning that could leave an unfortunate legacy. The key is to be mindful of the "what-ifs" when creating a plan. And a key part of this planning is not just asking the question of where the property goes if my primary beneficiary does not survive me, but also where it goes if he or she does.

Trusts can often be used to prevent unintended results such as the final owners of Jim Morrison's estate. To make sure your estate plan does not result in a similarly unintended outcome, contact your attorney.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Blue Star Museums

This week, I will discuss the Texas Historical Commission and a special program the Commission is offering this summer to active duty military personnel. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is the state agency for historic preservation. THC staff consults with citizens and organizations to preserve Texas' architectural, archeological and cultural landmarks, including cemeteries, historical homesteads, museums, and courthouses. This summer, the Texas Historical Commission has teamed with the National Endowment for the Arts and others to bring the Blue Star Museums program to historical sites across Texas.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,800 museums across America. First launched in the summer of 2010, Blue Star Museums offers free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 28, through Labor Day, September 3, 2012. The Sam Rayburn Home in Bonham and the Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison are both participating in the Blue Star Program, as are most of the museums in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. There are more than 1,500 participating museums and historic sites across the U.S.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard, and Reserve members and up to five family members.

For more information, please visit the Blue Star website at <http://www.nea.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index2012.php>. You can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



Friends of Hagerman/Nature Photography Club

Skip Hill has been named the July 2012 “Photographer of the Month” by the Friends of Hagerman. Twelve of his Hagerman photos will be displayed at www.friendsofhagerman.com.

An area resident, Hill’s interest in photography began while serving in the United States Air Force, stationed at an airbase in Thailand in 1973. Years later, after photographing his niece’s wedding, Hill decided to begin using a digital camera, and he and his wife opened a home-based photography studio. He is currently shooting with the Sony A700 and the newer A77 SLT which has the capability to take 12 frames per second.

Hill says, “Landscape and nature has always been my biggest photography passion and Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge has been a great place to fulfill that. Even on slow days, when we think that nothing is going on, something will pop up when you least expect it. My wife, Melinda, and I joined the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club last year and have really enjoyed that. I have upgraded my lens collection with the addition of a Sony 70-400 G lens to bring that wildlife a little closer. We visit the Refuge many times each month and always find something to make it worth our trip.”

The photo club meets semi-monthly at the refuge. For more information on the club and photo programs, send an email to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.

This is one of 12 photos taken by Skip Hill at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge which will be showcased on the Friends of Hagerman website. Hill is the group’s “Photographer of the Month” for July. (Skip Hill/Courtesy photo)



Biblical Puns

Q: What was the secret of Delilah getting into Samson's house?

A: She picked his locks.

Q: Why didn't Pharaoh let the Israelites go into the wilderness after the first six plagues?

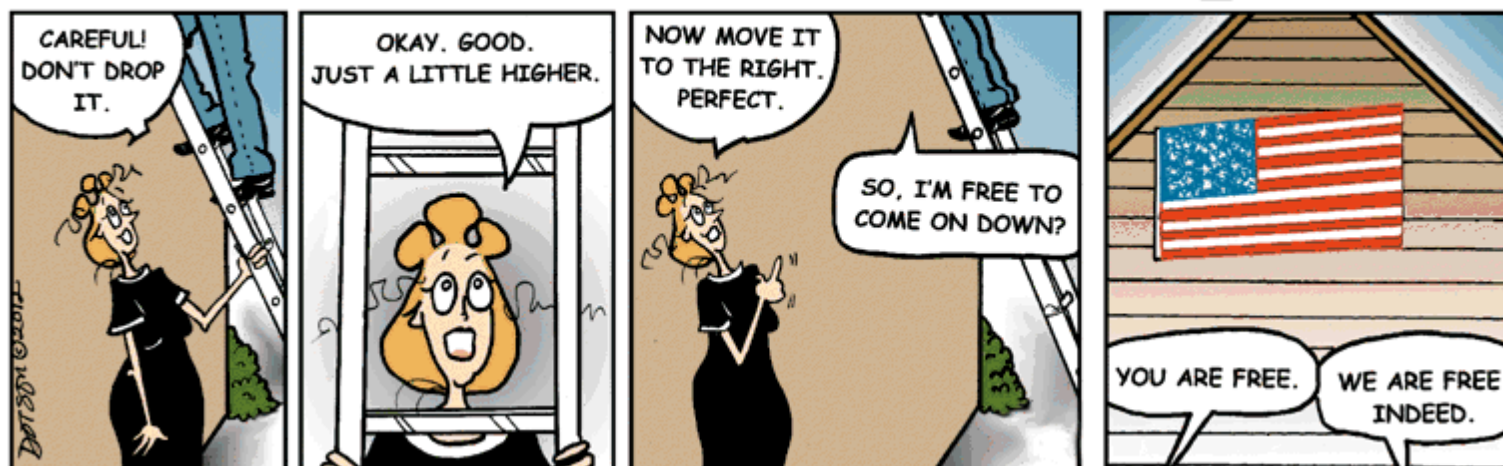
A: He was in de Nile.

Q: Why did Samson try to avoid arguing with Delilah?

A: He didn't want to split hairs.

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Dog Stories

By Jerry Lincecum

Having grown up on a working farm/ranch in the 1940s and 50s, I know the value of trained cowdogs. Unfortunately, our dogs were self-taught rather than properly trained and frequently they were less than helpful. They never missed an opportunity to ride in the back of the pickup when we drove to a distant pasture. Their favorite position was leaning over the side to feel the wind in their faces.



Whenever a neighbor passed our house with dogs leaning out, our pups gave chase and a frantic barking contest took place. Old Dash, the venerable leader of our pack, learned to recognize certain vehicles, considering their canine riders especially obnoxious.

He felt obliged to become especially fierce in challenging them. The gravel roads limited one's speed to maybe 20 mph, and one day Walter Boyd's dog leaned out too far and practically fell on top of Dash.

I enjoyed watching as those two dogs got the surprise of their lives. The fight they seemed to want so bad was instantly forgotten. Dash beat a retreat to our porch, while Boyd's dog headed off across the field at top speed. No doubt he reached home before his master. The next time Boyd drove by, his dog and Dash were at it again, barking their fool heads off.



A famous biologist named Lorenz did an experiment once with two dogs who were for a time separated by a chainlink fence. Their aggressive behavior suggested that only the fence kept them from fighting viciously. Then unbeknownst to the dogs, he removed the fence and let them run up to confront each other face to face. Nothing happened; all the fierce barking was forgotten when there was no fence to keep them apart.

Another dog story comes from a reader of this column, Billie Venable. He had a little red dachshund named Penny who loved to hitch a ride whenever they took hay to the cows. She would jump on the tailgate, then climb over the stacked bales to get on top of the pickup cab and enjoy the slow-moving ride like a queen.

Then came an ice storm and the truck had a coat of ice as well. The cows needed feed especially that day, but Penny almost missed her ride. The old truck was creeping along the road when she managed to leap on the tailgate and begin making her way to the high perch. Then, losing her footing, she made a slippery dive down onto the icy hood, and kept going until she wound up in the middle of the road. Fortunately, stopping before hitting her was accomplished.

Penny was told in no uncertain terms to get home and stay there! But no, as the cows were enjoying their meal, she arrived huffing and puffing in time to check out the cows as usual and ride back home. She was greeted with laughter and her story was told so often that she became a local legend.

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