

July 7, 2011

See “**Breaking News**” for information that came in too late to be included in the last update, but needed to be included before our next update.



## TxDOT Road Work Ahead

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded a contract on various roadways in Lamar, Red River, Delta, Hopkins, Franklin, Hunt, Rains, Fannin and Grayson Counties to Brannon Paving Company, LTD for \$6,247,047.44. The roadways will have what is commonly referred to as a chip seal placed over the existing pavement surface. The chip seal will consist of a layer of asphalt and rock applied to the surface of the roadway. The purpose for this project is to improve and preserve the pavement structure along these roadways. “This preventative maintenance project is critical to seal out moisture from damaging the pavements as well as preserve our investment in the roadway,” said Brad Martin, TxDOT Area Engineer for the Paris Area Office.

Construction is scheduled to take approximately 6 weeks to complete, weather permitting. The current plan is to begin in Lamar County and should progress through the counties as follows: Red River, Franklin, Hopkins, Rains, Hunt, Delta, Fannin and Grayson. The chip seal work should be complete on August 9, 2011. The traffic control includes one-way operation during construction.

Provisions have been included in the highway contract to keep through traffic hold-ups to a minimum. Access to adjacent properties will be maintained throughout the duration of contract work. TxDOT urges the traveling public to take extra caution and observe warning signs during construction of this project.

Safety in this work zone is a high priority. People traveling along roadways receiving a chip seal need to slow down and be aware of construction activity. The traveling public should not drive through area where the asphalt has been applied and the rock has not yet been placed. There will be some loose rock along the roadway as well as the need to stop traffic for short durations.

“We request that people traveling along this roadway realize that road construction may be an inconvenience, however, this inconvenience is temporary and necessary to preserve our roadways,” said Richard Harper, TxDOT Assistant Area Engineer for the Paris Area Office.

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## SBDC Offers Free Workshop “Protect Your Invention”

Don't let your new product or inventions go unprotected! Attend a free seminar on July 13 to learn how to use the strength of intellectual property protection to gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. The event is sponsored by the Grayson County College Small Business Development Center and the Sherman Chamber of Commerce.

Participants will learn ways to guard a product against competitors by utilizing innovation protection strategies such as patent protection, selecting and registering a trademark, maintaining trade secrets and establishing copyright protection. Participants will also explore how to best validate demand for your new product as well as producing initial prototypes.

Larry Hamilton, a technology coordinator for the Technology Assistance SBDC in Dallas, will guide seminar participants through the process of securing protection for intellectual property. Hamilton provides counseling for SBDC clients and conducts seminars in a 49-county area. He holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Management from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in Business from Wichita State University. Prior to joining the SBDC network, Hamilton was a partner with a national research firm headquartered in Dallas as well as serving as an adjunct professor at the University of Dallas Graduate School of Management where he taught Strategic Marketing at the MBA level for nine years.

The seminar is scheduled for July 13 at Grayson County College. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, secure directions and obtain a guest parking permit, contact the SBDC office at 903-463-8787 or e-mail [jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu](mailto:jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu). Sherman Chamber members may register on the Sherman Chamber Website.

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## AGENDA REGULAR SESSION TOM BEAN CITY COUNCIL

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6:00p.m./Monday, July 11, 2011  
COMMUNITY CENTER

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Call to order by the Mayor
2. INVOCATION  
Invocation by Michael Upchurch
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL  
Formal roll call: Sherry Howard, Jerry Harris, Michael Upchurch, Lisa Collins, Janet Schaab, Donnie Achimon
5. PRESENTATION BY CITIZEN:
6. PRESENTATION BY MAYOR:
  - 6.1 - Mayor to present Employee of the Quarter.
7. BUSINESS
  - 7.1 - Discuss and act upon approving Minutes of the Regular Session June 13, 2011.
  - 7.2 - Discuss and act on approving financials.
  - 7.3 - Discuss and act on purchasing a new water meter for Tom Bean Middle School for \$1,804.
  - 7.4 - Discuss and act upon nominating new Mayor Pro-Tem for the next six months.
  - 7.5 - Discuss and act upon clarification of Ordinance 2005-03 Junk Vehicle Ordinance.
  - 7.6 - Discuss Only: M.E. Simpson to report on Water Loss and Water Audit.
  - 7.7 - Discuss Only: P&Z Board Member and property owner to discuss rezoning property located on the corner of Ball St. and Hwy 11.
8. STAFF REPORTS – Discussion Only
  - 8.1-Report from Police Dept - Field Activity, Warrants, Gas Log
  - 8.2- Report on Public Works - Water Loss, Whitemound and Downtown Well, Wastewater Permit
  - 8.3 - Report from Fire Department -Runs for the month of May 2011, Training, Equipment, Hydrant flushing
  - 8.4 - Report from Mayor  
Whitemound outage/repair insurance reimbursement, New Census Signs, Economic Development Sales Tax Seminar, Grayson County Small Cities Mayors Association luncheon hosted by Mayor Howard
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Council may adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with article 551.074 Personnel Matters of the Government Code of the State of Texas to discuss the following:  
  
Discuss and act upon hiring a part-time Police Officer.
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## GCC Police Academy graduates pass state licensing exam

When the 18 graduates of Grayson County College's Texoma Regional Police Academy walked across the stage June 10, they earned two of the three criteria for becoming Texas peace officers: complete training and pass the state licensing exam. Once they are hired by a policy agency - as municipal police officers, constables, sheriff's deputies, etc. - they will be licensed peace officers.

Achieving a 100 percent pass rate on the state licensing exam is another feather in the cap of the GCC program and its new director, Brad Blankenship.

'Brad and the instructors have worked selflessly with the class to prepare them for a career in law enforcement,' said Dwayne Barber, chair of GCC's Career Services Division and professor of criminal justice. 'We are so proud of the men and women of this graduating class. They have distinguished themselves in their training, which is further enhanced by the 100 percent pass rate.'

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 GCC academy.

Students graduate TRPA after completing 850 hours of 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 and more.

'They are trained in all aspects of police work in the classroom,' Barber said. '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.'

The GCC program offers three classes per year. The two daytime academies finish after four and a half months. The night academy finishes after approximately 10 months. Applications are being accepted now for the Fall 2011 course, which begins July 18.

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



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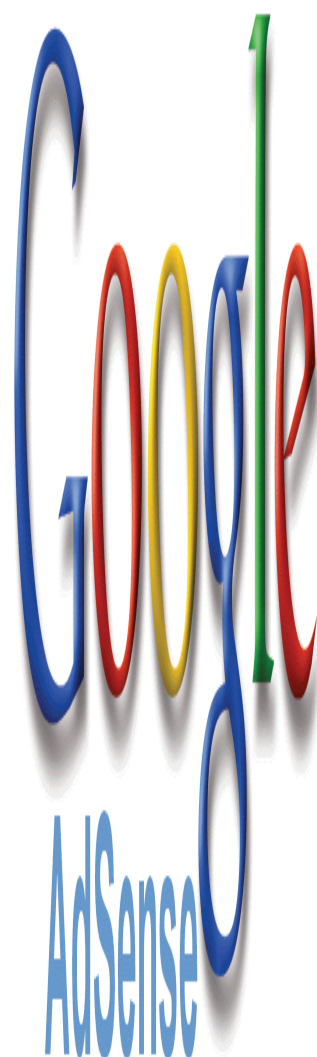
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## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Hope you had a good 4th of July weekend. With the 4th being on Monday, it gave us an extra day to celebrate.

There were parades and fireworks all over the place. A lot of families use this holiday for family reunions. That is what my family has done for many years.

When I was a kid, we often went to my Uncle Raymond's (my dad's brother) house to celebrate with backyard cookouts and homemade ice cream. Also one of my aunts and her husband had a cabin on Lake Kemp. That is a good place to celebrate the 4th of July.

In recent years we have met at my daughter's home for swimming, eating, visiting, etc. We like grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with soft drinks, cookies, potato salad, cole slaw and all the other trimmings.

When it gets dark, we do a fireworks show in the back lot out in the country where my daughter lives. This year we had fireworks shows going on all around us.

Also I have been told that the City of Howe and the Howe VFD put on quite an inspiring fireworks display at the football stadium.

While we are talking about the food and fun and such, let us remember just what the 4th of July means.

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!** From the Revolutionary War, to World Wars One and Two, to Vietnam and on to Gulf Wars, Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers have kept our country free. Thank you to everyone who is serving in the military and all those who have gone on before. Thank You is not enough for your sacrifices big and small. **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

## Recipe



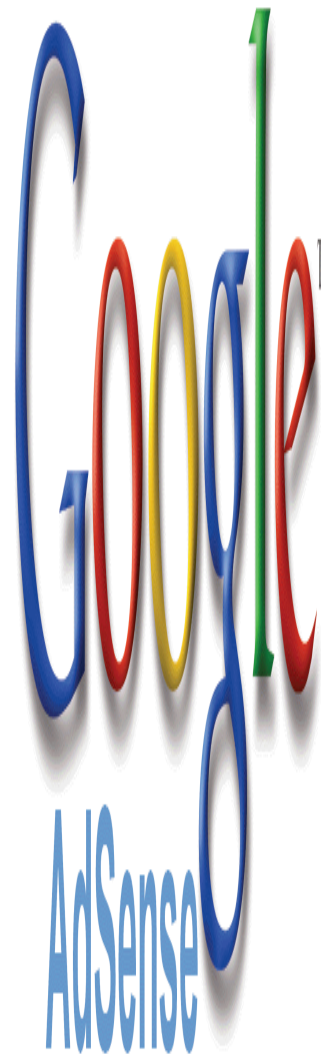
### Sopapilla Cake

2 pkgs. crescent rolls  
1 8 oz pkgs. cream cheese  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
Vanilla flavoring  
Topping  
1 stick margarine, melted  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 1/2 tbsp. cinnamon

Spray 9x13 pan with cooking spray. Put one roll of crescent rolls on bottom. Pinch together so it's solid.

Mix cream cheese, sugar, egg and vanilla till fairly smooth. Spread on rolls put other can of rolls on top.

Mix topping ingredients together and pour over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30-35 minutes or until brown and set.





## Howe ISD Approves 2011-12 Budget

Howe ISD Board met Thursday, June 30 in a special meeting. Trustees in attendance included Board President Leonard Huntsman, Vice President Greg Akins, Mark Abner, Pat Stewart and Brad Anderson.

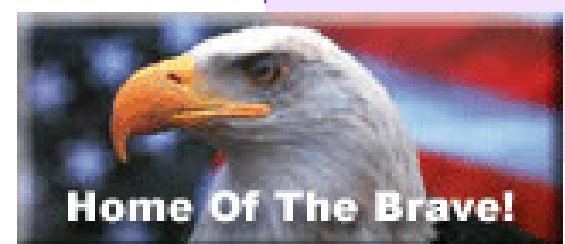
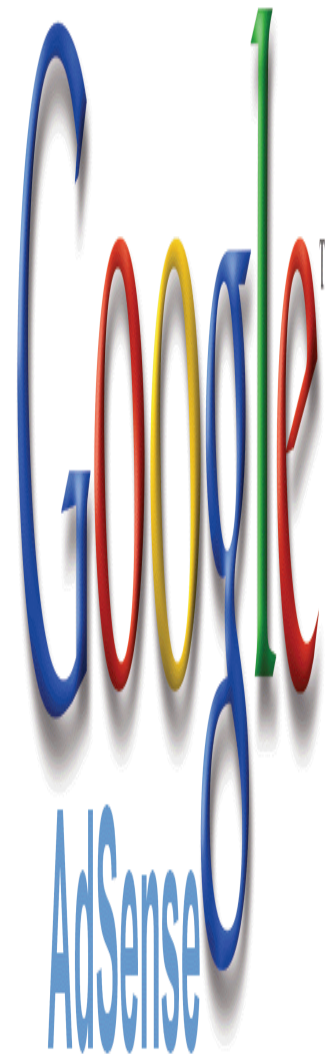
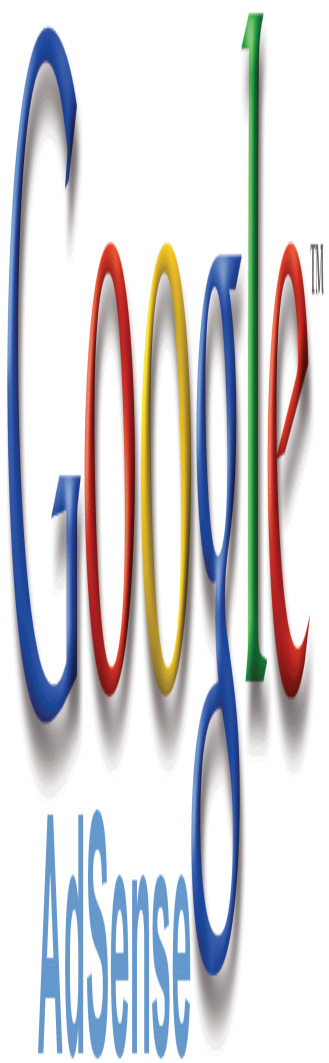
Supt. Kevin Wilson in a Public Hearing presented information regarding the 2011-12 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate. No public residents attended the meeting; thus there were no comments or questions.

The board voted to adopt the budget for 2011-12 as presented by Supt. Wilson. (Note: The tax rate will be adopted in an August meeting.) The vote was 5 for and none against.

Another action item included a Resolution Establishing Fund Balance Policies as Required by GASB 54. This resolution concerns keeping the various fund balances at an adequate level: it was passed with 5 for and none against.

Persons wishing more information on the budget may contact the Howe ISD Administration Office.

**The Howe High School Marching Band's outgoing drum major, Ashley Krueger, poses with Travis Fulton who was recently selected for the position for the upcoming school year.**



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## James Oliver Terflinger

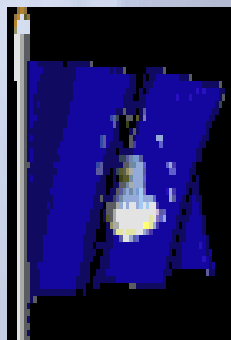
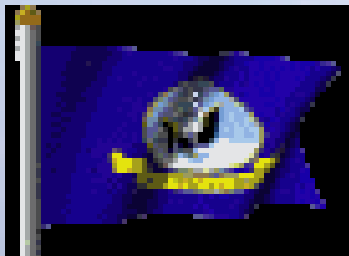
Howe - James Oliver Terflinger, age 73, passed away at the Texoma Medical Center on July 2, 2011. He was born to William Carl and Marjorie Pauline (Henry) Terflinger on Feb. 4, 1938 in Lima, Ohio. On July 5, 1963 he married Edna Cantwell at the Forest Ave. Baptist Church in Sherman, Texas.

James graduated from LaFayette-Jackson High School in Lima, OH. He earned his Bachelors degree from Southeastern University in Durant, OK, and later completed his Masters at East Texas State University. He served in the U.S. Navy for a full enlistment term, then entered the U.S. Air Force for a full enlistment term, and then entered the U.S. Army Reserve where he served until he was retired at the rank of Master Sergeant from military duty.

In his post active military career, James worked for New York Life Ins. Co, Farm Bureau Ins. Co., Howe Independent Schools, and retired from Van Alstyne Independent Schools. He taught mathematics to many students.

James is survived by his wife, Edna of Howe; son, Dennis Terflinger of Howe; daughter, Jeanie of Howe; 2 grandchildren, Nathan & Skyler Terflinger; 1 great-grandchild; 2 sisters, Jeanie Henderson & husband Robert of Crisville, OH and Debra Epperson of Walpakoneta, OH; brother, Robert Deal and wife Lenita of Orlando, FL.; and stepmother, Elrea of Walpakoneta.OH.

Graveside serves were held Wednesday, July 6, 2011 in the Van Alstyne Cemetery under the direction of Flesher Funeral Home of Van Alstyne, TX. Online condolences are available at [www.flesherfh.com](http://www.flesherfh.com) and will be forwarded to the family.



## Van Alstyne Library News

By Tracy Luscombe

What a great Independence Day weekend! Hope you were all able to come out for the festivities and celebrate our American independence. As one who has traveled to a few other countries, I can testify we live in the greatest country in the world.

Hey Teens -- come be a part of our Night at Hogwarts this Friday (July 8) 5-9 pm.

Last week our kids had some great times in the library. They painted flower pots and planted flowers, enjoyed a story by Mr. Merrill, watched the movie Toy Story 3, and were entertained by magician Jeff Lee. (see photo)

Next week we have more fun coming your way.

Tuesday – Have fun with yarn at crafts for ages 6-13 at 11 am, then join us to learn a second language at 4:00pm if you are ages 6-9.

Wednesday – story time is Cool School with Ms. Maria at 10:15. Ms. Maria is a veteran educator, children's performer, and freelance writer. Her web site is <http://www.coolschoolwithmsmaria.com/>

Thursday is our children's movie at 4 pm. We're showing *Piglet's Big Movie*.

Finish up those reading logs and get them in to collect your prizes. Then start our Readers Bingo to win another prize. Summer fun continues at Van Alstyne Public Library.



## 2011 July 2nd Van Alstyne Antique and Classic Car Show Winners:

Best of Show Original Car: 1936 Rolls-Royce, 25/30, Doug Handel, Dallas, TX.

Best of Show Modified Car: 1949 Cadillac Sedenette, Rick Mustard, Van Alstyne, TX.

Best of Show Original Truck: 1966 Chevrolet Side Step Pickup, Jim Rice, Sherman, TX.

Best of Show Modified Truck: 1956 Chevrolet Pickup, Jack and Sara Cox, Anna, TX.

Mayor Kim DeMasters's Choice: 1949 Cadillac Sedenette, Rick Mustard, Van Alstyne, TX.

### 1944 and Below Original Car:

1. 1936 Rolls-Royce, 25/30, Doug Handel, Dallas, TX.

### 1944 and Below Modified Car:

1. 1930 Ford Coupe, Dan Savage, Howe, TX.
2. 1927 Ford Two Door Sedan, Chuck Harris, Tioga, TX.

### 1944 and Below Modified Truck:

1. 1936 GMC Pickup, Gaines Babb, Paris, TX

### 1945 to 1974 Original Car:

1. 1971 Dodge Challenger, Bill Sampson, Denison, TX.
2. 1967 Pontiac GTO, Edward Harrell, Sherman, TX.

### 1945 to 1974 Original Truck:

1. 1966 Chevrolet Side Step Pickup, Jim Rice, Sherman, TX.

### 1945 to 1974 Modified Car:

1. 1965 Ford Mustang, Rick Mustard, Van Alstyne, TX.
2. 1949 Cadillac Sedenette, Rick Mustard, Van Alstyne, TX.

### 1945 to 1974 Modified Truck:

1. 1956 Chevrolet Pickup, Jack and Sara Cox, Anna, TX.
2. 1948 Chevrolet 5 Window Pickup, James Melton, Howe, TX.

### 1975 and Above Original Car:

1. 1979 Chevrolet Malibu, Robert Golden, Gainesville, TX.
2. 1990 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible, Mike Tarzis, Sherman, TX.

### 1975 and Above Modified Car:

1. 1984 Chevrolet Corvette, Brett and Rebecca Bearden, Howe, TX.

### 1975 and Above Modified Truck:

1. 1981 GMC Pickup, Rick Mustard, Van Alstyne, TX.

Best Work-In-Progress: 1957 Chevrolet Pickup, Dwayne Alford, TX.

Best Work-In-Progress: 1970 Chevrolet C-10 Pickup, Dan Sloane, Tioga, TX.

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## Help Find Miss Nelson at the Honey McGee Playhouse

Beginning Friday, July 1st at 7 p.m. you can help Theatricks find Miss Nelson by attending their 2011 summer The production of MISS NELSON IS MISSING! Can't make it Friday--then the other opportunities will be July 2,8,9 at 7 p.m. and July 3,9,10 at 2 p.m.

The SCP Box Office will open Monday June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Theatricks season members and Tuesday, June 28 for the general public. To make reservations call the SCP Box Office at (903)892-8818 or visit the daytime box office located at 313 W. Mulberry in Sherman, TX inside the Honey McGee Playhouse. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students.

Based on the book by Harry Allard and James Marshall, playwright Jeffrey Hatcher has caught all the fun and adventure from the book pages and transferred them to the stage. Miss Nelson can't control her crazy classroom because she's just too nice. But when she disappears, her replacement is the hard-as-nails, detention-loving, recess-canceling, homework-overloading substitute teacher Viola Swamp! With the Big Test approaching, the kids suddenly realize how much they miss Miss Nelson and they'll do anything--including hiring a private eye--to solve the mystery of her disappearance and bring her back.

The cast includes 10 talented members of our community who portray the amusing characters of Miss Nelson, Miss Swamp, Principal Humleker, Detective McSmogg, Kimberly, George, LaVita, Mouse, Phoebe, Regina, and Elvis from this favorite children's book.

Theatricks is also currently selling 2011-2012 season memberships for \$18 and include the shows of MY SON PINOCCHIO, CHARLOTTE'S WEB, and SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL.

For more information contact Webster Crocker Theatricks Director at 903-893-8525 or visit our website [www.theatricks.org](http://www.theatricks.org). Don't miss this opportunity to help find Miss Nelson, and enjoy a great family production!





## Kids Entertaining Kids



Area families and children will want to mark their calendars for the 3rd annual Kids Entertaining Kids and Silent Auction benefiting Early Childhood Intervention-Texoma to be held on Saturday, August 20, 2-4:30 pm, Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 405 North Rusk Street, Sherman, TX.

The fun-filled afternoon is the perfect event for families. Kids will have the opportunity to see other kids giving of their talents to improve the lives of kids who have developmental delays. Groups scheduled to perform are Theatricks, Neblett Dynamite Drummers, Musical Hands, Arnold's Karate Academy, and Gracie Brown of Jill Brown's Studio. Area businesses will have the opportunity to become sponsors and donors to the event. Anyone wishing to receive more information about sponsorship or donating to the silent auction should call 903-957-4865. The funds raised from this event will help provide services and help families.

ECI provides services each year to almost 800 infants and children birth to thirty-six months old who have a development delay in Cooke, Fannin, Grayson, Delta, Lamar, and Hopkins counties. Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma is the host agency for the program and the Early Childhood Intervention Division of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) provides its funding.

The family is the first source of strength and help for their child with developmental delays, thus ECI partners with the entire family through providing information, services, support, and hope. Children served by ECI have varied problems and needs. The program is designed to encourage and assist parents with an infant or a child who appears to be slow in development or has medical conditions that usually result in developmental delay. The program provides developmental therapy and support services for infants, children, and their families. Services include:

- a.. screening, assessment, and referral
- b.. providing developmental services in home and community-based settings
- c.. related services such as: occupational, speech, and/or physical therapy
- d.. family support and training
- e.. special equipment, toy, book, and video lending library
- f.. service coordination for the child and family
- g.. referral and transition services
- h.. other services specific to child and family needs

The developmental therapy segment is a homebound and/or community-based training program. It is designed to help children who have poor learning skills, poor cognitive skills, delays in gross and/or fine motor abilities, delays in speech and language, hearing or sight impairment, poor social and emotional development, and certain medical conditions that are likely to result in developmental delay. Related services include, but not limited to: physical therapy, speech therapy, developmental services, nutritional services, behavioral intervention, guidance from the staff nurse, and development and use of adaptive equipment and clothing. Parents are provided with education and guidance that helps them develop and maintain a positive attitude and learn coping skills. Basic parenting skills are taught as well as information on the special needs of their child.

Photo caption: Members of the Kids Entertaining Kids fundraising committee meet recently to make plans for the upcoming event on Saturday, August 20, 2011, Sherman Municipal Ballroom, 2-4:30 pm. Members are (standing left to right) Carla Gudorf, Pam Bellermann, Kate Whitfield, and (seated) Mary Hamel.



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## Dragonflies and Damselflies are the topic for Second Saturday

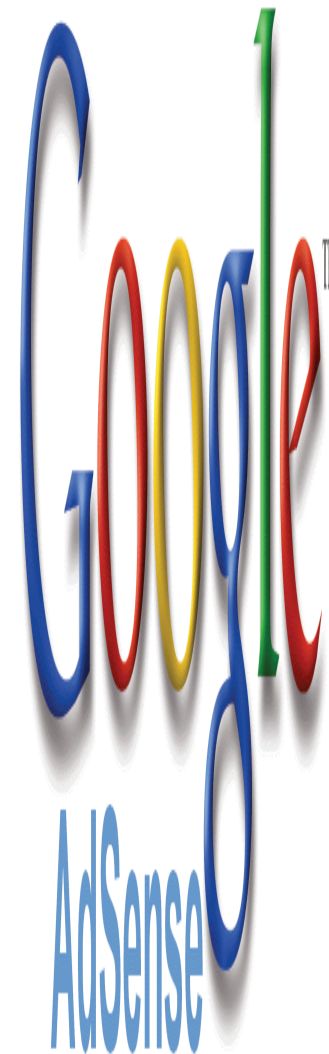
Dragonflies and Damselflies are the topic for Second Saturday at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on July 9. The program, given by US Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Coordinator Omar Bocanegra, will begin at 10 am in the meeting room of the brand new Visitor Center at the Refuge. Second Saturday nature programs are free of charge and open to the public.

Bocanegra, based in the Arlington Field Office for US Fish and Wildlife, completed a Master's thesis on the reproductive ecology of the Desert Firetail Damselfly. This will be his third time to present at the Refuge and previous programs have been very popular. Following a photo presentation and talk, Bocanegra will lead a short field trip on the Refuge. Participants are advised to dress for walking through grass, and are welcome to bring cameras.

Second Saturday for Youth will also meet on July 9, for Fun with Fossils, led by Katie Palmer. This program is for youngsters ages 4 – 10, with parents requested to accompany children age 6 and under. Youth will meet in the Audio Visual Classroom at the Refuge, which is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, 75092. For more information, call the Refuge, 903 786 2826, or visit [www.friendsofhagerman.com](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com).

In addition, the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club will meet at 12:30 pm on July 9 in the Audio Visual Classroom. The club is open to anyone interested in nature photography. Dick Malnory will present a program on Macro Photography and there will be photo sharing; the theme for July is Shadows. Those attending should bring their camera, camera manual and tripod if available. For more information, contact [fohphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com).

The new Visitor Center will be open from 7:30 am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and for special events. It will be closed on July 4, a federal holiday. Once the exhibits for the new center are installed, weekend hours will resume, probably in mid-August.



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Music by Kevin McCloud

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## Bowie and his knife

By Bob Bowman

Texas historians have written volumes about Jim Bowie, who died at the Alamo, but what people remember most about him is a big hunting blade he carried--a weapon known in history simply as the Bowie Knife.

In 1838, two years after the Alamo's fall, Rezin Bowie, Jim's brother, claimed he made the first Bowie knife while the Bowie family lived in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. He designed it as a hunting knife and gave it to Jim after he had been shot in a fight.

But the man who actually made the famous knife, was Jesse Clift, a blacksmith who was a friend and neighbor of the Bowies.

The Bowie knife gained widespread popularity after the celebrated sandbar fight on September 19, 1827, near Natchez, Mississippi.



Dot's

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

In case you missed it, the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, the War Between the States, the War of Northern Aggression or the War to Save the Union dawned in April, 2011. In all the years I taught American government and before that, American history, I never found anything humorous in the war. I confess that I am amazed at how many people are still caught up in the ethos of a conflict that happened so long ago. That includes people from the North as well as from the South.

I saw a pickup today with a Texas flag on the back right fender and the Stars and Bars on the left back fender. There was nary a sign of the United States flag.

My mother's family was from Talladega, Alabama, and the men fought on what, for me, was the wrong side. They were Confederates who served with distinction and fled to Texas when the war ended. If Mama knew any of that before one of her distant cousins produced a huge genealogical study of her family, she never said anything about it. It would never have occurred to her to seek membership in the Daughters of the Confederacy any more than it would have occurred to her to seek membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was much more interested in the achievements of her contemporary family than in the achievements of ancestors.

When my friend Carolyn Johnston sent the following explanations of the differences between the North and the South, my first thought was how much my mother would have enjoyed them and would have added the last one listed herself. The Differences Between the North and South Clearly Explained --- At Last.

The North has Bloomingdale's; the South has Dollar General.

The North has coffee houses; the South has Waffle Houses.

The North has dating services; the South has family reunions.

The North has switchblade knives; the South has .45's.

The North has double last names; the South has double first names.

The North has Indy car races; The South has stock car races.

The North has Cream of Wheat; the South has grits.

The North has green salads; the South has collard greens.

The North has lobsters; the South has crawfish.

The North has the rust belt; The South has the Bible Belt.



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### EAST TEXAS, continued

On that date Samuel Levi Wells confronted Dr. Thomas Maddox on the sandbar. After firing pistols at each other without effect, Wells and Maddox shook hands and started off the field. But members of the Maddox group suddenly fired at Wells' followers, which included Bowie. Bowie fell, shot through a lung,

An arch-enemy, Norris Wright, who along with Alfred Blanchard, stabbed Bowie repeatedly with sword canes. Bowie raised himself, grabbed Wright and sank his big knife into Wright's heart, killing him instantly.

Newspapers across the nation printed lurid and detailed stories of the Sandbar Fight. The public reveled in the prowess of Bowie and his knife.

Later, W.W. Bowie, a kinsman, wrote that Bowie gave his Sandbar Fight knife to the famous actor Edwin Forrest, whom Bowie had met in New Orleans in February, 1824.

In the history of American arms, three weapons stand out above all the rest: the Kentucky rifle, the Colt revolver, and the Bowie knife. Each became an American legend.

What happened to the original Bowie knife after Bowie died at the Alamo? It's a mystery. One supposed original is on display at the Alamo. Another was supposedly lost by Bowie when he left it on the ground after killing a deer near Goliad, returned to retrieve it, but could not find it. And a museum in Arkansas claims it has the original in its collection of knives.

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

## Dot's Dashes, continued

### FOR NORTHERNERS MOVING SOUTH

In the South: If you run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in a four-wheel drive pickup truck with a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them, just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.

Don't be surprised to find movie rentals and bait in the same store ... Do not buy food at this store.

Remember, 'Y'all' is singular, 'all y'all' is plural, and 'all y'all's' is plural possessive

Get used to hearing 'You ain't from round here, are ya?'

Save all manner of bacon grease. You will be instructed later on how to use it.

Don't be worried at not understanding what people are saying. They can't understand you either. The first Southern statement to creep into a transplanted Northerner's vocabulary is the adjective 'big'ol,' truck or 'big'ol' boy. Most Northerners begin their Southern-influenced dialect this way. All of them are in denial about it.

The proper pronunciation you learned in school is no longer proper.

Be advised that 'He needed killin...' is a valid defense here.

If you hear a Southerner exclaim, 'Hey, y'all watch this,' you should stay out of the way.

These are likely to be the last words he'll ever say.

If there is the prediction of the slightest chance of even the smallest accumulation of snow, your presence is required at the local grocery store. It doesn't matter whether you need anything or not. You just have to go there.

Do not be surprised to find that 10-year olds own their own shotguns, they are proficient marksmen, and their mammas taught them how to aim.

In the South, we have found that the best way to grow a lush green lawn is to pour gravel on it and call it a driveway. Do not be insulted if someone asks you where you go to church. They are just trying to help you get acquainted with a group you will enjoy knowing and they know where all the churches are that you will fit into.



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## A little bit of good news in a harsh Texas drought

By Mike Barnett

There's a slice of good news in the misery of this epic Texas drought.

While most in agriculture find it a bane, one Carrizo Springs farmer is finding a boon in this endless Texas heater. His name is Bruce Frasier. He grows cantaloupes.

The ultra-dry conditions this year have actually blessed this Texas Farm Bureau leader's tasty melons, which depend on precisely-controlled irrigation for their moisture needs.

"Even though most farmers hate the drought, when you grow cantaloupes you don't want any rain on them," Frasier, who heads the organization's Horticulture Crop Advisory Committee, tells the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network. "It affects the quality and affects the amount of sugar in the fruit."

Mother Nature has obliged this year. Frasier never had a drop of rain to boost his crop. Yet he is measuring record yields during one of the driest spells in Texas history.

The hot spring allowed an early harvest, enabling Frasier to meet the peak demand generated by the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays. Harvest is winding down as he enjoys one of his best years ever.

It's the ultimate irony. The endless blue skies which dried up the hopes of most farmers and ranchers rained good fortune on this cantaloupe grower's crop – to the benefit of Texas consumers. Some 95 percent of these juicy Carrizo wonders are sold within the borders of the Lone Star State.

That musky aroma which mandates you stop on a stroll through the produce aisle is the sweet smell of success – a bit of good news – for one farmer in this crippling Texas drought.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at [www.txfb.org](http://www.txfb.org).

## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## Special Session Ends

This past week, the House finished its remaining business and adjourned sine die on Wednesday, June 29, 2011. The Senate adjourned one day earlier, on the 28th. The House primarily took up and approved several conference committee reports, including the fiscal matters bill Senate Bill 1. This was one of the few bills that had to pass this session in order to prevent another special session from being called. The legislature also passed critical legislation regarding the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA), the insurer of last resort for coastal residents who cannot otherwise get windstorm insurance. After Hurricane Ike, it became evident that reforms to the association were necessary. The governor indicated that if the legislature failed to pass some type of reform to TWIA, he would call another special session to address the issue. Fortunately, the legislature was able to pass House Bill 3, which made significant reforms to the insurance pool.

The legislature also passed a congressional redistricting map during the special session. Under the new map, Grayson and Fannin Counties remain in the 4th Congressional District. Grayson County, with 120,000 residents, remains the most populous county in the 4th District, followed by Bowie County, with 92,000 people.

On the last day of the session, the House passed House Bill 79, which simplifies matters relating to the operation and administration of the state's courts. H.B. 79 was one of several bills relating to the fiscal matters of the state and aims to save the state money through greater efficiency in government.

This weekend we will celebrate our nation's independence. I hope everyone has a fun and safe holiday. 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](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



We believe that your local news provided should provide you with news, information, facts, and sources to further study that information. Here are some websites that are providing those facts, at least at the time of their listing on our page. If you know of others that our readers would enjoy send them to us. Or if some of these are no longer working let us know.

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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

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9:00am followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Mike Ball.

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.

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

The church has home study groups throughout the week. The church is located on 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 at 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 next Texomaland Summer Youth Series will be Tuesday July 12 at the Whitesboro church of Christ in Whitesboro. The theme this year is "Faithbook" with services beginning at 7:30pm. Brandon Watson will bring a lesson on "Events."

We invite everyone to our Vacation Bible School July 11 thru 15 each night at 7:30 pm. We have classes for all age groups. This year theme is "Soldiers of Christ."

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

## Living Evidence Of God

Devotional Thoughts from Dr. Lowell C. Howard, Bells, Texas

I John 1:8-9 "Beware of anyone who claims to have no darkness in them and does not consider them-selves to be a rebel/sinner. The only one deceived by such words from someone is themselves and this is proof that there is no truth in them at all. Here is the offer God makes to us; if people will own up to their sins and plead guilty of rebelling against God's plan, God will remain faithful to His righteous promise and will forgive those sins and will purify those who honestly come to Him from all of their dark unholy lives and rebellious ways." Cowboy and Stockyard - Practical Teaching Version - LCH)

The Light of the Lord brings light to the lives of God's people everywhere! In the old Gospel song, 'Let The Lower Lights Be Burning,' Jesus is affirmed as the Lighthouse and believers 'are the lights along the shore.' To warn of impending doom on the outcroppings of rocks close to the shore, the Lighthouse sent beams of light to guide ships around the danger. The shore line is irregular in shape and is outlined by 'lights along the shore.' Believers define the rocky shoreline by receiving the Light and bearing God's Light to guide others.

People of the Light relate to God in everything and submit to the Light in all of life! God's people are changed by the presence of the Light in them. The Light of the Lord gets in all of the dark places, all of the corners and crevices of life, and

## Local Churches

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## Living Evidence Of God, continued

drives all of the darkness away. Where the darkness of sin and rebellion remains it is clear that one has refused to surrender all of life to the Light of the Lord.

God's people follow the Light in the same way that Jesus follows the light of the Lord! Believers ARE OF the Light and they cannot deny the Light any part of themselves. If any darkness remains in one it is sin against God, THE Light, Jesus, Who has come to bring Light to all of life. The purpose of believers being a light to the world is that the message of God can be taken into all the world. Where believers go the Light of the Lord goes with them. God's people have taken the Light of the Lord into themselves and they take the Light of Jesus and the message of God's love to the world.

Recall the scenes in old movies where smoke signals are sent to waiting parties and small pieces of mirror are used to send signals to others? God's people are the 'mirrors' and reflect the Light of the Lord to others. As reflectors OF the Light, each one must keep the lens of their reflector polished AND also pointed toward that Light which is to be reflected. The

message of hope is in the Light and that Light is not of ourselves but is of the Lord. Be the light to someone. Send the Light of Christ to all.

People of the Light relate to one another who are also in the Light! First, people of the Light seek to be where the Light of the Lord is found. But, the people of the Lord also band together IN the Light of the Lord to offer the Light of heaven to people who live in darkness and sin. The people of the Light relate with and to one another because we are of that same light of heaven, Jesus Christ.

People of the Light are washed clean of the darkness of sin! The Light is IN believers and not OF them. Jesus is the light and His followers surrender to that Light which has lightened their soul and has freed them from rebellion. Being a 'clean reflector' of That Light allows the believer to bear the Light of the Lord to all people in their environment. Being OF That Light is evident in every area of their life, the evidence of spiritual commitment.

*Believers relate to God Who IS the Light and to one another who live IN the*

*Light! Cleansed by the same Lord and bearing the Light of the Lord to others, the believer has a choice, a purpose, and the promise of the presence and power of the Lord with them in everything. Because of the presence of the Light, Jesus, God washes away every vestige of the darkness of sin for those who surrender to His Light. Where any darkness remains in someone they need to check their relationship to Jesus Christ. Where Christ IS there is the Light of life and joy of living! Jesus continues as the 'flood Light' to reveal any area of rebellion and sin and has sent the Holy Spirit to take up residence AS the Light in every believer. Is the Light of the Lord living in you and are you living IN the Light for the Lord? Reflect His Light today! Copyrighted by Lowell C. Howard, used with permission. The Scripture used here is from the "Cowboy and Stockyard Practical Teaching Version" Transliterated By Lowell C. Howard*



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601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

Rev. Mack Rogers

#### RED RIVER

#### COWBOY CHURCH

3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington,

903/463-5840

### Van Alstyne

#### COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Hopson,

Shannon Jackson, minister,

903/482-6033

#### EAST SIDE

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,

minister; worship 11am

#### ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Jim Poole, pastor,

903/482-6356

#### FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,

Pastor Kenneth L. Price,

972/547-0243,

#### LIFE CHURCH,

201 W. Marshall,

Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker

903/433-8089

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,

Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

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206 Waco, 903/482-5515,

Gary Gibbs, pastor

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903/482-6646,

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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.

## Am I eating dirty food?

By Amanda Hill

There's a link circulating via Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites that says we're all eating dirty food. No, not the "10-second rule" kind. This *Men's Health* article claims 10 common foods that we buy at local food stores are contaminated with Salmonella and E. coli. It also claims that we're all at certain risk of food poisoning... or worse.

Honestly, I didn't give it much thought the first few times it crossed my Twitter feed. But on the third appearance, I got curious and clicked.

This article insists that several products from the produce aisle to the meat counter will make you and your family very sick. As I scrolled through the 10 food items, I read more and more scary scenarios.

With each "dirty food" product, I noticed a trend. The persistent message was, "Want to save yourself from food poisoning and disease? Then you'd better only buy organic. And heaven help you if you don't buy free-range eggs."

Ok, first of all, I can't afford to buy organic food products. They're usually more expensive and don't fit into my grocery budget. By no means do I condemn anyone who does choose to

buy organic food products. It's just not the weekly choice I make for my family.

More importantly, I don't have to. The food products that I buy at my neighborhood grocery store are safe and healthy -- as long as they are stored and prepared correctly.

Just to be sure, I did some research. Sure enough, I found great information and home food safety tips from the American Dietetic Association (ADA). According to the ADA, safe food really comes down to a handful of practical food preparation and storage habits. They're pretty simple: cook meat thoroughly, wash produce well, store leftovers at the correct temperature (40 degrees in the fridge, 0 degrees in the freezer) and clean out your refrigerator regularly.

At our house, we write the date on our take-out boxes to be sure we don't keep them too long. It's much safer than the "smell test." Ick!

We all want to provide our families with healthy food that they'll enjoy -- not food that will make them sick. But shame on those who use fear to make us feel guilty for serving healthy food products that are 100 percent safe with regular food safety habits.



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## Texas is 'officially' a disaster

By Amanda Hill

USDA has confirmed what Texas farmers and ranchers have known for a long, long time... Texas is a disaster.

On Tuesday, the USDA declared the entire state of Texas a natural disaster area. Of 254 drought-stricken Texas counties, 213 were named "primary" natural disaster areas, and the remaining 41 contiguous counties also qualify for emergency assistance.

With more than 3 million acres burned, crops destroyed and animals suffering -- it's about time.

Don't get me wrong. We in agriculture appreciate that the federal government has recognized the horrible condition of our state with a formal declaration. Texans have been suffering through this drought for a long time now. Some haven't seen significant rainfall since last August, almost a full year ago. We'll gladly take the USDA's official declaration. Unfortunately, it won't be the silver bullet.

I actually talked with a few Central Texas farmers yesterday about the low-interest emergency loans that the USDA offers through the disaster relief program. To be honest, I fully expected them to say, "Of course I'm applying. We need all the help we can get."

That wasn't exactly their response.

Each farmer said they've been down this road before with little to no success. One of them said he has applied for a USDA loan before, and it all but ruined his credit.

The truth is these loans are just that -- loans. If they qualify, Texas farmers and ranchers will get a low-interest loan from the government, which must be paid back based on the terms of the agreement. Not exactly a quick fix, but more of a Band-Aid that must be ripped off later.

Loans for the gigantic losses we're looking at would be impractical. Many suspect this drought may top the 2006 losses of \$4.1 billion, the worst on record. Carrying that level of debt would collectively cripple Texas farm and ranch operations for years to come, if they could even survive.

In the end, the only "emergency assistance" that will lift the oppressive weight of this historic drought will be declared by One bigger than any of us.

Texas is a disaster right now. But until God chooses to send us rain, farmers and ranchers will pray, hope and wait.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at [www.txfb.org](http://www.txfb.org)



## Watch Out for Old People

I made a traffic stop on an elderly lady the other day for speeding on U.S. 166 Eastbound at Mile Marker 73 just East of Sedan, KS.

I asked for her driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.

The lady took out the required information and handed it to me.

In with the cards I was somewhat surprised (due to her advanced age) to see she had a conceal carry permit.

I looked at her and ask if she had a weapon in her possession at this time.

She responded that she indeed had .45 automatic in her glove box.

Something, body language, or the way she said it made me want to ask if she had any other firearms.

She did admit to also having a 9mm Glock in her center console.

Now I had to ask one more time if that was all, she responded once again she did have just one more, a .38 special in her purse.

I then asked her what was she so afraid of?

She looked me right in the eye and said, "Not a damn thing!"



### OUTZKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson

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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

