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## Howe Graduating Class 2011



**Towner James Bailey, Ariel Lynn Barnett, Tiffani DeLynn Batchelor, Jordan Renee' Baugher, Justin Tyler Bilbey, Jami Elizabeth Blevins, Brittany Kay Blum, Bradley Reed Brunk, Jaycee Marietta Bryant, Jenae' Nikol Bryant, John Ryan Burchfield, Timothy Lee Butler, Casey Aaron David, Gretchen Elizabeth Debner, John Adam Eugene Dennis, Davalyn Michell Ervin, Ari Benjamin Falk, Brooke Michelle Farris, Chase Aaron Fountaine, Jesseca Lynn Franks, Emily Ann Grisolia, Kasy Dewayne Havens, Reed Taylor Hawkins, Wesley Dillon Hayes, Clinton James Henderson, Karla Jessica Hernandez, Zachery Dillon Hix, Travis Wayne Hunt, Krista Ann Huske, Megan Jene Ing, Ashton Rhea James, Scott Robert Kannenberg, Michael Christopher Karry, Ciarra Cheyenne King, Ashley Paige Krueger, Christopher James Lambright, Collin Ryan Lankford, Clay Alan Marable, Kailea Breann Marshall, Michael Ross McDonald, Thomas Garnet McGraw, Kallie Marie McLain, Irvin Adam Menjivar, Cody Austin Mercer, Sara Latane Moffett, Brice Wade Nelms, Marlee Nicole, O'Dowd, Corey Austin Pelt, Zachary Dylan Pelt, Katelyn Jeanette Pike, Adrian Deane Poe, Jessica Leigh Price, Logan Hunter Price, Jonathan Albert Reid, Amber Nicole Roe, \*Verna Schobesberger, Gage Jeffrey Shearer, Brittanni Nikole Smith, Claudia Nicole Smithart, Jose Alfredo Tapia Jr, Amber Nicole Thurston, Par Tial, Victoria Carol Trevino, Christopher Marcos Vera, Ashley Elizabeth White, Victoria Nicole Wiggins, Jacob Andrew Zang**

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## Tom Bean High School Graduating Seniors



**Marissa Alcalá, Cheyenne Arrington, Morgan Brewer, Jacob Britton, Olivia Burns, Paige Byers, Kendall Cain, Andrew Chastain, Michael Cordell, Trey Cortez, Travis Counts, Erin Crichton, Tyler Ellis, Kyle Fallon, Tucker Ford, Miranda Fulmer, Cheyene Mills Guedea, Sarah Hagan, Kristen Haley, Erik Hartless, Heather Haywood, Josh Highlander, Kaylynn Hinds, Haley Howland, Destiny Hunt, Cammy Jaco, Dakota Jones, Taylor Jordan, Haley Key, Matthew Knickerbocker, Justin Langford, Samantha Langford, Jordan LeDane, Torri Lienen, Casey McKay, Chris McMahan, Leonardo Mendoza, Leonel Mendoza, Maggie Moore, Shelby Morrison, Joseph Pearson, Colby Pennell, Phillip Peterman, Megan Pfaff, Danielle Ping, Madison Porter, Raegan Querido, Wesley Ritchson, Ryland Roach, John Roberts, Clay Russell, Tenae Sanders, Jimmy Simpler, Sterling Smith, Kalee Thompson, Mitch Trentman, Sara Vincent, Ashley Walker, Anthony West, Chance Whitworth, Ryan Wilson, Ana Winslett**



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## GCC Awards Degrees

students earning honors are identified during the presentation of diplomas. GCC recognizes students receiving Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Science degrees with a grade point average of 3.70-3.84 as cum laude (C), gpa of 3.85-3.99 as magna cum laude (M) and 4.0 as summa cum laude (S). Students earning certificates of completion with A's in all certificate classes are listed with "honors:" (H). Students completing the requirements of the Honors College program are designated with (HC).

The college awards degrees in Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) and Certificates of Completion (CERT).

Candidates for graduation, Fannin County area listed by hometowns, for 2010-11 include:

**BONHAM:** Lindsey Ryann Arthur (AS), Jared Stan Barker (2 CERT-H), Kimberly Denise Blain (AS), Reneé Nicole Breach (CERT), John E Burr (AS -M), Joshua Ryan Cunningham (2 CERT-H), Frederick William DeHaan (CERT-H), David Duane Eskue (CERT-H), Justin Lane Flowers (2 CERT), Stacey Dawn Harris (CERT), Erin Christine Jones (CERT), Donald Timothy Mayhugh (AS), Ashley Renee Miller (AAT), Hali Shacole Normile (CERT), Shannon Michelle Owens (CERT), Jennifer Marie Phillips (CERT-H), Katherine Leigh Pickering (CERT-H), Cherie Jean Rivera (AAT -C), Daniella Moira-Cecilia Rivera (AS -M), Aliesha Michelle Schulze (AS), Donald Pickett Simmons (2 CERT, AAS -C), Earlene Mae Smith (CERT), Rafeal M Tilley (AS), Kreshia Lynn Thompson (CERT), William Douglas Voorheis (2 CERT), Colby Lane Walker (2 CERT), Heath Howard Weissert (AAS), Nicholas Clayton Weissert (CERT), Adam Blake West (AS)

**CELESTE:** Joshua LaWayne Brown (AAS), Jennifer Diane Kennemer (CERT), William Blake Pierce (2 CERT)

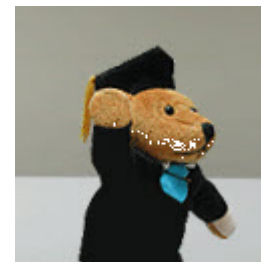
**ECTOR:** Brittany Michelle Bush (AAT), Jason Brent Ford (AS -M), Billy Don Roberts (CERT-H), Kaylen Shanai Robison (CERT), Audra Cheyenne Rhudy (AS), Krista Danielle Simpson (CERT), Amanda Sue Taylor (AAS), Justin Lynn White (CERT-H), Paula Katherine Willbanks (AAS -M)

**HONEY GROVE:** Kenneth Wayne Shaw (2 CERT-H)

**LEONARD:** William Scott Burke (2 CERT), Debra L Darden (CERT), Jamie Leeann Minchey (AS), Kimberly Jean Occhino (AS), Shelley Annette Perkins (AAS), Kristin Kelley Reid (2 CERT), Tiffany Beth Sadler (CERT), Martina Rae Suhling (AAS)

**SAVOY:** Steven Alvarado (CERT-H), Katia Allison Caylor (AS), Kristin Ann Colclasure (CERT, AAS), Jason Brent Ford (AS -M), Carl Edward Foster (CERT), Ashley Nicole Harrison (CERT), Kylie Ann Lewis (2 AS), Pamela Jean Logan (CERT), Trista Marie Aten Moore (AAT), Shannon Rae Pickle (2 CERT, AAS), Daneille Suezett Scott (AAS -C)

**TRENTON:** Joseph Paul Latimer (CERT-H), Billy G Skinner (AS)



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## Howe's That



## What's Cooking?

by Lana Rideout

This is the time of the year when a new group of high school students graduate from high school.

The 2011 graduation at Howe High School is very special to me. My oldest granddaughter, Amber Roe, is in the group. Because my daughter was working, I picked Amber up from her first day of school ... that kindergarten day has always been a fond memory for me.

I stood outside the school waiting to pick Amber up. Several moms were waiting with me, talking about how they cried that morning as they left their son or daughter. I got to know some of those mothers quite well over the years; although somewhere along the line, I did not pick up grandkids except in emergency situations (such as mom or dad were not available at the right time).

Also as my husband and I attended lots of school events to watch our grandchildren, we also became acquainted with their school mates.

Those elementary school days turned into middle school and then high school days. Now the Class of 2011 will walk across the stage and receive their diplomas on Saturday, June 4, at 2 pm. And then a few minutes later they will toss their graduation caps in the air.

All too soon they have grown up. They will be leaving for college or work or both.

Howe High School has a tradition of holding a special senior awards assembly near the end of the year. The students are each given a rose. The seniors hold their roses attached with a ribbon to the next student and they walk solemnly into the auditorium. After they are all assembled, the senior at the front takes the scissors and cuts the ribbon between him and the next student. The cutting of the ribbon goes all the way around the auditorium until the students stand alone with their rose.

It is a ceremony that puts a tear or two in the eyes of parents and students alike as they realize that they will soon be taking up their own separate journeys. (PS – even grandparents sometime cry too)

Good Luck to the Howe High School Seniors and to all graduating seniors across the nation!

## Mushroom Rolls

These are easy, but look and taste very impressive. This is a recipe you will definitely hang on to.

- 2 8-ounce cans of Pillsbury refrigerated dinner rolls
- 1 4-ounce can of mushroom stems and pieces, drained and chopped
- 1 8-ounce package of cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 to 2 tablespoons poppy seeds

Preheat oven to 375°F.

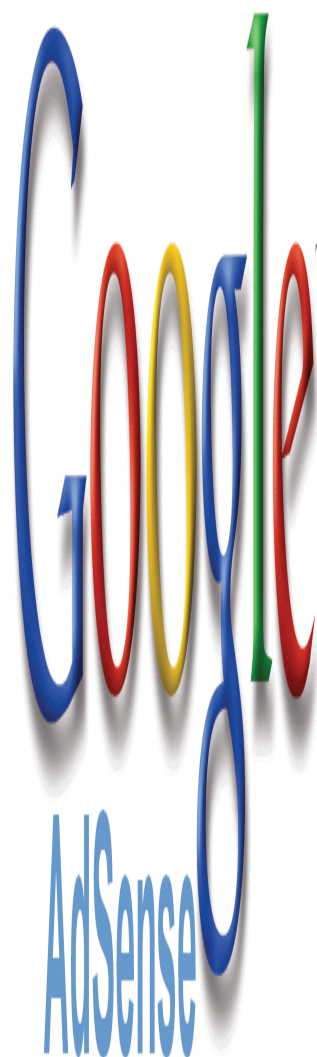
On an ungreased baking sheet, separate crescent dough into 8 rectangles. Press perforations to seal.

Combine the cream cheese, mushrooms and salt. Mix well. Spread mixture in equal portions over each rectangle of dough. Roll up each rectangle lengthwise (jellyroll fashion) and pinch seams to seal.

Slice each log into 1-inch pieces. Place seam side down on the baking sheet, brush each piece with beaten egg, and sprinkle with poppy seeds.

Bake at 375°F for 10 to 12 minutes until brown. Makes about 4 dozen.

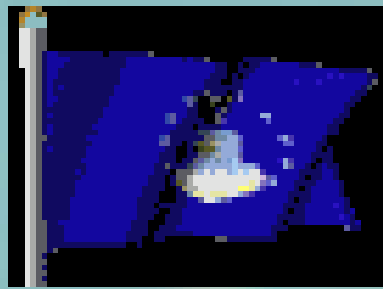
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## Brigadier General/CMSGT USAF John M. Elkins (Retired) (1930-2011) |

John Merl Elkins went to be with his Lord on May 21, 2011. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Trinity Lighthouse Church in Denison, TX. Waldo Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

John was born April 20, 1930, at Joliet Illinois. Parents were John Marion Elkins and Harriet Rose Davison Elkins. When John was 4 years old, he and his family were relocated from Naperville, Illinois to Commerce, Texas.

On June 24, 1950, John married Erna Maye Huie of Cooper, Texas. They have three daughters, Carolyn Williams and husband John, Charla Edwards and husband Dennis and Cheryl Elkins and fiancé Dusty Miller. Nine grand children: Amy Karyl Williams Lovelace, Sara Chumbley Stevens, Jamie Chumbley Khammash, Jessica Chumbley, & Jill Chumbley Puente (triplets), Ashlea Brown and Chase Brown, Cade and Halten Miller; Two great-grandsons Zachary Lovelace and Collin Stevens and four great-granddaughters Madisyn Lovelace, Avery Robertson, Kendall Stevens and Taylor Khammash.

General Elkins graduated with an Associate Degree in Fine Arts from Grayson County College, Denison, Texas on May 17, 1974, graduated with Bachelor of Education on May 16, 1975 & Certified by Texas and Oklahoma as a High School Teacher, and Master of Behavioral Science and Counseling degrees on July 16, 1978 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant, Oklahoma.

John was a member of the faculty and staff administrator, Grayson County Community College Denison, Texas. Duties included personal and educational counseling, veteran's affairs and director of educational and professional testing.

General Elkins enlisted in the Texas Defense Guard served one year and then on May 6, 1946 enlisted in United States Army Air Corps. Completed basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Completed aircraft and engine school and B-25 medium bomber schools at Keesler Field, Mississippi. First overseas assignment was Territory of Hawaii, Island of Oahu with the 81st Fighter Group as crew chief on a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter aircraft. In 1949, volunteered for the U.S. Army to attend parachutist and glider school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in aviation section of division artillery. Took an early out and returned to the Texas National Guard at Greenville, Texas. Transferred to United States Air Force Reserve at Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Texas. My unit, the 443rd Troop Carrier Group was called to active duty for duty in the Korean War. Trained at Donaldson Air Force Base, South Carolina for special training as flight engineer. Sent to Korea in 1952. Served during 1952-53 in the Korean War as a flight engineer on C-46 Commando cargo airplane. Transported military personnel, battle support equipment and ammunition to locations in South Korea. Also participated in troop, equipment and flare drops over enemy territory. Flew medical air evacuations of military wounded in Korean action, and "operation body bag" these sorties delivered deceased military to Pusan Air Base, South Korea for shipment to their home town for burial.

John returned to Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas to be released from active military service. Re-enlisted in the regular United States Air Force. Assigned to Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service Headquarters at Paris, Texas for a year and a half. Transferred to Edward Gary Air Force Base at San Marcos, Texas for

helicopter training school. The Air Base closed a year later. He was reassigned to Strategic Air Command's Second bombardment Wing, Hunter Air Force Base, Savannah, Georgia.

At Hunter Air Force Base, John was assigned as an aircraft quality control inspector on KC-97 aerial tankers and B-47 Boeing-built medium bombers. He made many Strategic Air Command world-wide deployments to North Africa, Labrador, and Goose Bay Labrador and other worldwide deployments. Was promoted to Master Sergeant. Applied for and was selected for assignment to the 43rd Bombardment Wing at Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas. Carswell AFB was another Strategic Air Command base where he was trained as a maintenance supervision of the Convair (General Dynamics) Fort Worth Plant-built B-58 Hustler supersonic jet bombers. General Elkins was ordered back to overseas with assignment at Osan Air Base, South Korea for 13 months. He was aircraft maintenance superintendent and line chief, and was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant. During assignment, John was selected for special assignment serving as an official United Nations observer during three of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission meetings at Panmunjom, Korea. Meetings were between of the United Nations, South Korea, North Korea and China following a series of alleged violations of the longest armistice in the history of wars.

He returned to Carswell Air Force Base. Ft Worth, Texas and assigned as an aircraft maintenance superintendent with the B-52 Bomber "Arc-Light Bomber Force." Was deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Participated in the Iron Bomb uploading, launch, and recovery of the giant B52 jet bombers for nuclear alert as well as for missions dropping "iron"

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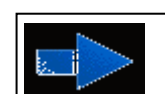
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bombs on targets across Vietnam. He was awarded the 4th United States Air Force Commendation Medal for service in the B-52 "Arc Light" bomber force. John completed United States Air Force recruiting school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Assigned to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as USAF Recruiting detachment 409 operations superintendent. Was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant. When the USAF recruiting assignment tour was completed, was assigned to Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas. Served at 4780th Aerospace Defense Wing Sergeant Major, and upon the base closing of the Perrin AFB, he retired from USAF Active Duty on January 1, 1971.

His awards and decorations include: United States Armed Forces Meritorious Service Medal, United States Air Force Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, United Nations Service Medal for Korea; Air Force Presidential Unit Citation with three oak leaf clusters, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with three battle stars, United States Air Force Good Conduct Medal, United States Air Force Overseas Service Ribbon, United States Air Force Longevity Service Award, Texas Adjutant General Individual Award with two stars, Texas State Guard Service Medal, The State of Texas Federal Service Medal, certified Command Pilot Wings in the Civil Air Patrol.

While employed as personal and educational counselor at Grayson County Community College, Denison, Texas, he was appointed by the Governor of Texas as a Commissioned Officer in the Texas Military Forces as a volunteer advisor. Colonel Elkins retired from active status as the Commander of the 7th Military Police Group, having served twenty years of military service. For distinguished service, prior to, during and after active duty retirement, Colonel Elkins was brevet promoted to Brigadier General in the Texas National Guard's of the State of Texas on June 29, 2005 by the Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas.

He was co-founder of the Perrin Field Historical Society, leading to the creation of the Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum. The museum's grand opening of their new building called a "labor of love" completed on Valentine's Day February 14, 2004.

Since the Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum's inception, he continues to serve as Operations director and curator of the museum located at 4575 Airport Drive, North Texas Regional Airport-Perrin Field, Denison, Texas 75020-8710. The museum doubled the size of its building in 2005 in order to display the continued acquisition of Perrin Air Force Base memorabilia. More than 1000 public school and home-schooled-children tour the museum annually from northeastern Texas and southeastern Oklahoma.

In view of the expansion of the Perrin Air Force Base Museum entailed a new and larger building. On October 23, 2009, a

request was presented to Grayson County Community College President and Board of Trustee for a long-time lease of a couple of acres on their "west campus," located on former Perrin Air Force Base west of the main campus.

On December 2, 2009, approval was made by the Grayson County Community College Board of Trustees to lease 1.62 acres on the "west" campus for fifty years.

The construction of the new facility is underway with completion expected in mid-summer 2010. Elkins was retired from the Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary of the United States Air Force on April 20, 2009 after sixty two years beginning in 1947 while serving in the United States Army Air Corps in the Territory of Hawaii. He has served as advisor for the Texoma Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol located on North Texas Regional Airport-Perrin Field since 1969 when he arrived at Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas.

Other volunteer services include Grayson County Commission for both Texas and Grayson County's Sesquicentennial celebrations, He was capsule "engineer-designer" and preparedness for its the burial of Grayson County Sesquicentennial 100-year-time-capsule weighing 1,500 pounds. It was buried in the east lawn of Grayson County Courthouse in December 1986. To be opened in 2086!

He continued to this day as an active member of the Grayson County Commission on the Texas Sesquicentennial, the Bi-centennial of the Constitution of The United States, Grayson County Millennium Commission, and many and varied other civic projects of the commission in all of its public service and volunteerism.

Back in 1980, John was elected as a Board of Education/Trustee of the Tom Bean Independent School District. He served as secretary of the board. Served as chairman of the Tom Bean High School Principal's advisory committee. Was appointed and served as the municipal judge for the City of Luella.

General Elkins continued as an active advocate for military veterans, and military retirees, their spouses, dependents, widows, and orphaned children while seeking entitlements and benefits in health care, education programs and burial services. For more than thirty years, he was an active participant in acquiring congressional enactment of the "Tricare -For-Life" law which provides quality health care for military retirees and their dependents.

He was an active member of the Military Service Academy Board, appointed by United States Congressman Ralph M. Hall. Congressman Hall serves the Fourth Congressional District of Texas. The board meets annually to evaluate academic records, community involvements, employment, and a personal interview of each military service academy applicant followed by an interview with their parents. Mission is to select the best of the best as principals and alternates to be congressionally nominated for the United States Military

Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and/or the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Since Perrin Field's closing in 1971, he has chaired BI-annual reunions where hundreds of former Perrin people from all over the U.S. attended. Elkins has been the keynote speaker on many Sherman and Denison Memorial Day Ceremonies, Veterans' Day at Fair Park Veteran's Memorial, and at Military funerals for the past quarter century. A life member of the National Guard Association of Texas, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Hella Shrine of Dallas, Phi Delta Kappa, and Southeastern Oklahoma State University Alumni. Member of Trinity Lighthouse Church in Denison, Texas.

General Elkins was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers including his twin brother.

The family wishes to thank: Dr. Van Buskirk, Nurse Stefanie Riley, Social Worker Kiti (Kasey) Miller, Chaplain Rev. Sheryl Myers, Patient Care Coordinator; medicine delivery, Donna Pack, Michelle Nash and all dedicated supporting care givers of Grayson Home Hospice. Memorials in lieu of flowers, the family ask you contribute in John's name directly to home Hospice of Grayson County, P O Box 2306, Sherman, TX 75091-2306, Trinity Lighthouse Church Youth Program, 2915 W. Spur 503, Denison, TX 75020 and/or The Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum, NTRA-Perrin Field, 435 McCullum Avenue, Denison, TX 75020.

NOTE: Brigadier General Elkins comes from a dedicated military family; His father served in World War One. Five of his brothers are military retirees. His grandson completed Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on August 3, 2007.

Countries served by the Elkins family include: France, German, North Africa, Pacific Theater, Labrador, England, Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Territory of Hawaii. Three brothers retired from the United States Air Force and two brothers retired from the United States Army.

Total dedication to God and Country in the uniformed services of the United States by the Elkins family adds up to more than 147 years of dedicated service defending God Almighty's divine guidance for freedom in the United States of America.

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**Thomas McGraw**(left) was named **Valedictorian**. **John Burchfield** was named **Salutatorian**.

## *Howe High School 2011 Honor Graduates*

Howe High School held its senior awards assembly on Wednesday, May 18. At that ceremony, **Thomas McGraw** was named Valedictorian. Thomas is the son of Mark and Michelle McGraw. During high school he participated in band, Student Council, One Act Play, and Art Club. He served as President of the National Honor Society and President of the International Thespian Society. He also participated in UIL Journalism, placing 2nd in Editorial Writing for two years at the State Journalism meet. He is also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Howe where he plays in the church orchestra. In the fall, Thomas will attend Baylor University and major in Religion.

**John Burchfield** was named Salutatorian. John is the son of Sue and Scott Frantz and the late Keith Burchfield. While at HHS he participated in FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, Texas Junior Livestock Association, band, basketball, cross country, football, powerlifting, tennis, track, Academic UIL, Livestock Evaluation, Agricultural Issues, Greenhand, and Senior FFA Quiz. He has also been involved in various community help projects and church activities through the First Baptist Church of Howe and Sherman Bible Church. John plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Biomedical Engineering.

Other 2011 honor graduates are Amber Thurston, Ari Falk, Brittany Blum, Claudia Smithart, Brooke Farris, Amber Roe, Ciarra King, Chase Fountaine, Michael Karry, Gretchen Debner, Dylan Pelt, Ashton James, Jordan Baugher, Corey Pelt, and Tiffany Batchelor.

## Poem for Graduation

The past is over; the future begun.  
Oh, happy day; it's your graduation!  
So let me add my congratulation.

The long years at school seem like more than twelve.  
Some classes were easy, but others (well),  
they were difficult, but you never failed.

There will be no more classrooms, halls, or books,  
or teachers' mean accusatory looks,  
or the stuff the cafeteria cooks.

You may forget teachers and principals  
but don't dare be so reprehensible  
that you not remember your principles.

Now as you murmur Pomp & Circumstance,  
find me in the crowd, send a nodding glance.  
And then go and do your commencement dance!

(Don Mathis, Sherman, TX)

**Let love and faithfulness never leave  
you; bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your  
heart. Then you will win favor in the  
sight of God and men. Trust in the  
Lord with all your heart and lean  
not on your own understanding; in  
all your ways acknowledge him, and  
he will make your paths straight.**

**Proverbs 3:3-5**



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## Howe High School Band Contest



The Howe High School Band recently sent 29 students to the annual Texas UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest held in Pflugerville this past weekend. Judges for the contest are selected from universities in Texas and surrounding states. Standards for scoring are very high at this competitive event with superior ratings reserved for the best performances. Students qualified to attend at the regional competition held in February at Prosper High School. Howe Band members performed exceptionally well at the state contest earning eight #1 ratings and 5 #2 ratings. The students were able to bring home 29 medals from the contest.

The following students performed at the contest: Brass #1 Ensemble (earning a #1 rating) - Amber Thurston, Thomas McGraw, Ashley Krueger, Kristen Ross, Jason Rodriguez, and

Travis Fulton. Brass #2 Ensemble (earning a #2): Riley Walters, Ramon Fierro, Ciarra King, Julie Nelson, Ben Dunavant, and Billy Roberts. Trombone Ensemble (earning a #1): Travis Hunt, Kristen Ross, Ben Dunavant, and Jason Rodriguez: Clarinet Choir (earning a #1): Katie Niehus, Katie Hogenson, Maegan Thurston, Cavin Bellows, Dominique Rideout, Emily Dawsey, Pacie Sarlls, Meg Wilson, and Logan Price. Clarinet Trio (earning a #1): Katie Niehus, Maegan Thurston, and Emily Dawsey. Flute Quartet (earning a #2): Kathryn McGuinness, Madison Wilson, Alex Akins, and Karlie Neihus. Solo performers included: Ashley Krueger with a #2 on the french horn, Krista Huske with a #2 on the oboe, Jonathan Maniet with a #1 on the piano and a #2 on the marimba, and Dylan Guthrie with three #1 ratings on the piano, timpani, and marimba.

## Howe High School Teacher of the Year

Geometry teacher Twana Stubblefield was recently named Howe High School Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Stubblefield graduated from Sherman High School, Grayson County College, and Texas A & M, Commerce. She has 13 years of teaching experience. She taught previously in Van Alstyne and Tom Bean and has been at Howe for 4 years. Mrs. Stubblefield and her husband, Todd, have 3 children: Tanner, Torrey, and Teagan. In her spare time, she enjoys watching her children play softball and baseball.

HHS principal, Blake Stiles, says of Mrs. Stubblefield, "She is an asset to our district. She works tirelessly to ensure that her students are successful, both in and out of the classroom. She's also willing to serve on a number of committees. This spring she put in countless hours as a junior class sponsor, organizing our Junior-Senior Prom. We are very lucky to have her on our faculty."



## Couponing

The Howe Community Library will be offering an introduction to couponing class on Saturday, June 4 at 10 am at the library.

Carrie Dean will be teaching a basic class on how to start using coupons. She will give instructions on where coupons are available, how to organize them, and the best techniques for using coupons.

Although not extreme couponing, this session will teach participants how to save at least 50% on costs.

This is a free community event. The library is located at 315 S. Collins Frwy (across from the elementary school playground). For additional information call 903-532-3350.

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Dear Community Partner:

In June 2010, Pack 45 Cub Scouts in Howe made a commitment to care for the Howe Memorial Park as a community service project. New flowers and plants have been planted and each month a different den has been taking care of the grounds. In addition, the boys have been working hard to raise funds to build a playground for the community to enjoy. The Cub Scouts have partnered with Pack 45 Charter Organization, Howe Volunteer Fire Department, and Boy Scout Tyler Olin. Tyler has graciously taken on the oversight of building the playground as part of his Eagle Project. He has already enlisted the help of several community members to construct the playground, once we

To date our boys have completed many projects. We are proud of our contribution to the park. Our playground equipment

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Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours truly,

Carolyn Cherry  
Committee Chair  
Howe Pack 45 Cub Scouts  
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## Howe Scout Troop Pack 45 Howe Memorial Park Project

Howe Scout Tyler Olin has reached the monetary amount needed for his Eagle Scout project. On Tuesday, May 31, the Howe City Council voted to approve \$594 to pay for the gravel needed for the project.

Olin worked with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Troop 45 to raise a total of \$4,000.

Fundraisers garnered \$1,236 while private donations amounted to \$770. Company donations added another \$1400.

Scouts offer a special thank you to all contributors. Business contributors were Independent Bank, M.E. Curtis, Magni-Fab, Pelley Law Office, Perot Foundation and Allison Insurance.

The project should be completed in the next month or so.



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## Scholarship Recipient

Olivia Burns of Tom Bean High School is the recipient of several scholarships.

She is the daughter of Robby Burns and Chimene Nicholas Deniger

She received the following scholarships:

Blue and Gold Scholarship from Texas A&M Commerce- \$4,000;  
Ruth Bound Harris Endowment from Texas A&M Commerce- \$4604; and Academic Honors Scholarship from Austin College- \$9000

During her years at Tom Bean High School she participated in Theatre, Track, Volleyball, UIL One Act Play, was a part of National Honors Society and International Thespian Society Track and Field Regional Qualifier in 2009, 2010.

She received Honorable Mention All Star in UIL One Act Play Cast 2008, 2009, 2010, as well as All Star Cast in UIL One Act Play in 2009, 2010, 2011

She plans to attend Texas A&M University at Commerce and majoring in Social Work.



## Tom Bean Friends of Library Corner

## Book Sale

The Tom Bean Friends of Library are hosting a Book Sale, Saturday, June 11, 9 to 5 in the Community Room at the Tom Bean City Hall. They have a good selection of mystery authors including Patricia Cornwell, Sandra Brown, and James Patterson.

They will also have children's books available



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## Erin Crichton

Erin Crichton of Tom Bean High School has received several scholarships.

The daughter of Craig and Karen Crichton, she has received the following scholarships - 2011 Walmart Dependent Scholarship: \$3,000 and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital- WNJ Auxiliary: \$1,500.

Her school activities and honors include JV Cheerleading (Co-Captain), 3 years of Varsity Cheerleading (Senior year: Co-Captain), Junior class Secretary, Senior class Treasurer, NHS for 3 years (Senior year: Secretary).

She plans to attend Grayson County College to become a Radiologic Technician.



## Josh Highlander

Josh Highlander of Tom Bean High School is the son of Boyd and Vicky Highlander.

He has received a Texas A&M University @ Commerce Honor's College Scholarship of \$55,000.

School Activities and Honors: He has played Football for 4 years (All-District Kicker and Punter, and All-Texomaland Punter Senior year), Tennis for 3 years, Basketball for 1 year, and Cross Country for 1 year.

He has been a member of the National Honor Society for 3 years, serving as President during Senior year, and a member of the International Thespan Society for 1 year. He participated in Marching band for 4 years, and One-Act Play for 2 years.

Other: He played select soccer in Frisco for 6 years.

He plans to major in Computer Science.



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## Van Alstyne Library News

*By Juanita Hazelton*

As most of you know, I will be retiring on June 10 as Director of the Van Alstyne Library. My 16 years of service to the Van Alstyne Community have been filled with many golden moments, sharing the excitement of good books and good stories with children, and helping adults find information they need in many aspects of their lives. The library has grown from a small quiet place primarily filled with books and magazines to a busy information center with high speed Internet connections and many computers, audiovisual materials, graphic novels, and all forms of information sources. I have overseen the change from traditional library service to current technology center.

There are many challenges that lie ahead for libraries as technology continues to develop new ways to provide information. A new Director will be guiding the Van Alstyne Library through those challenges. Tracy Luscombe will join us as Library Director on June 1. Please stop by the library to welcome her.

Tracy Luscombe began her public library experience in the Dallas Public Library system as a library assistant while she was attending UNT for her Master of Library Science degree. Following graduation in 2001 she began serving the Carrollton community as a reference librarian with Carrollton Public Library. In 2003 she married Sam Luscombe of Anna and became the Genealogy Librarian with McKinney Public Library where she served until January of this year. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Mercer University in Macon, GA and taught high school in Georgia. In addition to reading she enjoys crocheting and gardening.

Every year, the North East Texas Library System (NETLS) honors library employees and volunteers. Sharon Hayes, who has been a volunteer at the Van Alstyne Library for more than six years, received NETLS Volunteer of the Year for Libraries Under 6000 on Tuesday, May 24. Sharon gives the library many hours of her time to help out with the children's programs every week. If the children's assistant is unable to be there for story time, Sharon fills in for her. She has helped as a puppeteer, as a crafts helper, and as the registrar for many activities. If the program calls for refreshments, Sharon is there. As a member of Friends of the Van Alstyne Library, Sharon is always present at fund raising activities. She is one of the chief cooks at the First Saturday Community Breakfast, coming early to work on the first shift and staying late to help with cleanup. At the Friends High Tea last Spring and at the Library Open House in March, she was active in the planning and in the work involved in making the events successful. Thank you Sharon Hayes for all your hard work and for all the time you have given to help make Van Alstyne Library a true community library.



**Tracy Luscombe will join us as Library Director on June 1**



**Juanita Hazelton congratulates Sharon Hayes, who has been a volunteer at the Van Alstyne Library for more than six years, received NETLS Volunteer of the Year for Libraries Under 6000.**

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## Annual Armed Forces Day celebration held May 21

Bonham - On Saturday, May 21, residents from all over Fannin County converged on the Mutli-Purpose Complex to honor and celebrate the area Veterans, Military servicemen and women along with area senior citizens with dinner and entertainment. The 13th annual Armed Forces Day Dinner and Celebration event provided the attendees with entertainment by Rita Fulmer during a catfish and chicken fried steak dinner from Cappy's Café. Many of the tables were adorned with flags representing the five branches of our armed forces while the stage held a pride inspiring picture of 8 United States Flags and two State of Texas Flags.

Melanie Grammar, President of the Fannin County Republican Women, the event organizer started off the evening with a welcome to all. Criminal District Attorney Richard Glaser recognized the various County and City officials who were in attendance. Recognition was given to the Corporate and individual sponsors who made it possible to host an event for the entire community to enjoy. "Without the generous help of these incredible sponsors, an evening such as this would be very difficult to offer," said Grammar.

The evening was filled with many uplifting moments starting with the Presentation of colors by the Mike Baker Chapter 129. Nancy Young led the attendees in the Pledges both to the United States Flag and the Texas flag. Brother Bill Beasley, himself a Veteran and former POW, provided the invocation. Colonel Benton Danner, son of Richard and Mary Danner of Bonham, recognized all the veterans in attendance.

The evening progressed as Congressman Ralph Hall gave a short entertaining and informative discussion of the current political state of affairs in Washington.

The Congressman then introduced the keynote speaker for the evening, Captain Scott. Captain O'Grady kept the audience spellbound as he told his incredible story of survival in the hostile areas of Bosnia for six days after being shot down in his F-16 aircraft before being rescued by US Marines in 1995.

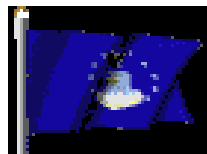
His inspirational story of how his belief in God kept him alive during his ordeal had man shedding a tear or two.

Afterwards O'Grady autographed his book Basher Five-Two for the High School Seniors who were being honored for their contributions in the Patriot Scholarship Essay Contest.

The evening included the recognition of the three winners of the Richard Deweese Patriot Scholarship who were receiving awards to help as they further their education upon graduation. Joyce Buchanan, chair of the Scholarship committee presented the awards to Cameron Miller of Savoy High School, first place. Aaron Shanks of Leonard High School and Xavier Brown received awards as runners-up.

The Patriot Scholarship Essay contest was open to all high school students throughout Fannin County.

The Armed Forces Day Dinner Celebration will continue to be offered by the Fannin County Republican Party as a way to honor all Veterans and Citizens for their special places in our country. – submitted Melanie Grammar.



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## June at the Heard-Craig

The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts is bustling with activity during the month of June. Texas Gardening Expert, Neil Sperry, will provide the program for Tea & Conversation on June 15 at 2 pm in the Carriage House. Afternoon tea will follow the program in the Heard-Craig House and will feature delicious desserts, tea sandwiches and other tempting treats. Guests are encouraged to linger over tea and enjoy conversation with friends. A tour of the historic Heard-Craig House will complete the afternoon. The Heard-Craig House is located at 205 West Hunt Street in McKinney's historic district. The cost is \$20 for Heard-Craig League members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 972/569-6909 or emailing [bjohnson@heardcraig.org](mailto:bjohnson@heardcraig.org).

We're celebrating summer with the return of Music in the Garden featuring the E-Flat Porch Band on June 17 at 7 pm in Katie's Garden. Bring your family & friends, a picnic basket and garden chairs for a concert by McKinney's favorite music makers. The music is free and a great way to start the weekend! Katie's Garden is located on the east side of the historic Heard-Craig House at 205 W. Hunt in McKinney's historic district.

Katie's Art Camp on June 28 from 10 am until 12 is for children ages 8 - 12. Young artists will meet in the Carriage House for an art class much like young Katie Heard attended in 1894. The artists will receive watercolor instruction and create a masterpiece to take home. The camp concludes with a tour of the historic Heard-Craig House where the young artists will see Katie Heard's art from the late 1800's. Reservations are required and the cost of the camp is \$15.

The Art History Brown Bag series continues on June 1 in the Carriage House at 205 1/2 W. Hunt Street. Whether you're an art historian or just enjoy a beautiful painting, the Heard-Craig Art History series will heighten your appreciation of art and provide insight into the mind of the artist. The programs are free and are offered on the first Wednesday of every month.

The lectures are presented by Annie Royer who is a studio and decorative painter/muralist. Ms. Royer has a fine arts degree from Austin College; and has earned three Master's Degrees from Yale University in Religion and the Visual Arts, East Asian Studies and the history of art.

Tours of the historic Heard-Craig House are offered on Tuesday and Thursday at 2 pm and on Saturday at 1, 2 and 3 pm. The tours provide information on the Heard family and their significant contributions to the well-being and growth of McKinney. The Heard-Craig House, built in 1900, still contains the Heard family's heirlooms, art collection, personal memorabilia and furniture. The generous hospitality of the Heard family made this residence a center of social, business, art and literary activities. Tours are \$5 per person and large tour groups may request private tours on days other than regular tour days.

For more information on the Heard-Craig contact the office at 972.569.6909 or visit the website at [www.heardcraig.org](http://www.heardcraig.org).

## Melody Ranch's 5th Annual Bluegrass Festival

Can you believe it? This is our 5th Annual Bluegrass Festival!

This year the dates are June 1-4. We have a kick-off potluck supper on June 1 at 6 pm which is free for campers. There will be fellowship and jamming afterwards.

The gospel section of the festival is focused on Thursday evening beginning at 6 pm. We have the Melody Ranch Ramblers, Bluefield Express, Full Quiver, and Copper Canyon for that evening.

Fridays' events begin at 1 pm with The Upper Grassmen, Mark Phillips & IIIrd Generation Bluegrass Band, Cedar Ridge, and High Strung. The evening performance will begin at 6 pm.

Saturday's events begin at 12 noon. We have Blue Moon Drive, High Strung, Mack Smith Family Band, Cedar Ridge, and Mark Phillips and IIIrd Generation Bluegrass Band. The evening performance will begin at 6 pm.

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

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows. We serve hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches, and during the dinner hour on Friday and Saturday evening, we will serve an enchilada, beans, and rice plate.

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



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## **The Sound Of Music Closes SCP's Season**

On Friday evening, June 3, the Sherman Community Players will be opening **The Sound of Music**, the final show in the theatre's 2010-2011 Season. Written and composed by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, this uplifting musical comedy is based on the memoirs of Maria von Trapp. It tells the story of a widowed naval captain who falls in love and weds a postulant from a nearby abbey, sent to be the governess of his seven children. Set against the beautiful mountains of Austria on the eve of World War II, the family escapes the German invasion, flees to America and later becomes a world-famous singing family.

The show was written for Texas-born Mary Martin and originally conceived as a non-musical that would feature songs from the Von Trapp Family Singers. The producers decided to add an original song or two by Rodgers and Hammerstein, but soon realized the show should feature all new songs and be a musical rather than a play.

The award-winning production opened on Broadway in 1959 and was later adapted as a popular and beloved film starring Julie Andrews and won five Academy Awards. The show has had numerous revivals on Broadway and is one of the most widely produced musicals in the world. Songs from the

production include *My Favorite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi*, *Sixteen Going On Seventeen*, *Climb Every Mountain* and many more.

Heading the 36-member cast of the SCP production is local music teacher Laura Dominick as Maria, Sherman optometrist Jerry Gundersheimer as Captain von Trapp and Grayson College librarian Lisa Hebert as the Mother Abbess. The seven children are played by Lauren Fanning, Trey Alexander, McKenzie Baca, Rafe McConnell, Sarah McGinn, Lindsey Fanning and Zoey Griffith.

The production is directed by SCP artistic director Ron Cassady, assisted by musical director Fred Freeman who will also conduct the 17 member orchestra.

**The Sound Of Music** has performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2 pm through June 26. There will be a preview performance on Thursday evening, June 2 with all seats priced at \$5. Performances are held in the Finley Theatre at 500 N. Elm.

The box office opens for season members only on Monday and Tuesday, May 30 and 31 at 9 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Wednesday, June 1 at 10 am. The box office telephone number is 903-892-8818, and it is located in the Honey McGee Playhouse, located directly behind the Finley Theatre.

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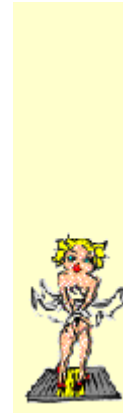
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If you remember where you were that day a madman drove his pickup through the windows of the Killeen Luby's and killed 23 people... if you believe in our 2nd amendment rights... if you have ever wondered if you might need to protect yourself, your family or your friends... try to attend this event.

## Why I Fight Against Gun Control

Suzanna Hupp, former Texas State Rep and author of the book *From Luby's to the Legislature*, will be speaking on June 24 that Images of Dance, 519 W. Main Street, #102, Denison. Her talk about gun control and 2nd Amendment rights starts at 7 pm. A C&W dance follows the talk.

"I made the most stupid decision of my life when I decided, several months before the Luby's shooting, to stop carrying a revolver in my purse in the event that I would be caught and lose my chiropractor's license. That decision left me unarmed at the time when I most needed a gun. I'm not mad at the guy that killed 23 people that day. How can I be mad at a rabid dog? I don't blame guns. I blame politicians that legislated away my right to carry a gun to protect myself and my family."

This is Suzanna's story. It is the story of someone who experienced the tragedy of state mandated personal disarmament, and her decades-long fight against the elitist arrogance of those who would perpetuate by law a society in which the use of arms for personal defense is not allowed.

Suzanna helped author and pass Texas' concealed handgun law. She testified before the US Congress:  
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4069761537893819675>

She will sell and, of course, personalize a copy of her book for you. There will also be a silent auction and raffle. Look forward to an inspiring evening followed by fun and dancing.

This event is sponsored by the Texoma Patriots, a tea party organization serving Grayson and Fannin counties. For additional information, contact [kaarent@verizon.net](mailto:kaarent@verizon.net). Please join us.




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## Caddo Lake

By Bob Bowman

East Texas has some of the most beautiful lakes in Texas, largely because they are surrounded by lavish forests.

If anyone ever asks me to pick the lake I like most, Caddo Lake, located near Jefferson, would be high on my list, largely because its mystical nature is captivating.

Caddo is among the few naturally formed lakes in Texas. It was created in the 1800s when the backwaters of the Red River broke through a logjam, eventually sprawling over more than 26,000 acres along the Texas-Louisiana border with water.

What makes Caddo so different is its large cypress trees. Their roots, called knees, poke out of the water like gnomes.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

When I was working for larger newspapers, I discovered that nearly every day or every month of the year is officially or unofficially some special day. The specialness can be because the United States Congress has given it a designation or because someone just wants to have some fun with it. Because I am worn out with disasters, with worries over teacher's jobs and the fate of poor kids and old people, I looked up June's "special days," a task made easy by the Internet. Room doesn't permit explaining each of them, but you can look them up for yourself and decide which ones you will celebrate.

Doing that won't help with the problems faced by teachers and poor kids and old people because the legislature won't raise taxes on beer (Texans drink more beer per capita than in any other state of the union) or on anything else so we can take care of poor kids and old people and hire teachers to educate our children. However, looking up something silly might take your mind off the problems for a little while.

**Dare Day** is the take to either issue a dare -- a double dog dare if you are serious -- and it is also a day to take a dare. Surely you want to be careful not to do something that would risk your life and limb, but what if you dared to smile all day, dared to be tolerant of people who honk at you at red lights, and who might cut you off in traffic. I can think of lots of other good things you might dare to do or dare someone else to do.

On **Flip a Coin Day** you might try flipping a coin 100 times to see whether your math teacher was right when he/she said that the laws of chance more or less insured that about half the time you would get heads and the other half you would get tails. It's a time-consumer, but it might also be a myth prover or a myth buster. Legend has it that Julius Caesar flipped a coin when he couldn't decide what to do. Because it was his image on the heads side, a coin that landed heads up always gave him the answer, not necessarily the right answer, but the answer.

Does anyone call you Bubba? If so, there is a day for you. It's June 2 and it's a good day to act like a Bubba, if you can figure out how Bubbas are supposed to act.

June 3, the first Friday in June, is **National Doughnut Day**. The first Friday in June is always National Doughnut Day and has been since WWI, although I had never heard of it. Traditionally, it's a day when the Salvation Army raises money for its activities. Sometimes doughnut shops have special promotions to assist in the fund raising effort. If you've got a student who needs to make a special report, he/she can find some information about it on the Internet.

**Rocky Road Day** celebrates my all time favorite ice cream, but my celebration will not be unusual. I watch for Blue Bell to be on sale and buy a half gallon of Rocky Road every time



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## BOB BOWMAN'S

### EAST TEXAS, continued

The lake is also rich in wildlife. The lake's alligators are shy, but if you look closely you'll find them swimming lazily between the cypress trees, sometimes with birds riding on their backs

You'll also find opossums, all kind of snakes and scorpions, egrets, blue herons, beavers, deer, raccoons, bobcats and coyotes. And in the trees, barred owls seem to call out with a low-pitched sound that sounds like, "Who cooks for you?"

The cypress trees are home to a Spanish moss, which isn't a moss at all, but related to the pineapple, a guide told us.

Spending the night on the lake is an experience of its own. The best place is one of nine stone and log rental cabins built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Caddo Lake is actually a state park with 2.5 miles of hiking trails that wind around a handful of small communities, including Uncertain, which was once a steamboat landing named by a captain who often told his nervous passengers, "Landing here is always uncertain."

Guides carry tourists through the swamp with "Go-Devil" boats, a low-profile metal craft with an outboard motor that can navigate the shallow waters with ease.

One Go-Devil guide often tells his passengers, "A lot of people get lost here and have to spend the night without wanting too," while patting the metal storage bin on his boat, which is always packed with tins of sardines and Vienna sausages.

If you want more comfort for your boat ride, larger boats, some shaped like old steamboats, often carry groups of sightseers across the lake, weaving among the old cypress trees.

Adding to the mystery of the lake are several sightings of Bigfoot, the large man-like creature which has been seen by visitors on several occasions.

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## Dot's Dashes, continued

it is. The result is that my freezer contains more Rocky Road than any other one item. The broccoli is good, too, but the Rocky Road is better.

The third Saturday in June is **National Hollerin' Day**. The event is held in Spivey, N. C., population 50, except during the contest when the contest brings between 5 and 10 thousand people to town either to exhibit their hollerin' skill or to hear it. This is another day that would make a good report for a kid looking for something unusual to report on.

The editor of the *Texoma Enterprise* will have to format the list so that it will fit in the designated place in the e-paper, and I do appreciate that effort. I hope your curiosity will be piqued enough in this wonderful age of information to find out more about these "special" days.

Dare Day, 1 Flip a Coin Day, 2 National Bubba Day, 3 National Doughnut Day always the first Friday in June, 2 National Rocky Road Day, 3 Repeat Day (I said "Repeat Day") ,4 Applesauce Cake Day, 4 Hug Your Cat Day, 4 Old Maid's Day, 5 World Environment Day, 6 National Gardening Exercise Day- (Get out and exercise with your plants.), 6 National Yo-Yo Day, 7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, 8 Best Friends Day, 8 Name Your Poison Day, 9 Donald Duck Day, 10 Iced Tea Day ,10 Nursing Assistants Day -- (First day of National Nursing Assistants Week), 11 Hug Holiday, 12 Red Rose Day, 13 Sewing Machine Day, 14 Flag Day, 15 Smile Power Day, 16 Fresh Veggies Day,17 Eat Your Vegetables Day, 18 Go Fishing Day, 18 International Panic Day, 18 National Hollerin' Contest Day – (third Saturday in June), 18 National Splurge Day - Oh yeah!! 18 World Juggler's Day - Saturday closest to June 17th 19 World Sauntering Day, 19 Father's Day, 20 Ice Cream Soda Day, 21 Finally Summer Day- Summer Solstice, 21 Go Skate Day, 22 National Chocolate Eclair Day, 23 National Columnists Day, 23 National Pink Day, 23 Take Your Dog to Work Day (Why!?) .....date varies, 24 Swim a Lap Day, 25 Log Cabin Day, 25 National Catfish Day, 26 Beautician's Day, 26 Forgiveness Day 27 Sun Glasses Day, 28 Insurance Awareness Day - Now who do you think invented that!?! 28 Paul Bunyan Day, 29 Camera Day, 29 Hug Holiday, 29 Waffle Iron Day, 30 Meteor Day.



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## Comments Solicited on Refuge Feral Hog Control Program

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in north central Texas is proposing to expand feral hog control efforts on Refuge lands. As part of this process the public is being invited to provide early comments on potential issues or concerns that should be considered.

Feral hogs pose a serious threat to native wildlife and all refuge habitats. The goal of feral hog management on Hagerman NWR is to control the expanding population of feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*) by reducing their numbers to the extent possible. Successfully accomplishing this goal will result in less competition for food, water and space between feral hogs and native wildlife; reduce habitat disturbance; reduce destruction of nests of ground nesting species such as dickcissel, turkey, mallard, quail, reptiles and amphibians; and reduce damage to refuge roads, impoundments, streams, and farm fields through excessive rooting behavior feral hogs engage in while foraging for food.

This comment period is known as 'Scoping' under the National Environmental Policy Act. During scoping the Refuge is looking for general comments on the proposed feral hog control program. These comments will assist in determining the next course of action. Comments will be accepted until June 17, 2011. Comments should be sent to [Kathy\\_Whaley@fws.gov](mailto:Kathy_Whaley@fws.gov) or mailed to; Refuge Manager, Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, Texas 75092

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## Comments Solicited on Refuge Hunt Program

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in north central Texas is proposing to add quota permit feral hog and wild turkey hunting opportunities on Refuge lands. As part of this process the public is being invited to provide early comments on potential issues or concerns that should be considered.

The objectives of implementing feral hog and wild turkey hunting programs on Hagerman NWR are to provide the general public an opportunity to participate in priority, wildlife-dependent recreation. In addition, implementing a feral hog hunt will aid in reducing the population of this invasive and destructive species which will benefit refuge habitat and native wildlife. The proposed hunts will provide a high quality wildlife-dependent (hunting) experience in north Texas by offering an uncrowded, highly individualistic experience.

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## What Is Asset Protection Planning?

Asset protection planning is about protecting your assets from creditors -- and it is not just for the super-wealthy.

Anyone can get sued. Lawsuits can stem from car accidents, credit card debt, bank foreclosures, or unhappy customers, among many other things. If someone wins a monetary judgment against you, your family could become bankrupt trying to pay it off. To keep your assets away from creditors, you need to move them somewhere where creditors can't reach them. Asset protection techniques include maximizing contributions to IRAs, moving funds to an irrevocable trust, retitling various assets, or using limited liability companies or family limited partnerships.

To develop an asset protection plan, you need to talk to your attorney. Your attorney can discuss your short- and long-term financial goals and help you create a plan that will work for you.

It is important to note that asset protection planning only works if you act before you are sued. Under the law, you may not defraud current creditors. If you are already being sued or if you know you are going to be sued and you transfer assets so that creditors can't reach them, the court will reverse the transfer. That is why it is a good idea to put a plan into place now -- before it is too late.



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## Seniors Honor Hall

### *Lawmaker Lauded For Commitment To Elderly*

Washington, D.C. – Because of his commitment to the elderly, Congressman Ralph Hall (R-TX), has earned the coveted Guardian of Seniors' Rights award from the 60 Plus Association, a national non-partisan organization advocating lower taxes and an adherence to the Constitution.

Now in its 19th year, 60 Plus presents Guardian awards each Congress to Democrats and Republicans alike based on their 'pro-senior' views and legislative initiatives.

60 Plus Chairman Jim Martin said, "we seniors felt we should show our gratitude to dedicated lawmakers like Ralph Hall who show compassion towards the elderly by pledging to 1) always protect Medicare, 2) always protect Social Security, and 3) just as importantly, to vote against wasteful spending of our tax dollars, excessive spending that has our government now borrowing over 40 cents of every dollar it needs to pay its bills. Seniors have to balance their budgets and so should our government."

In an award ceremony in the nation's capital, Martin cited Congressman Hall for "his commitment to look out for America's greatest generation as well as the Congressman's promise to always work to preserve Medicare and Social Security for future retirees, our children and grandchildren.

"While both programs are running deficits, seniors are not to blame," Martin emphasized. "After all, we seniors have paid into both all our working lives. We've paid our dues but seniors know why deficits face both Medicare and Social Security. For example, Congress raids the annual surpluses from Social Security to pay for other government programs, leaving nothing but trillions of dollars of IOUs.

"Seniors know this. Many of us are well aware of the famous quote from two U. S. Senators, the late Republican, John Heinz of Pennsylvania and the recently retired Democrat, Fritz Hollings of South Carolina who called the annual raid on the Social Security Trust Fund 'embezzlement,' robbing Peter to pay Paul.

"Thankfully it's Members of Congress like Ralph Hall who show caring concern towards our senior population, the very ones who have sacrificed all these years and who now face uncertain retirements due to the impending bankruptcy of their entitlement programs. Representative Hall has also pledged to work hard to halt out of control spending of hard earned tax dollars in order to right our fiscal ship before it sinks from tons of heavy debt.

"On behalf of 7.1 million seniors that 60 Plus looks to for support, seniors know you're in our corner. Congressman Hall, you have earned our respect and our appreciation. 60 Plus thanks you."

*The 60 Plus Association is a 19-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues featuring a less government, less taxes approach as well as a strict adherence to the Constitution. 60 Plus calls on support from over 7 million activists. 60 Plus publishes a newsletter, SENIOR VOICE, and a Scorecard, bestowing awards on lawmakers of both parties who vote "pro-senior." 60 Plus has been called, "an increasingly influential senior citizen's group" and since 1992 "the conservative alternative to the AARP.*



## Fallen Soldiers

On May 28, the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate met jointly to hold a memorial ceremony to honor Texan soldiers who lost their lives in the global war against terrorism. The ceremony began with the presentation of the colors by the Texas National Guard, the singing of the national anthem, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the legislature spoke briefly about the sacrifices made by the service members and their families before the Governor presented state flags to the families of the fallen Texans.

Ninety-six soldiers from Texas have lost their lives in the global war on terrorism in the last two years. The families of each of these fallen heroes were invited to the ceremony. The family members of fallen soldiers were on hand to participate in the memorial ceremony. The ceremony was closed with a 21-gun cannon salute and the playing of "Taps," both performed by the Texas National Guard.

In addition to this important and solemn ceremony, the legislature continued to work during this final week of session. The last few days of the session are primarily dedicated to working on conference committee reports. A bill that has been amended by the chamber from which it did not originate is returned to the originating chamber. Upon receiving the amended legislation, the originating chamber can either concur with all of the amendments made by the opposite chamber, or choose to go to conference committee to attempt to work out differences between the two versions of the bill.

When either the House or Senate decides to have a conference committee on a bill, five members from each chamber are appointed to serve on the committee. A conference committee's charge is limited to reconciling differences between the two houses, and the committee, unless so directed, may not alter, amend, or omit text that is not in disagreement. Nor may the committee add text on any matter that is not in disagreement or that is not included in either version of the bill in question.

After the committee has met and reached an agreement, a report is submitted to both houses for approval or disapproval. A conference committee report is not subject to amendment but must be accepted or rejected in its entirety. If the report is accepted, the bill is finally passed and sent to the governor. The last day for conference committee reports to be accepted this session is Sunday, May 29. The last day of session, also called Sine Die, is Monday, May 30.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of those who serve in our military for their service, and encourage everyone to participate in local Memorial Day events to honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our country.

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[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 starts each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30, worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service will be led by Denis Gray. So come join them for an inspiration service, dress is casual.

The church celebrates the Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service. Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service.

The youth group will be having a garage sale at the church on June 18th from 8 am to whenever... The sale will be held at the church at 150 Fellowship Road in Luella, lots of clothes and many different item, remember one man's junk is another man's treasure, so come on out and see what kind of treasure you can find.

The church offers home study groups throughout the week.

Wednesday night begins with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church is located on 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 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. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts.

Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

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



## Epitome of Perfidious

By Willie Sofey

The Merriam-Webster dictionary is a compilation of some 65,000 entries to the most frequently used words in the English language. Definitions have been based on examples of actual use found in the Meriam-Webster citation files which now contain over 15,000,000 examples of English words and more than 75,000,000 available through electronic searching.

Epitome is defined as "embodiment" (or pinnacle of / peak of, my add). Perfidious is defined as "detrimental to faith; violation of faith or loyalty: TREACHERY".

These are the two words that came to my mind when I listened to part of the conversation between our President and the Prime Minister of Israel on Fox News recently. The suggestion that President Obama made, that Israel needed to give up more of her territory to placate her warring Palestinian neighbors in a solution to create peace in that area, hinges on downright ignorance of the 4,000 year history of that sacred ground, or perhaps a better description would be a display of the embodiment of this person's psyche (soul, personality, mind), the "Epitome of Perfidious".

I am speaking about treachery and a violation to Almighty God's words concerning this territory.

This holy ground had been occupied by believers of the true God Creator since the time of King Melchizedek who typified Christ (Ps. 76:2; Ps. 110:4; Heb 7) around 2100 B.C. This land was promised to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (2100 B.C. – 1900 B.C.) Joshua took this

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## Epitome of Perfidious, continued

Promised Land after conquering the Canaanites in 1410 B.C. fulfilling the promise of Gen. 17:8 and Gen. 15:13-14 and establishing the birth of the nation of Israel.

Almighty God chose this sacred ground for an eternal memorial site. "I have chosen Jerusalem that My name might be there." 2 Chron. 6:6; "I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually." 2 Chron. 7:16.

These were the words to King Solomon and his nation Israel in 966 B.C.

I have briefly outlined the tumultuous history of this sacred ground in my article "I Have Chosen Jerusalem" dated June 21, 2010.

In May of 1948, Israel finally regained her independent nation status after some 1900 years, fulfilling Ezekiel's prophesy in Ezekiel chapter 37 of the dry bones.

In 1967, following an attack of a much larger force of Arab coalition, tiny Israel defeated this force and captured all of Jerusalem. These new protected boundaries are what has secured the safety of Jerusalem from these paganistic warring Arabs. It seems that a "precursor" to the epitome of what is to come in the "latter days"..., namely that anti-Christ dictator who will ultimately try to destroy God's children..., is presently on the scene of world history today in the form of the President of the USA.

God's word is absolute and will not fall void.

"I (God) am zealous for Zion (Jerusalem) with great zeal; with great fervor I am zealous of Her." Zech. 8:1-2. "Thus says the Lord, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the Mountain of the Lord of Hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.'" Zech. 8:3.

You self-claimed Christians who have voted for leaders like our president and left-wing anti-God politicians are now "reaping the destructive whirlwind of the seeds you have sown to the wind". Quit compromising your Godly morals trying to justify and rationalize the un-Godly actions of these enamored of yours.

This anti-God president condones baby murder for political reasons just like Pharaoh of Egypt during Moses' infancy and Herod during Jesus' infancy just to mention two of the anti-Christ rulers of ancient history.

May Almighty God have mercy on the likes of you who have abandoned His ways either through apathy or downright obstinence.

Trying to wake you that slumber,  
**Willie Sofey**

Remember, "the bridegroom cometh on a day or hour you know



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Shannon Jackson, minister,

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## Neighborhood Genealogist - How to Preserve Records

by Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Back in the blogging saddle to tackle the drought

By Gene Hall

I've been on the disabled list for a while -- rotator cuff shoulder surgery. Well, it started out that way. My doc did the rotator cuff all right. While in there, he reattached my right biceps tendon and cleaned up my labrum, all to fix what he described as a mess. As a public service, all you young folks coaching youth baseball out there -- when your shoulder starts hurting, stop and go see a doctor. I didn't and I've been paying for it the last couple of years and now for five weeks in a sling.

I couldn't type and for me that means no writing. It's the longest stretch of not putting words on paper since I was 12 years old. It would be easier to kick heroin. I tried dictating my pieces, but for those of you who've done this, you know that doesn't work well. You have to have that brain to fingers to keyboard connection -- changing and rearranging as you go. Now I've eased my still tender shoulder out of the sling for brief keyboard time. So you're stuck with me again. I owe many thanks to our staff "young guns" who've helped me out and especially to Mike Barnett, who did double duty.

I hung around, offered advice, did my managerial duties and thought a lot about what I'd write about when I regained the use of all my fingers. As someone who's observed the news cycle and its modern 24-hour evolution for almost 40 years, I'm amazed at how story priorities are meted out. Stories that seem very small get a ton of attention. Significant stories, affecting people in real and even tragic ways, often go uncovered or lightly covered.

Over the past couple of weeks, we've had a very big story -- floods on the Mississippi -- getting a ton of coverage. No

complaints here. It deserved and deserves to be covered. Meanwhile, we have another story that will also bring economic devastation and ruined lives go mostly unnoticed. I am speaking of the drought in Texas and other parts of the Southwest.

Television, in its traditional form and its evolution on the Internet is responsible. Floods make good video -- exciting stuff. A wall of water pounding on frail levees and washing into unprotected towns is one heck of a visual story.

Wildfire can be that way, too. When I was in the news business, we never passed up a chance to shoot film of a fire. Yes, I go far enough back to have actually shot 16 millimeter film. It's "good video," as we used to say. There has been significant, if not substantial, coverage of our Texas wildfires this spring. But, because it's been mostly livestock burned up, and not people, and because the damage has been mostly rural, it has not received a great deal of attention.

Even so, the fires are only a symptom of a much larger problem. Once you've photographed dead grass and cracks in the ground, there's not a lot of video left that can depict a drought. It's a shame. The record drought of 2006 did \$4 billion of damage to Texas agriculture. The one we are in now could easily eclipse that.

The drama of drought is not immediately apparent. It is a slow killer, a stalker, relentless and devastating. It offers brief hope in a squall or a cloud, only to dash those hopes with the return of triple digit temperatures and devastating blast furnace winds. It's the slow and excruciating observance of things you love slowly dying.

It's a shame. I still hope, but I fear this one is going to be epic. It deserves more attention.

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### The price of Gas versus Printer Ink

All these examples do NOT imply that gasoline is cheap; it just illustrates how outrageous some prices are.... *This makes one think, and also puts things in perspective.*

Diet Snapple 16 oz \$1.29 ... \$10.32 per gallon

Lipton Ice Tea 16 oz \$1.19 .....\$9.52 per gallon

Gatorade 20 oz \$1.59 .. \$10.17 per gallon

Ocean Spray 16 oz \$1.25 ..... \$10..00 per gallon

Brake Fluid 12 oz \$3.15 ..... \$33.60 per gallon

Vick's Nyquil 6 oz \$8.35 ... \$178.13 per gallon

Pepto Bismol 4 oz \$3.85 .. \$123.20 per gallon

Whiteout 7 oz \$1.39 ..... . \$25.42 per gallon

Scope 1.5 oz \$0.99 .....\$84.48 per gallon

And this is the REAL KICKER...

Evian water 9 oz \$1.49..\$21.19 per gallon! \$21.19 for WATER and the buyers don't even know the source

(Evian spelled backwards is Naive.)

Ever wonder why printers are so cheap?

So they have you hooked for the ink.  
Someone calculated the cost of the ink at.....  
(you won't believe it....but it is true.....)  
\$5,200 a gal. (five thousand two hundred dollars)

So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, Scope, or Whiteout, Pepto Bismol, Nyquil or God forbid, Printer Ink!

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## Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

### Old Man is Sick

*Well folks - the Old Man is sick. We are pretty sure he has Bells Palsy. And he is a terrible patient.*

*First - lest you worry, Bells Palsy almost always has a fully recover. It comes on quickly but is slow to get over. Usually the complete recover can take place in just a couple of months (often a couple of weeks), but it can last longer.*

*Symptoms include paralysis of one side of the face. Old Man's right side in this case. He cannot close his eye, his mouth does not work correctly (making it difficult to talk and eat), and in this case his right ear seems almost completely plugged up with nearly total hearing loss for now.*

*There is a brain in his head for those who wondered - we say the MRI results. With Bells Palsy, one nerve in the face is affected and that nerve causes all the problems. When the Old Man's system either develops new paths around what the nerve does, or the nerve itself gets repaired, then he sould be fine.*

*Like I said he is a bad patient. He hates to repeat himself - but with the speech problem!!! And he cannot hear well unless you are on the left side — So what can we do? Just be patient with us while we are caring for him.*



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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



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