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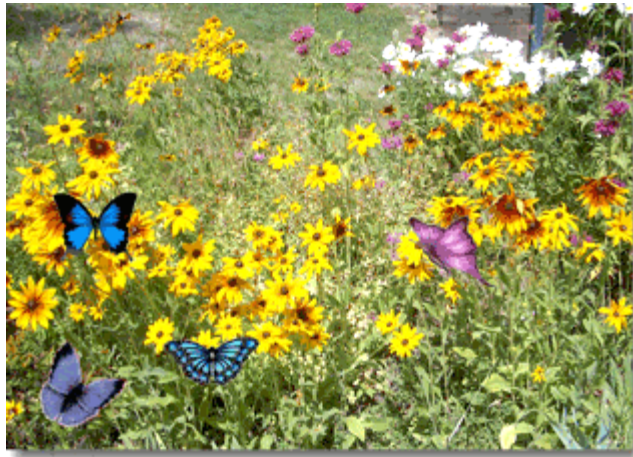
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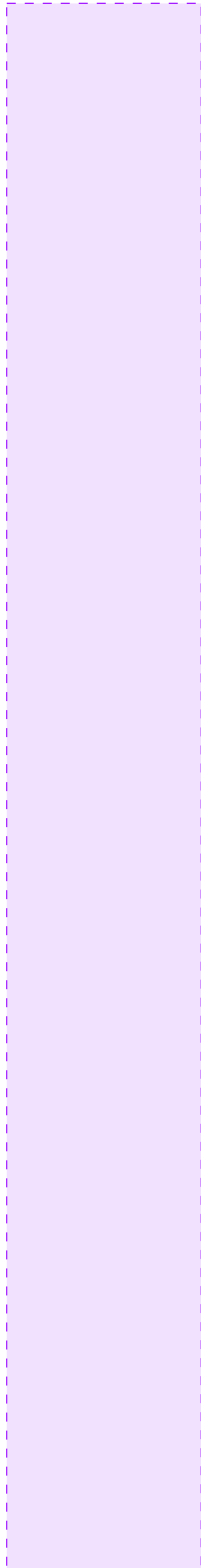


Remember Your Garden



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The crowd poses for the symbolic ribbon cutting at Thursday's open house.



The watermelon was cold as the community celebrated open house at Southeastern.

Southeastern, community celebrate birthday with open house

by UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

DURANT, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University celebrated its history Thursday with a community-wide open house that featured speakers, a ribbon-cutting, live music, campus tours, and cold watermelon.

An impressive crowd of civic leaders, community members, faculty, staff, and students gathered on the front lawn of Morrison Hall to take part in the festivities.

Speakers on the program included Southeastern president Larry Minks, Student Government Association president Demetra Wilkerson, mayor Jerry Tomlinson, city manager James Dunegan, executive director of the chamber of commerce Janet Reed, chamber members of the month Vann Dixon, Tommy Kramer, and Cindy Kirkpatrick, and David Norris, professor emeritus of history.

"The University is indeed proud to be a part of this dynamic community, and we thank you for celebrating this historical day with us - as the first day of classes at Southeastern Normal School were held on June 14, 1909," Minks told the audience.

A symbolic ribbon-cutting concluded the program, and music was provided by Logan Russell and Zach Ray.

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Students Named to Austin College Spring 2012 Dean's List



SHERMAN, TEXAS-Austin College's Dean's List has been announced for Spring Term 2012, according to Austin College Registrar Texas Ruegg. Students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.74 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20 percent of the student body.

"Academic achievement is the primary mission of Austin College," said Michael Imhoff, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty. "The Dean's List is one appropriate way in which we seek to acknowledge the superior educational accomplishments of our students."



Local area Dean's List honorees, listed alphabetically by city, along with the local high school from which they graduated and their parents' names, follow:

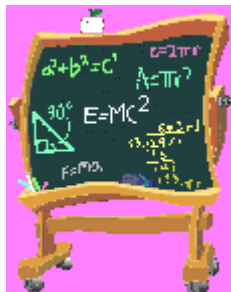
Bells, Texas -- Jacob Travis, a graduate of Texoma Christian School and son of Janis Square of Bells, Texas, and Russell Travis of Pottsboro, Texas;

Bonham, Texas -- Katy Kennedy, a graduate of Bonham High School and daughter of Kerry and Kim Kennedy;

Denison, Texas -- Ashlyn Conrad, a graduate of Denison High School and daughter of Brian and Keary Conrad; Sara Hassan, a graduate of Army Public School and daughter of Aziz-ul-Hassan and Mehfooz-Hassan; Jessica Webb, a graduate of Melissa High School and the daughter of Claude and Susie Webb;



Pottsboro, Texas -- Madeline Cohn, a graduate of Pottsboro High School and daughter of George and Selina Nabholtz of Pottsboro and Lew Cohn of Sherman; Roxanne Crouch, a graduate of Pottsboro High School and daughter of Debra Crouch and Rodney Crouch; Blake Towery, a graduate of Pottsboro High School and son of David and Robin Towery; Jacob Travis, a graduate of Texoma Christian School and son of Russel Travis of Pottsboro, Texas, and Janis Square of Bells, Texas;



Sherman, Texas -- Graham Crannell, a graduate of Sherman High School and son of Wayne and Julie Crannell; Sarah Davis, a graduate of Liberty Christian Academy (Homeschool) and daughter of Cheryl Davis of Sherman, Texas and Tony Davis of Dodd City, Texas; Ryan Gant, a graduate of Sherman High School and son of Gaylin and Mitzi Gant; Kenneth Herbert, a graduate of Howe High School and son of Scott and Kim Herbert; Sarah Hiltz, a graduate of Sherman High School and daughter of Diane Swenson and Michael Hiltz; Gregory Millerick, a graduate of Sherman High School and son of Tim and Carol Millerick; Fabiola Paulin, a graduate of Sherman High School and daughter of Rafael and Emma Paulin; Eristeo Perez, a graduate of Wylie High School and son of Cynthia Perez of Sherman, Texas, and Eristeo Perez Jr. of Wylie, Texas; Adani Sanchez, a graduate of Sherman High School and daughter of Isela Sanchez and Dennis Carter;

Van Alstyne, Texas -- Rachel Boren, a graduate of Van Alstyne High School and daughter of Patrick and Rubina Boren;



Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

Husband Dale and I went to see the Sherman Community Players' *Fiddler on the Roof* last Sunday. It was great!!

We are season members and enjoy going to all of the plays. We include the *Theatricks!* plays also.

We enjoy going to the movies, but have not gone very often lately. This week we went to see *Men In Black 3*. It was very funny. Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones have a great chemistry. In this movie, Will Smith's character (known as K) goes back in time to change something. The younger K is played by Josh Brolin and he is excellent in that part. You would think he was the actual K.

One another note, I enjoy finding books by authors I have not read before. I found at the Van Alstyne Library a book by Canadian author Alan Bradshaw. The book is *I'm Half-Sick of Shadows*. It would appeal to young (ages 9 and up) as well as me. The imagery is very good and it is easy to picture the people in this story.

New Orleans Vegetarian Jambalaya

- 1/2 cup diced zuchini
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced yellow squash
- 1/4 cup diced green pepper
- 1/2 cup diced mushrooms
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 3/4 cup water
- 1 pkg Zatarains reduced sodium Jambalaya mix

Saute vegetables in olive oil for 5 minutes. Add water and Jambalaya mix. Heat to boiling, stir. Reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes.



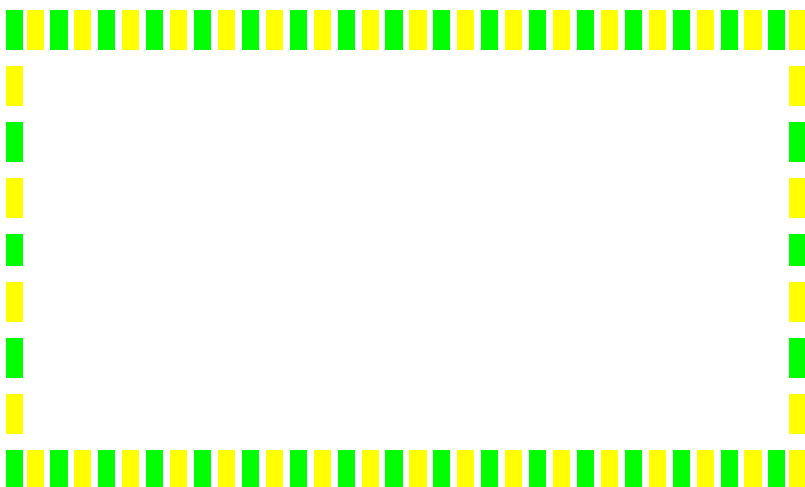
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Nothing beats a book unless it's a child reading a book!

Gunter Library & Museum

Gunter Library & Museum invites you to bring your children to the library every Saturday in June at 10:30 am to enjoy stories and activities during our summer reading program. The theme is "Get a Clue at the Library." On Saturday June 9, children listened to two detective books read by volunteer Phyllis Jaramillo, and looked for items in the library in an "I Spy" game. They took home free books, a detective dog paper bag puppet activity, and a READO game. After completing the READO activities they can bring back the game with parent signatures and receive free books and other prizes. Children have until the end of July to complete the READO game which includes such activities as "read a book to your dog," "listen to an audiobook", and "play a game on an iPad or Kindle Fire." Even if you can't bring them to story time, do stop by the library to pick up the game which will keep your children improving their reading and listening skills this summer.

The Gunter Family History and Genealogy group met at 2 pm on Saturday at the library to do research on Heritage Quest and Ancestry.com. The group meets on the second Saturday of every month. If you are a beginning family researcher, this is an opportunity to use some well know Internet tools to start your search. All you need to bring are some family names and dates to get you started on a surprisingly fun hobby.

The library purchased some non-fiction children's books this week. They have been cataloged and labeled and are ready to be checked out. Titles range from books such as *Eleanor Needs to Learn to Share* to books on the Middle East conflict, to books on animals, to a biography of Jacqueline Kennedy. Also new are the first three books in the *Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer* series by James Patterson. If you look in the library's windows, you will see many current best sellers. We placed them there to draw your attention to them. Please ask to check them out!



Phyllis Jaramillo reads to children at "I Spy" story time.



Patron uses free Internet at Gunter Library



Howe ISD Tax Rate

On Wednesday, June 13, The Howe ISD Board of Trustees has proposed a tax rate of \$1.48 and called another public hearing on June 27 to discuss the proposed budget.

Information for the proposed tax rate includes the following information.

Current salary schedule is for teachers with 20 years experience, additional \$500; other staff 2 percent, increase in insurance contribution - \$338.

Projected revenue:

General fund
Current: \$7,409,061 2012-13 \$8,446,066

Food Service
Current: \$432,120 2012-13 \$441,571

Debt Service
Current: \$319,178 2012-13 \$117,247

Total
Current: \$9,151,531 2012-13 \$10,007,078

Tax Rate
Current: \$1.34 Proposed rate: \$1.48
This makes the average home increase will be \$137.15 per year.

For more information, you may contact Supt. Kevin Wilson.

The board also decided to cancel the regular June meeting.

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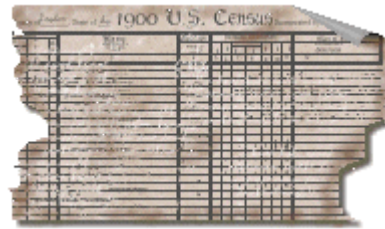
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Tom Bean Genealogy Bunch

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



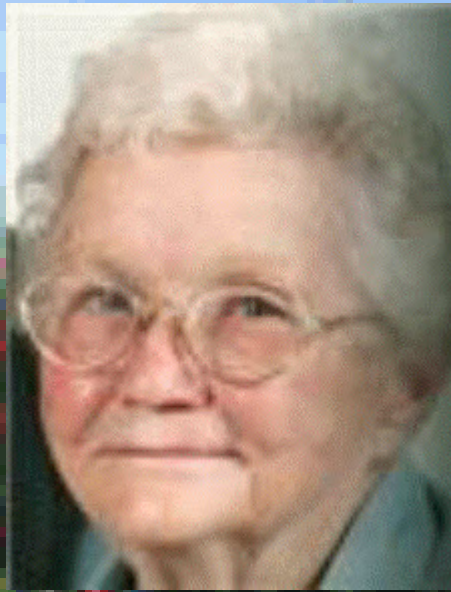


Patsy Tilley (1929-2012)

HOWE - Funeral services for Patsy Tilley, 82, of Howe were held at 2 pm, Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at Scoggins Funeral Home Chapel in Van Alstyne, Texas with Rev. Ron Gann and John Michael Tilley officiating. Interment followed the service at Hall Cemetery in Howe. Family visitation was Monday, June 18, 2012 at Scoggins Funeral Home in Van Alstyne. Patsy passed away Friday, June 15, 2012 at Texoma Medical Center in Denison.

Patsy was born December 5, 1929 in Bowie. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Howe, worked for Texas Instruments, and then worked for Dean Gilbert Real Estate as a secretary working her way up to being a Real Estate Broker.

Patsy loved arts and crafts. She touched the lives of many people with her grace, smile and generosity and loved her work, her friends and most of all her family; especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, John Franklin Tilley; sons and their wives, John Edwin Tilley and Debra, Jerry Tilley and Jessica; daughter-in-law, Terri Tilley; grandchildren, John Michael Tilley, Tony Tilley, Jeremy Tilley, Jodie Delphin, Shelly Hill and Kimberly Tilley; great-grandchildren, Kayla Delphin, Leah Delphin, John Reagan Tilley, James Meador Tilley, Henry Brodie Tilley. Patsy was preceded in death by her son James Franklin Tilley Jr.



Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

This Saturday night, June 23rd, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Archie Shearer, lead guitar, Pat Shearer, vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7. Admission for this program is \$6. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs and refreshments is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half 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 no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.



Sherman vs. Denison Police Department Rib Eating Contest

Who: On Saturday, June 23, Sherman's Texas Roadhouse invites the public to the most official rib-eating contest in town - no bones about it! When Sherman and Denison's police officers challenge each other in the rib-eating arena, there's no telling who will flash the winning badge.

The event is a fundraiser for the winning team's favorite charity. Proceeds from \$10 appetizer cards and raffle tickets will go to the charity. The cards can be redeemed for three appetizers listed on the card during future visits.

For family fun, the event will also feature a DJ, face painting and games for children of all ages.

When: Saturday, June 23, Rib Eating Challenge, 12 noon - 2 pm

Where: Texas Roadhouse, 2773 US Highway 75 North, Sherman, TX 75090

Based in Louisville, Kentucky, Texas Roadhouse opened its doors in 1993. In just 19 years, Texas Roadhouse has grown to more than 400 locations in 47 states. The company is famous for hand-cut steaks, made-from-scratch sides, fresh-baked bread, and its lively atmosphere. In 2007 and 2008 Forbes magazine ranked the company as one of the 200 Best Small Companies and in 2009 the company was ranked "Best Value" by readers of Consumer Reports magazine. For more information, visit <http://www.texasroadhouse.com/> www.texasroadhouse.com.



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DPS Urges Drivers to Move Over, Slow Down for Tow Trucks

This week state agencies emphasize recent change in law

AUSTIN - This week the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will place special enforcement emphasis on the addition of tow trucks to the Move Over/Slow Down law, which requires motorists to move over or slow down when certain vehicles are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. To remind the public of this important safety measure, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will activate electronic signs this week, which will read: If Tow Truck Stopped Ahead, Move Over or Slow Down, It's The Law.

"This law is about providing extra protection for those individuals on the side of the road doing their jobs, as well as the people on the roadside with them," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Thanks to this new provision, tow truck drivers, who are usually helping motorists in distress, now have additional protection under the law so they can do their jobs in a safer environment."

During the 2011 Legislative session, tow trucks were added to the existing law, which already applied to police, fire, and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Motorists are required to vacate the lane closest to the stopped vehicle (if there is more than one available lane in the same direction of travel) or slow to 20 miles below the speed limit.

"Last year, the Texas Legislature amended the Move Over/Slow Down law to now require motorists to slow down or move over when passing a tow truck displaying emergency lights," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations director. "At TxDOT, we believe this is an important step toward improving safety for all emergency personnel, including tow truck operators, who routinely work in dangerous conditions along Texas highways."

DPS issued more than 17,000 warning and citations last year for violation of the Move Over/Slow Down law and another 6,000 through the first five months of this year. Violation of this law could result in fines up to \$200. The punishment is more severe if there is property damage, and jail time is possible if someone is injured.



LET'S REMINISCE: MOTHER'S GARDEN

By Jerry Lincecum

Some of my earliest childhood memories come from the vegetable garden that was a vital part of our homestead. More than an acre in size, it included a former barnyard, so chemical fertilizer was not required to produce good yields. The two images that stand out in my mind are the colorful zinnias and morning glories that Mother planted across the front each year and the pale green stalks of okra that grew taller and taller as we harvested the tender pods. Fried okra remains one of my favorite foods.

My family believed in the traditional division of labor when it came to gardening. Breaking the soil each spring and lining out the rows was Daddy's job. I can see him doing it in my earliest memories with a mule hitched to the breaking plow, but it wasn't long before he had a Ford tractor which did the job faster. He would help us plant the garden and help out from time to time, but Mother believed it was up to her and us kids to work it.

One of my elderwriters, Wanda Hazelwood Reichert, shared a story recently about her father preparing their garden each year. Mr. Hazelwood also had very definite ideas about when to plant potatoes, and they'd buy a hundred pound sack of seed potatoes each year. Whenever Wanda and her sister came home from school on Feb. 14, they'd join their mother in cutting up those potatoes so each piece had at least one eye (sprout).

The Hazelwood girls were instructed down an open furrow, dropping two or three potato eyes together, about a foot apart, down each row. Then they would cover them and use their

feet to pack the dirt over them. As Wanda said, I can remember how good the small "new potatoes" that were gathered early tasted when boiled with some freshly-gathered green beans.

Back to my mother's garden, I spent a good bit of time helping tend the garden: hoeing, weeding by hand, and especially gathering the produce and helping with the canning when we had an abundance. I was happy when Mother got her first deep freeze, as we called the freezer back then. Freezing food was a lot less labor intensive than canning.

Preparing tomatoes for canning was an assembly line operation, and some neighbors always helped out. I especially enjoyed the job of turning the handle on the juicer, as I loved the taste of fresh tomato juice before it went through the sterilizing process.

We put up tomatoes and juice in cans as well as quart jars, and it was very important to get a tight seal so there wouldn't be bacteria growing inside followed by an exploding container.

In the Hazelwood family there was a saying, "From taters to pork," because they fattened their hogs on potato peelings (along with other feed) and butchered their own hogs. I also took part in "killing a hog" once or twice, and that will be the subject of another column.

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



Old Emporia

By Bob Bowman

It is on one of the most enduring mysteries in East Texas.

In the early 1900s, an explosion and fire struck the old Emporia sawmill south of what is now Diboll. More than thirty sawmill workers, most of them black, are believed to have perished in the conflagration.

Burned beyond recognition, the men were reportedly buried in a mass grave somewhere on the Emporia town site, now a part of Diboll, with no tombstones to mark their final resting place.

While few records exist to confirm the incident, there is enough information about old Emporia to hint that the story may be true.

Emporia began with the purchase of 5,755 acres of land north of the Neches River by Samuel Fain Carter and M.T. Jones from W.H. Bonner on November 3, 1892.

Within a year, the town had a sawmill owned by Carter and Jones, a post office, company houses, a school, a church, a store, a hotel and a railroad spur to ship lumber to the Houston, East and West Texas, the main line leading from East Texas to Houston.

Two years later, another sawmill owned by T.L.L. Temple and his family sprouted north of Emporia with the name Southern Pine Lumber Company. The establishment of the mill led to the founding of Diboll and one of Texas' largest lumbering empires.

Carter and Jones, both from Houston, were no strangers to sawmills. Jones was a well-known and wealthy lumber dealer who owned two sawmills at Orange. He was also the uncle of Jesse Jones, who founded



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

"Ms. Fowler, have I told you about my family's new personalized, monogrammed garbage can," she asked.

"No, I don't believe you have," I answered. "What color did you paint it?"

"Oh, it's multi-colored. I used up all the left over spray paint we had in the garage," she said. "And then I used a brush to paint our family name on the lid."

"That's a good idea," I said. "I've got a lot of left over paint in my garage. But I'm not very neat with a paint brush. I might need some help."

The young woman with whom I was speaking was one of the most decent, caring, intelligent students I have ever known. She told us about her garbage can because she and I had just endured more than an hour of one upmanship from her fellow student council officers.

It had started as a get-acquainted meeting for STUCO officers and board members and had turned into a my-family-is-richer-than-your family contest. Instead of getting to know each other, we learned who had a new Cadillac, who had a new boat, who had a new boat-trailer, who had a new swimming pool and who had aspirations for the most lucrative career.

That meeting didn't give me much hope for a year of what our student council had always been -- a service organization to school and greater community. Debbie's personalized garbage can brought everyone back to earth as the other kids looked at each other and I began to laugh.

In the end, that group of STUCO kids was one of the most productive in all the years I served as sponsor. In our student body of almost 2,300, we had one senior who had never been to a football game because he was in a wheel chair and couldn't arrange transportation to get to the stadium. STUCO boys borrowed a pickup, put him and his chair in the cargo area and drove him to every home game and back to his house again. They also took him to all the after-game celebrations.



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

the Houston Chronicle and served as new New Deal architect of the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration.

Born in Alabama and raised at Sherman, Texas, Carter settled in Beaumont in 1882 and within a short time owned an interest in a sawmill at Village Mills. He later moved to Houston.

With the startup of the Emporia sawmill, Joseph P. Carter not only became the mill superintendent, but served as Emporia's first postmaster in 1893. Samuel Fain Carter's brother, Press, served as a bookkeeper and manager of the Emporia commissary store.

At its peak, Emporia had a population of about 300 with 125 employees working at the mill and with logging crews in the woods. With a daily cutting capacity of 75,000 board feet a day, the sawmill specialized in lumber for railroad cars and timbers for bridges.

Emporia apparently lacked most of the conveniences of older and more established sawmill towns of the day. Employee housing, except for cottages for mill managers, were of unpainted clapboard construction with outdoor toilets. The town had a commissary store, a community church and meeting hall, and a small school.

There were at least two recorded fires at the sawmill. In July of 1897 the mill burned to the ground. By 1900, Emporia built a new sawmill and acquired additional timberlands in Tyler County and bought a sawmill at Doucette.

The second fire that occurred in March of 1906 and killed the thirty or so employees dealt a death blow to the town. The disaster could have been the result of inadequate water to fight the fire. A news article in 1904 said "water is so scarce that, in order to operate the mill, water has to be hauled from the Neches River," a mile distant.

Following the fire, the company sold its Emporia and Doucette mills to Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company, which owned mills in Polk and Trinity counties.

Today, there are no remnants of Emporia except for a cemetery behind a convenience store on U.S. Highway 59. The cemetery contains a large number of unmarked graves with pieces of petrified wood and native rock to mark their location.

The oldest marked grave is that of a Waltman child who was born December 11, 1880, and died August 14, 1882.

Cemetery officials said a long-standing legend claims a black cemetery lies in the thick woods around the graveyard, but no signs of it have been found.

The Emporia sawmill supposedly stood beside what is now the Union Pacific railroad crossing of Maynard Street at milepost 106 in South Diboll. So far, no one has located the purported mass grave at Emporia, but it is rumored to lie somewhere east of U.S. 59 in Diboll's South Meadow area.

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

Dot's Dashes, continued

The annual food drive STUCO sponsored set a record for donations. They raised money to pay for benches to place in the patio area of the school, appeared before the school board to ask for changes to school policy in regard to dress code, petitioned the city for a much-needed change in traffic control near the school, and got in *the Guinness Book of Records* for something the nature of which I no longer remember.

Along the way we had as much fun as any group of kids and a sponsor can have. Most of the accomplishments of those kids happened because of the personalized garbage can, or more accurately, the willingness and ability of a lovely young person to see beyond the status seeking that so easily could have ruined our year.

Every time I am in a group where people are one-upping each other with their possessions, their vacations, their foreign travel, and the important people they know, if I am tempted even fleetingly to get into the game, I remember that personalized garbage can, and give thanks for the memory.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges for the House Committee on Ways & Means. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

House Committee on Ways & Means

***Evaluate the state's** tax structure and determine its impact on the competitiveness of the Texas business climate. Specifically, determine the impact of the state's major taxes, including the sales tax and franchise tax, as well as tax exemptions, exclusions, and credits on economic growth, capital investment, and job creation in Texas. As part of this review, evaluate the franchise (margins) tax and determine whether the tax structure should continue to exist in its current form or in a revised form, or whether the existing tax structure should be repealed and replaced with a different business tax.

***Analyze the results** of the reviews of appraisal district operations as conducted through the comptroller's Methods Assistance Program (MAP) and determine whether appraisal districts are applying uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes as required by the Texas Constitution.

***Evaluate whether current** property tax notice requirements effectively serve the intended "truth-in-taxation" purpose of informing taxpayers about the property taxes.

***Analyze increases in Texas'** overall state debt burden and the role debt plays in the state's fiscal management. Recommend strategies to reduce the state's debt, as well as the calculation of the constitutional debt limit. (Joint with the House Committee on Appropriations)

***Examine revenue derived** from tobacco manufacturers, including differences between manufacturers that have and have not participated in the state's Comprehensive Settlement Agreement, and evaluate whether changes are needed to maximize revenue to the state.

The House Committee on Ways & Means can be reached at 512-463-0822. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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James 1:2-12 (ASV)

2 Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations;

3 Knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience.

4 And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord;

8 a doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate:

10 and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun ariseth with the scorching wind, and withereth the grass: and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him.

Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Come join them at 9:00am for coffee and doughnuts, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. Dress is casual.

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

The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service. Come on out and join them for a family oriented worship service. If your looking for a church home, you've found it.

C R Men's Step Study group has been put on hold for now. This class helps those with drug and alcohol abuse situations and the need to find your way back to Christ call Jesse @903-744-2716 and he can help you.

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

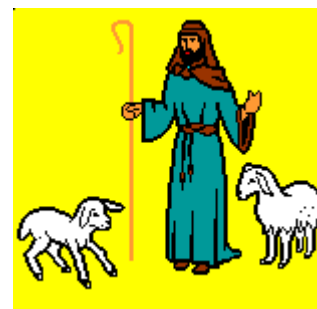
Our 4th of July bash that our church hosts annually that will be held on the 4th of July. It will be held this year at the home of David and Kathy Ellis in Howe. The address is 3589 Harrell Road. Everyone is welcome.

The church host movie night each month that is free to the public. Also popcorn, candy and drinks are free, so come on out for some fun family time. The movie for July will be on July 20 with the title to the movie to be announced later. So come on out of a great night of family fun.

The church will be having Vacation Bible School July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30pm so mark your calendar for this event.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella, look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way.

For more info contact Mike Ball @ 903-870-0219 or Cathy Hossle @903-814-5381.



Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

The 2012 Texomaland Youth Series has begun. This year theme is "No Spiritual Myth Is Safe." The next meeting s June 26th at 7:30pm at the 7th and Beech church of Christ in Durant, OK. B.J. Albright will teach the lesson. His subject is "Repeat After Me."

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

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From Passover to Pentecost

By Willie Sofey, Sherman, Tx.

God ordained the first month of the year (Nissan-Abib) in the time frame between March and April of the Roman calendar (Ex. 12:1-2). The Feast of Unleavened Bread began on the evening of Passover (Ex. 12:6-18) and lasted 7 days.

The sprinkled blood over the doorways of the people of Israel in Egyptian bondage would be a sign for the angel of God to “pass over” their household with the plague that would kill the 1st born of Egyptian man and animals (Ex. 12:12-13).

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord – a lasting ordinance” God to Moses, Exodus 12:14.

There are numerous references to the Passover (48 in the Old Testament, 29 in the New Testament..., 6 in which Jesus spoke of keeping the Passover, Matt. 26-2, Matt. 26:18, Mark 14:14, Luke 22:8, Luke 22:11, Luke 22:15).

Paul addressing the Corinthians about celebrating the Passover..., “For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the festival” (1Cor. 5:7-8).

From 1450 B.C. with Moses keeping the Passover..., the people passing through the Red Sea, right on through the history of the nation with Godly men like Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets honored and celebrated the Passover (Heb. 11:28-34).

Jesus observed the Passover, knowing full well before the foundation of the universe he would become the ultimate sacrificial lamb and His sprinkled blood would conquer death..., allowing mankind to Passover from death to life.

Paul and the apostles honored the Holy Day of Passover as did the apostolic Christians that followed..., honoring Christ’s resurrection victory at the cross during this time honored festival.

Israel was to honor the “Feast of Harvest” (or Pentecost, Greek word), 50 days after Passover (Ex. 23:16). Paul and the apostles continue to honor the “Feast of Harvest” (Pentecost)..., Acts 20:16; 1Cor. 16:8.

God established this Holy Day in Moses’ time and honored it with the birthday of the Church at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13).

I find it fitting for Christians to continue to honor the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which occurred on the Jewish Holy Day of Passover; and to also honor the birthday of the Church on Pentecost which occurred on the Jewish Holy Day of the “Feast of Harvest”.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rachael Ray's assumptions on burgers are trendy and wrong



By Gene Hall

The recent comment of celebrity food star Rachael Ray that "organic or grass-fed" burgers do not have to be thoroughly cooked is the latest half-baked and ill-conceived theory from the oven of pop culture.

Agriculture never knows from where the next damaging bit of misinformation will come. We are a celebrity-driven people, and we participate in a feeding frenzy of popular ideas.

I'm a fan of Rachael, but she is wrong here. She may just be innocently repeating some pop culture nonsense. So let's be clear.

ALL burgers should be cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 160 degrees. This is a little beyond pink. Those who eat them pink are assuming some risk of food-borne illness. Organic and grass-fed beef reduces this risk by exactly ZERO.

This is not hyperbole to the point of dishonesty, like pouring ammonia cleaner over beef and pretending it resembles

something that actually happens in food processing. Unfortunately, it could be even more dangerous.

Accepting the pop culture assumptions that organic or grass-fed products are always safer or always better is just wrong. There is nothing wrong with either of them. There is, however, no evidence either is safer or better.

There's no "get out of the hospital free" card if we fail to prepare ground beef properly. I like my beef grain-fed, and I do not care if it came from a feedlot or not. You may like it grass-fed and organic. If either, however, is ground beef, you and I both need to COOK it.

An honest mistake? I think so. Let's be careful, though. The pop culture feeding frenzy is not an official stamp of approval.

Check USDA for some safe hamburger guidelines

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Religion Vs. Science – The Debate is Over, Scientist Says Scholar Gives 4 Reasons Why Stephen Hawking is Wrong

Large swaths of Americans seem to have drastically different views of how humans came to be, according to a June Gallup poll.

Nearly half of America – 46 percent – agrees with the creationist view that humans are purely the product of God, absent of evolution, within the last 10,000 years. Fifteen percent believe humans evolved independent of God, which is 6 percent more than 30 years ago.

These millions of Americans are pitted on two sides of a conflict which has a solution, says engineering physicist Daniel Friedmann, CEO of the aerospace company known for building the space station's robotic arm and author of *The Genesis One Code* (www.danielfriedmannbooks.com).

“The creation-evolution conflict is a recurring point of contention in the United States, from the presidential election to what should be taught in schools,” he says. “American science legend Carl Sagan tried to settle this conflict by calling both camps ‘non-overlapping magisteria’ – in other words, science and religion each preside as the source of wisdom over separate domains.”

Friedmann argues that both wisdoms are two sides of the same coin and can enlighten each other. The reason the debate developed in the first place, he says, is because the discoveries of modern science of an old Earth seemed to conflict with descriptions in the Bible of a young Earth.

“People believed both could not be right,” he says. “It had to be one or the other – science or religion.” But they both agree on the timeline for the development of the universe and life on Earth, Friedmann says. He has developed a formula that converts “Bible time” to years as we know them. When applied to calculating the age of the universe and life on Earth, the Bible consistently matches scientific estimates derived from the study of fossil timelines, the solar system and the cosmos.

His formula -- $1,000 \times 365 \times 7,000$ – was derived from references in religious texts and science. The first number is found in Psalms, which says a year for God is 1,000 years for mortals. The second refers to the amount of days in one solar year. The third comes from scriptural study that indicates one creation day in Genesis equals 7,000 God years.

When those numbers are multiplied in human years, each creation day is an epoch of 2.56 billion years, he says. Using the formula, the biblical age of the universe is 13.74 billion years. Scientific estimates put the universe's age at 13.75 billion, plus or minus 0.13 billion, he says.

“I have nothing but respect for scientists like Sagan and Stephen Hawking, but I feel that both were wrong about religion to varying degrees, especially Dr. Hawking,” he says. “Last year, Hawking dismissed religion, publicly calling it a ‘fairy tale’ for people who are afraid of death. I think that is a terribly naive and misinformed view of what millions of people have believed in for more than a millennium.”

These are a few of the reasons Hawking is wrong, Friedmann says:

- The Bible and science agree on what happened and when it happened with respect to the formation of the universe and the appearance of life on Earth.
- The term “creation days” can be shown from biblical sources to be 2.5 billion years. Using this conversion factor, it is clear that the Bible is correct about timelines we have confirmed through science, including the age of the universe.
- If the Bible and science agree on what happened and when it happened, do we really have a conflict? It is time to reexamine and bury the conflict between science and religion. In fact, Friedmann in his book, shows that religion has answers to science's three biggest questions.
- By continuing this false dichotomy of religion vs. science, we are severely limiting progress and our potential as humans. Nearly 54 percent of the world's population – Christians, Jews and Muslims – assert the truth of biblical scripture. Recognition of a commonality among diverse cultures, while linked to scientific principle, provides a better chance to advance the understanding of our origins.

Daniel Friedmann is CEO of MDA, an aerospace company in Canada, which among other things, specializes in robotics used on the international space station. He has a master's in engineering physics and 30 years' experience in the space industry. He has published more than 20 peer-reviewed scientific papers on space industry topics. He is also a longtime student of cosmology and religion.

Obama's policies and programs have had a negative impact on the work force. He has obstructed job creation by putting the Keystone pipeline project on hold. The Congressional Budget Office stated Obama's healthcare bill will cost 850,000 jobs.

The latest reports show we could be in a stagnant economy and could possibly fall back into another recession. President Obama has been in office three and a half years, and he owns the faltering economy. As President Truman said, “the buck stops here”.

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Letter to the Editor:

Obama: “private sector is doing fine”

In February 2009 President Obama's \$787 billion stimulus program was supposed to create 5 million new jobs and reduce unemployment below 8% by the end of 2010. He missed both projections by wide margins.

Now, at the end of May 2012, unemployment is still above 8% and only 69,000 new jobs were created in May, the fewest in a year.

When we add in people who have stopped looking for work the real unemployment rate is closer to 13%.

During Obama's term the national debt has increased by \$5 trillion to over \$15 trillion, and is increasing. The flailing administration has created extreme uncertainty in the private sector, which has depressed manufacturing activity and inhibited hiring.

Strong Medicine for the Nun

Pat is not feeling very well and he decides to go to a doctor. While he is waiting in the doctor's reception room, a nun comes out of the doctor's office. She looks very ashen, drawn and haggard.

Pat goes into the doctor's office and says to the doctor: "I just saw a nun leaving who looked absolutely terrible. I have never seen a woman look worse."

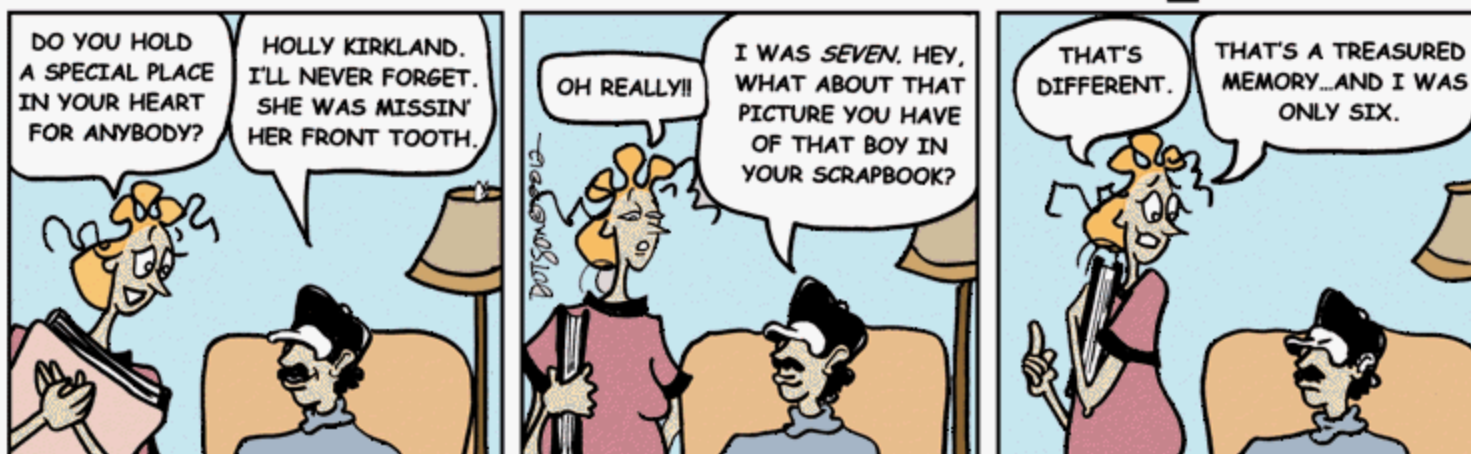
The doctor says: "I just told her that she is pregnant."

Pat exclaims: "Oh my, is she?"

The doctor responds: "No, but it sure cured her hiccups."

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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



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007