

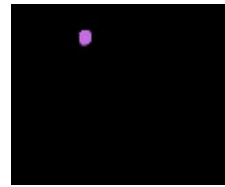
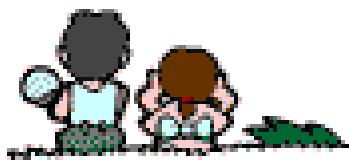
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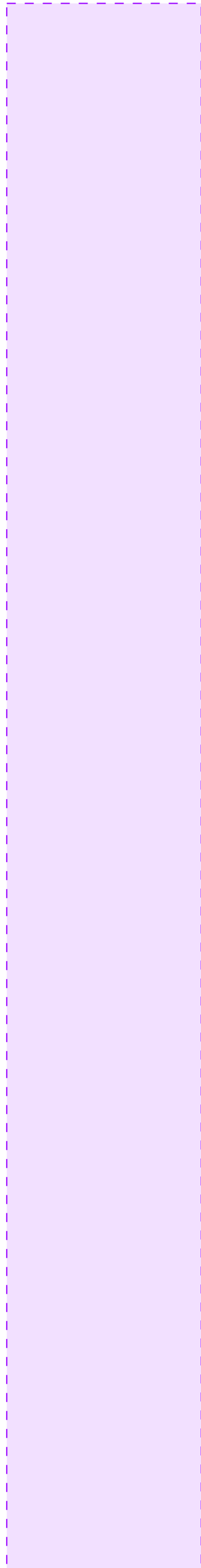
Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July



Humor



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GC scholar receives statewide recognition

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

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

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

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

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

GC Policy Academy graduates pass state licensing exam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





Sarah Plain and Tall

Last play of the season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

Last Sunday our minister told a story about his youngest son's daughter. The son was telling about how Jesus went up to heaven, telling the three-year-old that Jesus flew up to heaven. His daughter eyes got very big and she exclaimed, "Jesus can fly ... like Peter Pan."

On the same day, someone else said that with kids, it's the first hundred years ... That's how long you need to care for them!

On a different note, I was thinking this week about all the changes we have had with locations and such for the *Howe/Texoma Enterprise* newspaper and now website.

We started out in the front part of the building which housed Wyoming's. After a fire, we ended up in the building where Gracy's Too is now. Then we had a house trailer we used ... it was across the railroad from downtown. And finally we did the newspaper from what had been our home's garage. It had been converted to a room.

When we first purchased the paper, the Post Office was where City Hall is now located. Buildings in the 100 block of E. Haning Ave have made a lot of changes over the years.

Baking Powder Biscuits

Known universally as "Good Navy chow," baking powder biscuits have an unmistakable melt in your mouth quality, especially when served with lots of butter, jam and honey.

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup shortening
2/3 cup milk

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. Cut in the shortening with a pastry blender, and add the milk, blending quickly, just until dry ingredients are moistened. A sticky dough will result.

Turn the dough out on a floured board. Flour your hands and knead the dough 3 or 4 times. Important: Do not overhandle dough. Roll or pat to a 1/2-inch thickness. Cut with a 2-inch biscuit cutter.

For soft-sided biscuits, place close together on a lightly greased baking sheet or in a lightly greased cast iron skillet (vegetable cooking spray works just fine). For biscuits that are crusty all around, place about an inch apart on a lightly greased baking sheet.

Bake at 450°F for 12 to 15 minutes. Makes a dozen biscuits.

Prep time: 20 minutes; Cooking time: 15 minutes; Total time: 35 minutes

Kitchen tools you'll need: Biscuit Cutters, Mixing Bowls, Pastry Blender, Baking Sheet or Cast-iron Skillet

Baking Powder Biscuits Variations

As a dessert alternative, you can serve baking powder biscuits shortcake-style with whipped cream and sliced fresh strawberries.

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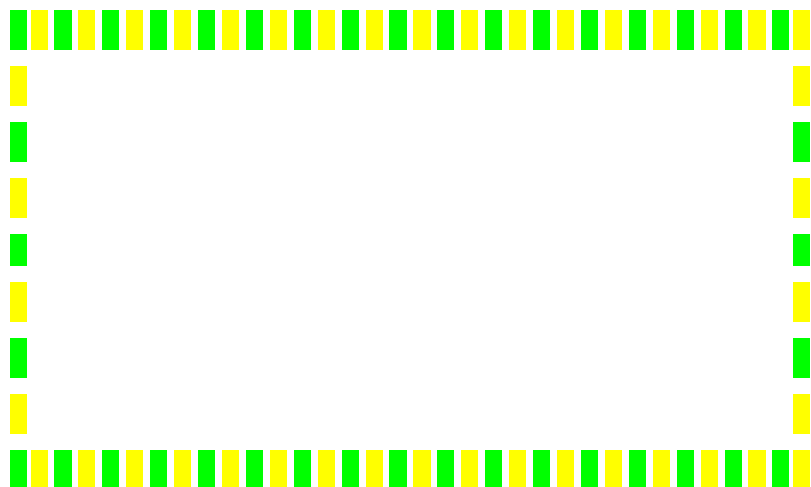
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Howe City Council Minutes of the June 19, 2012 Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

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

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

No action was taken on delivery of council packets.

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

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

MAYOR COMMENTS

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

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



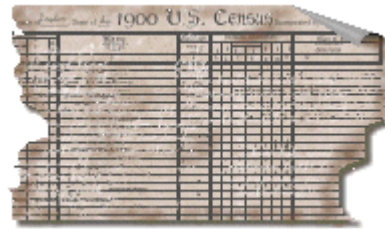
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selection.

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.



Signers of the Declaration of Independence



Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence ?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.



Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown , Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free!

Let's show our support by spreading the word that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games.



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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.



Local Churches

Cannon

CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,
903/482-6761

SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH

George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison

Dennis Stewart, pastor,

Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

Dorchester

DORCHESTER BAPTIST

CHURCH Hwy. 902W,

903/476-5525

Gunter

COLLEGE HILL

CHURCH OF CHRIST

304 E. College, 903/433-4835

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300 Pecan, 903/433-3335

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Howe

APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC

405 S. Collins Frwy,

Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun. 10am & 6pm

NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,

912 S Denny St.

903/532-6828; Roger Roper,

S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45

BETHEL BAPTIST

Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon Hutson, pastor,

903/532-6032

SUMMIT CHURCH

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903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse

CHURCH OF CHRIST

N. Collins Frwy,

903/532-6441;

Toby Socheting

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

100 E. Davis, 903/532-5504;

Roger Tidwell, pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH 810 N. Denny,

903/532-6718;

Tom Medley, minister

Ida

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,

903/813- 3263. S- School

10 am, Worship 11 am

Charles Morris, pastor

Luella

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3162 St. Hwy. 11,

Harvey Patterson,

903/893-2252

A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 150 Fellowship Ln,

Luella

Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST

903/546-6620

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

903/546-6231

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH 903/546-6898

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South of Tom Bean

Isaiah 1:2-4 (ASV)

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for Jehovah hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that deal corruptly! they have forsaken Jehovah, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged and gone backward.

Christian Fellowship

D'Anna Lodge will be leading our services this Sunday at A Christian Fellowship. Join them at 9 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service is at 10:30. Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

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

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

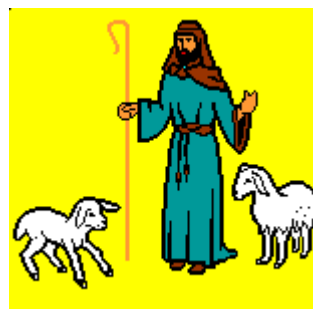
Wednesday night begins at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church will be hosting its 18th Annual 4th of July event. It is from 5-10 pm and there will be hot dogs with all the fixings. The event will take place at the home of David and Kathy Ellis at 3589 Harrell Rd, just one mile West of Hwy 11 on Old Luella Rd. bring your family and your lawn chairs for a fun night of food, games and fireworks.

The church also host a movie night each month, the movie night for July will be July 20th, movie to be announced later. Bring the family out for a free movie with drinks popcorn and candy and it's all free to the public.

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more info contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0291 or Cathy Hossle at 903-814-5381.



Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10. 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.

We invite everyone to our Vacation Bible School which begins July 9 - 13 at 7:30 pm each night. We will have classes for all age groups. This year's theme is "The Road To Salvation".

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

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



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1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.
FRIENDSHIP UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450
WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers
RED RIVER
COWBOY CHURCH
3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington,
903/463-5840
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COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033
EAST SIDE
CHURCH OF CHRIST
PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am
ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH
FM 121 W, Elmont;
Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356
FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,
LIFE CHURCH,
201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
Gary Giibbs, pastor
FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
903/482-6646,
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH 301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister
GREYWOOD HEIGHTS WORSHIP CENTER
On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen, 903/482-6700;
Chris Jones, pastor
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CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Stephen W. Bierschenk, 972/562-0752
MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL
103 Bowen, 902/482-5431
SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH
702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev. Arnold Baker, pastor

Enduring the Shameful

It's not just young people that are bullied.

Karen Klein, a 68-year-old school bus monitor, said she had been bullied by some middle school students for a while, but it was especially vicious one day recently – and it was all caught on video. The video was put on YouTube and it went “viral.”

In the video that is both heartbreaking and disturbing, several middle school students in Greece, NY can be seen and heard taunting Klein with statements like, “Karen, you're fat. Dude, you're so fat.” The insults continue to be hurled in the video in extremely graphic and offensive language.

Yet Klein did not retaliate. She told Fox News that throughout the children's assaults she restrained herself, and tried to pretend as though it wasn't happening. “I have escaped a lot in my life, and I'm trying to let things go,” she said.

In a particularly harsh remark, one of the children claimed that Klein didn't have a family because “they all killed themselves because they didn't want to be near you.” Did the student know that Klein's oldest son took his own life 10 years ago?

Klein stated that she endured the bullying because she doesn't like confrontation. “I didn't want to do anything to hurt anybody. That wouldn't have looked good either.” *

There was Another who endured the taunts of a mocking crowd....

It was JESUS, the Son of God. Please read Matthew 27:11-54 and 1 Peter 2:21-24. Even as He was hanging on the cross, “the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can't save himself!’” (Mark 15:31).



Actually, He COULD have called more than twelve legions of angels to deliver Him. But He didn't. And He endured MORE than just the mocking insults of the angry mob; He took upon Himself the sins of the whole world of all time – including your sins and mine.

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that WE might become the righteousness of God IN HIM” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

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Jesus will save those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

Jesus endured the taunts and endured the cross so that WE might be saved from sin!

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Dog trot houses

By Bob Bowman

A young man called, asking if I knew what a “dog trot house” was. He had heard the phrase from one of his grandparents and had conjured up visions of dogs trotting through a house day and night.

He wasn't far from the mark.

Dog trot houses were built and occupied by East Texas' earliest settlers. Many of them migrated here in the early 1800s from the Old South and brought southern customs, including the way buildings were constructed with them.

A dog trot house (also called a dog run house) was simple in construction.

Made either of logs or rough-sawn lumber, it consisted of two separate living areas, under one roof, but separated by a wide gallery that divided the two family areas. One of the living areas consisted of sleeping accommodations; the other was where the family cooked, ate and entertained visitors.

There were no bathrooms or toilets in the building. Outouses, well separated from the house, met the family's hygiene needs. Large washtubs, filled with water from wells or springs, were used for baths.

The family's dogs slept on the gallery and instead of running around the house, they trotted from front to back by using the gallery.

The dot trot also served as a porch of sorts, but most houses had a separate porch on the front of the house.

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Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

Somehow or other, my mother failed to teach me what seems now to be one of the essentials of life, i.e., that a woman must always be stylish. To be stylish, a woman must change her wardrobe with the changing of each season and must watch the trends of skirt length, color, print, pleated, gathered, straight, A-line, fabric type, and washable versus dry clean only.

My shoes were always important to me and if there were ever anything stylish about me, it was shoes. Being stylish when you have size nine and then size ten feet is no small matter (pun intended, in case you didn't get it.) My father's mother, who believed that the greatest sign of feminine beauty was small feet, would have bound mine to keep them in the size three range if my father and mother had let her.

Instead, they kept assuring me that my feet gave me a good foundation and did their best to find not only good fitting shoes, but also shoes that were reasonably pretty.

When I was a young teacher, the teacher-dress-code required women to wear dress shoes, which didn't necessarily mean high high heels, but also didn't give a woman much leeway and less comfort if she were one of those teachers who stood up all day to teach. My feet hurt a lot in those days and I bitterly resented the coaches who came to their academic classes still wearing their athletic shorts, T-shirts and athletic shoes.

Those were the men who, if an opening in administration occurred, were chosen to be principals and who made the rules about what women were required to wear.

The day I went home crying because my feet were in such agony, I went to the health shoe store and bought an outrageously expensive pair of plain black lace-up oxfords and a pair of white lace-up oxfords that I had dyed bright red. My theory was then and is now, that every woman should have at least one pair of red shoes.

The next day, I wore an ankle length skirt on the theory that it would hide my shoes and I would go home with my feet still intact and not hurting. The theory was at least in part correct. My feet stopped hurting. Alas, my shoes were noticeable.

I was in a stall in the women's restroom when one of my teaching colleagues came in and said, “Those don't look like women's shoes. Who is in here?” When I didn't answer, she left.

Another time, one of my favorite but tactless male students caught me after class to say, “Ms. Fowler do you know that your students think your shoes look like prison guard shoes?”



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

Ben Anderson of Angelina County called our attention to a well-preserved dog trot house near Ratcliff in Houston County. It was a beauty to behold, framed by crepe myrtles and cedar trees.

It was built by a pioneer family in the Mount Vernon community, where Henry Warren Payne and W.M. Conner gave land for a church and a cemetery.

In 1871 a church house used as a school was erected. The custom of fencing cemetery plots began in 1872 with the burial in the first marked grave of the son of James E. and Ann Payne Ashby.

After a fire, Payne rode door-to-door raising money for a new church house built in 1884. The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church was officially organized in 1888. Land from the Louisiana and Texas Lumber Co. enlarged the cemetery and in 1960 the church's present building was erected.

In our family, my great-great grandfather, Joel Harrison Bowman, built a dog trot house near Sardis in Cherokee County, but the building rotted away after he died in 1936.

Doris' grandparents, the Robert L. Davis family, also lived in a dog trot house on Virgil Street in Lufkin, but it, too, vanished as progress overtook Lufkin.

Other dog trot houses, fortunately, still stand elsewhere throughout East Texas,

A two-story log structure was built by ferry owner James Gaines on the west bank of the Sabine River in the 1830s. When Toledo Bend Reservoir was built, the old house was moved, and remains an important landmark in Sabine County.

Another dog trot, built before 1842, is known as the Trammel Trace Cabin and is a recorded Texas historic landmark at Marshall, where it was moved in 1938 by the Hobart Key family.

Dog trot houses are a unique part of our East Texas heritage, and hopefully other buildings of the same style are alive and well in the pineywoods.

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Dot's Dashes, continued

"Do you think that's a handicap in a job like this?" I answered.

Forty years later I am still wearing lace-ups and long skirts and I have two pair of red shoes. These red shoes don't have to be dyed. Some savvy shoe maker decided women's oxfords could really be oxford red and I keep a wearing pair and a spare.

And I still pay an outrageous price, which means the shoes go to the repair shop to be re-soled and built up here and there instead of going to the trash heap, which is where more stylish shoes would go.

It's getting harder to find skirts the right length, so I may have to crank up the sewing machine and make some. They probably will look home made, but that will be all right.

One of the advantages of getting older is that comfort trumps style every time.



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Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

Hall Supports Domestic Energy and Jobs Act

WASHINGTON, DC . . . This week, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) voted with a House majority to pass H.R. 4480, The Domestic Energy and Jobs Act, a package of bills geared towards increasing domestic energy production and putting Americans back to work. The legislation passed, 248-163.

“My top priority is to fix America’s high unemployment and weak economy, which is why I am pleased the House passed the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act package today,” said Hall. “More than 13 million Americans are out of work, and the current average price for a gallon of gas is \$3.50 - that’s more than double the price than when the present President took office. This added burden hurts hard-working families and hinders small businesses from growing and hiring new workers.”

Hall continued, “By pursuing a comprehensive energy plan, hundreds of thousands of jobs can be created. Not only would small businesses face less energy obstacles when hiring new workers, but as new energy resources are developed, there would be an immediate need for new manufacturers, leasing specialists, rig operators, and other positions.

“Utilizing America’s vast, untapped energy resources will also move us toward achieving energy independence from other, unfriendly countries. This would provide Americans with more affordable energy and better national security.

“The only thing preventing the United States from becoming a world leader in energy production is bureaucratic red tape. We must remove these barriers put in place by the Administration - permitting delays, declining production on federal land, restricted access, and stifling regulations - and that is what the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act focuses on accomplishing. We must unleash the full energy potential of this nation. It is crucial to our quality of life and standard of living.

“I hope the Democrat-controlled Senate will pass this responsible bill and take up the nearly 30 jobs bills currently sitting on the Senate Floor. I will continue to fight for legislation that provides a positive environment for job creation and delivers Americans an affordable and reliable energy supply.”

Bills included in Domestic Energy and Jobs Act package:

- * H.R. 4480, Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012: links tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to increasing energy production on federal lands.
- * H.R. 4471, Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012: would require an interagency committee to conduct a cumulative analysis on certain Environmental Protection Agency rules and actions that impact the price of gasoline and diesel fuels.
- * H.R. 4381, Planning for American Energy Act of 2012: would require the Secretary of the Interior to establish an all-of-the-above energy program for federal lands by reviewing the nation’s energy needs and then establish goals for federal land energy production to meet those needs from all energy sources, oil, natural gas, coal, and renewables.
- * H.R. 4382, Providing Leasing Certainty for American Energy Act of 2012: would require a minimum annual acreage leasing plan of lands open for leasing each year, set firm timelines for the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases and give rulings on lease protests, and prohibit the Secretary from withdrawing leases and adding additional lease stipulations after they have been sold.
- * H.R. 4383, Streamlining Permitting of American Energy Act of 2012: would ensure a reliable permitting process to increase American energy production, remove government roadblocks that hinder and delay American energy production and job creation, and streamlines the process for energy permitting.
- * H.R. 2150, National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act: will ensure oil and natural gas resources in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska are developed and transported in a timely, efficient manner.
- * H.R. 2752, Bureau of Land Management Live Internet Auctions Act: gives the Secretary of the Interior the authority to conduct Internet-based auctions for onshore leases to ensure the best return to the Federal taxpayer, reduce fraud, and secure the leasing process.

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Hall Statement on Supreme Court's Decision To Uphold Obamamcare

WASHINGTON, DC . . . June 28, the Supreme Court announced its decision to uphold the vast majority of the President's health care law. Commonly referred to as "Obamacare," the controversial bill was signed into law on March 23, 2010 with no Republican Congressional support in either the House or Senate.

In response to the Court's ruling, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) released the following statement:

"I am extremely disappointed and shocked by the Court's decision to uphold this bad law. 'Obamacare' severely alters the federal government's control over the lives and decisions of Americans and goes against what our Founding Fathers clearly laid out in the Constitution for the direction of our country. We must have limits on the federal government.

"My constituents, and a majority of the American people, do not support the President's health care plan. Unfortunately, the President and Democratic Congress chose to ignore the will of the citizens they represent and instead pushed through a bill that will make our health care system worse. They did this under false representation that this law would not be a tax, while the Supreme Court ruled that 'Obamacare' and the individual mandate will stand as a tax.

"The President's government expansion into health care will drive up health costs, drastically cut Medicare, and jeopardize access to health care for senior citizens. This law also imposes expensive regulations on small businesses, makes it harder for job creators to hire workers, and explicitly raises taxes.

"I will continue to fight for a full repeal of 'Obamacare.' I believe in the Constitution and that Americans - not Washington - should be in charge of their own health care decisions. Americans' right to choose must be protected.

"'Obamacare' needs to be replaced with common sense reforms: eliminating job-killing policies and regulations, lowering health care premiums through increased competition and choice, all while preserving the patient's ability to keep his or her health plan if he or she likes it. It is also imperative to protect the doctor-patient relationship.

"I look forward to the November elections with the hope that a Republican President will be able to work with Congress to strike down this bad law and repeal this outrageous tax thrust upon U.S. citizens and businesses."

Cornyn Delivers Floor Speech on Health Care Decision

WASHINGTON – (June 28) U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) delivered the following remarks on the Supreme Court's decision regarding President Obama's health care law:

"This morning's decision by the United States Supreme Court has clarified some things. It has made other things more muddled. What it has clarified is the importance of the upcoming election on November 6, 2012. The only way to stop the overreaching by the federal government, including the president's flawed health care bill, is to elect a new president and a Congress that will repeal and replace this fundamentally flawed law.

"Before the health care bill became law, the president repeatedly assured the American people that he would not raise taxes on the middle class. He declared emphatically that the individual mandate was 'absolutely not a tax increase.'

"But the Supreme Court of the United States has made absolutely clear that the only way Obamacare can be upheld as within the constitutional power of congress is for it to be considered a tax increase and a tax increase on every single American, regardless of income.

"The president also told us his health care law would reduce premiums by \$2,500 for the average family. That was another broken promise. Last year the average American family with employer-sponsored insurance saw their premiums rise by \$1,200.

"The case against this health care legislation is very simple. It relies on massive tax increases, job-killing regulations, and government coercion. It will place Washington bureaucrats between patients and their doctors, and it will cause millions of Americans to lose their current insurance coverage."

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.



Texas goat suds going gangbusters

By *Nathan Smith*

If you've ever spent any time around a goat, you know they aren't famous for their sweet aroma.

In fact, you may find it hard to believe anything from a goat could smell good.

I was skeptical myself.

Then I met Carli Dunham and her family in Crowell. Carli is doing something a little different. Some might even call her crazy. She would have called herself crazy five years ago.

She raises dairy goats and nourishes her family with the fresh milk and cheese. Most would stop right there, but the goats' milk is also Carli's secret ingredient in her homemade soap and home business.

She has spent the last three years making the soap that evolved from a recipe she found online to more than a dozen varieties and fragrances of her own.

It's unique because it's truly a family affair.

Her husband, Dustin, and kids Beau, 7, and Tobie, 3, all lend a hand and work together feeding, cleaning and milking the small herd of goats. There's nothing elaborate or complex about their operation. They built it themselves and take pride in their backyard project. That's how it began.

Now it pays bills and helps buy groceries. It's going so well that she has a hard time keeping up with online orders. She ships her suds across the nation and is growing a loyal following in California. It also allows Carli to spend more time with her kids and add work ethic to their education on a daily basis.

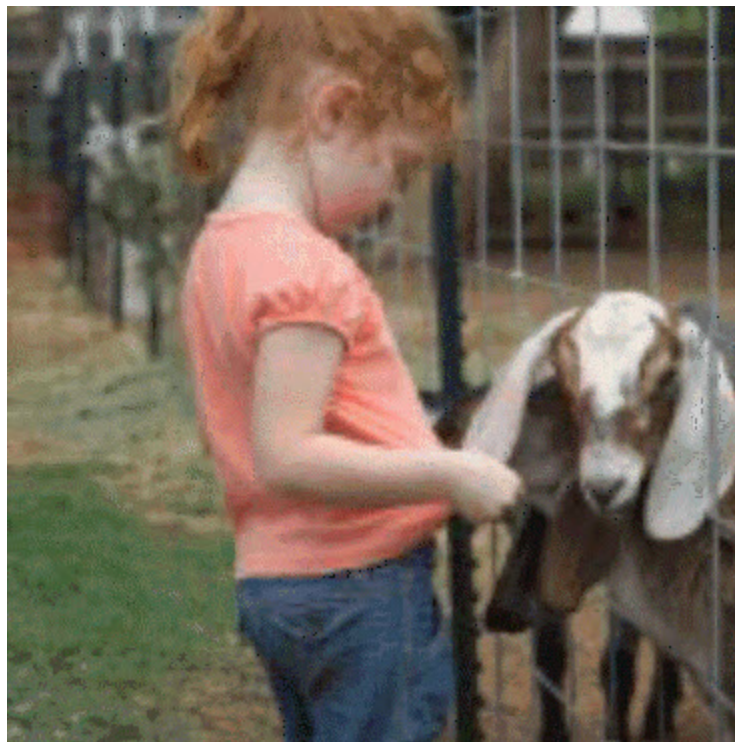
Texans with a passion for life and family, like Carli, have stories to tell – and she does.

"I love talking to the kids," she told me about the schools she and her goats visit. "They always ask a million questions and it's great to connect and share this story. We all need to know where [food and fiber] comes from and there's nothing wrong with doing something for yourself."

Crowell is a tiny town 80 miles west of Wichita Falls and there aren't many folks who don't know about or use Carli's soap. Many refill their supply right at her front door.

She gave me some samples to try myself. I gave some to friends and never thought I'd say it, but I'm hooked on goat soap.

If you have questions – which I'm sure you do – check out her website.



Hall Statement on Supreme Court Immigration Ruling

WASHINGTON, DC . . . On June 25th, the Supreme Court upheld the provision in Arizona's immigration law allowing state and local police officers to check the immigration status of anyone they suspect could be in the country illegally during routine traffic stops. The Court struck down three other provisions.

Following the Supreme Court's decision, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) released this statement:

"While I had hoped that Arizona's immigration law would be upheld in its entirety, I am pleased the Supreme Court supported state and local police officers authority to detect and prevent illegal immigrants from remaining in the US.

"In the absence of presidential leadership on enforcing immigration laws, states must have full ability to ensure immigration laws are obeyed. States and local law enforcement, particularly those located along the border, know the needs of their communities better than the federal government. They should be able to act in the best interest of the citizens they serve, especially those born in Texas and are long-term citizens of our state.

"As a co-sponsor of immigration bills that support the detection and prevention of drug traffickers, terrorists, and illegal immigrants from entering the US, I will continue to vote for legislation that keeps America's borders secure and respects the efforts made by the many immigrants who choose to enter our country legally each year."





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Update on Governor's Mansion

On June 8, 2008, vandals caused a devastating fire at Texas' historic governor's mansion. Over the last four years, the State Preservation Board has worked to salvage and restore the mansion. This week I will write about the progress of the restoration and of the work that remains.

After the fire on June 8, the State Preservation Board took immediate steps to stabilize the structure of the mansion. Interior and exterior framing was erected to stabilize the walls and ceilings while many tests were conducted to gauge the extent of the damage. Although the structure was significantly damaged, the integrity of the bricks and mortar was found to still be stable, allowing mansion to be rebuilt.

Today, the extensive restoration is nearing completion. At the time of the fire, the Mansion was empty as part of a planned maintenance project, and most of the historic furniture and art contained in the Mansion had been removed and thus were spared. Pieces from the historic Governor's Mansion Collection are now being moved back into the home. The first family is expected to move back into the Governor's Mansion, the home of 40 Texas governors, when the project is completed late next month. The Governor's Mansion Collection is composed of historic state-owned pieces that have been in the Governor's Mansion and museum-quality American antiques dating back to the earliest years of the state's history, including the bed used by Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin's writing desk and portraits of Gov. and Mrs. Pease, who was in office when the Governor's Mansion was built in 1856. The collection also includes the Governors' Memento Collection, a tradition started in the 1960s by Texas First Lady Jean Houston Daniel. Additionally, last week, historic large chandeliers were installed throughout the first floor.

No arrest has been made in the arson case at this time. The Texas Department of Public Safety has offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the arsonist. Anyone with information related to the Texas Governor's Mansion arson is urged to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 252-TIPS (8477) or the State Fire Marshal's Arson Hotline at (988) 252-8477.

For more information about the status of the Governor's Mansion Restoration, please contact the State Preservation Board at (512) 463-5495. You can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



Friends of Hagerman/Nature Photography Club

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

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

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

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

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



A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dachshund along for company. One day, the dachshund starts chasing butterflies and before long the dachshund discovers that he is lost.

So, wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having him for lunch. The dachshund thinks, "OK, I'm in deep trouble now!" Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here." Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me." Meanwhile, a monkey, who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes.

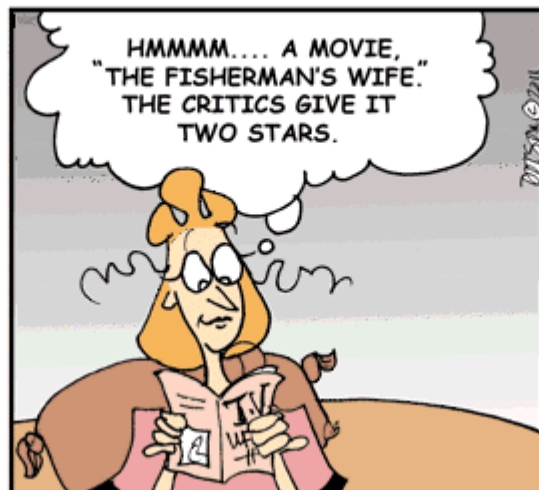
But the dachshund saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine." Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet ... and, just when they get close enough to hear, the dachshund says.....

"Where's that darn monkey? Sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard."

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LET'S REMINISCE: MAKING HAY THE OLD FASHIONED WAY

By Jerry Lincecum

Before getting into the haymaking business, I have a request. The subject of dogs riding in pickups is one I'm working on for a future column, and I need a few amusing anecdotes from readers to supplement what I remember. Did you or your family have a dog whose habit of riding in the pickup led to a funny incident? Email me at jlincecum@me.com or get your story to the newspaper and ask them to forward it.

Now the shape and size that baled hay takes these days seems to rule out the summer job I was least fond of back in the 1950s. My grandfather built a very large barn in 1946. It would hold more than a thousand bales (the small ones weighing 60-70 lbs.), and the barn builder did not haul or stack any of it. So my brother and I, along my dad and uncle, sweated over hundreds of bales a year for about a decade.

Then came a transition to paying a contractor with a bobtail truck ten cents a bale to put it in the barn. Before I managed to run away to Aggieland, I worked for the contractor once or twice, earning one cent per bale. It was tough work using a hay hook to pick up those heavy bales, wrestling them on the truck and then overhead into the oven-like upper loft, and stacking them carefully.

But going back to the 40s, as a child I did get to see the old-style mule-powered baler in action. Sitting on iron wheels in one spot, it awaited wagon loads of cut grass, which my uncle forked into the hopper. As the compressed grass came through in rectangle shape, other workers pushed through pre-cut lengths of wire to pull tight, making a bale the proper size for hauling. A sizable crew of younger workers was required.

Probably the main reason I remember that old baler so well is my uncle broke his leg in it while stomping down the loose hay at the wrong moment. He had to walk on crutches for weeks, with his leg in a big plaster cast. The old baler wound up on our farmyard as a piece of junk after the advent of tractor-driven balers. Whenever I looked at it, the broken leg image popped into my head.

The big old barn still stands today, now about as useless as the mule-driven baler was in 1950. You can't get today's big round or square bales into it, even if you could find anybody willing to do that kind of work.

My father often said to his five kids, "There are much easier ways to make a living than farming." I don't think he was disappointed that all of us took his advice.

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