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## CCC Celebration



## Capital Watch



## Austin College Presents Faculty Recital

Sherman, Texas-The Austin College Department of Music will present a Faculty Recital Sunday, March 24, at 3 pm in the Recital Hall in Craig Hall. The event is free and open to the public. The audience is invited to a reception in Craig Hall Gallery immediately following the performance, hosted by the Austin College chapter of Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity.

The trio of Cathy Richardson, violin; Ricky Duhaime, clarinet; and John McGinn, piano, will perform music written by Darius Milhaud and Paul Hindemith, as well as a piece written by performer John McGinn.

The piece by McGinn was written specifically for this trio and includes three movements. McGinn described the composition, saying, "The first movement, Meccanico, is a spirited clockwork of rhythmic and rapid gestures, with a few brief lyrical moments thrown in for good measure. By comparison, the second movement, Flowing, offers gently arching melodic lines, expressive flutters, and even a touch of Hollywood-tinged romantic sweeps." Of the final movement, McGinn said, "The final Scherzo (Italian for "joke") is less an homage to the traditional form, as employed by composers such as Beethoven and Schubert, than an invitation for vibrant playfulness of gesture and phrasing and for toying and tweaking of musical expectations."

"At every step of the creative process I have striven to maintain a happy balance between 21st-century "extended" virtuosity and a genuine sense of aural accessibility, engagement, and good musical fun," McGinn said.

*Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the College is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges That Change Lives* <<http://www.ctcl.org/>>.*





*Lincoln Day Dinner — April 20; 6:30 9:30 p.m.  
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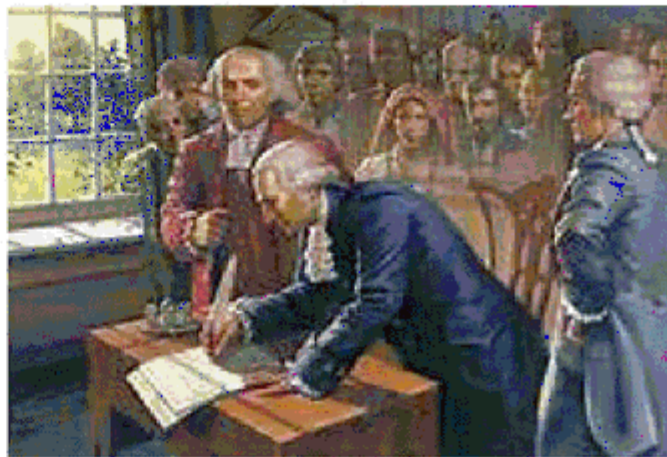


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**Stand Up Along Side with Us**



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## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

## Recipe



### Snake bites a concern as weather warms up

HOUSTON – (March 19, 2013) – Warmer weather coaxes snakes out of hiding, and it's important to know what to do after a snake bite, according to a medical toxicologist at Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu).

"Many people don't realize how much of an issue snake bites are in this area of the country," said Dr. Spencer Greene, director of medical toxicology and assistant professor of medicine – emergency medicine at BCM. "In fact, our regional poison center reported 235 snake bites – including 148 from known venomous snakes - in the Houston area in 2012, and I am sure many more are going unreported".

According to Greene, the first step is avoidance.

"Never reach into a hole or a bush blindly, a snake may be resting there," he said. "It is also important to maintain an appropriate distance from a snake. Most pit vipers, which include rattlesnakes, copperheads and water moccasins, can strike at a target up to two-thirds of their body length when provoked."

If you are bitten by a snake, Greene suggests the following important steps:

- Stay calm.
- Call 911 immediately to be evaluated.
- Take off anything that is constricting the affected area, such as a ring or watch.
- Position the affected area at or above heart level. This means that if you are bitten on the hand, bring it to heart level, and if you're bitten on the leg or foot, elevate it if possible. This minimizes the amount of local tissue damage and swelling, which is the most common finding in pit viper bites.
- Go to the emergency room – the sooner the better.

Greene also dispels several myths about treating snake bites and suggests heeding the following advice:

- Do not apply a tourniquet or a constriction band.
- Do not apply ice; it can cause local tissue damage.
- Do not apply heat.
- Don't cut the affected area and attempt to suck the venom out – this increases the amount of local tissue damage.
- Don't use a commercially-available extraction device. These have also shown to be ineffective in removing venom and actually increase the amount of tissue damage.
- Don't use electrical therapy.
- Don't apply any type of lotions or ointments.

The management of snake bites has changed over the years and the newer type of anti-venom has proven to be very effective in reducing pain, bleeding complications, swelling and tissue damage, Greene says. Although anti-venom has been shown to have the maximum effectiveness within the first 12 hours of the bite, it can still be effective a few days after the bite.

At the hospital, physicians will determine if anti-venom and hospital admission is necessary.

"Ideally, patients should be evaluated by a medical toxicologist with experience in managing snake bites," Greene says.

If a patient requires anti-venom, he or she usually spends one or two days in the hospital. After hospital discharge, patients will need to follow up twice a week for two weeks to watch for any signs of recurrent toxicity.

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### Tamale Soup

- 1 lb hamburger
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 1 can beef broth
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- 2 cans creams style corn
- 2 cans beans with Jalapeno
- ½ tsp cumin seed
- 1 Tbl chili powder
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- Salt to taste
- Add Later: Tbl cornstarch, 1 Lg can drained tamales

Brown meat, onion and pepper, add other ingredients and simmer ½ hour. Just before serving add tamales cut in 1" pieces and cornstarch to thicken


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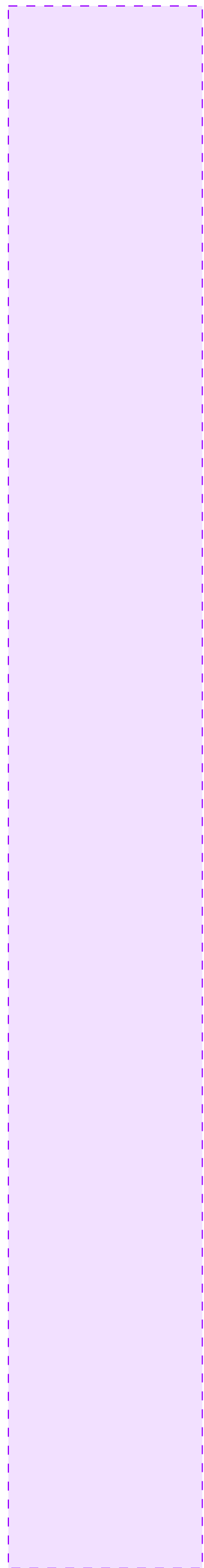
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## **TPWD is Looking for a Few Good Men!**

*Palo Duro Canyon State Park Hosting*

*80th Anniversary Reunion of Depression-Era CCC Boys*

CANYON -- Staff at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are searching for those who served in the young men's Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s and 1940s, requesting that they be a part of the CCC 80th Anniversary event to be held at Palo Duro Canyon State Park April 6-7.

The weekend will feature a meal, and various activities for CCC veterans inside the iconic, 30,000-acre park located in the Texas Panhandle. There will also be a book signing by TPWD's Cynthia Brandimarte who authored the newly released Texas State Parks and the CCC: The Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Decades ago, CCC camps helped build state and national parks all across the U.S. as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. Many of their multi-use stone and wood facilities are still in use more than 70 years later as bridges, cabins, dining halls, lodges and pavilions, as well as trails and roads that are still operational.

Overall in Texas, 56 parks were developed by some 50,000 Corpsmen between 1933 and 1942 before many of the young men headed off to World War II. Twenty-nine state parks are still operating today that bear the influence of the CCC. Palo Duro Canyon State Park was developed by six companies of the CCC from 1933-37, whose roads, trails and buildings are still vital parts of the park's infrastructure.

CCC alums interested in attending the CCC 80th Anniversary event at Palo Duro Canyon should contact Janelle Taylor at (512) 389-4665, or visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/?req=20130307b](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/?req=20130307b) or <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/palo-duro-canyon> for more information.

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## Crops in Pots

### *Gardening in Containers and Small Space*

March 26, 2013, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Assembly Room

Now is the season to grow vegetables and herbs and you don't have to have the traditional large garden site. Grayson County Master Gardeners are hosting this excellent evening program that will teach you how to garden in containers and in limited space areas, how to grow vegetables and herbs, and how to successfully start and transplant plants.

Tired of tilling up a big garden? Tired of bending over tending to and weeding your garden? Do you want big results in little areas? Do you want to know how to start and transplant your own vegetables and plants? es to any of these means this is the perfect program for you.

Program is March 26, 2013 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd floor Assembly Room. Enter the courthouse on the south side across from Knight Furniture and proceed to the second floor. \$5.00 at the door fee. One hour of continuing education hours will be available to Private Applicators. RSVP Master Gardeners at 903-813-4204

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



## Celebrating food on National Ag

*By Amanda Hill*

We Americans have much to celebrate. Nearly all of us have calendars filled with celebrations -- birthdays, weddings, new babies. We can almost always find a reason to gather with our friends and family and express our gratitude for someone or something.

Today, we have another reason to celebrate. It's the 40th anniversary of National Ag Day -- a day for Americans to express our appreciation for the nutritious and affordable food that is grown in the United States. It is truly remarkable to think that nearly anything you'd ever crave is grown right here in America.

Pour a bowl of cereal with milk to start your day. The wheat from the cereal started its life in a golden field in Kansas, and a hard-working dairy cow in Ohio made sure that your raisin bran had enough milk to float.

Grab an apple for a healthy mid-afternoon snack. That fruit came from a New York apple orchard, tended to by a dedicated farm family who has cared for the same land for generations.

Hungry for a juicy steak with a baked potato for dinner? A Texas rancher raised a cow that became a tender rib-eye, and an Idaho farmer grew the potato that completes your meal.

National Ag Day aims to get Americans thinking and talking about how food gets from the farm gate to our plates. Farmers and ranchers will be in Washington, D.C., to meet with legislators to discuss agriculture's contributions to our economy and the importance of a strong domestic food supply. Food experts also will have a dialogue about "The New Language of Food and Modern Agriculture."

Will you join us in celebrating America's food and fiber? In honor of National Ag Day, consider learning more about how our food is grown -- either by asking a farmer you know or virtually "meeting" a farmer on the Texas Farm Bureau Facebook page. You also can "like" the page to connect with farmers and ranchers across our great state.

And, if you need an excuse for a celebration, go ahead and throw a party. You know there'd be tons of good food...





## **U.S. Hispanic Chamber Names Cornyn Small Business Advocate of the Year**

WASHINGTON-The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce today presented U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, with the Small Business Advocate of the Year award:

“In Texas I’ve had the privilege of seeing firsthand the true realization of the American dream - hardworking immigrants who use their freedom to start businesses, create jobs, and build a better life for their children.

“These small business owners are the lifeblood of our economy, and a robust economic recovery will depend largely on their ability to expand and create new jobs.

“I’m honored to accept the U.S. Hispanic Chamber’s Small Business Advocate of the Year award, and I will continue to work in Congress to promote policies that remove barriers to growth and provide greater confidence to our nation’s job creators.”

*Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary 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.*



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S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45  
**BETHEL BAPTIST**  
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon  
Hutson, pastor, 903/532-6032  
**SUMMIT CHURCH**  
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,  
903/815-1472 ; Kcvin 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

**LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
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

### Exodus 20:1-17 (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup> And God spake all these words, saying,
- <sup>2</sup> *I am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:
- <sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;
- <sup>6</sup> And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- <sup>7</sup> Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- <sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- <sup>9</sup> Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:
- <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- <sup>12</sup> Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- <sup>13</sup> Thou shalt not kill.
- <sup>14</sup> Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- <sup>15</sup> Thou shalt not steal.
- <sup>16</sup> Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- <sup>17</sup> Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

## Christian Fellowship

### Church news/A Christian Fellowship/ Luella

David Ellis will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship. Each week begins at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

A Christian Fellowship is a part of the "One" movement in Texoma.

ACF offers a class for kids ages 2-10 that is called "Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus" and it is held during worship service. They learn Bible verses, stories, they have puppet shows, skits and play games, and lots of other fun things.

Wednesday nights begin with a pot-luck dinner that starts at 6:30 pm followed with praise and worship and a devotional.

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 information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333.

## Tom Bean Church of Christ

### 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 with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. 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 radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

We invite everyone to our 2013' Spring Meeting April 7 - 12 at 7:30pm each night. The theme this year is "Family."

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on [www.PregnancyDecisions.org](http://www.PregnancyDecisions.org).



**INSPIRATION POINT  
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FM 2729, 2.5 miles  
South of Tom Bean  
Duane Peters,  
903-815-2278

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BAPTIST CHURCH**

1271 Pilot Grove St.  
903/450-3708

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OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

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**WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

800 Baker Park Dr.,  
903/892-9635, Sun. 10

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601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,  
Rev. Mack Rogers

**RED RIVER**

**COWBOY CHURCH**

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Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

**Van Alstyne**

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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  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,

Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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Gary Gibbs, pastor

**FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

903/482-6646,

Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

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**CHURCH**

301 S. Preston,

Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

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**WORSHIP CENTER**

On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen,  
903/482-6700;

Chris Jones, pastor

**HOLY FAMILY**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,  
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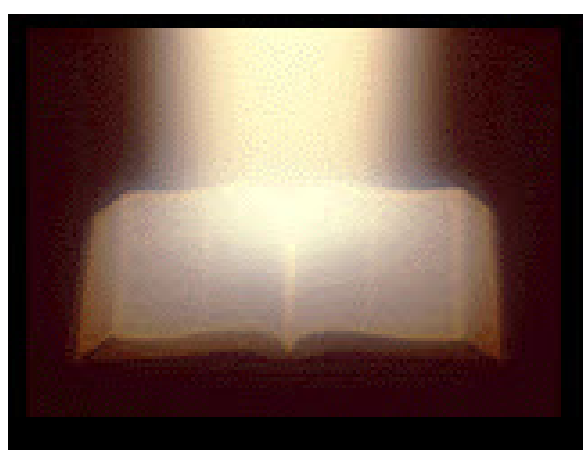
**MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN**

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL**

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

**SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH**

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.  
Arnold Baker, pastor



## Selective Alzheimer's

“The most common cause of dementia is Alzheimer's disease (AD). AD is a progressive and irreversible brain disorder. The actual cause of AD is unknown. AD slowly damages, and then destroys, a person's memory, judgment, reasoning skills, personality, autonomy, and bodily functions”  
(<http://health.yahoo.net/health/alzheimers-disease-overview>).

A.R. “Ross” Gallaher's grandmother had Alzheimer's. He recently reflected on lessons learned from her illness:

I loved my grandmother on my Mom's side of the family because she doted over her grandchildren. No matter what we did, she always treated us as if we were the best children in the world. Our Christmases were spent in South Florida every year running and playing in the orange groves my grandparents owned. She always had more presents under the tree than I have seen in any other family setting because she was such a giving person and also felt it was important to wrap each gift for anyone on her list.

These images were only enhanced when my grandmother succumbed to Alzheimer's. The last time I saw my grandmother alive, she was in a nursing home unable to recognize me, my wife Teresa, or any family member including my mom. I could see that Mom was devastated. It was such a sad end to the memories and the life of this wonderful lady.

But though she could not remember family and friends, I noticed that she was tremendously happy. Mom explained that in her mind, she was back home in Troy AL with her playmates and the family members she had when she was a child. She did not know that she was an adult; she was back home in familiar surroundings feeling as safe and happy as any child should feel in the loving protection of her childhood home. She had forgotten any pain, hardship, difficulty or loss given to her by life or humanity. Everyone was her friend or possible playmate.

Though I would not desire this disease on anyone, one element is worth examining for its glorious value...

Alzheimer's causes memory loss over time. What would the world be like if we only knew the good, happy memories of life? What would your life and my life be like if there were no bad memories, none? Who are you if forgiveness really did work? What would people say about you if the only parts of your life revealed to others were warm, wonderful expressions of joy and contentment? Life would be blissful; a perfect example of the kind of life Jesus wanted us to have.

Jesus asks us to forgive because He has offered us forgiveness. Jesus asks us to love because He loved us first. Jesus asks us to have an abundant life because He gave us access to one. Jesus asks us to forget because He has forgotten our faults.

Given the choice, I choose “selective Alzheimer's” – abundant life here and eternal life with the one who remembers me as His child.\*

YOU can become God's child by... placing your faith and trust in Jesus, God's Son, who died on the cross for our sins (Acts 16:30-31), turning from those sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, by continuing to follow Him, YOU can experience the abundant life now and receive eternal life to come.

Won't YOU accept God's offer on His terms?

-- A.R. “Ross” Gallaher / David A. Sargent

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Church of Christ at Creekwood  
<http://www.creekwoodcc.org>

\* In loving memory of Annie Mae Childs (Ross' grandmother) and all our loved ones affected by Alzheimer's. David A. Sargent, Minister



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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.



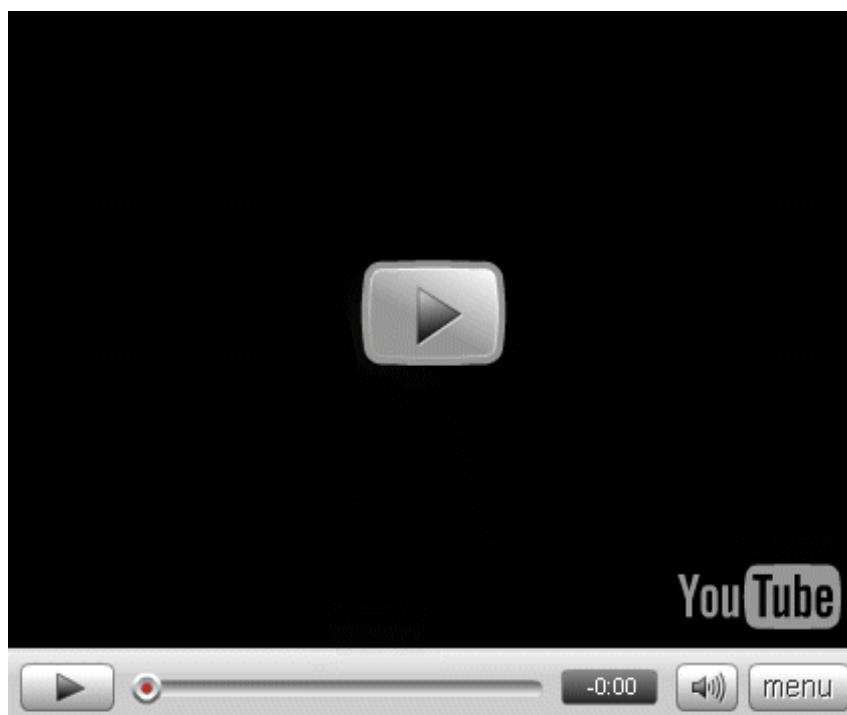
Dale & Lana Rideout



Lana, Dominique, Rachel, Briana, Amber, "Santa" Jordan, Caleb, Chris



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

## Background Checks Have to Keep Guns From Severely Troubled

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn  
The Houston Chronicle  
March 20, 2013

These pages recently criticized my March 12 vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee against legislation introduced by U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that would require all prospective gun purchasers to undergo a background check. ("Senate judiciary panel's Republicans remain true to NRA," Page B7, Wednesday) It was suggested that my vote indicates I am opposed to all background checks on any individual purchasing any weapon. This is false, and I'd like to take an opportunity to clarify my position.

I believe background checks serve a critical role in ensuring that guns stay out of the hands of those not responsible enough to use them. Therefore, I believe we must refocus our efforts to make sure the current background-check system works to screen out the dangerously mentally ill. What we should not do is obsess about ineffective window-dressing reforms, or we risk putting symbolism over substance.

The mass murders in Colorado, Arizona and Virginia were committed by killers who passed their background checks. How did they slip through the cracks? And how can we seal those cracks in the future? The murderer of innocent children in Connecticut killed his mother and stole firearms that she kept in their home, which she purchased legally and for which she passed background checks. Unfortunately, Sen. Schumer's legislation glosses over these gaping holes in the background check system.

If there was a common thread in the tragedies at Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora and Newtown, it was the mental illness of the shooter. No one wants disturbed young men or women to have access to firearms, and lawmakers should bolster the relevant safeguards.

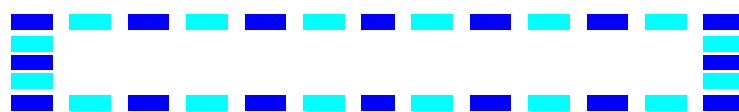
The Schumer bill appears to be rooted in the belief that private buyers and sellers of firearms are not to be trusted. For example, in the recent bipartisan talks on background checks, Democrats quickly shifted the argument from universal checks to universal record-keeping, which is a separate and even thornier issue. Why is it that some do not trust law-abiding gun owners to make responsible decisions?

Unfortunately, legislation proposed in the Senate, such as the so-called "assault weapons ban," focuses not on the perilous intersection of mental illness and guns, but on the cosmetic features of certain firearms. I wasn't sent to Washington to pass another law that will not address the real root cause of mass violence. Recent tragedies across the nation confirm that we must improve mental health reporting for the background check program.

This is why I support legislation introduced by U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., that would plug the holes in our background check system. Federal and state authorities alike have criticized ambiguous guidelines in the current system that fail to include many existing mental illness records. The NICS Reporting Improvement Act of 2013 would clarify outdated legal definitions so that we could more effectively screen out individuals who are prohibited from buying guns.

As an elected official, I take my responsibility for the safety and security of all Texans very seriously. I welcome a robust debate over the best measures to ensure that: (1) the rights of law-abiding citizens are protected and (2) guns are kept out of the hands of severely troubled individuals. I believe that fortifying our current background-check laws is a critical step, and I will continue fighting to protect the rights and livelihoods of all Texans.

*Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary 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.*



## Cornyn: It's About People, Not Numbers

'As a parent, I want nothing but the best for my children. As an American, I want to see my country prosper and protect her citizens. As a senator, I cannot stand by and watch this administration wage war on America's youth.'

It's About People, Not Numbers  
U.S. Sen. John Cornyn  
Austin American-Statesman  
March 20, 2013

During his 2012 budget negotiations with House Speaker John Boehner, President Obama famously declared that "we don't have a spending problem." This past week, responding to a question about our \$16 trillion national debt, he told ABC News that "we don't have an immediate crisis." When asked in the same interview if he would offer a budget that would eliminate the deficit, his answer was a blunt, unequivocal "no."

For their part, Senate Democrats have returned from a four-year budgeting hiatus to unveil a plan that would raise taxes by up to \$1.5 trillion, increase spending by 62 percent, and add \$7.3 trillion to a national debt that already eclipses our economy. Not surprisingly, their budget does not balance.

Since President Obama took office, his tax-and-spend policies have given us \$6 trillion dollars in new debt, chronically high unemployment, rising insurance premiums, and a credit-rating downgrade. These are the policies that gave us a failed "stimulus" program and a government takeover of our health care system that continues to discourage job creation. With the federal government's unfunded liabilities surpassing \$100 trillion and annual interest payments on our debt exceeding \$200 billion, we simply cannot afford more of the same.

Make no mistake, this debate is not just about numbers in a ledger. It's about people. It's about the longevity of a great nation and its ability to care for its citizens. As a B-17 pilot in World War II, my father fought to ensure that his children and grandchildren could grow up in a country of prosperity; a country where hard work is dignified and opportunities abound for all. He and countless other members of that greatest generation left their country better than they found it. As I look to his grandchildren — my two daughters — I cannot help but wonder if they and their children will be able to say the same of my generation.

Every dollar this administration taxes and borrows is a dollar ransomed from the prosperity and well-being of future generations. This has created a growing economic burden that threatens the programs that Americans rely on: the Social Security checks that keep the heat on in the winter; the Medicare payments that bring comfort to the elderly, and the Medicaid services that assist our citizens who need their country's help the most. If we continue down the President's path, these programs will not exist when the children and young adults of today enter retirement.

As a parent, I want nothing but the best for my children. As an American, I want to see my country prosper and protect her citizens. As a senator, I cannot stand by and watch this administration wage war on America's youth.

This is why I have sponsored a Constitutional amendment to require the federal government to balance its budget. We must ensure that our country lives within its means, lest we rob future generations of the quality of life that is an American's birthright. This is a moral obligation, and if we fail to meet it we will have spoiled the gifts of American prosperity that have been nurtured and handed down to us, generation after generation.

The Balanced Budget Amendment, which is backed by every Republican senator, is a sincere approach to putting our fiscal house in order. The alternative couldn't be clearer: more debt, more fiscal cliffs, and a one-way ticket to a European-style meltdown. Rather than wage more political battles while we jeopardize our children's future, policymakers must face these issues with the honesty, the moral clarity, and the determination they demand.

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## Cornyn Cosponsors Amendment to Defund Obamacare

WASHINGTON- U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) joined with U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) in proposing an amendment to the Senate Democrat budget proposal that would defund the President's health care law:

“Unless we defund this law, Obamacare will continue to drive up insurance premiums, cause employers to drop coverage, and stifle small business growth across Texas.

“Rather than adding trillions of dollars to the national debt and inserting Washington bureaucrats into personal health decisions, Obamacare should be replaced with reforms that expand access and lower costs for consumers.”

Sen. Cornyn has voted to repeal the health care law several times, and has led the charge to repeal the bill's Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), a Medicare-rationing board of unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats, as well as the 3.8 percent surtax on investment income that went into effect in January.

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## Cornyn Statement on Continuing Resolution

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after voting for the Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government at the reduced levels mandated by the sequester:

“This bill represents the first modest step toward \*reining in wasteful, Washington spending. Though imperfect, this bill lowers spending levels, keeps the sequester savings in place, and ensures our military and border patrol have the funding and flexibility they need. And, it will avoid more ‘crisis governing’ that undermines public confidence.

“A more significant, permanent solution would be for the Senate to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment, which I've sponsored and all Senate Republicans support.”

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## Cornyn Demands Hearings on ICE Detainee Releases

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), Ranking Member on the Senate Judiciary's Immigration, Refugees, and Border Security Subcommittee, today wrote to Subcommittee Chairman U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) to demand hearings following the recent decision by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to release thousands of detainees from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities without warning, including hundreds in Texas:

"[A]t least 700 of these detainees were directly released into Texas. We also know that at least 30 percent of these released detainees had criminal records-potentially including aggravated assault, financial crimes, theft, larceny, drug offenses, drunk-driving, and domestic violence," wrote Sen. Cornyn.

"Though some have suggested that these released criminals were not dangerous offenders, the victims of assault, drug crimes, theft, drunk driving, and domestic violence would strongly disagree.

"Texans and the rest of America have a right to know exactly what kinds of criminals were released into their communities by DHS and to see that the persons who made these decisions are held fully accountable."Text of Sen. Cornyn's letter to Sen. Schumer is below:

March 21, 2013

Chairman Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Chairman Schumer:

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, I am writing to request that the Subcommittee conduct full oversight of the recent United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency decision to release 2,228 persons from immigration detention, hundreds into Texas, for no legitimate reason. These actions, made at the direction of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) leadership, call into question the Department's commitment to its core national security missions and raise serious concerns about the judgment of high-level DHS officials. As the Subcommittee with oversight responsibility for the Department of Homeland Security, I believe that it is our duty to hold hearings on this matter in the next month.

Though multiple members of Congress and state governors have requested detailed information about these DHS actions, we have yet to receive a response from the Department. What we do know is that at least 700 of these detainees were directly released into Texas. We also know that at least 30 percent of these released detainees had criminal records-potentially including aggravated assault, financial crimes, theft, larceny, drug offenses, drunk-driving, and domestic violence. At least 8-10 of the criminals released by DHS were classified as "Level one offenders"-the most dangerous group of criminals detained by ICE. This is unacceptable.

I am also very troubled that senior DHS officials, including ICE Director John Morton, have attempted to downplay the seriousness of releasing more than 600 criminals from their custody and into the general population. Though some have suggested that these released criminals were not dangerous offenders, the victims of assault, drug crimes, theft, drunk driving, and domestic violence would strongly disagree. Texans and the rest of America have a right to know exactly what kinds of criminals were released into their communities by DHS and to see that the persons who made these decisions are held fully accountable. I look forward to working with you to find a mutually agreeable date and time for an oversight hearing.

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## **Cornyn Proposes Amendment Withholding White House Pay For Late Budgets**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after introducing a budget amendment that will allow the Senate to express its support of the “No Budget, No OMB Pay Act of 2013.” This legislation would withhold the pay for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other Senate-approved OMB officials for every day the President's budget is late. “It's hard to understand how-after 4 years of doing nothing-Senate Democrats are finally offering a budget and the President is still lagging behind them. The President's budget is now 45 days late, leaving the American people on a path of out of control spending.

“Texans who do not do their jobs do not get paid and neither should officials at the OMB. This amendment will make the Administration accountable for its inaction and set a standard for fiscal leadership.”

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## **Cornyn: If the White House Doesn't Do Their Job, They Shouldn't be Paid**

‘Now we all know nowhere else in America...can you fail to do your job and still get paid. Only here in Washington, D.C...’

WASHINGTON – Today U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) spoke on the Senate floor about his “No Budget, No OMB Pay” amendment to the Senate Democrats’ budget proposal. This legislation would withhold the pay for the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other Senate-approved OMB officials for every day the President’s budget is late.

“Now we all know nowhere else in America – whether in private life, private business, or in local and state government – can you fail to do your job and still get paid. Only here in Washington, D.C. ...

“If the Office of Management and Budget does not do its job and produce a budget, its top officials should not get paid...

“We all deserve better, and the American people deserve better – and they deserve the accountability that comes with the President fulfilling his legal responsibilities under the law of the land.”

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## House Passes Budget That Balances In Ten Years

WASHINGTON, DC . . . This Rep. Hall (TX-04) voted in favor of H.Con.Res. 25, a bill that establishes a budget for fiscal year 2014 and also sets a plan in place to balance the budget in 10 years. The budget passed 221-207.

“There is no question Washington has a spending problem that is unsustainable and is hurting the American people,” said Hall. “America’s debt is nearly \$17 trillion, and as a result, unemployment remains high and the labor force participation continues to drop (currently 63.5%). If we want to ensure our children and grandchildren inherit a prosperous America, we must take action now by addressing the growing national debt, and balancing the budget is a vital step in that process.”

Hall continued, “Unfortunately, the Administration continues to ignore the fact that their spending policies are harming Americans. The President shows no interest in reducing spending. The White House and Senate Democrats continue to argue to increase taxes, and the Senate’s budget will never balance. The President’s budget – expected sometime in early April, over two months past the due date required by law – is also expected to never balance.

“Recognizing that Washington must stop its out-of-control spending, House Republicans have a plan to get the national debt under control, encourage a healthier economy, and help create jobs.”

The House’s budget would:

- \* Stop spending money we don’t have by cutting wasteful spending;
- \* Fix our broken tax code to create jobs and increase wages;
- \* Protect and strengthen important priorities like Medicare and national security;
- \* Repair the safety net and expand opportunity to all Americans; and
- \* Balance the budget in 10 years.

“I will continue to fight for legislation that provides economic security and expands opportunities for all Americans, and look forward to getting the national debt under control so all Americans can prosper.”





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## Social Security Switching to All-Electronic Payment System

No more paper checks in the mail. Starting March 1, nearly everyone who receives Social Security must switch to the government's new electronic payment system. Beneficiaries will be able to have their checks directly deposited into their bank account or put on to a debit card.

The government is switching to electronic payments in order to save money and to provide a more reliable method of delivering payments. The move to paperless payments will save the government close to \$1 billion dollars over the next 10 years. It also eliminates the problem of checks that get lost in the mail or are delayed due bad weather.

Currently, around 93 percent of payments are made electronically, but about 5 million checks are still being mailed each month. If you are among those who haven't converted to electronic payments, the following are your options:

You can have the checks deposited directly into your bank account. This option allows flexibility with withdrawals and you will be subject to the bank fees and limits you already have in place.

If you can't afford a regular checking or savings account, you may be able to open a special low-cost bank account called an electronic transfer account (ETA). ETA fees are low and you are allowed four free withdrawals a month. However, not a lot of banks have joined the ETA program.

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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## Memorial for Vietnam Veterans

The Texas State Capitol grounds are filled with a collection of monuments that remind us of the service and sacrifice of Texans in times of war: the Heroes of the Alamo, the Confederate Soldiers, and Texas veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Now the thousands of Texans who served and the 3,415 young soldiers of the Lone Star State who perished in the Vietnam War will be also honored by a monument on the Capitol grounds.

During the 2005 79th Regular Session of the Texas State Legislature, the legislature approved House Concurrent Resolution 36, authorizing a Vietnam War monument on the Capitol grounds. The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Committee, all of whom are Vietnam veterans, was established to commission and fund the Monument construction.

The sculpture by artist Duke Sundt features five infantry figures poised in patrol positions. On the base surrounding the fighting unit are panels depicting naval, artillery, medical and aviation services that supported the combat patrol. The monument will honor all Texans who served during the Vietnam War, including the 107 Texas men who remain Missing In Action; the 17 Native Texans who earned the nation's highest commendation, the Congressional Medal of Honor; and the 3,415 Texans killed in action. The Texans killed in Vietnam will be remembered by "dog tags" personalized with each man's name, military service, hometown and date of loss. These tags will be entombed inside the monument.

On March 24, 110 volunteers will gather at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library Auditorium to read aloud the names of those Texans who died in the Vietnam War. On the 25th, a ground-breaking ceremony for the Monument will be held on the northeast lawn of the Capitol. Both events are open to the public. The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument is tentatively scheduled to be dedicated in the fall of 2013. For more information and to stay updated on the monument's progress, visit [www.buildthemonument.org](http://www.buildthemonument.org).

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## Catholic Definitions

Choir: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

Holy Water: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

Hymn: A song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

Incense: Holy Smoke!

Jesuits: An order of priests known for their ability to found colleges with good basketball teams.

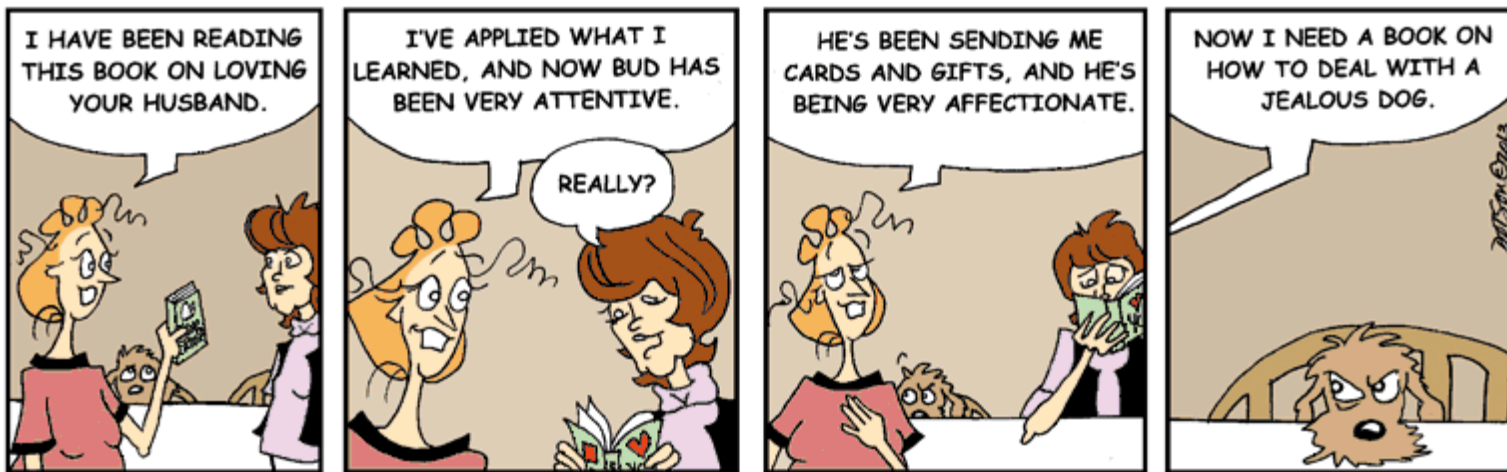
Jonah: The original "Jaws" story.

Justice: When your children have kids of their own.

Kyrie Eleison: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava.

## OUTSKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson

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[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.



## LET'S REMINISCE: THE GREAT TRAIN CHASE

By Jerry Lincecum

In addition to tips about when to plant my vegetables, the Old Farmer's Almanacs include some interesting articles on history. One of them alerted me to the fact that just about 150 years ago, on March 25, 1863, the first medals of honor were awarded to American soldiers.

As a son of the South, I'm sorry to say it was six Union soldiers who got the first medals for their roles in one of the Civil War's most dramatic events: "The Great Locomotive Chase." A popular Disney film by this name has popularized the incident but not always correctly.

Led by a civilian double agent named Andrews, 22 volunteers from three Ohio regiments had secretly made their way 200 miles into the South. Their mission: to steal a train, burn bridges and destroy track along the Western and Atlantic Railroad between Chattanooga and Atlanta, leaving Chattanooga defenseless for a Union takeover.

Boarding the train at Marietta, Georgia, on April 12, 1862, they waited until it stopped at Big Shanty (now Kennesaw) for breakfast. As three engineers casually walked to the engine, Andrews and the rest of his men slipped out of the passenger car and scrambled into boxcars. Disconnecting the engine named the General, its tender and three boxcars, they moved out.

They intended to drive the train north towards Chattanooga to meet up with Mitchel's advancing army. Along the way, Andrews planned to stop and tear up track, sabotage switches, burn covered bridges and cut the telegraph wires at numerous locations.

But several things happened the raiders didn't figure on. The train's conductor (William Fuller) and two other men chased the stolen train, first on foot, then by handcar.

Locomotives of the time normally averaged 15 miles per hour, with short bursts of an average speed of 20 mph. In addition, the terrain north of Atlanta is very hilly, and the grades are steep.

Since Andrews intended to stop periodically to perform acts of sabotage, a determined pursuer, even on foot, could conceivably have caught up with the train before it reached Chattanooga.

Back in Big Shanty, Fuller was outraged that his train had been stolen. Along with his engineer and a W&AR foreman, he gave chase. Running two miles to Moon's Station, Fuller seized a platform car that moved by pushing it down the track with a pole and headed after the General.

Fuller and his men then managed to get another engine, the Yonah, and caught up to just four minutes behind the General. As the chase continued, the General nearly collided with a southbound passenger train. The Union raiders became trapped on a siding.

Meanwhile, Fuller flagged down the engine Texas, and it rolled backwards to the depot to uncouple its freight cars. With its tender in front, the Texas steamed up the tracks in reverse, a scant 10 minutes behind the raiders, relentlessly closing the distance.

Fuller managed to get a telegraph message through to Confederate General Ledbetter, who sent troops south from Chattanooga to stop the Union raiders. Within days, Andrews and all his Union troops were captured. He and seven others were hanged.

Six months after the chase, the other raiders escaped, eight to safety but six "bridge burners" and "engine stealers," as Southerners called them, were recaptured and jailed. They were later released in a prisoner exchange.

Eventually, 19 of the 22 Union raiders received the medal of honor. Andrews, as a civilian did not qualify.

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**Dr. John R Brinkley**



## **John R. Brinkley – Millionaire, Mountebank, Medicine Man**

*by Don Mathis*

My dad used to tell me stories about a doctor in the Great Depression who would broadcast his services on the radio. Folks from the Rockies to the Appalachians could pick up his advertisements for live baby chicks – and for goat glands. Thousands of men were swayed by the idea that a gonad graft would improve sexual performance.

Years later, I listened to the Doors' tune, "Texas Radio," as well as the ZZ Top song, "Heard it on the X." These recordings were about XER, the radio transmitter in Acuña, Mexico, that used to broadcast early rock from disc jockeys like Wolfman Jack and others. The beat of rock and roll could be said to improve sexual performance as well.

Then I learned of the connection between the powerful radio station that pushed airwaves from Arkansas to Alberta in the 1930s and laid the Big Beat across America in the 1960s. Laws in Mexico were more lenient than in the U.S in the early days of radio. More wattage could be broadcast. Less content was censored.

The Playhouse in San Pedro Park presents "Roads Courageous" (February 22 – March 17), a musical about the implanter of goat glands and the implementer of electronic media manipulation. John R. Brinkley (born in 1885 in Jackson County, North Carolina, died in 1942 in San Antonio) may be an unusual subject for a song and dance or a comedy/drama, but he was an unusual man.

Dr. Brinkley took advantage of the nebulous distinctions in professional medicine and the advent of electronic technology in the early 20th century. He made his cash registers ring. At a time when distrust in big government was at its highest and faith in corporate power was at its lowest, disapproval from the American Medical Association only strengthened his appeal.

Two reasons the AMA (or the Amateur Meat-cutter's Association, as he liked to call them) considered Dr. Brinkley a quack was for his propensity to prescribe pills over the radio and his collection of kickbacks from participating pharmacies. He had a showmanship that stretched the boundaries of professional decorum. And then there was that goat gland business.

Dr. Brinkley was an astute observer of the human psyche and he knew what people wanted to hear. He perfected the art of stroking the ego of men who had been kicked to the curb by the Great Depression. He offered better health, more energy, and increased libido. His sheer enthusiasm and promises for a better life may have helped many with a placebo effect.

But he did so much more than promote sexual vitality. Dr. Brinkley owned one of the first commercial radio stations in the country. KFKB in Milford, Kansas, broadcast regional weather reports and news of Chicago stocks – and farmers and ranchers turned in. The careers of Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Hank Williams were also enhanced from Dr. Brinkley's broadcasts. The doctor even offered college courses over the air. Listeners could get a degree from the Kansas State Agricultural College which was every bit as valid as Dr. Brinkley's own credentials.

When State authorities finally revoked Dr. Brinkley's medical and broadcasting licenses, he ran for governor of Kansas in an effort to restore them. He pioneered the use of radio and aviation to further his political ends. Dr. Brinkley championed a message of the common man. He rejected elitism and embraced rustic values. His political rallies were a mixture of religious revival with a touch of state fair flamboyance. The crowds were huge.

We see a lot of the same attractions in today's political and health-care fields. Some candidates take pride in covert racism and anti-intellectualism. And who hasn't seen the draw for 'alternative health' zealots? A campaign for education reform, assistance to the elderly, a fair tax system, and free health care still holds appeal to a lot of voters.

Although he gathered 240,000 votes, Dr. Brinkley failed in his 1932 election attempt and his attempt to maintain his accreditation in Kansas. By the mid-30s, he was broadcasting again, this time from the powerful XER in Acuña and running a very successful hospital on this side of the river in Del Rio.

Armed with an assortment of eclectic degrees and foreign diplomas from a variety of quasi-medical schools, he attained a level of authenticity. The cost of his goat gland operation increased from \$750 to \$1,500. The signal from his radio station reached all 48 states with enough power left over (as the Chicago Daily News reported) "to light the street lights in Calgary." Whether or not South Texas ranchers could listen to XER on their barbwire fence or screen door, on a clear night the signal could be received in Europe and China.

Times were good. About 4,000 patients a year visited his facility in Del Rio for dysfunction. More visited his hospital for rectal diseases in San Juan, Texas. Dr. Brinkley's goat farm in Oklahoma was doing extremely well. He bought 6,500 acres in North Carolina, a ranch in Texas and opened up two more hospitals in Arkansas. At one time he owned three yachts, a Lockheed Electra airplane, and a dozen Cadillac cars.

It all came crashing down rather quickly. He claimed he was libeled by the editor of an AMA publication but the jury decided in 1939 he had been accurately identified as a charlatan. A 'cut-rate' competitor appeared in Del Rio, siphoning off his customers, some right from his waiting room. Dr. Brinkley filed for bankruptcy after getting hit with several malpractice suits and a government claim for \$200,000 in back taxes.

Then, in 1941, Mexico had to reallocate the wavelength assigned to his radio and the voice of the people's physician was silenced forever. The next year, on a spring day in San Antonio, Dr. Brinkley died from heart disease and complications of a leg amputation brought on by a blood clot.

His house in Del Rio still stands (512 Qualia Drive). Where he lived in San Antonio is a mystery. But for a generation, Dr. Brinkley riveted the imagination with the symbolism of the billy goat and the prowess of Pan.



# Texoma Montage

## Back to Enterprise

In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

This section of the website will only be updated every other month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Dale and Lana Rideout

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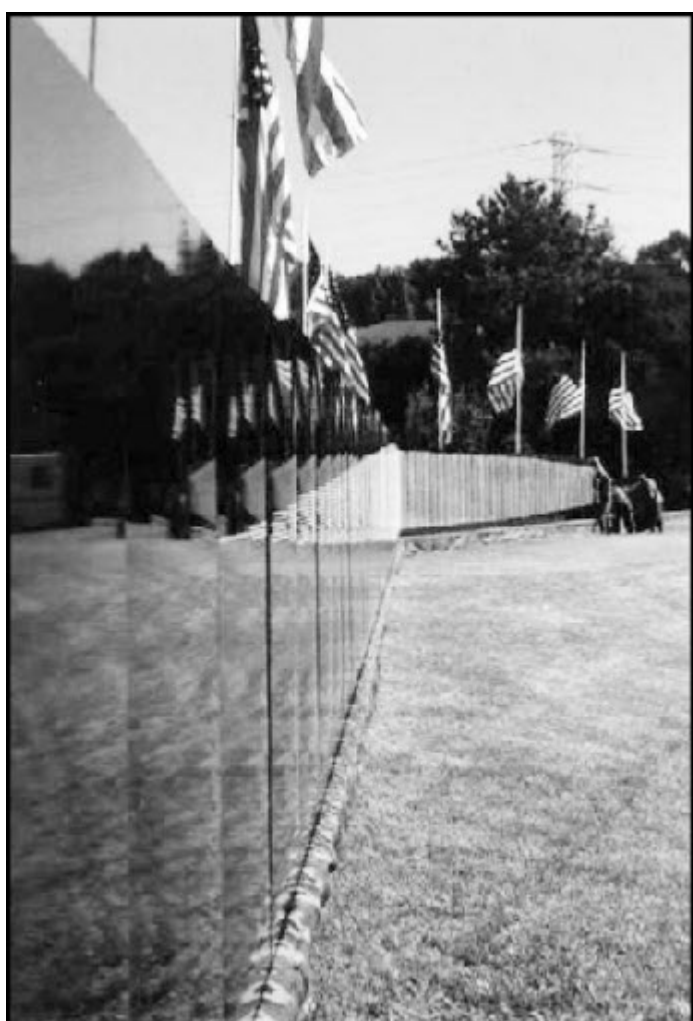
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# Texoma Montage



**The Wall**, looking East  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*

**by Dorothy N. Fowler**

The first time I saw the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., I was with my 80 year-old mother. She broke down and cried as she looked at the wall bearing the names of more than 58,000 dead and missing in action.

"Such a waste," she said through her tears. "Such a waste."

Mama had opposed the war to start with, not because she believed members of the armed services were doing anything wrong, but because she thought the policy behind it was a failed policy and that the United States had no vital national interest there.

When the war began, I was a hawk, but as it dragged on, I wanted nothing so much as to bring home the men and women whose lives were in danger every day in a cause that clearly seemed to be lost as a result of policy failures. I watched helpless every year as some of my brightest and best students were drafted, went to fight, and either came home in military caskets or terribly wounded either in body or spirit.

When I saw the wall for the first time, I visualized a baseball stadium that seats 60,000. I saw it full and then suddenly irrevocably empty. As I walked the length of the wall, seeing the gifts that had been laid beneath some of the names, watching people take rubbings of the names of their children, their friends, their husbands, brothers, sisters, lovers, I too began to cry.

I was not alone. Many of the people who were walking near me were crying. Nothing outside the sudden death of my three-year old granddaughter has ever affected me as much as that first visit to the wall.

It's a fact that the Vietnam War Memorial is the most visited National Park Service Site in Washington, D. C. It's also a fact that most Americans will never get to Washington to see the memorial.

That's why, when the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial comes to Denison on July 22, sponsors will keep the practice field at Denison High School open 24 hours a day for its three day stay.

"We want as many people as possible to be able to visit it," Horace Groff, former Grayson County Judge and one of the organizers of the wall's visit, said. "There is never any charge whatsoever to visitors to the wall."

After his retirement from political life, Groff went to work part-time for Bratcher Funeral Home, which is now part of Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation and Cemetery Providers. The company commissioned the traveling replica, which was completed in 1990.

"Sponsors who want the wall to come to their city put their names in and Denison got picked for this summer," Groff said. "Sponsors make contributions and sometimes individuals who visit the wall make contributions to have it come, but the wall is truly a service that the company makes possible."

At 240 feet long and eight feet high, it is sometimes hard to find a place large enough to hold it and the crowds of people who visit it. Security is also a problem. "We needed to have it in a place that was accessible and at the same time secure," Groff said. "The practice field at DHS was the best spot."

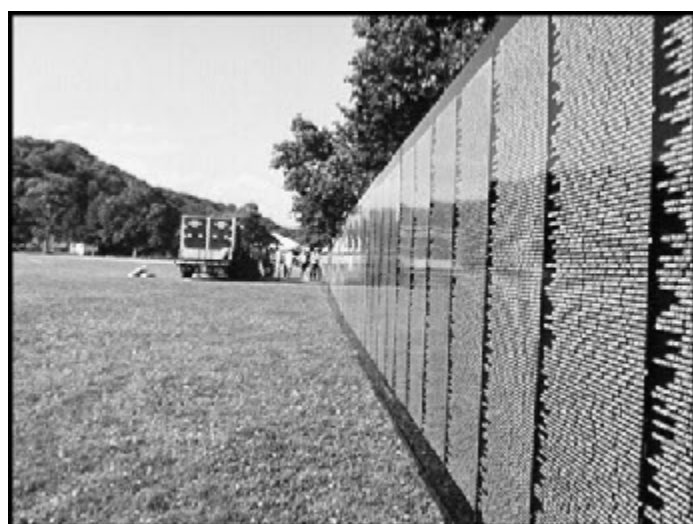
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

Learning that the wall was coming to Denison sent me on a quest for other war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Bryan and Collin Counties. I didn't find all of them, probably overlooked some that were right under my nose, but looking for them and thinking about the uncommon valor that each represented was a life affirming experience.

If you and your family go looking for the memorials described on page 14 and following, I hope you will come away from the experience with a renewed sense of the sacrifices that others have made to make it safe for you to travel freely, to speak freely, to read whatever you choose to read, to attempt any job you want to do. I hope you will think what it means to be free.



**The Moving Wall** - in Spencerport, NY.  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*



**The moving wall** - set up and ready for visitors.  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*



# What's Cookin...

# Texoma Montage

By Lana Rideout

## Cooking During Wartime

War time is a difficult time for all involved: the soldiers on the battlefield and the family members back home.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 just as Americans were coming out of the Great Depression. People were used to doing without and making do with what they had. They were used to sharing with others.

The folks back home did all they could to get those American soldiers back home. They participated in scrap iron drives; they rationed gas and many food items such as sugar and eggs.

One creation of the time was a sweet treat known as the "Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake" also known as the Depression Cake.

### Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups HOT Water
- 2 Tablespoons. Shortening
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Package Seedless Raisins
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Cloves
- 3 Cups Flour (Sifted)
- 1 Teaspoon HOT Water

Boil together the Sugar, Water, Shortening, Salt, Raisins and Spices for five minutes. When Cold, add the Flour and the Soda (dissolved in a tsp of Hot Water). This makes two loaves--Bread Pan Size.

Bake in 325F oven for about 45 minutes. This Cake is of good texture and keeps moist for some time. Note: You can Ice this cake with your choice of Icing.

My friend Betty Weaver of Sherman was 10 when the U.S. entered WWII. She remembers her mom baking this cake usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would store it in an old pressure cooker, wrapped in waxed paper and a heavy towel (trying to hide it from the children). Betty says the cake is a favorite at her family reunions and usually sells for upward of \$40. Her recipe calls for lard, but she uses canola oil which makes for a very moist cake.

In researching this recipe, I found several versions: Some use brown sugar and others white sugar. Spices include nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and/ or allspice. One recipe said that 1 cup of nuts adds flavor to the cake.

During WWII people on farms did better than some of the city folks since farms had chickens for a steady supply of eggs. Also vegetables grown in the gardens were plentiful. On the farms and in the towns lots of folks grew "victory gardens" – vegetables they could eat or can.

Although sugar was rationed, folks on the farm who did their own canning were allowed more sugar.

My Dad served in the Army and was overseas in England when I was born just two weeks before D-Day – June 6, 1944. My Mom was living with her parents in Fort Worth; all of them were praying for a speedy end to the war and the safe return of their loved ones.

Another recipe used during World War II is the Spam and Egg Sandwich - good any time of day--breakfast, lunch, dinner, or midnight snack!

### WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

- chopped onion
- 1 Slice fully cooked luncheon meat (e.g. Spam)
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 2 Slices bread
- 1 Slice American cheese (optional)
- 1 Slice tomato (optional)

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the onion in butter until soft. Mash up the slice of luncheon meat with a fork, and add it to the skillet. Cook for 2 or 3 minutes, until browned. Pour the egg into the skillet so that it covers all of the meat and onion. Cook until firm, then flip to brown the other side.

Place the egg and meat onto one slice of the bread and top with cheese and tomato if desired. Place the other piece of bread on top. Bread can also be toasted first.)

I also did a little research on recipes from the American Civil War or the "War Between the States." From some of the websites I visited, it looks like some folks are still fighting that one. While no one advocates a return to slavery, the issue of states' rights versus the federal government is a hot issue in many southern political discussions.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side was a plantation overseer in Tennessee. He was off serving in the Confederate Army when his daughter was born near the end of the war. I remember my great-grandmother. She died when I was six and I still remember receiving hugs from her. Her daughter, my mother's mother told me many stories about the family members.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides carried an item called hard tack. It is a simple cracker made of flour, salt and water. They could be very hard and some soldiers called them "tooth dullers" or "sheet iron crackers." The soldiers softened them by soaking them in their coffee, frying them in bacon grease, or crumbling them in soup.

### Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

Mix the flour and salt with just enough water to bind the ingredients. Flatten the dough to about ¼ inch thick on a cookie sheet. Cut into 3 inch by 3 inch squares. Pierce with 16 holes about ½ inch apart. Bake at 400 degrees F. 20-25 minutes.

Another popular recipe during the Civil War time is Southern Johnny Cake – a cornbread variation good with your favorite beans or stew.

### Southern Johnny Cake

- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2/3 Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoons Lard (Vegetable Oil)
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt

Mix into a stiff batter and form into 8 biscuit-sized "dodgers." Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees F 20-25 minutes or spoon batter into hot cooking oil in a frying pan over flame. Optional: spread with a little butter or molasses for a real southern treat.

As a part of this new magazine, I will be sharing recipes and stories with you. If you have recipes or ideas you would like to share, contact me at lanarideout@texomamontage.com or call 903/532-6012.



WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.

**Betty Weaver of Sherman found this one-piece metal tube cake pan in an antique store. It was made by E. Katzinger Co. of Chicago (date unknown) and printed on the bottom of the pan is the following: "Swan's Down Cake Flour Makes Better Cakes." On each side of the pan is a movable vent so the cake won't sweat and to aid with removal of the cake. Does anyone know the date it was made or have other information?**

# Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

*Bryan, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties all have monuments honoring their veterans who gave their lives in support of our great nation. While we know that we have missed some, we have tried to give good examples from each county.*

by Dorothy N. Fowler

“This will be a lead pipe cinch,” I said to myself. “After all, this is the place where everywhere you look there is an MIA flag and there is more red, white and blue than any place you’ve ever been. You’ll be able to find dozens of war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, and Bryan Counties.”

Thus armed, with more enthusiasm and optimism than information, it seemed to me to be good sense to start at home on the quest for photographs and information about memorials to men and women who have died serving the United States in any one of its last eight major wars. Named, those wars include the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq the First and Iraq the Second.

It seemed equally good sense to start the quest by visiting the VFW in Sherman to talk with people who had been combatants in one or more of those wars. Surely those folks would have a special interest in war memorials.

## **VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas**

If anyone in the main room at Sherman’s VFW is watching or listening to the wall mounted television set, it isn’t obvious on this wintry Thursday night.

Nearly all the people present are men. One woman is a server behind the bar and at 7:30 or so, another woman comes in and joins a group at a large round table. It isn’t clear whether she is a member of the auxiliary or a veteran, but whatever her status, it is clear from her reception that she is well-liked. The easy conversation at the table continues, punctuated by soft, well-controlled laughter.

The men at the table with me are Henry Salisbury, Doyle Sloan and Jessie Goodman. Later in the evening, Franklin “Andy” Anderson joins us.

Salisbury is the memorial chairperson for VFW Post 481-2772 and is a past commander of the post. He’s an army veteran of the Vietnam War. He arrived there in 1968 just in time for the TET offensive. He was there through 1969.

Sloan, nicknamed “Mr. VFW” by his comrades, fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Salisbury says Sloan has held nearly every office possible in the local VFW.

Anderson, a Vietnam veteran, and chaplain of the post, is personable as he pours his Sprite. He provides snippets of information about how VFW members went about building the war memorial in Sherman’s Fairview Park.

It is clear that these men, along with the other people in the room, and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have shared the experiences unique to war, are living memorials. But they are not interested in being living memorials. People die, they say. Families get separated. Kids either don’t remember or don’t care about the role their parents played in wars. The only way to be sure that future generations remember is to build memorials of granite and cement, to inscribe the names of the dead in stone.

“It’s a shame it took so long to get the memorial for World War Two,” Salisbury says. “I don’t think we can do enough to honor the people who serve their country, especially the ones who paid the ultimate price and didn’t come back.”

The other men nod agreement.

Doyle Sloan says the most recent memorial in Sherman is at Fairview Park. “H. K. Lyde was instrumental in getting it started. He was the Grayson County Council Commander and he wanted the VFW, the American Legion, the AmVets and the DAV to be involved in building it. About 10 years ago the veterans organizations raised about \$40,000 and combined it with lots of manual labor to build that softball field and the granite monuments.”

It’s the same with most war memorials, they say. It’s a dream that starts with one or maybe a few people and they work at raising the money for a memorial that has to be placed somewhere. Someone has to design it. Someone has to raise the money to pay for it. Someone has to navigate the myriads of red tape with local, state and sometimes the national government before the monument can be built. Someone has to plan the dedication ceremony, arrange for the speakers, the music if there is to be any.

These men have done all those things and helped others do them. Each year on special days, they visit the memorials, lay wreaths or light candles, leading the public as they remember their wars and the wars of fathers and grandfathers.

They do much more, working to improve the lives of veterans who are facing hard times, visiting veterans confin-ed to nursing homes, taking people to the nearest veterans hospitals for their check-ups, working with young people in the community.

“May I take some pictures?” I ask. There is a moment of hesitation.

“Most reporters want to take a picture of someone sitting at the bar, drinking,” Salisbury says. “But we’d like to have our picture taken with the national award the post won for its work on Poppy Day.”

“That’s just the picture we want,” I say.

“Thanks.”

“Wow! What nice people and what a treat to meet them,” I thought as I made my way through the parking lot to my maroon pickup. “They’ve given me two new ideas and the location of a war memorial that must be pretty close to brand new in Gainesville. If the weather holds, I can visit the memorials in Sherman, go to Gainesville and Bonham the next day and into Bryan County the next.

The weather did not hold. Rain and cold were the order of the day for the next two weeks. I had surgery on my right foot and the ensuing swelling kept me out of the pickup except for the brief ride to the doctor’s office for follow-up.

Undiscouraged, I went to the Internet, typing in war memorials Grayson County Texas, war memorials, Fannin County Texas, war memorials Bryan County Oklahoma, war memorials Cooke County Texas.

# Texoma Montage

**Doyle Sloan, Henry Salisbury, and Jessie Goodman** stand in front of the VFW Post 481-2772 Poppy Project Award.

Photo by Dorothy Fowler

## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

# Texoma Montage

The notice that the search engine had found thousands of bits of information about war memorials in each of the counties was misleading, at best. The truth was that there was a plethora of information about the subject of war memorials and that there were a few privately produced reminiscences about coming home from WWII, but there was almost nothing about war memorials in general and nothing at all about war memorials in any of the counties included in the question.

Questions to local historians elicited interest in the project, but no new information. "I guess you already know about Ely Park," one Austin College professor said. "And there's that newer one at Fairview Park. Those are the only ones I know anything about."

"What about the statue on the courthouse lawn?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted to know about memorials for men and women who died in the service of the United States," he replied. "That's a monument to men who died in service to the Confederate States of America. If you want to broaden your search, you'll find many more monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy than to the soldiers of the United States."

### Ely Park World War II Memorial

At first glance on this almost balmy February Sunday afternoon, Sherman's Ely Park, bordered on the east by Rusk Avenue, on the north by Steadman, on the west by Austin and on the south by Moore, looks like the kind of family-friendly park one might find anywhere in the country.

There is a softball diamond on the northeast end, a big covered picnic pavilion on the south, typical playground equipment nearby and in between, a vast expanse of grass.

The abundance of crepe myrtle trees, planted at regular intervals around the perimeter of the park are a bit unusual, considering the sparse plantings in the rest of the park. Closer inspection indicates they are unique, for each of the 72 trees flanks a small white concrete marker that bears the name of one of the 72 men from Sherman who died during World War II.

Also on the markers is the birth year and the death year of the man commemorated by the marker. Most were in their late teens or 20s. A few were older. About one-third of the 72 died in 1944-45, which makes me wonder if they were part of the D-Day invasion or perhaps part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Beyond their names, which are also inscribed on a plaque placed on the west side of the park as part of an Eagle Scout project, there is no information at the park. However, people who are looking for more information might find it at the Sherman Public Library, which has a fine genealogy section and which also maintains excellent newspaper files.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and other national holidays, veterans groups and others place flags and flowers beside each marker.

The location of the park, bounded as it is by neat, well-kept houses that look as if they belong to blue collar workers, adds to the poignancy of the markers, for it's likely that most of the men whose names are on the stones lived in neighborhoods much like this one.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk the perimeter of the park if you stop to read the names and to think about how young were the people memorialized there.

### Fairview Park War Memorial

In late winter, almost warm but not yet early spring, two of the three flags at the Liberty Memorial Garden in Sherman, Texas, crackles in the southwest wind.

The stars and stripes and the dark flag bearing the acronyms MIA and POW straight out from the poles from which they are suspended. The top of the third flag, the Texas flag, worked itself loose from the hooks that should have held it, leaving it drooping, hanging only by the lower grommets.

There is no way a passerby could repair the damage. The poles are state-of-the-art, with the mechanism that raises and lowers the flags locked behind plates in the substantial poles. People who frequent the park have no doubt that the flag will be back in its proper place before sunset.

Local veterans organizations are proud of the memorial they built with what one of them described as "an excess of sweat" after they raised \$40,000 to build the monument.

The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer players, on the field immediately east and north of the monument do not make enough noise to be heard.

Two well-maintained park benches provide places for visitors to sit and examine the memorial, which consists of four gray marble stones on which the names of every man or woman in Grayson County who died in World War II, Korea, or the Vietnam War carved. There is also a list of MIA's.

Two hundred and forty men from Grayson County died in action during World War II, 26 in Korea and 26 in Vietnam. The names of the five MIA's are at the end of the list.



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium

## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Members of the local veterans' organizations are always on the alert for the names of men and women they might have overlooked when the memorial was first erected. Several names are obviously new, their black outlines much darker than the names that were part of the original monument.

The names of the dead are inscribed on four slabs of granite, each about five feet tall and set in concrete. The granite slabs face each other. On the north, a fifth granite slab bears the names of each branch of the United States armed forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard are there, along with the names of local veterans organizations that helped build the memorial. They include the Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and the American Legion.

The monument is open every day of the year. Because it is near the park, it's a good place to bring a picnic on days when the weather is good.

### Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

Thirty-one years after the United States Civil War ended 20,000 people gathered on the northeast corner of the block where the Grayson County Court house stands in Sherman to witness the dedication of the first Confederate monument erected in Texas.

An article in the Sherman newspaper, dated April 21, 1897, said "(the statue) represents not only the confederate dead who are sleeping in West Hill (the oldest cemetery in Sherman), but those who are sleeping from *Gettysburg to the Rio Grande, from Missouri to the Atlantic Seaboard.*"

The monument is 45 feet tall, including the six foot statue of a Confederate infantryman standing at parade rest and gazing toward the north east. Most of the monument is made of light gray granite mined from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Georgia. The blocks that bear the inscriptions came from quarries at Lexington, near Atlanta.

Ironically, the statue of the soldier, which is crafted of a material characterized as "white bronze," was created in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In 1996, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the monument was rededicated.

The inscriptions on the sides of the base are typical of the prose of the Victorian age in general and Southerners in particular.

One of them reads, "*And the fame of that nameless nation on history's page shall shine as our heroes' grand oblation in our hearts has found a shrine.*"

Another reads, "*Sacred to the memory of our Confederate dead: true patriots. They fought for home and country. For the holy principles of self government—the only true liberty. Their sublime self-sacrifice and unsurpassed valor will teach future generations the lessons of high born patriotism, of devotion to duty, of exalted courage, of southern chivalry. History has enshrined them immortal.*"

Three Texas historical markers are clustered near the monument. One of them tells the story of Grayson County. Another tells of the exploits of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, which started with about 1,000 men and by war's end had only 110. The third tells the story of the 11<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry.

Because the soldier is perched so high on the shaft of the monument, it's not possible to see him in detail without binoculars, but you do get the feeling of just how important it still is to many people to have him there, overlooking the business at the intersection of Travis and Lamar 140 years after his war was lost.

For visitors who want to just sit for awhile, the citizens of Grayson County provided benches in honor of much-loved Grayson County Judge Horace Groff when he retired and re-entered life as a private citizen in 2002.

### The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

An eternal flame honoring veterans of all wars burns near Katy Depot in Denison, but the most impressive and surprising monument stands north of the city, in the northwest corner of Fairview Cemetery.

The existence of a monument honoring Union soldiers may be the best kept secret in Grayson County. A quick survey of 10 lifelong residents of Grayson County netted 10 people who not only didn't know it exists, but also doubted that it does.

The monument, which is 15 feet, six inches tall, includes a five foot square base. It appears to have been made of limestone. The statue of the Union Infantryman wears a cap, a coat, brogans and other items typical of soldiers of his era. He is carrying a rifle that may have been a Springfield rifle.

Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

He also noted that the gaze of the statue, which faces southeast, intersects at some point with the gaze of the Confederate soldier on the Grayson County Courthouse lawn.

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

**G. A. R.  
1906  
Erected by  
Nathaniel Lyon  
Post No 5  
Department of Texas  
In Memory of  
the Loyal Soldiers  
and Sailors**

# Texoma Montage





## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

# Texoma Montage

Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery, each identified by a federal shield on the headstone.

After visiting and photographing war memorials in Sherman and Denison, I turned east, toward Cooke County and the monument to veterans of 20<sup>th</sup> Century wars. On the way, I stopped in Whitesboro, a small town about half way between Sherman and Gainesville on Highway 82.

In Whitesboro, at the intersection of Highway 56 and Main Street, students from Whitesboro High School maintain an informal and surprisingly touching memorial. It is nothing more than an open space on the northwest corner, but the corner is filled with American flags and tied to a post nearby are tattered yellow bows and ribbons.

“There used to be a lot more ribbons and bows,” a man who works in a nearby building says. “But they got pretty torn up and I think the kids took some of them down and haven’t put up replacements yet.”

Dozens of such monuments may exist in small towns across the nation and where you find them, it’s a good thing to stop and think about what they mean.

### **The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas**

A big renovation project makes it difficult to get access to the war memorial in Gainesville.

The renovation is to the small zoo and the park that holds it and has nothing to do directly with the war memorial, but signs denying access to park roads and parking can confuse the faint of heart. But faint heart ne’er won anything much, so I went into the park on a road clearly marked “Construction Workers Only,” and found at the end of the lane, not only construction workers, but also a good many park visitors.

Where I needed to be, however, was at the entrance to the park, so I turned the pickup around, threaded my way through the traffic and parked on the shoulder of the highway so I could walk up the steps to the newest of the war memorials that I visited.

The Stars and Stripes hold center stage at the monument. To the left of the pole, a large marble slab holds the names of those killed in the service of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Like the similar monument in Sherman, there are recent additions to the original list, which was dedicated in 1996.

### **War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas**

If there were other memorials in Cooke County, no one could tell me where they were, although everyone seemed familiar with the one at Frank Buck Park, so I turned east, to drive back through Grayson County and into Fannin County to the county seat, Bonham.

A police officer in Bonham told me the only war memorials he knew about in Bonham were on the courthouse square. “I guess there might be some out at the VA hospital, but I don’t remember seeing any,” he said.

Bonham’s courthouse square is typical of every courthouse square in North Texas, surrounded as it on four sides by businesses of almost every stripe, but it does have something that most squares don’t have: a statue of the man for whom the county was named.

The metal representation of James Butler Bonham wears boots with spurs, carries a hat and a powder horn and over his left shoulder, there’s a strap that supports a pouch. If the statue looks like Bonham, Bonham was a handsome fellow.

There are two inscriptions on the base of the statue. One of them provides a brief biography of Bonham. The other reads: “*At the call of his boyhood friend William Barrett Travis, He came to Texas in 1835 and engaged in the war for independence as aide and messenger for Travis. He was faithful unto death at the Alamo March the sixth 1836.*”

Bonham’s statue is the only one I found that made mention of Texas’ war for independence from Mexico.

The other memorial, a statue of a Confederate soldier, is on the northwest corner of the courthouse. The soldier is not nearly so high as the one in Sherman, but it is still too high to permit viewers to make out details clearly without binoculars.

Inscriptions on each face of the base, however, are for the most part, quite clear.

The inscription on the east face reads: *Battles fought, 2242. Total enlistment Confederate Army 600,000. Total enlistment United States Army 2,278,304. Federal Prisoners captured by Confederates 270,000. Confederate prisoners captures by federals 270,000. Co. E 11<sup>th</sup>/TX CAV and Co. F 11<sup>th</sup> TX CAV.*

On the south face, between crossed sabers are the words from 1861 to 1865. Below are the following words: “*They fought for principle, their homes, and those they loved. On fame’s eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, and Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.*”

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words:

“*To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.*”

On the north face are the words: “*The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)*”

From the court- house square, I went to the VA hospital, but found no statues dedicated to the servicemen and servicewomen who seek treatment for their wounds and their illnesses there.

While I was looking for memorials in Bonham, my colleague Dale Rideout was in another part of Fannin County, in Leonard, where he found two memorials. Both of them are dedicated to all veterans of all wars.

One of the memorials is located near the center of town. On both front and back of a granite slab, the citizens of Leonard, who maintain both memorials, have had engraved the names of all service personnel from the town who have died in the service of their country.

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam.

The other memorial is at the cemetery.

## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

On the same day he visited the cemeteries in Leonard, Dale also visited cemeteries in Collin County. He found a variety of memorials, including the gravesite of John Abston (1761-1856), a soldier in the American Revolution.

Abston is buried in the Old Belew cemetery, near the city of Lavon.

Rideout also visited the cemetery at Farmersville, where he found Freedom Plaza, a memorial that includes a granite slab on which are engraved the names of "*Farmersville heroes (who) died to keep the torch of freedom burning.*" The names of veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam are listed on the slab.

At the bottom are words attributed to Audie Murphy, "*The real heroes of the war are those who never came home.*"

The memorial was dedicated in 1998 by the community of Farmersville.

### **Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas**

In the Pecan Grove Cemetery, Dale found a granite marker engraved with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and the names of all Civil War veterans buried in the Pecan Grove Cemetery. A historical marker in the Pecan Grove Memorial Park "*commemorates the courageous and compassionate pioneer men and women of this vicinity.*"

It mentions in particular Dr. James Webb Throckmorton, who was a Texas legislator during the 18950's, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, Governor of Texas from 1866-1867 and a member of Congress intermittently between 1875 and 1888.

In the same cemetery there is a medallion, dedicated in 1970, dedicated "*To those who served for freedom's just cause.*"

In McKinney, Dale found a granite marker "*Dedicated in honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country.*"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, William H. L. Well Camp #1588, dedicated a marker to Confederate soldiers in Plano in 2000.

### **Fort Washita**

There are probably other memorials in North Texas that we overlooked, but it wasn't because Dale and I didn't try to find them all. As soon as I was through with the Texas side of Texoma, I went looking in Oklahoma.

Lifelong residents of Durant told me they didn't know of any monuments, but directed me to Ft. Washita, about 18 miles west and north of Durant.

"It isn't really a war memorial, I guess," one man said. "There aren't any statues or anything out there. But in another way it's better than statues or plaques because you can almost hear the way it was when it was a fort."

Restoring the fort, which is on Oklahoma State Highway 199, is a work in progress. The fort office, made from a building that once was officers' quarters, is complete and so is a barracks building across the road and to the south. Several smaller buildings are also in good repair.

One of the major barracks buildings is in ruins, however. It is covered by vines with branches thick enough to be tree branches.

Two burial grounds are on the fort grounds. The post burial ground is at the north end of the road into the fort. It is an active cemetery. On the day I was there, flowers from a recent funeral were still fresh on the mound of red earth that covered the grave. A visitor told me she had "put my husband here two years ago."

The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

Ft. Washita, which was established in 1842 to keep peace among the Indians and white settlers, was abandoned by the federals in 1861 and was used by Confederate troops until the Civil War ended in 1865.

It has a resident ghost, Aunt Jane, who is listed among the prominent ghosts of the frontier.

Each of these places is worth a visit. A little planning would make it possible to visit several memorials in the same day and get home before dark. It would be a good thing, if you're interested in history or you want to teach your kids to be proud of their heritage, to set aside a day every now and then to visit one or more of them.

# Texoma Montage





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Lincecum became a member of the faculty at Austin College in 1967, and retired in 2006 as professor emeritus of English.[2] He is the director and founder of the Telling Our Stories Project in Autobiography, which has attracted international attention to Austin College. This is a program that encourages senior citizens to write their autobiographies.

Lincecum is owner of Big Barn Press which publishes autobiography and local history books by local authors. Their most recent publication in the "Telling Our Stories" series is Volume 10, entitled "20 Years of Telling Our Stories." It includes 48 stories by local writers who have participated in TOS, which began in 1990. Check out their webpage: <http://www.austincollege.edu/Info.asp?4124>

Specialties are:

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- \*editing stories and books for publication
- \*training Home Hospice volunteers to collect life stories and edit them for publication in booklet form
- \*leading workshops for writers of autobiography and family history
- \*Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

Lincecum has been awarded the Silver Certificate of Merit by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Miss Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award for Outstanding Research on Texas History. His book on the pioneer naturalist Gideon Lincecum, *Science on the Texas Frontier: Observations of Dr. Gideon Lincecum* has been reviewed by several academic journals both in history and in the sciences, as have some of his other books.

## Telling Our Stories

# DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

*by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham*

It was one of those awful years during World War II. We were all subservient to "The War Effort", and we were convinced that it would be unethical to complain, under the circumstances.

Since Betty and I had married cousins, both of whom were serving their country in the armed forces, we determined to live together "For the Duration."

Betty was a devout person, I attended the community church with her. The minister, living alone, was an admirable gentleman whom we considered to be in the category of the elderly. Betty, devoted to the church, had a wild idea. She suggested to me that we invite the minister to a Saturday, early-evening dinner. We did. Because of the "War Effort", we all worked six days a week. By the greatest happenstance, she and I expected to be free at noon on that certain Saturday.

We checked our ration books and found meat was a possibility. A trip to the neighborhood grocery market was reasonably productive. The meat looked good, and we were able to get enough for three servings. Sugar was in very short supply, but we were able to get one pound. We would be able to make a little custard or pudding. At the right time, the gentleman arrived. We were not at all embarrassed about the fact that our tiny apartment was so unpretentious. Anyone who was able to acquire more than one room during that period was happy.

After our greetings, we sat at our little table and prepared to enjoy a delightful meal. The minister politely asked us about our husbands and we told him what we knew, although the actual location of any of the military men was a secret.

I was having difficulty cutting my meat. I glanced at Betty and found her having no less trouble. At last, I hacked off a bit, but masticating it was another problem. I looked at the minister's plate.

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

The War Effort always offered subjects for discussion. I repeated the story my husband had told. In England, where there was no ice, the bartender would sally forth with the jolly admonition, "Drink 'er up, Boys, afore she gets cold!" We laughed. We tried the meat again. We were having no luck.

Betty told of an experience concerning her brother and sister-in-law. The couple wished to drive to another town 120 miles distant so the young lady could visit her ailing mother. Their tires were bald, and buying gasoline was a near impossibility, but the young man thought he could manage. Betty ended the tale by revealing that the couple had experienced six flat tires before arriving back home. She laughed. Our hesitation was hardly noticeable as we joined her.

"Well, maybe the war will be over soon," the minister offered. We were all worrying with the meat. Betty wondered aloud about it and I made a remark.

"You know what I think?" the minister said. "I think this is horse meat!"

"Horse meat!" Betty and I gasped in consternation.

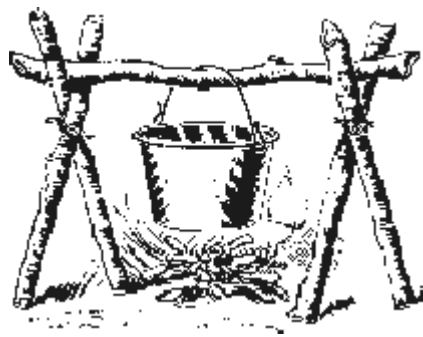
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



*Ruby Frizzell Draisey*

## *Cookin' Out*



### **Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake**

*by Dale Rideout*

I have enjoyed cooking since I was a very young boy. It is a real treat to hear others comment about my cooking, when it is a success. If it turns out to not be the success I hoped for, then I can take the heat.

Cooking outside is especially rewarding. You can cook over an open fire, over a grill, use the fancy propane cookers of various types, or just put a hot dog on a stick and roast it. My favorite is using cast iron Dutch ovens for cooking. You can prepare just about anything in the Dutch ovens, and with a collection of several sizes you can accomplish some great feats of culinary delight.

Do not start out with a brand new utensil. A new Dutch oven needs to be properly seasoned or it just won't do the job intended. A new oven is covered with a waxy type of material to protect it from rusting. This must be thoroughly washed off with soap and water. Rinse it well, and quickly dry it. Your oven will rust very quickly if you do not use care.

Now you must coat your Dutch oven with salad oil, Crisco, or lard using a cotton cloth. Make sure the entire oven, inside and out, including the lid are coated with your shortening. Now put it in your home oven, with the temperature set for 350 degrees. Be careful on you timing for this because there will probably be a slightly unpleasant odor, along with some smoke. You wouldn't want to do this when planning a formal party for friends. "Cook" that oven for one hour. Turn the oven off, and when your Dutch oven has cooled, but still warm, wipe it again to make sure the oil film covers all all surfaces. Your oven will now be a golden color, and is ready to use.

Do not wash you Dutch oven with strong soapy water, or you will need to re-season it. Clean it with a very mild soap, or plain water.

The more you use your oven the better. It will develop a dark color with use, even turning black. It will have a surface that is almost stick proof. Store you Dutch oven in a warm, dry place. Put a sheet of paper towel or newspaper in the oven to absorb any moisture that may get in, and keep the lid slightly ajar.

Cooking with your Dutch oven is easy. Temperatures are controlled by counting the charcoal briquettes used. You will need to experiment some, but a general rule of thumb is to multiply the diameter of your oven by 2 to get the number of briquettes to use for a 350 degree oven temperature. When you do your cooking use more coals on top and fewer on the bottom. This chart will help get started.

8 inch oven - 10 briquettes on top – 6 briquettes on bottom.  
10 inch oven - 12 briquettes on top – 8 briquettes on bottom.  
12 inch oven - 14 briquettes on top – 10 briquettes on bottom.  
14 inch oven - 16 briquettes on top – 12 briquettes on bottom.  
16 inch oven - 18 briquettes on top – 14 briquettes on bottom.

Two additional briquettes, one on top and one on the bottom will increase the temperature by about 25 degrees.

#### **Dump Cake**

A favorite dessert of mine is quite simple. In the Boy Scouts we call it Dump Cake, because all you need do is dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven. You will need:

*¼ pound butter or margarine*

*1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)*

*1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)*

Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.

# Texoma Montage

## *Southern Algebra*

**W**e are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. We challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam administered by the University of Mississippi Engineering Department. (Well, maybe/maybe not. Who knows?)

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?
6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?
7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?
10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?

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## *Turkey Vultures*

Turkey Vultures are plentiful here in North Texas. They make their roost in groups as the evening approaches. This tree has been serving for several years as the night resting place for this group. In the morning these birds will spread their wings to dry in the sun before departing on their day's activity of cleaning up the environment of dead and dying critters. You will often see them individually or in groups of two or three on the roadside cleaning up the roadkill that gets left behind when other animals are not quick enough to make it across the road.

## *One Vote*

This is an election year. Just how important is ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE? The following facts may astound you, however, they are true.

In 1645, One Vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, One Vote caused Charles 1 of England to be executed.

In 1776, One Vote gave America the English language instead of the German language.

In 1839, One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of the State of Massachusetts.

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, One Vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.

In 1875, One Vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, One Vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

In 1923, One Vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, One Vote saved Selective Service twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor.

In 1960, Richard Nixon lost the Presidential election and John F. Kennedy won it by less than One Vote per precinct in the United States.

## *Dining Out with my Grandson*

By Dale Rideout

Of course every grandchild is special. Also each one is unique. Old grandpa loves them all equally but they all have their differences, too. Our experiences with each one make those differences special, as well.

Our first grandchild was a boy. His name is Phillip Jordan Roe. He was born in 1990 and took the place of just about everything of any importance in Papa's life. Jordan's Mom and Dad both worked, so we (Nanny and I) often would get to baby-sit with him. As he grew older he would go everywhere with Papa, and we both enjoyed it.

When Jordan was about two years old, his family moved to San Antonio for four years, then back to Howe. During that four-year time period, Papa did not have the opportunities to take Jordan on the outings we used to take. When he moved back to Howe, he was in school, he had a sister, and there were five other grandchildren who joined the family. All of this slowed down the Jordan and Papa routine of going everywhere together.

This brings us to the story I want to tell you, about eating out. You need the background to help understand the rest. When Jordan was about seven years old I invited him to go with me delivering newspapers. My wife and I own a weekly newspaper and every Wed-nesday it is my job to deliver them to the various stores where they are sold and to various post office locations in about three counties. Jordan liked the idea, so he took off with me for a full day in the car together.

We were getting hungry as it neared dinnertime. I began to ask what he would like to eat, and he said it didn't matter. Well, I knew that he was a little picky about what he eats and didn't want him to get hungry because he couldn't find something he liked.

Our discussion of available menus was somewhat limited because we were approaching Tioga and there were limited choices. I asked Jordan if he liked catfish and he answered with a big "Yes." I told him about the Tioga Catfish Restaurant and asked if he would like to eat there, and again received a "Yes."

Our waitress for the day was Kim Hilliard. She and her husband, James, were the owners of Tioga Catfish Restaurant, and they did an excellent job. The food was always superb, served fresh and tasty. The portions were generous and satisfying. The service was great, anticipating your every need.

I am sure Jordan felt like the "Big Man," eating out with Papa and getting to choose for himself what to order. In fact he placed his own order for the meal. I ordered the fish basket, which included a large serving of fish, lots of french fries, a bowl of red beans, and hush puppies. I chose iced tea for my drink.

Jordan's turn to order came. I tried to explain to him that there was a smaller fish dinner, more to the size of a seven year old, but I let him order what he wanted. Much to my surprise he ordered the same fish basket and iced tea that I had ordered. The little fellow was trying to be just like Papa. I felt flattered, but at the same time remembered again that we should be careful of our actions because there are little eyes watching us all the time. Often they imitate what they see us do.

We sat there enjoying our table conversation. You need to know that Jordan has a certain look when something is going on. It is a grin that differs from his usual grin but is quite unmistakable. He sat there with that grin as our food was served. We began to eat.

I certainly enjoyed my entire meal, as usual when dining at Tioga Catfish Restaurant. Jordan began sampling his fish and did a good job making it disappear. He only nibbled at the hush puppies. The french fries he really enjoyed, though like a seven year old he began to get silly and dipped some of them into his iced tea before eating them. I prefer catsup on mine.

During this whole time, Jordan had that grin on his face. I knew something was up, but just couldn't figure it out. At first I thought he was just really pleased to be eating out with Papa. Finally I ask him why the big smile.

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Jordan replied, "I've never had catfish before!"

To this day, catfish is still one of Jordan's favorites when he eats out.

Well, that was seven years ago. Jordan is now 14, nearing 15. The Hilliards have bought Clark's Outpost, a fantastic bar-b-cue restaurant in Tioga. For several years they operated both restaurants, but staffing difficulties and increasing competition forced them to close the catfish restaurant.

During our past Christmas holidays I invited Jordan to join me again for a day of newspaper deliver as we had done so many years ago. He readily agreed. The day we set off was icy and snowy. We had storms the day before, and while the weather was much nicer the roads were still a lot of "fun" to negotiate. We stopped a couple of times to help others get out of the ditch. We carefully made the trip, and Jordan served as chief cameraman taking quite a few pictures as a record of our trip.

Lunchtime arrived and we were nearing Tioga. I asked if Jordan likes bar-b-que and he answered, "Yes." Déjà vu all over again.

We entered Clark's and were showed to our seats by a very helpful waitress. The walls are covered with old west memorabilia. One wall has a beautiful mural of a wild west scene. Furnishings are rustic and you feel sort of like you are in a bunkhouse eating your main meal of the day.

Looking over the menu, which has an extensive listing of gourmet foods, we began to make our choices. I took a full rack of ribs, with the deep-fried corn on the cob, cole slaw, and french fries.

This time, Jordan was a little more selective in ordering. After asking about some of the various items, he asked if they had just meat on a bun. I directed him to the brisket sandwich. He ordered a side of french fries to go with it. Again I took iced tea, but Jordan had a soda to drink. We were both more than pleased with our meal. I shared some of my ribs with Jordan so that next time he would know what they were and could try them without worrying if he would like them.

Clark's Outpost slow smokes all their meat. Everything is cooked over hickory from eight hours to 20 or more depending what is being cooked. The meat is tender, falling off the bone and flavorful from the natural smoke. Nothing artificial is added and no shortcuts are taken in making this authentic old time bar-b-que.

Let me know if you plan to make this little trip. Maybe Jordan and I can go along. We sure enjoy the travel and eating.

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## *Telling Our Stories*

### REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

*by Jack Frost McGraw*

The Jefferson School was located on Chaffin Street in Sherman. Students gathered in the yard, and when they heard a bell, they all ran to see which teacher was standing in the doorway. On a bright November morning in 1918, Miss Knox called her second grade class. We lined up and marched single-file up the steps, down the hall, and into the cloakroom. There we hung up our coats and carried our bookbags into the classroom.

Our opening exercise was a recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then we started our reading lesson. On this morning we were interrupted by Miss Evorie, who came in to announce that "the war was over" and we should go home to "celebrate."

I knew what "cele-brate" meant. At our house we celebrated holidays and birthdays all the time. It meant fried chicken and blackberry cobbler and all the aunts and cousins coming in to eat with us. It meant the dining room filled with grown-ups and the children waiting or being served at the kitchen table. It meant deviled eggs and pickles and, if it was a picnic, bread-and-butter sandwiches made from that delicious brown bread.

As I hurried home that morning, I disobeyed a standing rule: I cut through the park and walked by the Interstate Cotton Oil Mill.

Goodness! The whistles were stuck and they kept going off. They were awfully loud, and someone was shooting a gun! It, too, kept going: Bang! Bang! Bang! Then the streetcar came down Grand Avenue and the bell was ringing. The noise around there was really something!

But I hurried on thinking of our celebration. Then when I reached home, I stopped in my tracks. My grandmother was dressed in her Sunday clothes. She was even wearing her hat. How could she fry chicken and make pies dressed like that? What's more, she said, "Put your things away and come with me, we're going to town to celebrate the end of the war."

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us.

She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

I wondered how he knew we were coming and if he could fry chicken. He sure didn't look like he could bake pies. He wore a black suit and a white shirt and his tie was black too. He seemed like maybe he would preach or lead us in prayer. He seemed friendly, though, when he pushed my chair up to the table. Then he left and another man came with big cards. I thought surely this one was going to have a reading class; but Mother talked to him using words I didn't know, like "oyster" and "a-la-mode." I was anxious to get through with this visit so we could go celebrate with maybe a cake and candles to blow out. Pretty soon that last man returned and set some plates of food in front of us. It wasn't chicken or black-eyed peas but Mother said I should taste it and see if I liked it.

It was oysters! That was the most delicious food I'd ever eaten. I ate all of mine and was about to ask for more when Mother said, "Wait a minute! You have a surprise coming." It was pie—cherry pie, my favorite that we rarely had at Grand-mother's house—and on top of it was a big serving of ice cream.

Well, this was a celebration after all. I knew "celebrate" meant a big fancy meal. I just had never eaten fried oysters or pie-a-la-mode before. We really did celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

**Jack Frost McGraw**

**Jack Frost** (on right) waiting with a friend and her grandmother to ride the trolley to downtown Sherman for the first Armistice Day celebration, Nov. 11, 1918

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*This was the backpage for our first issue.  
Hope you enjoyed our magazine.*