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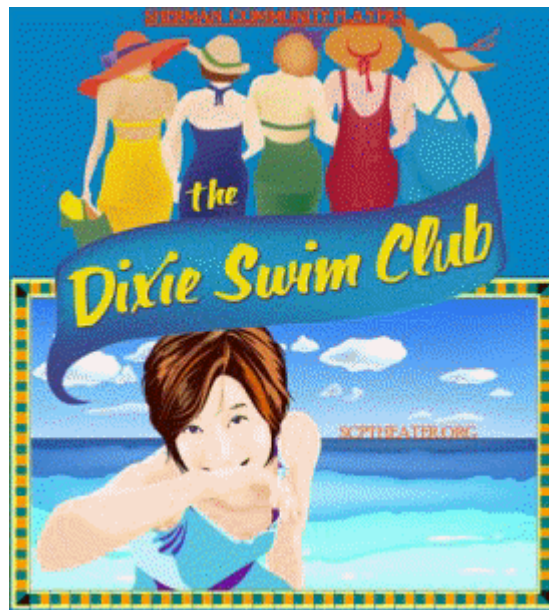
Dot's Dashes is Back



Fun in the Field



Church News



Welcome Back

Dot's
D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

I've been sick and I still have a large bandage just above my right ankle. My physician says I'll be lucky to be rid of it by June 1. If I do get rid of it by then, I will be able to take a shower for the first time since New Year's Eve.

The last few months have provided me a new appreciation for how well our foremothers and forefathers did bathing out of what they called "wash pans," which were basins shaped like shallow mixing bowls or deep cake pans. My recollection of the wash pans on my grandmother's back porch is that they were always filled with clean, cold water, which must have felt wonderful to my grandfather when he came in from the field to splash grimy hands and face in it before lunch and dinner.

My grandmother always had running water in her house and big, claw footed bathtub, so getting a "real bath" was never a problem after I got old enough to remember. But oddly, for at least a little while, she did the family laundry in an old fashion big black pot in the backyard. I know she had an electric washing machine because I got my left arm caught in the wringer and my father, in his panic, didn't wait to disengage the lever and pulled my arm out, damaging the skin so much that I still have the scar.

My grandmother made soap in that big black pot, rendering the lard extracted from pigs slaughtered on the farm. Now that I think about it, our family was either very dirty or very clean. I think it must have been very clean because of the amount of time and energy we all put into eliminating every hint of dust and dirt.

When you are accustomed to shampooing your hair every day during your shower and you suddenly can't shower any more, your option is to "wash your head in the kitchen sink." I tried standing over the bathtub with the hand held shower head in my hand, but the result was more water on the bathroom floor than on my head.

The first time I stood on my tiptoes to try to make myself long enough to get my head under the kitchen faucet, I remembered my mother reading an article in one of the women's magazines about how low-class it was to wash your feet, your hair or a baby in the kitchen sink. I don't know that any of us ever washed our feet in the kitchen sink, but we often laid the little kids in our family out on the kitchen cabinet, hung their heads over the sink and washed their hair, using the kitchen sprayer and making a game of it.

As for babies, we've have a six month old in my family, and we've had a ball scrubbing the sink clean as can be, filling it with water and putting her little bottom in the warm water and letting her splash while we wash her. I don't know why you would need to buy a baby bathtub when you've got a kitchen sink!

It still is difficult to stretch far enough to get my head under the faucet and the spray head just doesn't deliver the goods the way I wish it would. But I've managed to keep my hair clean and presentable, thanks in part to my hair stylist, who came to my house to give me a hair cut in January. I've been able to go to the salon twice since then and am about due for another cut.

As for the illness that led me to so much introspection, it is called cellulitis which is a skin infection. In my case it was caused by a particularly noxious bacterium called pseudomonas. I did not receive adequate medical attention at the beginning of the illness because the physician who should have been most concerned about it would not even look at my leg, preferring to believe that the problem was caused because "you aren't walking enough."

The next physician who saw me sent me to the hospital emergency room.

I went to the hospital -- WNJ -- in an ambulance on New Year's Eve and spent the next eight or nine days there, receiving excellent care. I mainlined morphine every six hours and had a dose of hydrocodone in between. Then there was surgery to drain the results of the infection -- the surgeon cut some pretty significant chunks out of my leg and the wounds created have had to heal from the inside out.

They aren't completely healed; thus, the bandage that has to be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and sometimes in between.

But it is healing, getting a little better every day. I can drive to church and to the grocery store and I can walk.

I had to get so I could walk, because before the illness, I planned to run for a spot on the Sherman ISD Board. After the illness, I knew I had to be able to walk before I would be able to run. And since I can walk, I am running for the Place Four position SISD Board of Trustees.

Please, wish me luck -- and if you live in SISD, vote for me.





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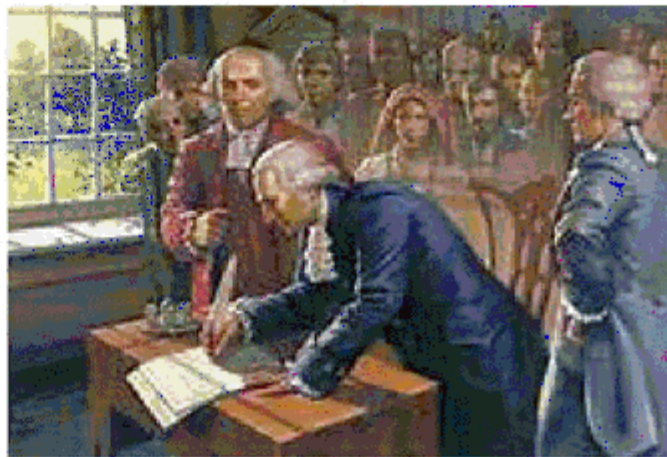


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Sponsors are asked to reply by March 14

Stand Up Along Side with Us



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Recipe



Dorothy Fowler who lives in Sherman has sent us columns for several years. Recently she experienced some major health problems and was unable to send columns. I am happy to tell you that she has recovered enough to send us a column. She is also running for Sherman City Council.

We had another column writer, Bob Bowman of east Texas. Sometime back we failed to get his columns. I don't know for sure, but I think he may have died. His columns concerned history of various cities and towns in East Texas.

Avocado Soup

- 1 cup pureed avocado
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons Orange Curacao
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- Lime slices for garnish

Combine avocado, sour cream and chicken broth. Mix in blender until smooth. Add remaining ingredients. Serve cold. Garnish with lime slices.

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Howe Founders Day Set for May 11

Howe Founders Day will begin on Saturday May 11 at 8am and run to 1 pm (depending on FD Car Show times and ok with 5K times)

Street to be closed will include will be Davis St and Haning St (if Haning is needed).

Starr Stanley to handle revising vendor form, donation request letter, and flyers getting vendors arranged.

howefoundersday@yahoo.com pw faith2013

Michelle Lankford to be contact at City Hall for form drop off and pick up/check with Pam Savage to get vendor contacts from Howe High School Band Booster Craft Show and the school contacts

Robert Maniet FD- Car Show times and what area needed FBC parking lot or if big enough do we need Haning St closed too.

Food Vendor does FD want to cook hamburger/hotdogs or BBQ for a FD fundraiser before we allow other vendor.

Police Chief Carl Hudman will make sure okay to have an officer lead the 5K runners on course vendor booth spot lighting Howe Police Department.

Doug Haun- Great Days of Service director to get local business sponsors for T-shirts for 5K as well to pick up vendor forms from city hall to take to business for a possibly booth

John Orozco in charge of 5K, to begin at 9 am; start and finish at the First Baptist Church.

LeAndra Beckemeyer Post Office will make sure Flag ceremony by Howe Cub Scouts Pack 45 is OK.

For more information, contact Howe City Hall.



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Howe Elementary Students of the Month for March --1st Row: Bailey McDonough, Kelsey Ireland; 2nd Row: Donna Mendoza, Henry Gill, Devon Wallace, Dax Foster; 3rd Row: Sierra Copeland, Erin Catching, Austin Thurman, Ramie Mosse. Not Pictured: JC Barrett



Learning is Fun!

Fun in the field

By Jessica Domel

I've decided there's nothing more exhilarating than watching children become excited about learning—especially when it comes to agriculture.

The other day, I was invited to attend the 25th anniversary of the Medina County Ag in the Classroom in Hondo, and I have to say, even as a farm kid, I had a blast. I learned a thing or two, as well.

The ag day at the Medina County Fairgrounds included 17 different exhibits and demonstrations representing different aspects of agriculture and rural life.

There was a cotton ginning demonstration where the 700 or so Medina County students learned that cotton is used to make U.S. currency. We also learned, and this was a connection I hadn't fully made, that cottonseed oil is used to make certain types of potato chips.

This volunteer discusses why cotton is important to our everyday lives.

The kids learned how labor intensive and expensive it can be to become a farmer now-a-days; however, they were also able to witness the passion of a young man who had been working on a ranch since he was about six years old.

Cody Muennink (left) discusses how hay is baled.

A beekeeper was there to explain how the flying insects play an important role in farming and the pollination of plants.

A beekeeper discusses how bees help pollinate cotton.

One of my favorite demonstrations was a favorite of the fourth graders, as well. Blacksmith James Honig of Hondo showed the children how he can take a piece of iron and form it into almost anything. There were oos and ahhs surrounding this exhibit all day and kiddos standing on benches to try to get a better glimpse of how the metal was reacting to Honig's techniques.

James Honig shows how he creates art from metal.

I can't tell you how invigorating it was to watch the looks on these young kids' faces as they saw some of these exhibits. They were asking questions and engaging with the exhibitors.

To me, it was a sign that the next generation may be ready and willing to fill our shoes. They want to know more about Texas agriculture, and we should be the ones to share with them where their food, fiber and fuel come from. Agriculture is such an important part of our day-to-day lives, so why shouldn't it be an important part of the learning process?

So I say kudos to all of the county Farm Bureaus, organizations and volunteers who are actively working to connect with families and schoolchildren who want to learn more about the world of agriculture. Even if you aren't cultivating the next crop of Texas farmers, you can rest assured that they'll become the next generation of consumers. Hopefully, one day they'll look back on your efforts and be able to explain to their children why crops are so important to the state and nation's economy.

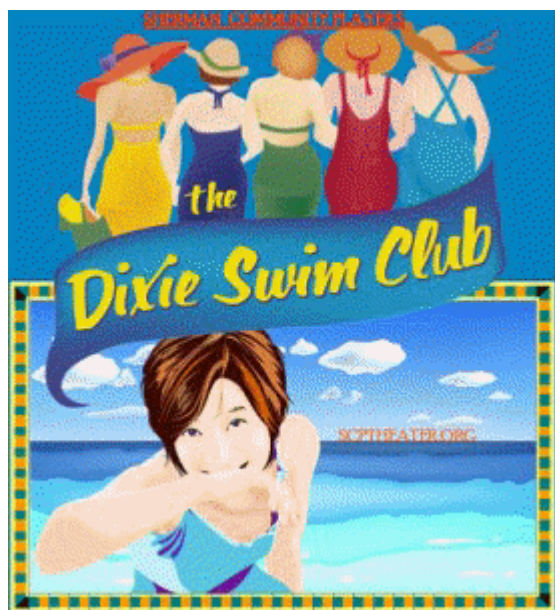


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SHERMAN COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENTS

“The Dixie Swim Club” and Written by: Jones, Hope, and Wooten
Directed by: Anthony Nelson

What: “The Dixie Swim Club” is a comedy which follows the lives of five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team. They set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships; free from husbands, kids, and jobs they meet to catch up, laugh, meddle in each other’s lives, and help each other through personal crisis. Often referred to as the “Steel Magnolias” of our time, “The Dixie Swim Club” is one of the more popular all female cast shows being produced around the country. Written by the Jones, Hope, and Wooten, this trio has written dozens of plays that are geared towards a southern audience, “Southern Hospitality” and “Red Velvet Cakes Wars” to name a few. They also are responsible for the long-running hit television show “The Golden Girls”. The play features the acting talents of: Allison Minton, GayNell Doshier, Lisa Avila, Jessica Adams, and Morgan Morgan.

“We are also really putting a lot of extra work and detail into the overall production, not only do we have a great cast for this show, but Webster Crocker has designed a terrifically detailed set. We are also collaborating with local Sherman artist Darrah Dunn who is handling the set dressing for the play. He has been working closely with Knight’s Furniture and Daresa Sofey Home Design Studio in downtown Sherman. They will be furnishing the set; which is a huge opportunity for the SCP Main Stage, in having local business directly involved with the production.” - Artistic Director of SCP Anthony Nelson.

When: April 12th – 28th.
Thursday – Sunday, evening performances begin at 8pm, Sunday matinees begin at 2pm.

Where: The Historic Finley Theater in Sherman. 500 N. Elm. Sherman TX, 75090

Tickets: Box Office will open for season members of SCP on April 8th and 9th, 2013 at 9am and will go on sale to the general public on April 10th at 10am. Box office phone is 903-892-8818 and is located inside the Honey McGee Playhouse at 313 W. Mulberry in Sherman. Visit scptheater.org for more information or follow the action on Facebook. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$8 for students.



Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

“Bluegrass Day” this month is April 6th. A bluegrass jam begins at 3 pm on the first Saturday of the month. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses. We have scheduled an open mic at 6:30 pm. Several jammers entertained us last month. Our regular show will then begin at 7 pm.

The Melody Ranch Ramblers will perform. Members include Judy Ziola, vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Charles Woolly, mandolin and harmony, Dale Anderson, bass and vocals, Brad Davis, banjo, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Admission for the 7 pm show is \$7 per adult with children under 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

The doors and concession area will be open at 6 pm, with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided. Persons interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>.





National Tartan Day Set at Abilene State Park Park to Host Second-Annual Celtic Heritage Celebration

TUSCOLA—The Celtic celebration lives on for weeks past Saint Patrick's Day during the upcoming Second-Annual National Tartan Day Festival, scheduled for Sat. April 6 at Abilene State Park.

Tartan Day festivities commemorate the Irish and Scottish influence on the history and settlement of the U.S., with an estimated 11 million Americans claiming Scottish-Irish heritage. The day's agenda of activities at Abilene State Park is set to last from morning till early afternoon on site at the scenic, oak-laden park—which turns 80 years old in 2013, and is one of the first in the Texas State Park system when developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the early 1930s.

The day starts with a 5k Run at 9 a.m., sponsored by the Friends of Abilene State Park (\$10 early registration fee for the 5k; \$15 registration for the race on the day of), followed by a Texas Tartan Walk at 11 a.m., open to everyone. Various cultural demonstrations will go from noon-2 p.m., during which will be an intermission and the children's Highland Games -- a series of traditional Celtic games to show strength and skill.

Headlining the entertainment is Patrick Regan, (whose presence is made possible by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts), a renowned performer who brings his unique shtick of bagpipe music and interpretive stories, such as The Bagpiper at the Alamo. Other entertainment will include musicians, dancers, bagpipers and folklore story telling. The park's friends group will also have refreshments available for purchase throughout the day.

Normal state park entrance fees will apply for Tartan Day (\$5 per person for adults ages 13 and older; children ages 12 and younger always receive free entrance), but anyone dressed in a kilt or plaid outer garment will receive \$2 off the regular entrance fee price. People are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating.

For more information, call the park directly at (325) 572-3204, or visit the park's Web site at www.texasstateparks.org, or for more details on the history of National Tartan Day, visit www.tartanday.org.

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Mayor Nutter Announces Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 9

*More than 75 mayors already signed on to recognize
impact of national service*

(Washington DC.) - Mayors across the country will participate in a national day of recognition this April 9 to highlight the impact of national service in their cities and thank individuals who serve, Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter, President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, announced today at the group's annual winter meeting.

As part of his president's report, Mayor Nutter told the assembled mayors that more than 75 of their colleagues across the country have already signed onto the effort, the first-ever Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service<<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/initiatives/mayorsforservice.asp>>.

"National service is a vital resource for America's cities," said Mayor Nutter. "By unleashing the power of citizens, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs have a positive and lasting impact - making our cities better places to live. I invite mayors across the country to join me on this day to thank those who serve and recognize the passion, idealism and cost-effective problem-solving that comes from national service programs in our cities."

The initiative will be led by U.S. Conference of Mayors President Michael Nutter, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), Cities of Service, and other organizations.

"Mayors are leaders who get things done, responding every day to needs in their cities," said Wendy Spencer, CEO of CNCS. "I commend Mayor Nutter for his outstanding leadership, and thank all those mayors joining in this important effort to recognize the impact of national service on the critical challenges facing our cities."

As the federal agency for service and volunteering, CNCS annually engages more than four million citizens in service at more than 70,000 sites across the country through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and other programs. CNCS leverages federal and private funds to support organizations that achieve measurable results where the need is greatest. A significant portion of this investment is focused on cities. CNCS has investments in more than 500 cities with a population of at least 30,000. Last year, CNCS leveraged more than \$1 billion in investments for organizations operating or based in these cities. National service also plays a key role in many smaller cities and towns and rural areas.

The initiative has already gained support from a diverse range of mayors including big cities (Michael Bloomberg of New York, Vincent Gray of Washington, D.C., Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles, Rahm Emanuel of Chicago), to mid-size cities (Mark Stodola of Little Rock, Richard Berry of Albuquerque, NM; Jim Suttles of Omaha, NE; and Scott Smith of Mesa, AZ; U.S. Conference of Mayors Vice President) and smaller cities (Walter Maddox of Tuscaloosa, AL; Robert Macdonald of Lewiston, ME; and John Engen of Missoula, MT). A full list is available here.<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/initiatives/participating_mayors.asp>

On the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, mayors will participate in a variety of activities, including visiting national service programs, hosting roundtables at City Hall, issuing proclamations, and communicating about national service through social media. Participating in the day will highlight the importance of citizen service, show support for nonprofit and national service groups, recognize the role national service members play in focusing community volunteers and inspire more residents to serve in their communities.

For more information on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service, including background and participating mayors, visit www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice<<http://www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice>>.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than four million Americans in service through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Social Innovation Fund, and other programs, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov<<http://www.nationalservice.gov>>.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

SHERMAN, March 27, 2013 - Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments, announced the schedule for the 2013 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections in the Texoma Region. The collections will be held on April 20, 2013 in three separate locations including the Criminal Justice Center located in Gainesville, Grayson College in Denison, and the Precinct 4 County Warehouse on the east side of Bonham. All collections will begin at 9 am and close at 1 pm or earlier if funding is exhausted.

Waste in and around our homes that cannot be composted, put in the trash, or in a recycling bin is called "Household Hazardous Waste". HHW around the home includes fluorescent light bulbs, cleaners, paints, batteries, televisions, and computer monitors. Other items considered HHW are tires, fuels, pool chemicals, automotive batteries, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, pesticides, and herbicides.

All of these products contain potentially hazardous ingredients that require special disposal measures. The best way of knowing if a product is a hazardous waste is to read the label. Words such as caution, warning, danger or poison indicate the product is flammable, reactive, corrosive, and/or toxic. Improper disposal of these products would include pouring them down the sink, on the ground, in a storm drain, burning, and in some cases putting them in the trash. Without proper storage and disposal of these wastes, it is possible for them to become harmful to the environment and human health.

It is important that HHW are not put into landfills because they could have a chemical reaction with items around them and become explosive. The possibility of HHW leaching through the ground and contacting groundwater and surface water can create contaminated drinking water and damage aquatic habitat. An E-waste company will be accepting anything that runs on electricity including items such as old refrigerators, window unit air conditioners, or your old kitchen mixer.

There will be some restrictions at the collection events. Paint, oil, and other liquids will be limited to 10 gallons or less. Tires are limited to 4 or less per vehicle that brings material to the events. Only car and light truck tires will be accepted. Tires with rims are not allowed. Ammunition, explosive materials, and compressed gas cylinders will not be accepted.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.



Corps of Engineers Transfers 600 acres of land to City of Denison, Texas U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District

Story by Nathan Herring

LAKE TEXOMA, Texas - In a ceremony held at Lake Texoma recently, a commemorative document celebrating the transfer of 600 acres of Lake Texoma shoreline to the City of Denison, Texas, was signed by Congressman Ralph Hall Texas 4th District, Jared Johnson, Mayor, City of Denison, Brig. Gen. Thomas Kula and Developer George Schuler.

The federal Water Resources Development Act of 2007 authorized the Secretary of the Army to sell land for improvement projects that provide for the development of water related resources.

But the transfer didn't come quickly. Congressman Ralph Hall, Texas 4th District, addressing the crowd who were there to witness the signing said, "I can finish my remarks with one word. Finally! It took twelve years, but it is finally done."

The city of Denison paid \$1.8 million for the acreage which includes nearly nine miles of shoreline. The city will in turn sell most of the property to Schuler Development who intends to invest \$215 million in infrastructure including restaurants, shops and homes.

"When you look at the big scope of this project, the impact is larger than anything that's ever been done in the state," said Denison Mayor Jared Johnson.

During the 12 years of development, Col. Michael Teague, Tulsa District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said "Before the sale could go through, we looked at everything from archeological and cultural resources to endangered species to any wetlands." Teague was referring to the Environmental Impact Statement, paid for by the City of Denison.

"We've had other land conveyances that we've done with the Corps of Engineers, but nothing to this magnitude. I think it just shows how much the federal government is looking to move more towards public-private partnerships in the future," Teague added.

"It's been a great partnership that allowed this to occur," said Brig. Gen. Tom Kula, who is the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division.

Paul Davis Provides Spring Storm Safety Tips

Haltom City, TX - The U.S. is the most severe weather-prone country on Earth, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Each year, there are approximately 100,000 thunderstorms with 10,000 being severe; 5,000 floods; and 1,000 tornadoes.

March signals the arrival of spring storm season. Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling of Tarrant County, leading provider of fire, water and mold damage restoration services for residential and commercial properties, offers the following tips for protecting life and property.

Have a disaster plan and emergency supplies in place. Your "Basic Emergency Kit" should include:

- .Water - one gallon of water per person and pets for a minimum of three days
- .Food - a three-day supply of non-perishable food for adults, children and pets and a can opener
- .Battery-powered or hand crank commercial radio and a NOAA Weather Radio
- .Cell Phone with charger
- .Flashlight
- .First aid kit, non-prescription drugs like pain relievers, prescription medications and supplies
- .Copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in waterproof container.
- .Sleeping bags or warm blankets
- .Fire extinguisher

The beginning of spring is also a good time to inspect your property to check for any damage winter left behind and to prepare for the spring storm season. Below are some valuable tips for protecting your property from severe weather.

- .Clear yard of loose articles and debris
- .Trim trees and shrubs
- .Keep lawn furniture, outdoor toys, garbage cans secured or stored
- .Inspect your roof and repair any loose shingles
- .Repair siding, awnings, gutters and downspouts

Contact a licensed professional or restoration and emergency services company if damage to your home or business is significant. Qualified technicians are certified from The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC).

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Luke 24:1-9 (KJV)

¹ Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

² And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

³ And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴ And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

⁵ And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

⁶ He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

⁷ Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

⁸ And they remembered his words,

⁹ And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

Christian Fellowship

D'Anna Lodge will be leading our Easter service. The church will also have an Easter play to show why we celebrate this day.

We start our Sunday mornings at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages. Worship service will begin at 10:30 am. So come on out and enjoy an awesome play and service.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual and they celebrate The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time.

The church offers a fun class for kids from 2-10 years old. It is called "Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus"! The kids learn about the bible, games, there are puppet shows, they learn Bble verses and watch skits. Just all kinda of fun. Bring your little one out for a lot of fun.

Wednesday night begins at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by 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 info contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219 or David Ellis and 903-815-1333.

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's Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7:00pm. 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 am, 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.

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Avalanche!

As the name indicates, “backcountry skiing” is skiing in remote areas not within ski area boundaries on unmarked and ungroomed slopes. Unlike groomed slopes that one would find at a ski resort, the land and the snow pack are not monitored, patrolled, or maintained. Backcountry skiing can be hazardous due to avalanche, exhaustion, weather, cliffs, rock fall (falling rock), and tree wells (voids or areas of loose snow around the trunk of a tree enveloped in deep snow into which skiers can fall).

For people like Elisabeth Malloy and her boyfriend, Adam Morrey, the thrill of backcountry skiing is worth the risks. Last Saturday, the couple did some backcountry skiing in the mountains east of Salt Lake City, Utah, when they triggered and were engulfed by a 700-foot wide avalanche.

Morrey had skied downhill only about 10-15 feet before being knocked over by the slide. He emerged with his head and chest out of the snow. He immediately began calling for Malloy, but there was no answer. Frantically, he freed himself from the snow and his skis and began looking for her. He soon found her by using avalanche rescue beacons that both of them were wearing. Using an avalanche shovel, Morrey dug in the snow and found Malloy’s foot and then the rest of her body. She was unconscious, but Morrey revived her by performing CPR. Then, with the aid of another skier, they made their way down the mountain. A rescue helicopter spotted them about 2 ½ hours later. The skiers were taken to a hospital in Salt Lake City where Malloy was treated for frostbite in her toes and fingers.

The allurements of backcountry skiing to some adventuresome skiers can very well describe the enticement that EACH of us faces regarding SIN....

James describes the pernicious process: “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:14-15; see also

Romans 3:23; 6:23). The Apostle Paul also describes the “avalanche” that results when people leave God out of their minds and stray from His Word (Romans 1:18-32).

Make no mistake about it: sin IS alluring. The tempter (Satan) emphasizes the temporary thrill – the “passing pleasures” (Hebrews 11:25) – but not the deadly consequence of sin.

Morrey confessed that they knew about the risk of avalanche that day they went skiing. “Our judgment was overwhelmed by the pursuit of having more fun and skiing the steeper slopes and the great Utah powder,” Morrey said. That pursuit almost led to their deaths.

The pursuit of the passing pleasures of sin is always deadly, “for the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).

But God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). Through Jesus we can have the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 6:23).

Jesus will rescue from the avalanche of sin those who will: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). Those who continue to trust in Him and follow Him faithfully, He will lead to eternal glory (John 14:1-6).

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the beacon that sounds forth the Good News of salvation from sin, and if YOU will answer His “call” through your trusting obedience, He will come to your rescue. David A. Sargent, Minister davidsargent1@comcast.net Church of Christ at Creekwood <http://www.creekwoodcc.org>

* Information gleaned from “Boyfriend Saves Girlfriend’s Life After She is Buried in Utah Avalanche” at FoxNews.com. Many thanks to Gary Davis of Lavonia, GA, for sharing the article and his excellent insights!



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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



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"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Cornyn Response to DHS Plan to Remove CBP Agents from Border

HOUSTON - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), Ranking Member on the Senate Judiciary's Immigration, Refugees, and Border Security Subcommittee, this week issued the following statement responding to reports that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) plans to cut hours and overtime pay for Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents, potentially leaving portions of our borders unmanned for hours at a time:

"The Obama Administration's actions amount to nothing short of a calculated, willful neglect of what should be a President's top priority: protecting the homeland and keeping Americans safe.

"The fact that the Administration would needlessly jeopardize the safety of American citizens as part of a continued misinformation campaign surrounding the effects of sequestration is outrageous and reprehensible."

Sen. Cornyn to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano to express outrage with the recent actions of the Department in response to sequestration, including releasing thousands of detainees from detention centers across the country and issuing furlough notices to CBP personnel. Sen. Cornyn also wrote to Subcommittee Chairman U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) to demand hearings following the detainee releases. He has yet to receive a response to either letter.

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.

How long was Jesus in the grave?

By Steve Casey

For centuries Christians have observed the crucifixion of Jesus as being on Friday afternoon and the resurrection at dawn the following Sunday. This is only a period of about 40 hours and certainly does not fit Jesus' prediction of three days and three nights?

"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a whale, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:40

The problem is neither with Jesus' prediction nor with the Bible. The problem is with our tradition that misses a very important fact of the events of that week in Jesus' ministry.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was crucified on the Day of Preparation for the Passover Sabbath. (Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:14, 31)). The Hebrew calendar begins each day at the evening twilight of the previous day. For example, the Jewish Friday begins at what would be the beginning of Thursday evening on our calendars. The Day of Preparation for Passover was always the 14th of the Hebrew month Abib (also known as Nisan). Passover began that evening, the 15th.

Education Commissioner Michael L. Williams

AUSTIN - The Texas Senate voted this week unanimously to formally confirm the nomination of Michael L. Williams as the state's Commissioner of Education. Named to the position by Governor Rick Perry in September 2012, Commissioner Williams' appointment required Senate confirmation.

"I thank Governor Perry for his confidence in selecting me for this important position and the members of the Texas Senate for their confirmation vote today," said Commissioner Williams. "I look forward to confronting the challenges ahead of us in public education and to supporting the progress of our students. While there are often differing views on how best to move Texas schools forward, I am heartened that we all share a common goal of providing the best public education for every child in our state."

As Commissioner of Education, Williams heads the Texas Education Agency, which oversees pre-kindergarten through high school education for approximately five million students enrolled in both traditional public schools and charter schools. Williams is the first African-American to serve as Commissioner of Education in the state's history.

Each year Passover fell on a different day of the week. Passover was always a Special Sabbath. So except for those years when Passover happened to fall on Saturday, which was the regular weekly Sabbath, there would be two Sabbaths during Passover week.

Jesus was raised from the dead on the morning after the regular weekly Sabbath. It is never said that He was raised the morning after the Passover Sabbath. This would indicate that, as was most often the case, Passover did not fall that year on the regular weekly Sabbath.

The events of this most detailed week of Jesus' life come together perfectly if in that year the Passover Sabbath fell on Friday. That would place Jesus' crucifixion on the day of Preparation for the Passover (Thursday); followed by the Passover Sabbath (Friday); followed by the weekly Sabbath (Saturday); followed by the resurrection Sunday morning. Jesus was in the grave, as He had predicated, three days and three nights.

The problem with our tradition is that those who established the tradition failed to realize that there are two Sabbaths during Passover week rather than just one.

Steve Casey, Freelance Writer
Stonewall, LA



Texans just got whooped

By State Senator Craig Estes

Many cities in North Texas and other parts of the state continue to suffer from severe drought conditions. It may be the biggest crisis we face in a decade. A federal judge has ordered Texas to divert more water to the estuaries feeding the Gulf of Mexico for the benefit of whooping cranes. According to the judge, Texas has been in violation of the Endangered Species Act since 2008 by not setting aside enough water from the Guadalupe and San Antonio rivers for a flock of approximately 280 whooping cranes that migrate to the Texas coast every winter. The judge believes that at least 23 of the birds died during the winter of 2008-09 because there's not enough water heading towards the Gulf of Mexico. This may not be the time.

I am not convinced the case was decided based on the impartial analysis of proven scientific facts. The ruling relied heavily on the "fact" that 23 whooping cranes died during the winter of 2008-09. The problem, however, is this was never proven. Only four whooping cranes were actually found dead. Furthermore, on December 5, 2011 the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* reported the judge on the case told a group of lawyers in her courtroom that, "[my] husband and I are birders, so we also like the whooping cranes and appreciate what they do for the area." Cases should be decided by impartial judges based on proven facts. That's not what happened here.

However, assuming the judge was impartial and 23 whooping cranes did die, more water would not necessarily mean healthier whooping cranes. Compared to 2008, the winters of 1989, 1996 and 1999 had similar amounts of water flow into the Gulf of Mexico. Yet, during those three winters combined, 74 percent less whooping cranes died than allegedly did in the winter of 2008-09.

Lastly, this ruling is flawed because it dismisses the water needs of people and industry. I love nature and appreciate the desire to want to help the whooping cranes - they are majestic animals. But weighty decisions affecting water rights should not be made unless they consider the interests of everybody, especially families and people that provide jobs. Furthermore, when it comes to water, not only should Texans and their businesses be considered, they should take priority. People - their lives, jobs and needs - are of utmost importance. In a state where water is scarce, we must survive. The needs of people come first; Texans just got whooped.

Letter to the Editor

The whole issue of same-sex marriage is really about the normalization of homosexuality rather than marriage.

Sexuality has an intrinsic meaning and direction which is not homosexual. The meaning and direction of sexuality is to bring about the union of man and woman, and in this way give humanity posterity, children, future. This is the determination internal to the essence of sexuality. Everything else is against sexuality's intrinsic meaning and direction. This is a point we need to hold firm, even if it is not pleasing to our age.

Homosexuality is not innate. Behaviors are changeable. There are serious medical and psychiatric illnesses, and risks, of the homosexual lifestyle. Pediatricians, mental health professionals, physicians, nurses, school counselors, parents, politicians and the media have a clear legal and moral responsibility to inform the public of this and that homosexuality is ultimately not an acceptable lifestyle.

Let us hope the U.S. Supreme Court will recognize the obvious and act swiftly to condemn same-sex marriage.

Sincerely, Paul Kokoskil





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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.

You can have your payment put on a Direct Express debit card. The debit card does carry some additional fees if you are planning to withdraw cash. You get one free withdrawal a month and then a \$0.90 fee (or more depending on the bank) applies every time you make a subsequent withdrawal that month. You can also use the card like a MasterCard to make purchases directly without fees.

Some individuals are exempted from the requirement to switch to paperless payments. If you are over age 90, live in a remote area that doesn't have electronic payment options, or have a mental impairment that doesn't allow you to manage finances, you may not have to switch to an electronic payment system.

To make the switch, call 1-800-333-1795 or visit www.GoDirect.org.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



House Debates Major Legislation

This week, the House took up and debated its first non-budgetary bills, House Bill 1000, House Bill 1263, and House Bill 1600. H.B. 1000 creates a new university in South Texas by combining two existing smaller universities, The University of Texas at Brownsville and The University of Texas--Pan American. The new school will be known as The University of Texas Health Science Center--South Texas.

H.B. 1600 was debated on Wednesday and Thursday of this past week, and is the sunset bill for the Public Utility Commission (PUC). As I have discussed in past articles, the sunset process is the process by which state agencies are reviewed by the legislature. Agencies come up for review at least every twelve years; the reviews are staggered, so that an average of 25 agencies come up for review in any given legislative session. During the interim, the Sunset Commission compiles reports on the agencies scheduled to be reviewed in the upcoming session. The sunset process sets a date for an agency to be abolished unless legislation is passed allowing the agency's continuation. Most agencies are not abolished, but rather undergo changes to their operations and goals. One of the most significant changes made to the PUC by HB 1600 is that the commission was given authority over water rates. This authority was previously assigned to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the move to the PUC is intended to offer a more transparent and open rate-making process.

This session there are a total of 24 agencies up for review, including the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Texas Board and Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Lottery Commission, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and the Railroad Commission of Texas. The House is expected to take up an average of 3 sunset bills per week for the remainder of session.

Next week, the House will take up two other pieces of major legislation: House Bill 4, which deals with funding for water infrastructure throughout the state, and House Bill 5, which relates to public school accountability, including testing and curriculum requirements.

For information on these bills or any other matter of state government, please contact my office. You can contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.

Catholic Definitions

Magi: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

Manger:

- 1- Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO.
- 2- The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.

Pew: A medieval torture device still found in Catholic Churches.

Procession: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

Recessional: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass -- lead by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

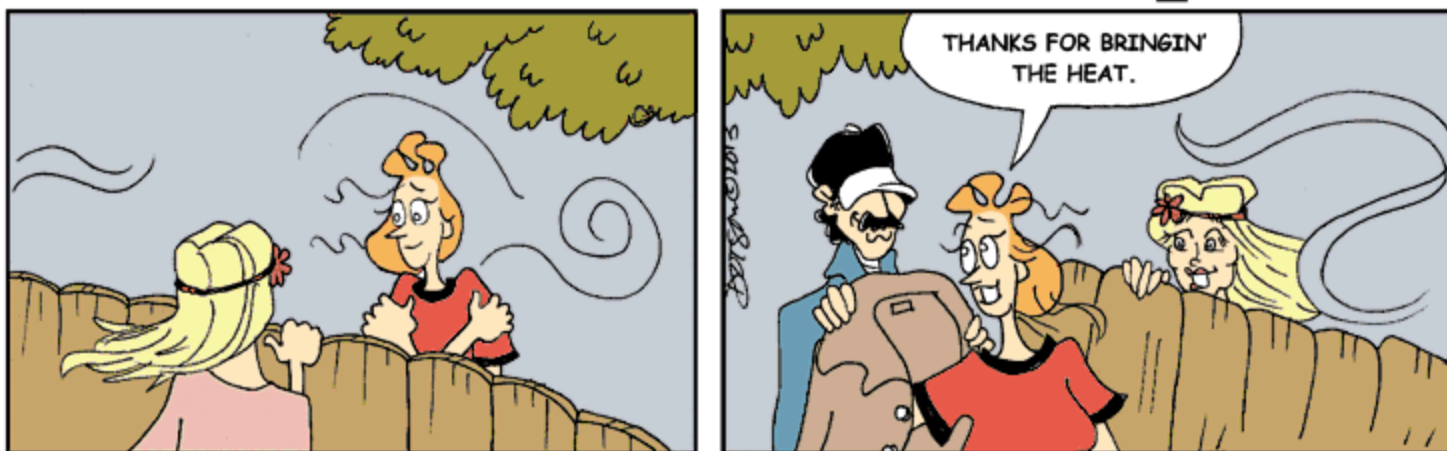
Relics: People who have been going to Mass for so long that they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

Ten Commandments: The most important Top Ten list not produced by David Letterman.

Ushers: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

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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.

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LET'S REMINISCE: BREAKFAST FOOD

By Jerry Lincecum

What kind of cereal did you eat for breakfast when you were growing up? As a child growing up on a Texas farm during the late 40s and 50s, I ate my share of fried eggs with bacon or sausage and biscuits. For variety we had oatmeal with plenty of fresh milk, but there was also Post Toasties or Wheaties on occasion.

The thing I didn't realize at the time was how many new breakfast cereals were being introduced by companies like General Mills and Kellogg. Here I must confess to getting information from a new book about processed food entitled "Salt Sugar Fat," which might be classified as a "whistle blower" on the food industry.

One of the "sins" of the cereal manufactures is getting us hooked on sugar as kids by means of the many sweetened cereals they introduced after doing extensive research on the way our bodies respond to sugar.

In the first place, packaged breakfast cereals were considerably more convenient than a product that had to be cooked. With a bit of clever marketing, they became popular. The major innovations took place in Battle Creek, Michigan, with the backing of John H. Kellogg and Charles W. Post. Add General Mills, and you have the big three cereal companies.

The cereal industry grew out of a combination of sincere religious belief and commercial interest in health foods. Dr. Kellogg ran the Western Health Reform Institute in Battle Creek. From there in 1895, he launched Cornflakes, which overnight captured a national market. But the cereal business soon became very competitive. By 1911, Battle Creek was home to 108 brands of cereal.

In the 1930s, the first puffed cereal, Kix, went on the market. But the trouble began after WWII, when the big three companies started to target children and pour on the sugar. I remember the appeal of Post's Sugar Crisp (1949) and Kellogg's Sugar Smacks (1953), but I had no idea they were over 50% sugar by weight!

The major contribution of Charles Post was an emphasis on marketing. That entered a new dimension in the 1950s after TV began offering a number of programs for children. Different mascots were introduced, such as the Rice Krispies elves and later pop icons like Tony the Tiger and the Trix Rabbit.

Fast forward to 1975, when a Houston dentist, alarmed by the huge increase in tooth decay he observed among his young patients, went to his neighborhood supermarkets. He bought boxes of 78 different brands of cereal and lab tested the sugar content of each. One third of them had between 25 and 50% sugar, with several going even higher.

When the cereal brands were cross-referenced with TV advertising records, the sweetest brands were most heavily marketed to kids during Saturday morning cartoons. With that data in hand, a professor of nutrition who was advisor to President Nixon published an article entitled, "Is It Cereal or Candy?" Although reform of the cereal industry followed, the problem has not gone away.

We haven't even mentioned Kellogg's Pop-Tarts or Instant Breakfast. Back to my original question: what are your childhood memories of breakfast food?



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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.



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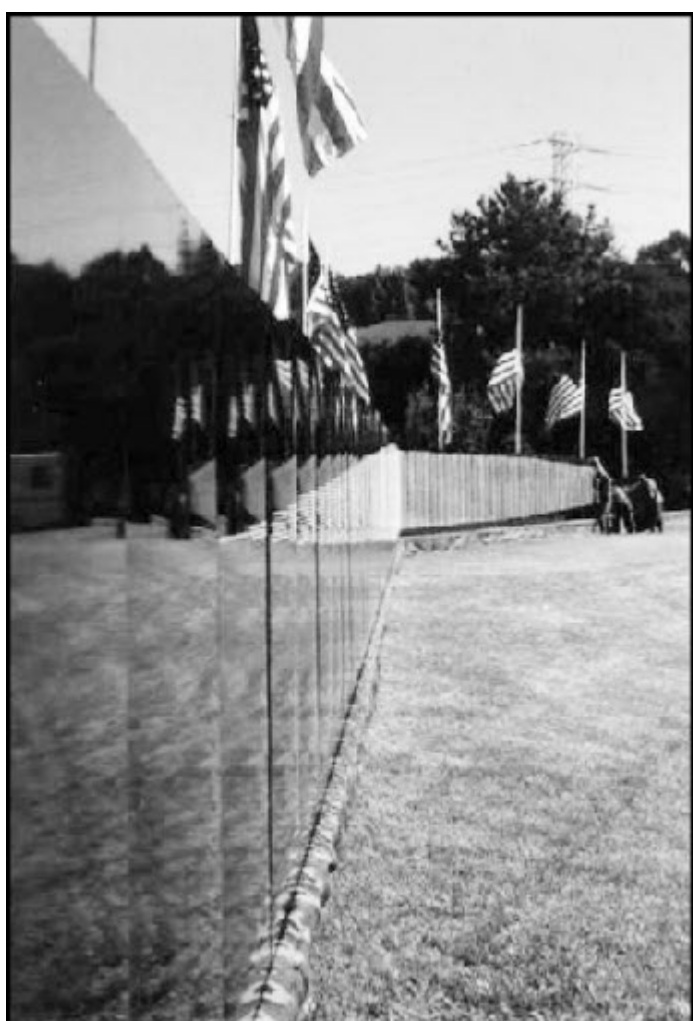
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

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."

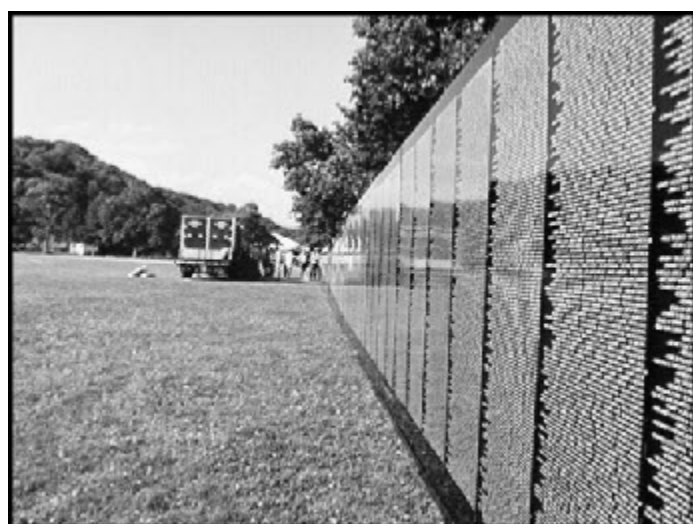
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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...

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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 confined 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.

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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

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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 11th 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*

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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 20th 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 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th 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.

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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

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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.

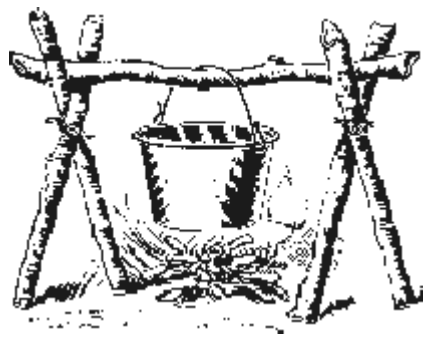
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

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.

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Southern Algebra

We 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.*